



Albany Panel Focuses on Girls in the Juvenile Justice System

On Saturday, February 17th, the New York State Black, Puerto Rican and Hispanic Legislative Caucus held a forum on the rise of girls in the juvenile justice system at the State Capital Legislative Building.

Moderated by Bronx Assemblyman Ruben Diaz, Jr., the panel included Department of Youth and Community Development Commissioner Jeanne B. Mulgrav, DJJ Commissioner Neil Hernandez, NYPD Detective Wilford Pinkney of the Bronx District Attorney's Police Squad, Dr. Deborah Day Aikens of the Legacy Coalition, Mie Lewis of the ACLU, and Carol Burton of the Osborne Association's Reentry Program.

The panel was attended by over 250 participants and included active dialogue with several youth from New York City.

The panel was part of a series of events sponsored by the State Legislative Caucus weekend conference whose theme was "A New Direction For Social Responsibility Within Our Families: Conversations that lead to better understandings."

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