



Justice for Families (J4F) is a national alliance of local organizations committed to ending the youth incarceration epidemic. We are founded and run by parents and families who have experienced the juvenile justice system with their children.



**Join Justice for Families Learning Series
Wednesday March. 24th from 12pm- 1pm ET**

**Restorative Justice Practice
Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84405097682>



FEATURED SPEAKERS

Ashley Ellis is the founder of B.R.E.A.T.H.E . Ashley is the principal consultant and well respected trainer who was born and raised on the West Side of Chicago. She is a daughter, life partner, sister, auntie, mentor and sista friend to many. She has a mission to be a conduit of healing and transformation in the community using restorative practices. For over a decade , Ashley has served as a visionary leader in the multiple roles, implementing organizational and whole school culture shifts towards restorative justice internally and externally . She has trained over 1000 youth, community members, healers, educators, credible messengers, public health workers and more across the country , extending to even Nairobi, Kenya!

Ashley has attained her Master of Arts in Urban Youth Ministry at New York Theological Seminary in May 2017. Using a womanist integral spirit centered approach and pedagogy, along with **restorative justice message of love, connectedness, hope, faith , restoration and transformation** with the goal of bringing healing not only to youth but to the community as a whole!



Jeannette Boanegra-Simon is the Executive Director for Justice For Families. She is a dedicated mother of six, a grandmother of two, and a longtime resident of the South Bronx. In 2011, Jeannette became the lead researcher in the Bronx for Justice For Families' groundbreaking **Families Unlocking Futures report** and ultimately joined Community Connections for Youth (CCFY) where she served as the organization's first Director of Family Engagement. At CCFY, she developed the organization's Family Strengthening portfolio, and initiated the groundbreaking Parent Support Program (PSP) in partnership with the NYC Department of Probation. She is also a member of several advisory boards for juvenile justice initiatives in New York City where she represents the voice of impacted families.

Jeannette's commitment to advocating for families with youth in the juvenile justice system is based on her own difficult experiences as the parent of an incarcerated youth. Prior to doing this work, Jeannette was involved with parent advocacy and educational reform and served as the Parent Involvement Coordinator at ASPIRA of NY. For over two decades, Jeannette has tirelessly worked to ensure that young people and their families have the resources they need to thrive.

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