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RIGHT TO COUNSEL

The Right to Counsel National Consortium

Please join us for our next **Right to Counsel (R2C) National Consortium Quarterly Webinar** on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST. This webinar will highlight the findings from the R2C public opinion research findings by Belden Russonello Strategists. Following their presentation, we will share activity updates from consortium members and conclude with announcements. Additional webinars will also occur on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST and on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST. More information to come as the dates approach. Please contact Genevieve Citrin Ray at citrin@american.edu if you have any questions. We hope you will be able to attend!

To register for all three webinars, please sign up [here](#).

Maintaining Momentum

The Justice Programs Office at American University is pleased to announce a daylong event entitled **Maintaining Momentum: Redefining the Purpose of Incarceration in the Ongoing Conversations about Criminal Justice Reform** on March 30, 2017 from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM.

This summit will tackle the challenging question of how to maintain the momentum we've recently seen to reduce the number of people incarcerated in America's jails and prisons. We will look at multiple trigger points in the criminal justice system and examine how decisions at each step impact mass incarceration and what changes can be made to alleviate this problem, saving money while promoting public safety and justice. In doing so, we seek to address the question what is the true purpose of incarceration. Panels will address topics of:

- Police and community relations
- Pretrial release and diversion
- Defense and prosecution
- Sentencing, prison, and reentry
- Racial and ethnic disproportionality

Attendees will include national, state and local policymakers, academics, practitioners, community members and other experts to discuss the future of criminal justice reform. The program will include keynote speakers, panels, and network breaks where ideas can be discussed and debated. We are pleased to announce that we will be [livestreaming the event](#) in its entirety.

For more information, please contact Genevieve Citrin Ray at citrin@american.edu.

Prosecutors Against Gun Violence

The Justice Programs Office at American University is now the fiscal agent for a group of prosecutors addressing gun violence in this country. **Prosecutors Against Gun Violence** ("PAGV") is a non-partisan group of leading prosecutors focused on gun violence prevention strategies ranging from policy advocacy to improved enforcement of existing laws. In doing so, PAGV will seek as much common ground as possible among the many voices involved in this pressing national issue.

Working together, prosecutors across the United States can play a leading role in promoting and implementing measures to combat the gun violence that threatens the nation's public health and safety. Prosecutors bring unique insights and credibility to gun violence prevention efforts that cannot easily be dismissed given their central responsibilities in the justice system. Please contact Steven Jansen, PAGV Project Director, at sjansen@american.edu with any inquiries about the project.

The Justice Programs Office (JPO), under the School of Public Affairs at American University, is pleased to present its monthly newsletter. Our current initiatives include the National Drug Court Resource, Policy, and Evidence-Based Practice Center, the Right to Counsel (R2C) National Campaign, the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Training and Technical Assistance Project, and Training and Technical Assistance for State Administering Agencies. Please forward this newsletter to your colleagues and partners in the field. If you have been forwarded this email but would like to receive it directly, email justice@american.edu.

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