



Know Her Truths: Behind Every Woman in Prison is Poverty, Drugs, or Violence

A Panel Discussion at the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood
Saturday evening
March 11, 2017 Doors open at 6:30pm

Speakers:

Stephanie Kennedy, PhD, MSW

is an Assistant Professor in the UConn School of Social Work. Her research examines the intersection of victimization and serious mental health issues for incarcerated women and highlights the need for the integration of trauma-informed care at all levels of the criminal justice system.

Crystal Hayes, MSW is a doctoral student in the UConn School of Social Work. Her research interests include Black feminist thought, reproductive justice, human rights, and carceral feminism.

Lydia Thornton, a certified paralegal and returning citizen after serving four years at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility.

Did you know that between 1980 and 2014 women's rate of incarceration increased by 700%, outpacing the rate of incarceration for men by more than 50%? Did you know that African American women are incarcerated at more than twice the rate of White women, and Hispanic women at more than 1.2 times the rate of White women? Did you know that women in many prisons, including those here in NJ, are typically shackled during labor and delivery? Explore these and other issues as the Reproductive Justice Committee and cosponsors host a panel event focused on the rights and lives of incarcerated women and their families. From poverty to childhood trauma, panelists will discuss the many factors that play a role in imprisonment, as well as reflect on the state of women's rights within prison walls.

Please join us in conversation.

Doors open at 6:30pm. Speakers begin at 7:00pm.

Light supper served.

\$10 donation requested to cover the cost of the food and setup.

To make your reservation, please email usr.secretary@gmail.com

Location:

The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood –
Anderson Auditorium
113 Cottage Place
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

*Child Care provided with 2 weeks notice.
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