

## At-Risk Communities, including Immigrants

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### *What About the Children? Continuing the Community Conversation About Children of Incarcerated Parents*

**Thursday 2:15 pm; Panel 2**

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**Abstract:** Our Children's Place will share with participants what they learned from hosting a statewide symposium on children of incarcerated parents in early 2012, two follow-up community conversations in June, and a panel with incarcerated mothers in late October. These events were held to discuss a state strategy for serving children of incarcerated parents, engage advocates in a dialogue about advancing policy supporting children of incarcerated parents, and identify new ways to partner and collaborate to better meet the needs of children of incarcerated parents. The presenter will also provide an update on the plans to conduct focus groups with children of incarcerated parents to ensure that their voices are heard.