



Center on Youth Violence  
and Juvenile Justice

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-NEWARK

**FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON  
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND JUVENILE JUSTICE**

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Friday, June 10, 2016

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- 8:30 AM Registration and light refreshments
- 9:30 AM Opening remarks by Dr. Nancy Cantor, Chancellor, Rutgers-Newark
- 10:00 AM **Morning Lecture:** “ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT: ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT AND JUVENILE JUSTICE”

Dr. Elizabeth Cauffman, Professor of Psychology and Director, Center for Psychology & Law University of California-Irvine

**Overview:** If adolescents are so smart, why do they do such stupid things? This is an important question because the stupid things kids do often get them into serious trouble, and sometimes that trouble has lifelong consequences. Research on adolescent brain development, as well as psychological studies of human development, are yielding a much clearer picture of why smart adolescents do dumb things (e.g., drink and drive, send naked pictures of themselves via text, etc.). In this talk, Professor Cauffman explains how cognitive maturation and emotional maturation follow different developmental trajectories, and how risky behavior, including delinquency, can be seen as a consequence of the differing timetables of cognitive and emotional development. Professor Cauffman will also apply research findings to ongoing debates about juvenile justice policy. Specifically, she will present preliminary findings from her research studies entitled, Pathways and Crossroads, which examines the impact of the juvenile justice system on kids’ development and behavior.

- 11:15 AM **Panel Discussion:** “DIRECTIONS FOR RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT--JUVENILE JUSTICE CONNECTION”

**Panelists** - Laura Cohen (Rutgers School of Law), Steven Silverstein (Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School), Elizabeth Tricomi (Rutgers-Newark Psychology), Sara Wakefield (Rutgers School of Criminal Justice); **Moderator** – Paul Boxer (Rutgers Center on Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice)

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM **Afternoon Workshop: “ONE DAY IT’LL ALL MAKE SENSE: WHY WE MUST THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT HIP-HOP AND WELL-BEING”**

Dr. Raphael Travis, Jr., LCSW, Associate Professor of Social Work  
Texas State University

**Overview:** The workshop combines the best of positive youth development for often-marginalized youth, with the best of research on how youth engage music for improving their own well-being. The workshop will provide participants with a language and structure to understand how Hip Hop has always played a uniquely powerful role in the lives of individuals and communities, but how we have only scratched the surface of its value. A consistent attention to identity and contexts, coupled with core values of self and community improvement helped Hip Hop usher in a new generation of leaders with a more expansive understanding of best practices in how youth can learn and grow. The workshop will introduce these ideas and practices with hands-on activities, an introduction to music technology, and resources for exploring untapped opportunities across disciplines/professions to invest resources and leverage expertise.

3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM **Panel Discussion: “PROMOTING POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT AMONG JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH: CURRENT AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR PRACTICE AND POLICY”**

**Panelists** –Robert Clark (YouthBuild), Dorothy Howell (Essex County Juvenile Probation), Kenneth M. Karamichael (Rutgers T.E.E.M Gateway), Robert Montalbano (NJ Juvenile Justice Commission), Michele Williers (Big Brothers Big Sisters); **Moderator** – Wanda Moore (NJ Office of the Attorney General)

4:30 PM Closing Remarks by Dr. Paul Boxer

5:00 PM Meet and Greet