BREAKING THE CHAINS
People of Color and the War on Drugs

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Dear Friends,

The Drug Policy Alliance is pleased to welcome you to “Breaking the Chains: People of Color and the War on Drugs.” We hope you are ready for what will be a truly historic event.

This conference brings together leaders from the communities most affected by drug law enforcement to gain a holistic understanding of the impact of the “war on drugs” on communities of color. Over the course of these three days, we will begin to develop a plan for replacing our current failed drug policies with alternatives based on science, public health and human rights.

We invite you to take this opportunity to listen, discuss, debate, network, relax and make new friends and allies. While you are here, we encourage you to attend sessions on subjects about which you know the least. You’ll find that by the end of this conference you will know a lot more about drug policy and the steps that we can take to lessen the harms caused by both drug abuse and the drug war.

The Drug Policy Alliance is proud to provide this forum to support the emerging social justice movement aimed at reforming our failed drug laws. We hope that this conference will be remembered as one of the important turning points in the effort to end the “war on drugs,” which is truly a war on communities of color.

Peace and Blessings,

Deborah Peterson Small
Director, Public Policy & Community Outreach
GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Registration/Information
Our registration staff is happy to answer any questions you may have during the conference. Registration desk hours:
Thursday, September 26, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Friday, September 27, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday, September 28, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Badges
Please remember that badges must be worn at all times. Helpful hint for local folks – leave your badge in your car at the end of the day instead of wearing it into the house.

Messages
A Message Board can be found in the registration area for you to leave and pick up messages. Official conference announcements will also be posted on this board.

Map of Meeting Rooms
A map of the Hyatt is located on the back of this program book. The reception on Friday night will be held in the Polaris room, which does not appear on the map. The Polaris room is located on the top floor of the hotel.

Parking
Conference attendees are eligible for a parking discount with validation. Validation stickers are available at the registration desk.

Smoking Policy
The Hyatt Regency, in compliance with the ordinances of the City of Los Angeles, enforces a No Smoking policy in all meeting rooms, hotel corridors and restrooms.

Exhibitors
Exhibits will be set up throughout the day only on Friday, September 27. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the many resources available to you.

Meal Tickets
We will be providing box lunches for both days of the conference. Your registration envelope includes color-coded tickets for each day. If you requested a vegetarian meal on your registration form, your ticket will indicate and guarantee this request. If you did not request a vegetarian meal but would like one, they are available on a first come/first serve basis. You will be asked to turn in your tickets in exchange for your box lunch.

Attending Sessions
We recommend you select two or three choices for the breakout sessions. This will help you proceed quickly to your next choice in case a session is full. Please arrive on time — sessions will begin promptly. Once sessions are full doors will be closed. We must comply with room capacities by order of the Fire Marshall. Please turn off cell phones and pagers, or put them on the “vibrate” mode before entering sessions. Be respectful of other participants — take side conversations outside.

Follow these tips to ensure a safe stay.

- Don’t announce to the world you’re from out of town – remember to take your name badge off once leaving the hotel.
- In case of fire, note the location of your room in relation to stairways. Don’t use the elevator.
- Keep valuables in the hotel safe. Whenever you enter your hotel room, secure the deadbolt and chainlocks. Use the peephole to verify the identity of whoever is knocking at your door.
- For evening activities, walk in small groups and be observant of people around you.

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In case of emergency, dial 911 immediately on any pay phone or pick up the closest courtesy phone and they will dial for you.

CLOSEST HOSPITAL:
Good Samaritan
1225 Wilshire Blvd.
213-977-2121

NEARBY DRUG STORE:
Roosevelt Pharmacy
729 W. 7th
213-623-3283
(across the street from Macy’s Plaza on 7th Street)

24 HOUR PHARMACY:
Rite Aid
334 South Vermont Avenue
213-381-5257
(approx 3 miles from hotel)
ABOUT THE DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE

The Drug Policy Alliance is the nation’s leading organization working to end the war on drugs, and promote alternatives based on science, compassion, health and human rights. Our staff in New York, Washington, DC, California, New Jersey and New Mexico works to end mandatory minimum sentencing; promotes drug treatment instead of prison for drug dependent offenders; and seeks to reduce the harms related to drug abuse and drug policies.

Become a Member

Join Drug Policy Alliance for $25 when you register and save $10 off the membership price. Your membership will help Drug Policy Alliance be your voice to Congress, the media and the public. Through our e-mail updates, online action center, twice-yearly newsletters and other publications you will be kept up to date on the latest drug policy reform efforts throughout the U.S. and around the world.

For more information, see www.drugpolicy.org
Thursday, September 26

7:00 – 9:00 pm  Regency A/B/C . . Opening Reception/Early Bird Registration

Friday, September 27

7:00 – 9:00 am  Foyer . . . . . . . . . . Registration and Exhibits
9:00 – 9:30 am  Regency . . . . . . . . . . Opening Ceremony by Harrison Jim, Sr.
9:30 – 11:00 am  Regency . . . . . . . . . . How Did We Get Into This Mess?
11:15 – 12:45 pm  Regency . . . . . . . . . . From Crisis to Power: Breaking the Chains of Addiction
12:45 – 2:00 pm  Regency . . . . . . . . . . Lunch with Presentation
2:00 – 3:30 pm  Regency . . . . . . . . . . Crime and Punishment
3:45 – 5:15 pm  Malibu . . . . . . . . . . WORKSHOP #1: Knocking Down the Lockdown: Youth Organizing

Redondo . . . . . . . . . . WORKSHOP #2: Gender, Parenthood & Sexuality: Overcoming Misperceptions to Promote Health

Venice . . . . . . . . . . WORKSHOP #3: Reefer Madness: Reforming Misguided Marijuana Policy

Santa Monica . . . . WORKSHOP #4: Moving Beyond Judgment: Morality & Drug Use

Manhattan A/B . . WORKSHOP #5: It’s About Time! Sentencing Reform & Alternatives to Incarceration

Manhattan C . . . . WORKSHOP #6: Harm Reduction & Treatment: A Continuum of Care

5:30 – 7:00 pm  Manhattan C . . . . California Caucus
Venice . . . . . . . . . . New Mexico Caucus
Redondo . . . . . . . . . . DC Caucus

8:00 – 10:00 pm  Polaris . . . . . . . . . . Dessert Reception
(26th Floor)

8:00 – 10:30 pm  Regency . . . . . . . . . . The Mic Is Mightier than the War: Youth Activists & Performers Speak Out (for people 21 and younger)

8:00 – end  Redondo . . . . . . . . . . Screening of feature-length film “Slam”
Venice . . . . . . . . . . Screening of feature-length film “The Corner”
Saturday, September 28

8:00 – 9:00 am  Foyer .......... Registration

9:00 – 9:15 am  Regency D/E/F . . . Welcome by Reverend Edwin Sanders, Sr.

9:15 – 10:30 am  Regency D/E/F . . . The Drug War Across Borders

10:45 – 12:00 pm  Regency D/E/F . . . Breaking the Chains: Moving Beyond the War on Drugs

12:00 – 1:00 pm  Lunch to go

1:00 – 2:30 pm  Regency D/E . . . Special Session: Political Empowerment: Federal & State Prospects for Reform

Regency F . . . . . . WORKSHOP #1: Let Our People Go: Advocating for Incarcerated Loved Ones

Santa Monica A . . WORKSHOP #2: Burn-Out Prevention: Taking Care of Care Providers

Malibu . . . . . . . WORKSHOP #3: Justice or ‘Just Us’: The Drug War & the Criminalization of Our Youth

Redondo . . . . . WORKSHOP #4: Caught in the “Traffic” – Source Countries & the Drug War

Venice . . . . . . . . WORKSHOP #5: BRANDED: The Collateral Consequences of Conviction

Santa Monica B . . WORKSHOP #6: Just Say KNOW: Getting Real About Drug Education

2:45 – 4:15 pm  Regency D/E . . . WORKSHOP #1: Prisons: The New Plantations

Regency F . . . . . . WORKSHOP #2: Don’t Believe the Hype! Shifting Media Perceptions

Malibu . . . . . . . WORKSHOP #3: Staying Healthy

Redondo . . . . . WORKSHOP #4: Law Enforcement: The Drug War from a Police Perspective

Venice . . . . . . WORKSHOP #5: Community Mobilization

4:15 – 5:00 pm  Regency D/E . . . Closing Session and Feedback
Thursday, September 26, 2002

7:00 – 9:00 PM Reception/Early Bird Registration — REGENCY A/B/C
Opening Remarks
Ira Glasser, Board Chair, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
Antonio Gonzalez, President, William C. Velasquez Institute, Los Angeles, CA
Tulia, Texas: A Case Study
Mattie White, Mother of incarcerated Tulia victims
Margaret Ratner, Founder, William Moses Kunstler Fund for Racial Justice, New York, NY
Screening of “Tulia, Texas: Scenes from the Drug War” (26 Minutes) with introduction by filmmakers Sarah & Emily Kunstler
Closing Remarks
Theodore Shaw, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, New York, NY

Friday, September 27, 2002

7:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast / Registration — FOYER
9:00 – 9:15 AM Welcome — REGENCY
Deborah Small, Director of Public Policy & Community Outreach, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
9:15 – 9:30 AM Opening Ceremony — REGENCY
Harrison Jim, Sr., Traditional Counselor, Clinical Department (Hinnah Bitsos Society), Native American Traditional Program, Gallup, NM
9:30 – 11:00 AM Plenary: How Did We Get Into This Mess? — REGENCY
A history of the development of U.S. drug policy over the past century with a focus on the role of race and class issues.
Moderator:
Deborah Small, Director of Public Policy & Community Outreach, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
Panelists:
Ruth Wilson Gilmore, Professor of Geography, University of California – Berkeley, CA
Raul Hinojosa, Professor, School of Public Policy & Social Research, University of California - Los Angeles
Clarence Lusane, Ph.D., Author of “Pipe Dream Blues” and Director of Social Analysis and Policy, The 1990 Trust, London, UK
11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK
11:15 – 12:45 PM Plenary: From Crisis to Power: Breaking the Chains of Addiction — REGENCY
Using Richard Pryor as a case study, this session will provide definitions of addiction, drug treatment and harm reduction. Different approaches to each will serve as a context for evaluating the effectiveness of our current drug policies.
Moderator:
Keith Cylar, Executive Director, Housing Works, New York, NY
Panelists:
Carrie Broadus, Palms Residential Care Facility, Los Angeles, CA
Raphael Flores, Harm Reduction Specialist featured in “The Fix”, Bronx, NY
Harrison Jim, Sr., Traditional Counselor, Clinical Department (Hinnah Bitsos Society), Native American Traditional Program, Gallup, NM
Beny J. Primm, M.D., Executive Director, Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY
Divine Pryor, Ph.D., Executive Director, ADAPT (Association for Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment), Brooklyn, NY
12:45 – 2:00 PM LUNCHEON — REGENCY
John Conyers, U.S. Representative (D-MI), House Judiciary Committee (invited)
Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
Screening of PBS Frontline documentary “Snitch”
2:00 – 3:30 PM  **Plenary: Crime & Punishment** — REGENCY
This session examines the ways in which the criminal justice system is used to enforce punitive drug laws, and how disproportionate enforcement negatively affects poor communities of color.

**Moderator:**
James E. Ferguson, II, President and Senior Partner, Ferguson Stein Chambers
Wallas Adkins Gresham & Sumter, P.A., Charlotte, NC

**Panelists:**
Patricia Allard, Policy Analyst, The Sentencing Project, Washington, DC
Dorothy Gaines, Former drug war prisoner, Mobile, AL
Chino Hardin, Organizer, Prison Moratorium Project, Brooklyn, NY
Hubert Williams, President, National Police Foundation, Washington, DC

3:30 – 3:45 PM  BREAK

3:45 – 5:15 PM  **WORKSHOPS**

**Knocking Down the Lockdown: Youth Organizing** — MALIBU
Young people have been critical leaders in many of the major social movements throughout history. They know how to move the crowd. This session will provide participants with models of successful organizing which they can use in their local communities.

**Moderator:**
Robin Levi, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

**Panelists:**
Alejandro Blu Cantagallo, Training Coordinator, Prison Moratorium Project, Brooklyn, NY
Nicole Lee, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, San Francisco, CA

**Gender, Parenthood & Sexuality: Overcoming Misperceptions to Promote Health** — REDONDO
This session will identify stigmas and misperceptions that act as barriers to communities of color supporting drug policy reform. We will discuss effective interventions that are held hostage to our perceptions of certain populations.

**Moderator:**
Amu Ptah, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

**Panelists:**
Rae Banks, Assistant Professor, African American Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
Theryn Kigvamasud'Vashti, Community Organizer, Communities Against Rape and Abuse, Seattle, WA

**Reefer Madness: Reforming Misguided Marijuana Policy** — VENICE
The session will critique the continuing government hysteria around cannabis use, connecting it to race, class and age. The panel will address marijuana arrest policies, access to medical marijuana, suppression of hemp cultivation and recreational use.

**Moderator:**
Tony Newman, Director of Communications, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

**Panelists:**
Mike Franklin, Her Majesty's Assistant Inspector of Constabulary and Vice Chair of the Community Police Consultative Group for Lambeth, South London, UK
Paul Scott, Inglewood Wellness Center, Inglewood, CA
Alex White Plume, South Dakota Industrial Hemp Council, Manderson, SD

**Moving Beyond Judgment: Morality & Drug Use** — SANTA MONICA
A major barrier to promoting drug policy reform has been the assertion that illegal drug use is immoral. This session brings together leaders from the faith community and other community organizers to discuss the relationship between morality and public policy.

**Moderator:**
Antionette Tellez-Humble, Director, New Mexico Drug Policy Project, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM

**Panelists:**
Ana Garcia-Ashley, Senior Staff Organizer, Gamaliel Foundation, Cudahy, WI
Harrison Jim, Sr., Traditional Counselor, Clinical Department (Hinnah Bitsos Society), Native American Traditional Program, Gallup, NM
Reverend Edwin Sanders, Sr., Senior Servant, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, Nashville, TN
Gayle Zepeda, Community Organizer, Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority, Ukiah, CA
It’s About Time! Sentencing Reform & Alternatives to Incarceration — MANHATTAN A/B

This session will explore strategies to reform mandatory minimum drug sentencing laws. It will highlight models of successful organizing campaigns to reduce prison sentences for drug offenders and encourage the development of community-based therapeutic alternatives to incarceration.

**Moderator:**
Nkechi Taifa, Esq., Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society Policy Center, Washington, DC

**Panelists:**
- Dan Conviser, Counsel to Rules Committee, NY State Assembly, Albany, NY
- Larry Gossett, Council Member, Metropolitan King County Council, Seattle, WA
- Opio Sokoni, Campaign Coordinator for DC Measure 62, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

Harm Reduction & Treatment: A Continuum of Care — MANHATTAN C

How do harm reduction and drug treatment work together—for the individual, for the family and for the community? Participate in a discussion with community health and empowerment professionals on how to best work with active and recovering drug users for the benefit of all.

**Moderator:**
Cheryl Branch, Commissioner, County of Los Angeles Commission on Alcoholism and Co-founder and Chairperson, African American Alcohol and Other Drug (AAAOD) Council, Los Angeles, CA

**Panelists:**
- Carrie Broadus, Palms Residential Care Facility, Los Angeles, CA
- Manuel Palacio, Certified Substance Abuse and Addictions Counselor, Bienestar, Los Angeles, CA
- Imani P. Woods, Lead Trainer and Director, African American Community Education Project, Progressive Solutions, Seattle, WA

5:30 – 7:00 PM REGIONAL CAUCUSES
- California Caucus — MANHATTAN C
- New Mexico Caucus — VENICE
- DC Caucus — REDONDO

8:00 – 10:30 PM EVENING ACTIVITIES
The Mic is Mightier than the War: Youth Activists & Performers Speak Out! — REGENCY A/B/C

This is a space for young conference participants (21 and under) to come together and talk about the ways that the drug war has affected them and organizing efforts in their own communities. The program will feature speakers, performers and poets, including members of BLACKOUT Arts Collective, former drug war prisoner Kemba Smith, filmmakers Sarah & Emily Kunstler and artists on the Freedom Fighter record label. There will be a DJ spinning after the performances and discussion.

**Dessert Reception** – POLARIS, 26th Floor

Special guests:
- Arianna Huffington, Los Angeles Times *syndicated columnist*
- Willie Brown, *First African-American mayor of San Francisco (invited)*

**Movie: SLAM** — REDONDO

In a film that closely parallels real life, a young African-American man living in D.C. is arrested on a minor drug offense and finds himself caught up in the criminal justice system. Trapped behind bars, the protagonist expresses his rage and frustration through the spoken word and in doing so wins the respect of his peers and a greater sense of his own power. Slam won the 1998 Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival and the Camera d’or and Audience Award at the Cannes Film Festival. Starring Saul Williams.

**Movie: THE CORNER** — VENICE

This HBO mini-series won critical acclaim when it first aired two years ago. Directed by Baltimore native and former prisoner Charles Dutton, it deals with the real life story of a family’s struggles with drug addiction and the drug culture in Baltimore, Maryland. The story follows Gary McCullough, his wife Fran and their son DeAndre as they battle to remain a family despite drug addiction, poverty and hopelessness. The Corner presents a realistic
presentation of the lives of people who too often are marginalized, overlooked or stereotyped. The series won Emmy’s for Outstanding Director for a Mini Series, Outstanding Mini Series, and Outstanding Writing for a mini-series. The show also won Best Mini Series by the Television Critics Association.

Saturday, September 28, 2002

8:00 – 9:00 AM  Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 AM  Welcome – REGENCY D/E/F
Reverend Edwin Sanders, Sr., Senior Servant, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, Nashville, TN

9:15 – 10:30 AM  Plenary: The Drug War Across Borders – REGENCY D/E/F
Panelists will discuss U.S. drug war imperialism and the impact U.S. drug policies are having on poor communities of color, particularly in the southwest border states, Latin America and the Caribbean.
Introduction:
LCDR Sylvester L. Salcedo, USNR (Ret.), Co-founder, Veterans for More Effective Drug Strategies, Bridgeport, CT
Moderator:
Sanho Tree, Director, Drug Policy Project, Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, DC
Panelists:
Sandra Alvarez, Director, Colombian Human Rights Program, Global Exchange, San Francisco, CA
Angela Arboleda, Civil Rights Policy Analyst, National Council of La Raza, Washington, DC
Marino Cordoba, President, AFRODES (Asociación de Afrocolombianos Desplazados), Washington, DC
Antonio Gonzalez, President, William C. Velasquez Institute
Francisco Trujillo, Coordinator, Southern California Criminal Justice Consortium, Pasadena, CA

10:30 – 10:45 AM BREAK

10:45 – 12:00 PM  Plenary: Breaking the Chains: Moving Beyond the War on Drugs — REGENCY D/E/F
The war on drugs is a war on communities of color. This session will examine alternative approaches initiated in other countries that have been effective in moving beyond punitive drug policies. How can we break the chains that keep us enslaved in a cycle of self-destruction and powerlessness?
Moderator:
Kurt Schmoke, Partner, William, Cutler & Pickering, former Mayor, Baltimore, MD
Panelists:
Carmen Albizu, M.D., Member of Commission for the Studies of Crime and Addiction and Professor, School of Public Health University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR
David McFarlane, National Co-ordinator, National Black Police Association, London, UK
Fabrice Olivet, Auto-Support et Reduction des Risques des Usagers de Droges, Paris, France
James A. Pitts, General Manager, Odyssey House McGrath Foundation, Sydney, Australia
Bobby Rush, U.S. Congressman, Illinois (invited)

12:00 – 1:00 PM  LUNCH
Freetime. Box lunches will be available for pick up.

1:00 – 2:30 PM  WORKSHOPS & SPECIAL SESSIONS

Special Session on Legislative Action: Federal & State Prospects for Reform — REGENCY D/E
This panel will discuss the current prospects for legislative drug policy reform at both the state and federal levels. Panelists will focus on what interested individuals, groups, and activists can do to educate, mobilize and influence drug law reform.
Moderator:
Laura Hankins, Special Counsel to the Director, Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC
Panelists:
Toney Anaya, Esq., Former Governor and Attorney General of New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM
Angela Arboleda, Civil Rights Policy Analyst, National Council of La Raza, Washington, DC
Andrew Ko, Project Director, Drug Policy Reform Project, ACLU of Washington, Seattle, WA
Senator Mark L. Mallory, Ohio State Senate, Columbus, OH
Sharda Sekaran, Associate Director of Public Policy and Community Outreach, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Let Our People Go: Advocating for Incarcerated Loved Ones — REGENCY F
Family members can be the most effective advocates in efforts to bring their loved ones home. Panelists will discuss their personal experiences to show how the emotions around the imprisonment of a loved one can serve as fuel for successful organizing.

Moderator:
Alexandra Cox, Research Associate, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

Panelists:
Dorsey Nunn, Program Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA
Geri Silva, State Chair, Families to Amend California’s Three Strikes, Los Angeles, CA
Gus Smith, Father of Kemba Smith, Co-founder of Kemba Smith Foundation, Richmond, VA

Burn-Out Prevention: Taking Care of Providers — SANTA MONICA A
This discussion will allow treatment and harm reduction providers to discuss ways to stay healthy and focused while working in what can be a physically and emotionally challenging field. It will bring together experts who are deeply committed to healing through a variety of disciplines. They will discuss how we can continue our work in the face of extraordinary opposition and lack of adequate resources.

Moderator:
Chris Jacques, Chief of Staff, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Panelists:
Raphael Flores, Harm Reduction Specialist featured in “The Fix”, Bronx, NY
Divine Pryor, Executive Director, ADAPT, Brooklyn, NY
Joy Rucker, Executive Director, HIV Education and Prevention Project of Alameda County (HEPPAC), and Casa Segura, Oakland, CA

Justice or ‘Just Us’: The Drug War & the Criminalization of Our Youth — MALIBU
This workshop will focus on ways in which youth of color are targeted by the war on drugs. Participants will discuss the intersections between youth profiling and racial profiling as well as how to resist the resource trade-off between education and incarceration.

Moderator:
Josie Wulsin, Communications Associate, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Panelists:
Tshaka Barrows, Project Manager, Community Justice Network for Youth, San Francisco, CA
Chino Hardin, Organizer, Prison Moratorium Project, Brooklyn, NY
Rachel Jackson, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, New Orleans, LA

Caught in the “Traffic” – Source Countries & the Drug War — REDONDO
Panelists will show how the supply-side reduction approach of the drug war in Latin America has hurt economic and political stability while doing little to reduce the availability of illegal drugs.

Moderator:
Matthew Briggs, Publications Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Panelists:
Sanho Tree, Director, Drug Policy Project, Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, DC
Sandra Alvarez, Director, Colombian Human Rights Program, Global Exchange, San Francisco, CA
Raul Hinojosa, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, UCLA
Marino Cordoba, President, AFRODES (Asociación de Afrocolombianos Desplazados), Washington, DC
Avelardo Valdez, Professor of Social Work, University of Houston, TX
BRANDED: The Collateral Consequences of Conviction — VENICE
Individuals who are convicted of drug felonies or have drug use histories face a spectrum of punitive policies that compound the impact of a drug conviction. This workshop will specifically address the impact of sanctions that effect eligibility for public assistance; student aid, public housing and other governmental services in addition to policies that negatively affect parental rights, immigration status and political participation.
Moderator:
Theodore Shaw, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, New York, NY
Panelists:
Malik Rahim, Grassroots Coalition, New Orleans, LA
Francisco Trujillo, Southern California Criminal Justice Consortium, Pasadena, CA
Imani Walker, Rebecca Project for Human Rights, Washington, DC
Alicia Young, Staff Attorney, ACLU Drug Policy Litigation Project, New York, NY

Just Say KNOW: Getting Real About Drug Education — SANTA MONICA B
This session will present effective and realistic ways to communicate with young people about drug use and drug law enforcement. Speakers will discuss ways that young people can protect themselves from both the problems associated with drug abuse and punitive drug policy.
Moderator:
Marsha Rosenbaum, Director, Drug Policy Alliance West, San Francisco, CA
Panelists:
Adrienne Brown, Harm Reduction Training Institute, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY
Jessy Fernandez, Books Not Bars, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, San Francisco, CA
Arun Prabhakaran, Youth Health Empowerment Project, Philadelphia, PA

2:30 – 2:45 PM BREAK
2:45 – 4:15 PM WORKSHOPS

Prisons: The New Plantations — REGENCY D/E
Panelists will demonstrate how the drug war has fueled the growth of the prison industrial complex. They will show how penal policy is used as a proxy for addressing other deep-rooted social and economic issues, and how the U.S. has developed an alternate economy driven by incarceration.
Moderator:
Eddie Ellis, President, Community Justice Center, New York, NY
Panelists:
Stormy Ogden, Formerly incarcerated anti-prison activist, Pacheco, CA
Kate Rhee, Executive Director, Prison Moratorium Project, New York, NY
Ruth Wilson Gilmore, Professor of Geography, University of California – Berkeley, CA

Don’t Believe the Hype! Shifting Media Perceptions — REGENCY F
Panelists will discuss the representation of drug use among people of color in mainstream media and how this impacts drug policy. How can we access the media to change these images and reflect a more accurate perception of reality?
Moderator:
Dani McClain, Breaking the Chains Conference Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
Panelists:
Shayna Samuels, Deputy Director of Communications, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
Richard Stratton, Executive Producer, “Street Time” Showtime Original Series, Toronto, Ontario
Makani Themba-Nixon, The Praxis Project, Washington, DC

Staying Healthy — MALIBU
Health service providers will show what active drug users and their loved ones can do to promote health and prevent sickness, overdose and death.
Moderator:
Corinne Carey, Director, Harm Reduction Project, Urban Justice Center, New York, NY
Panelists:
Keith Cylar, Executive Director, Housing Works, New York, NY
Reverend Alfreda Lanoix, Minority AIDS Project, Unity Fellowship Church, Los Angeles, CA
Azikiwe Nantambo, Casa Segura, HIV Education and Prevention Project of Alameda County (HEPPAC), Oakland, CA
Michael Northcutt, Casa Segura, HEPPAC, Oakland, CA
Hank Tafoya, Health Educator, People of Color AIDS Foundation, Santa Fe, NM
Law Enforcement: The Drug War from a Police Perspective — REDONDO
This workshop offers a dialogue with leaders of color in the law enforcement community who support alternatives to current drug policy. They will offer alternative models that would reduce crime, decrease reliance on incarceration, and promote public health.

Moderator:
Tanya Coke, Program Director, Gideon Project, Open Society Institute, New York, NY

Panelists:
Ron Hampton, Executive Director, National Black Police Association, Washington, DC
David McFarlane, National Coordinator, National Black Police Association, London, UK
Hubert Williams, President, National Police Foundation, Washington, DC

Community Mobilization — VENICE
Panelists will share their experiences and lessons learned in the course of organizing in communities significantly impacted by the drug war.

Moderator:
Dorsey Nunn, Project Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA

Panelists:
Lorraine Dillard, Community Outreach Coordinator, Southern California Criminal Justice Consortium, Pasadena, CA
Ana Garcia-Ashley, Senior Staff Organizer, Gamaliel Foundation, Cudahy, WI
Malika Sadda Saar, Director, Rebecca Project for Human Rights, Washington, DC
Opio L. Sokoni, Campaign Coordinator for DC Measure 62, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

4:15 – 5:00 PM CLOSING SESSION & FEEDBACK – REGENCY D/E
Deborah Small, Director of Public Policy & Community Outreach, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
Hyatt Regency Los Angeles
Ballroom Level