Please tune in and join us in a Youth Justice Work Group Learning Exchange with Clinton Lacey, Director to the District of Columbia Department of Youth Rehabilitative Services (DYRS). Clinton will share with us the need to be bold and courageous in reimagining alternatives to detention and incarceration. That, given the resources, community can safely address “violence” without responses that necessitate custody, suppression and control. This opportunity for a learning exchange is scheduled for June 23, 2020, 1:00-2:15 PST. Please see below for Zoom access information.

A little background on Clinton Lacey. Clinton was appointed as the Director of DYRS in 2015. Before joining DYRS, he had more than 25 years of experience working with youth and families - 19 of which have been focused in the field of youth and criminal justice. These include the New York City Department of Probation as the Deputy Commissioner for adult operations; project manager at the W. Haywood Burns Institute; Director of the Youth Justice Program at Vera Institute of Justice; and as the Associate Executive Director of Friends of Island Academy.

DYRS is the District of Columbia’s cabinet level youth justice agency, which administers detention, commitment, and aftercare services for youth held under its care in its facilities or residing in the community. Clinton has developed an approach to using “credible messengers” to serve as mentors to youth committed to DYRS. He will discuss his innovative continuum of care model that has resulted in a significant decrease in the number of youth accused of serious offenses who are committed to out of home placements, all while maintaining public safety. Clinton’s model relies on strategic engagement and investment in youth, families and communities impacted by justice system involvement.

Clinton Lacey’s philosophy is rooted in “love.” Questioning - What does love look like in justice policy, in practice, in programs? How does love translate into the daily experience of young people and their families who experience the system? It is from this foundation that he approaches justice transformation while challenging where the source of the answers lies, in community not in systems, and commits to investing in the capacity of the community.

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