

U-TURN YOUTH Consulting's

WE THE PEOPLE SUMMIT

**A COMMUNITY-
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CONVERSATION:**



**FRIDAY,
04.24.26**

**9:00 AM-
2:00 PM**

St. Thomas University
16401 NW 37th Avenue
Miami Gardens, FL 33054

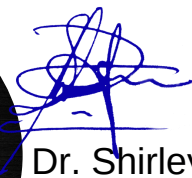


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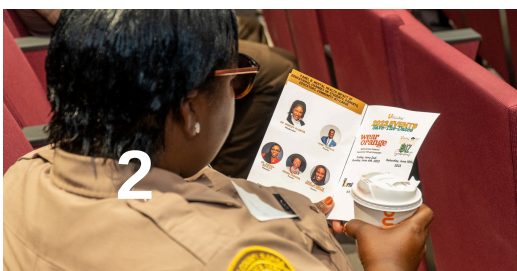


Welcome to the We the People Summit: Community-Systems Conversation, part of our Courageous Conversation Series at U-turn Youth Consulting. This gathering was created with intention to bring together professionals, advocates, and community leaders to examine the real and often overlooked impact of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) on children and families. While much of the national dialogue focuses on policy and legal outcomes, our focus today is on the human experience, on the children growing up in uncertainty and the families navigating systems that shape their daily lives.

At U-turn, our mission is to facilitate trainings that unmask and mitigate the underlying causes of the school-to-prison pipeline, mistrust of law enforcement, and the national epidemic of gun violence among youth. We believe that to truly support youth and families, we must also understand and challenge the systems that serve them. This summit is an opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue, share knowledge, and explore solutions that prioritize stability, well-being, and equity. We are honored to convene a group of experts and voices committed to this work, and we invite each of you to actively participate in the conversation as we work toward stronger, more responsive systems for the communities we serve.



Dr. Shirley Plantin
Chief Executive Consultant



PROGRAM

9:30am - Welcome & Introduction: Ismail Joseph

- Moment of Silence for Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer

9:45am - STU Welcome: President Armstrong Video

9:50am – Summit Objective: Dr. Shirley Plantin

10:15am - PANEL A: THE CRISIS

- Moderator: Vanessa Jospeh, Esq.
- Panelists:
 - Santra Denis, Miami Workers' Center
 - Debrah St. Vil, Esq., Catholic Legal Services
 - Ana Ionescu, Esq., Catholic Legal Services
 - Dr. Franseco Duberli, Survivors Pathway

11:15am Q & A Session

11:30am BREAK

11:40am - PANEL B: THE SYSTEM

- Moderator: Ismail Joseph
- Panelists:
 - Bryttany Stringer, Miami Dade Community Based Community
 - Rick Babyack, Uniq Catering
 - Sonia Veliz, 4Kids
 - Deandra Thomas, The Social Worker Podcast
 - Daphne Michel, The Journey Institute

12:40pm Q & A Session

12:45pm BREAK

12:50pm - PANEL C: THE RESOURCES

- Moderator: Dr. Shirley Plantin
- Panelists:
 - Loune-Djenia Askew, Esq., Askew Law, Pa
 - Dr. Guerda Nicolas, University of Miami
 - Christina Romero, PATH

1:35pm Q & A Session

1:40pm - Takeaways | Closing Remarks | Evaluations

2:00pm - Networking Lunch

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