



about Gen Z in the workplace, which celebrated this new generation of leaders as tech-savvy, brave, and loyal to purpose. Adrienne sees this power and brilliance in our young colleagues at CW every day as they lead restorative justice conversations and build curricula that empower youth.

[Business](#) guiding principles of questioning the status quo and going "Beyond Yourself." Adrienne left energized and ready for the opportunities ahead!



[June 2025 - UMBER Talk Show](#) : A big shout-out to [Mike Nicholls](#) for his live [UMBER Talk Show](#) during [San Francisco Design Week](#)!

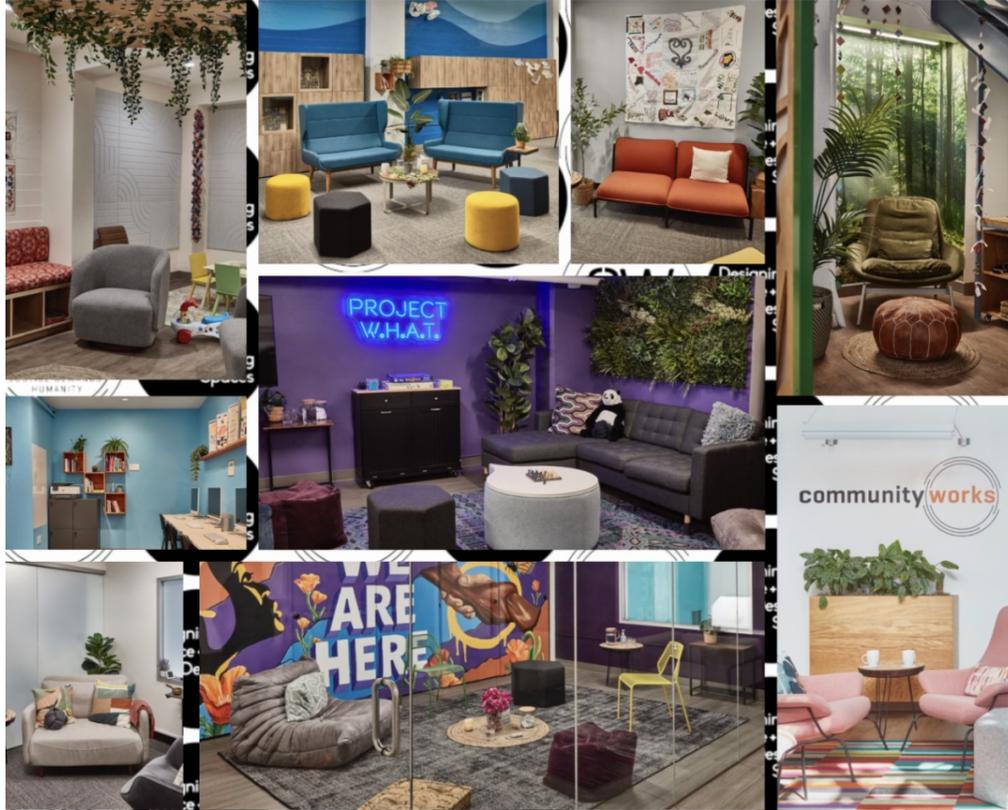
Adrienne was blown away by the talent and social insights of Mike and his guests: creator April Banks, educator [Damon Packwood](#), and vocalist Vadia. The conversation was riveting and inspiring.

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## CW Making Connections In The Community!



**June 6 - SF Design Week Tour:** We were so proud to host an event for SF Design Week with our partners at [Designing Justice + Designing Spaces!](#) The "Social Justice Design Tour" brought guests into our new [Restorative Justice Hub in SOMA](#) to meet the innovative architects and partners behind the space. It was a "full circle moment" that showcased what happens when partners unite to create beautiful spaces designed for healing and community at [CW Restorative Hub 986 Mission St.](#) *(photo credit: Shelle Fisher)*



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## "Leading with Humanity" Town Hall

A huge thank you to everyone who joined our "Leading With Humanity Town Hall" on June 12th, focused on *Strengthening Family Connections During Incarceration*.

Special thanks to our panelists: [Rosy Corado-Briggs](#), [Dedrick Daniels](#), [Emani Davis](#), [Brendi Velasquez](#), [Jakaela Foster](#), and [Katie Kramer](#), our moderator.

## Panelists Biographies

- **Rosy Corado-Biggs** (Past One Family Participant)
  - Rosy Corado-Biggs is the Manager of Employer Engagement at a workforce development non-profit organization. In this role, she creates opportunities for Bay Area residents to find employment through free training programs. Rosy's journey with Community Works West began in 2008 when she participated in the One Family program. During her final year of undergraduate studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz, she interned with Project WHAT, where she researched and raised awareness about the effects of parental incarceration on children. After graduating, Rosy was fortunate to secure a full-time position with Project WHAT, which deepened her passion for improving the lives of residents in the Bay Area.
- **Dedrick Daniels** (Past One Family Parent Participant)
  - Dedrick is a program facilitator in Community Works' Resolve to Stop the Violence Program (RSVP). In this role, Dedrick and the RSVP team support men to stop their violent attitudes and coercive behaviors through offender accountability and advocacy through peer teaching. He works with participants to build their empathy and look at the impact of their violence. While incarcerated, Dedrick participated in both the RSVP and One Family Programs, bringing a wealth of lived experience to the work he does today.
- **Emani Davis** (Executive Director, The Omowale Project)
  - Emani Davis is the Founder and Executive Director of The Omowale Project, a national nonprofit dedicated to racial justice and healing. Her work is deeply rooted in her personal experience as the child of an incarcerated father, which propelled her to become a pioneering advocate in the 1990s. Emani was instrumental in developing the internationally adopted Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents and was the first person from the Global North nominated for the World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child. She founded The Omowale Project in 2020 to provide sustainable support and healing for leaders with lived experience, ensuring they have the resources to continue driving social justice reform and racial repair.
- **Brendi Velasquez** (Formerly Incarcerated Parent and UC Berkeley Student)
  - Brendi Velasquez is an advocate for the unhoused and for the rights of incarcerated parents. She brings lived experience to her work as a consultant with Focus Strategies and serves on the boards of Hope Solutions and Hope in Humanity Inc, two nonprofit organizations dedicated to supporting unhoused communities. Brendi is currently pursuing a B.A. in Social Welfare with a minor in Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley. She is deeply committed to advancing equity through advocacy, policy, and direct service, with a passion for creating a more just and inclusive world for all.
- **Jakaela Foster** (ProjectWHAT! Sr. Coordinator)
  - Jakaela Foster is an artist born and raised in the Bay Area. She is currently the ProjectWHAT! Alameda County Program Coordinator. With 10 years advocating for children of incarcerated parents, she is passionate about racial justice and Black wellness. Her dream is to establish a community hub within Oakland.
- **Katie Kramer** (Moderator, The Bridging Group)
  - Dr. Katie Kramer is the Co-Founder and CEO of Communities & Families for The Bridging Group in Oakland, CA. She is a social worker and a specialized behavioral health researcher dedicated to equity-driven and collaborative research. For the past 30 years, she has focused on developing, implementing, and evaluating programs that support individuals and families affected by the criminal legal system. Her work includes collaborations with governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as research and academic institutions, throughout the U.S. and globally. Katie's doctoral thesis focused on examining model practices that support children with incarcerated parents. In addition, Katie was a founding member of the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership, helping to create the SFCIPP Bill of Rights, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the International Coalition for Children with Incarcerated Parents.

The event brought together an incredible group of individuals with deep professional and personal connections to issues of incarceration, immigration, and restorative justice. It was inspiring to have a mix of longtime supporters and new friends learning about our work for the first time.



The most powerful takeaway was the unanimous desire to take action. Every single participant who responded expressed interest in getting involved in future advocacy efforts. This incredible energy is what fuels our mission. We are excited to build on this momentum and will be in touch soon with the next steps!

## EVENT OVERVIEW

Often, we find that people think providing contact visits between incarcerated parents and their children is simply a "privilege" for the incarcerated person. We want to shift this narrative.

This Town Hall is dedicated to exploring the profound societal benefits—for children, families, and communities—that emerge when families are able to stay connected, even under the most challenging circumstances.

### At This Event, You Will:

#### Shift Your Perspective

See family connection as a necessity for community health.

#### Understand the Benefits

Learn how it strengthens children, families, and public safety.

#### Hear Powerful Stories

Gain insight from the lived experiences of our expert panel.

#### Find Your Role

Feel empowered to contribute to a more humane justice system.

#### Get Connected

Network with community members and prepare for the year-long series.

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## ProjectWHAT! Referral Submission

Today is the first day of summer training! Applications are still being accepted until July 7th.

The new cohort starts on September 13, and they are gearing up for an exciting quarter.

**Project WHAT!** is a program that works with youth whose guardians are currently or formerly incarcerated, on house arrest, or have gone through the deportation system.

We'd like to ask if, as a service provider and/or guardian, you are recommending a youth to our program, that they are





fully aware that they are being referred.

It is important that we have direct contact with the young person in order to assess their needs accurately.

Youth are asked to complete a separate application once this referral is reviewed by staff.

[Submission Form Link](#)



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