

# Safety and Justice Challenge Defender Leadership Summit

In Conjunction with the American Council of Chief Defenders

Convened by National Legal Aid & Defender Association

**June 13-14, 2023**

**Baltimore, Maryland**

## Tuesday, June 13th

8:00-9:00 am	<hr/> <b>Breakfast and Welcome</b> <hr/>
9:00-9:30 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Alison Bloomquist, Vice President, Strategic Alliances & Innovation, NLADA and Aisha McWeay, ACCD Chair and Executive Director, Still She Rises <hr/>
9:30-10:30 am	<b>Messaging <i>Gideon</i>: Creating Intentional Communication Strategies</b> Martesha Johnson, Chief Public Defender, Nashville Public Defender's Office <hr/>
10:30-11:30 am	<b><i>Gideon's</i> Promise in Family Policing: How Legislative Advocacy in Colorado is reducing jail population by Addressing the needs of Children and Incarcerated Parents</b> Shawna Geiger, Director of Engagement, Colorado Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel; Sandy Mullins, Co-Director, Family-Based Justice Center at Marron Center, NYU; Tara Doxtater, Parent Advocate, Colorado Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel. <hr/>
11:30-11:45 am	<b>Break</b> <hr/>
11:45-12:30 am	<b>The Harm of Navigating the Family Policing System without an Advocate</b> Latagia Copeland-Tyronce, MSW, NLADA VISTA Member with Shawna Geiger <hr/>
12:30-1:15 pm	<b>Lunch</b>

## Tuesday, June 13th, Continued

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- 1:15-2:30 pm **Building *Gideon's* Army: Family Defenders—Where We've Been and Where We Are Going**  
Mimi Laver, Chief of the Child Advocacy Unit of Defender Association of Philadelphia and Shawna Geiger
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- 2:30-3:30 pm **Fulfilling *Gideon's* Promise Facilitated Conversation: Schemes and Dreams**
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- 3:30-3:45 pm **Break**
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- 3:45-4:45 pm ***Gideon's* Promise in Housing; how criminalization and eviction collude and how Kansas City built a Right to Housing Counsel program**  
Candace Ladd, MSW, Outreach and Development Coordinator, Heartland Center for Jobs and Freedom

## Wednesday, June 14th

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- 8:30-9:30 am **Breakfast**  
American Council of Chief Defenders Working Meeting
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- 9:30-10:30 am **Building *Gideon's* Army: How do we do this work without the staff? How do we recruit and retain better across all our practice areas?**
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- 10:30 am-12:00 pm **Fulfilling *Gideon* with Data: Facilitated discussion**  
Patrick Griffin & Don Stemen, Center for Criminal Justice Loyola University Chicago and Sarah Lee, Justice Counts, The Council of State Governments



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