

MENTAL HEALTH, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND TRAUMA: THE NEED FOR NEW APPROACHES CONSISTENT WITH THE CRPD

A TWO-PART SERIES

The mental health and criminal justice systems are both traumatizing and repressive.

Yet the overwhelming majority of people in both these systems are already trauma survivors seeking to heal. The CRPD says that people with psychosocial disabilities have the right to decide about their own lives and whether to use services, and if arrested must have the same rights as others as well as reasonable accommodation.

What are the implications of the CRPD for policy and practices in the mental health and criminal justice systems?

Hear from policy experts who are also experts by lived experience.

This pair of side events presents new approaches to mental health and criminal justice issues consistent with the CRPD, in particular, the need for trauma-informed support, and the importance of first-person experience as a source of knowledge and development of appropriate policy choices.

PART ONE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

PRESENTS FILM: "HEALING NEEN" (1 HOUR)

SPEAKER: TONIER CAIN

Tonier Cain became an outspoken advocate for trauma-informed services after having the opportunity to heal from her own history of trauma in a program designed for incarcerated expectant mothers. Ms. Cain is a nationally known speaker who reaches out to currently-incarcerated women as well as to policy-makers in the mental health and penal systems. She co-produced the film "Healing Neen" which dramatically illustrates her own experiences and her advocacy work.

Where: Church Center,

777 UN Plaza

(across from the UN at 44 St. e³ 1st Ave, NYC)

Date: September 1, 2010

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Other: Refreshments served.

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