

**POST-TRAUMATIC PRISON DISORDER  
SHAWANNA W76337**

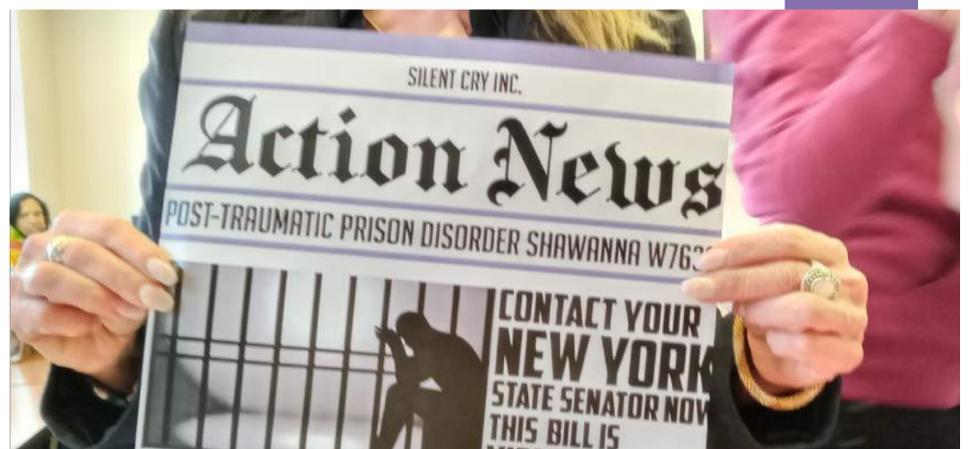
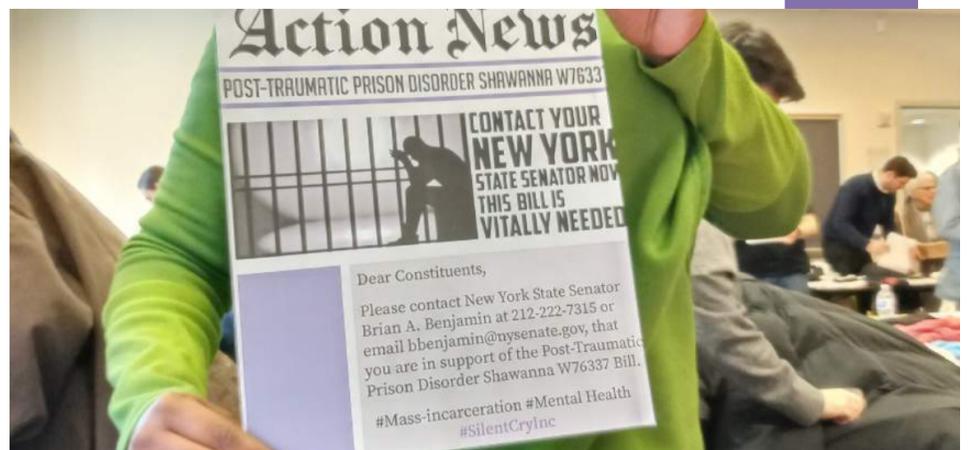
# TOWN HALL

***HOSTED BY THE CONFINED ARTS (TCA)***

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# SilentCry

**Shawanna Erena Vaughn**

**The founder and the Director of Silent Cry Inc. Native of Bakersfield CA,  
a mother of two wonderful individuals.**

**Silent Cry Inc is the product of her tears she shed while overcoming pain and hardships of incarceration and loss of a brother to gang initiation from a young man and surviving cancer. She is the true meaning of strength, courage and determination.**

**This is what she had to say :**

*I've been impacted by the aftermath of senseless violence and I'm also formerly incarcerated. With that I've turned tragedy into Healing through my pain. I now find my voice in justice and healing our communities and hearts.*

*My life has been a journey one that has lead me to many places and I've had the wonderful pleasure to work with Columbia business school in simulations. And, reformal and criminal justice issues. I'm a member of the Confined arts project. A member of Peace and Justice studies. Proud to say, May of 2019, I will be attending Columbia University. Education over adversity is a model I believe in and advocate to young people.*

*My greatest accomplishment is being a mother of two wonderful children. Passions are spoken word, Civic engagement, visual arts and literature.*

*Triumphantly I March through the battles with optimistic lenses.*

*I am Shawanna Erena Vaughn. And, I will continue to fight to answer Silent Cry's*



## **TOWN HALL EVENT**

### **THE BILL**

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### **THE ISSUE**

Research shows evidence that incarceration has negative psychological effects on people in prison. These include: A dependence on institutional structure and contingencies. Hypervigilance, interpersonal distrust, and suspicion. Emotional over-control, alienation, and psychological distancing. Social withdrawal and isolation. Incorporation of exploitative norms of prison culture. Diminished sense of self-worth and personal value. And post-traumatic stress reactions to the pains of imprisonment (Haney, 2001). The deprived social environment of prison can potentially impede one's social capacity to navigate various social obligations post-incarceration.

### **TOWN HALL DISCUSSION**

This virtual town hall meeting brings together Health Experts, Faith Leaders, National Organizers, Entrepreneurs, Artists, and Advocates to share direct knowledge and expertise in support of the Post Traumatic Prison Disorder Shawanna W76337 bill.



## Jewel Jones, Assembly Member

A lifelong resident of the City of Inkster, Jewel Jones made history when he was sworn in November 2015 as the youngest person to ever sit on the City Council of Inkster, Michigan. Yet, Jewel continues to make a difference in the community and positive impact on public policy. His effectiveness as a Councilman blossomed into a successful, record-breaking campaign during the summer of 2016. Jewel was selected to be the Democratic Nominee in the 11th State House District, and he went on to win the General Election, becoming the youngest State Representative in Michigan's history, as well as the youngest lawmaker in the country. Since then, he's been re-elected, and still remains one of the youngest lawmakers in the nation, although he believes he's getting old. Jewel is also a member of the Michigan Army National Guard, a Senior Deacon at his church, an Auxiliary Police Officer, and a college student, pursuing a Political Science and Business Studies degree. Jewel stumbled into politics, but has fallen in love with the process. He loves working for his people, and his people, my good friends, are you. FB: <https://www.facebook.com/unitedforjewelljones> IG: @jewelljonesmi Campaign website: <https://www.jonesforstaterep.com> Official website: <http://www.housedems.com/state-rep-jewell-jones>



## Phil Giltner, Office of Brian Benjamin

Phil Giltner is director of Albany Operations for NY Senator Brian Benjamin. An upstate New York native, Phil has degrees from the State University of New York at Albany and the University of Toronto. After more than a decade in teaching history, including teaching at West Point, he became increasingly engaged in politics and government. After serving as senior advisor and organizer for the Kirsten Gillibrand for Congress campaign in 2006, he served on her congressional staff. Beginning in 2008, he worked in the Paterson and Cuomo administrations at the Department of Agriculture and Markets. From 2017, he has been on the staff of Senator Brian Benjamin, of Harlem, performing policy and legislative work relating to social and economic justice and criminal justice reform. He currently sits on the board of directors of the Adirondack-North Country Association, an organization that promotes economic and social development in northern New York, is an avid reader and marathoner, he splits his time between Kinderhook and Willsboro, New York.



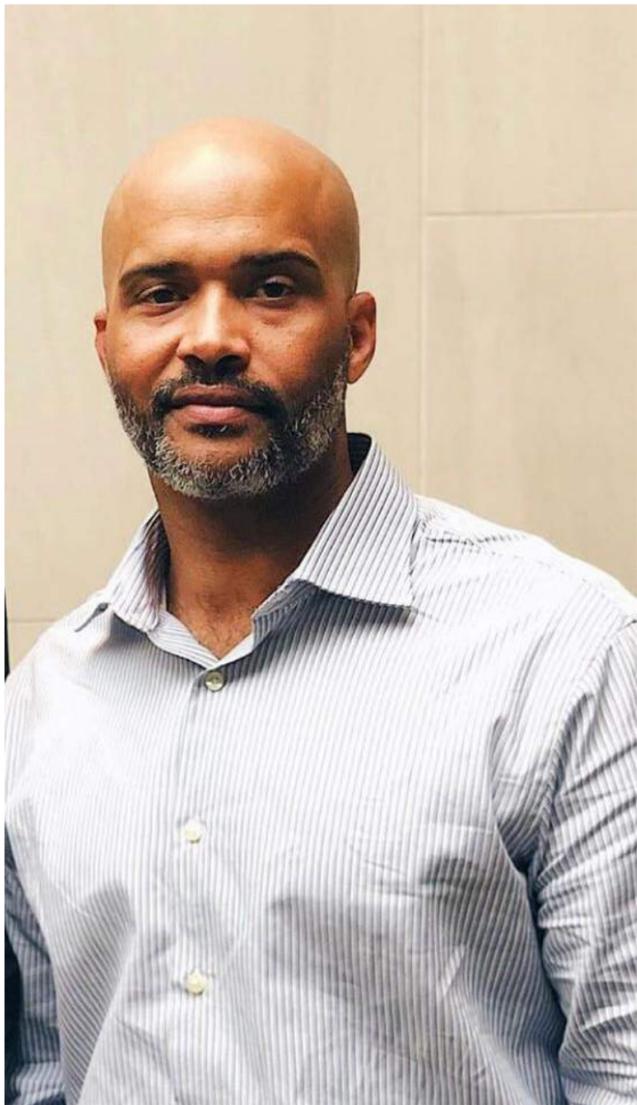
## **Stephanie Carnegie, Totality Of A Woman (TOAW)**

Stephanie Carnegie is a dynamic woman that embodies passion, strength and tenacity. She is a public speaker and former educator who founded Totality Of A Woman (TOAW) in March 2018 to fill a void in the mental health space. Stephanie states, 'I didn't want women to suffer in silence like I did. I wanted to let them know they are NOT alone and I wanted to help break the STIGMA surrounding mental health and mental illness.' TOAW is an organization that takes a 360 degree approach focusing on the wellness of Women, Men and Children. Stephanie expressed that 'children suffer from signs and symptoms of depression as young as 5 years old. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for adolescents ages 10-18 and the crisis age for black youth is 5-11.' Totality Kids, as Stephanie explains 'offers children stress management tools to deal with their emotions, teaches them the benefits of a healthy lifestyle at an early age and provide them with tools and resources that encourage positive youth development.'



## **Anatazia Schmid, PhD. Candidate, UC Riverside**

Anastazia is an artist, activist, and scholar. She has a BA from Ball State University, Graduate Certification in Medical Humanities from IUPUI, and is a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of California Riverside. She is the 2016 winner of the Gloria Anzaldua Award for the American Studies Association, and the Outstanding History Project Award from the Indiana Historical Society. She is the co-author of the play The Duchess of Stringtown. She blends her knowledge and artistic expressions in her work and contributes her time and talents to numerous charitable, activist, and outreach causes. She is a founding member of the Prison History Project, a collective historical research team engaged in re-writing the history of women's prisons and institutions. Her area of emphasis is nineteenth century gender and sexuality: the history of gynecology/obstetrics, medicalization of women's bodies, and sex work. She also works in collaboration with Abolition Journal Collective, IDOC Watch anarchist collective, the Lumina Foundation, National Council of Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls, Constructing Our Future, Focus Re-Entry Initiative, and Memento Mori Paranormal History Hunters.



## **Richard Griffin, 327 Consulting Group**

327 Consulting Group is a Network of qualified consultants working earnestly toward reshaping the culture of American Institutions such as Education, Policy, Health Care, Mental Health, And Criminal Legal Reform among other areas of focus. My passion in most of these areas is the lived experience of being formerly incarcerated. In 1995 at the age of 16 I was charged, convicted and sentenced as an adult to serve the rest of my life in prison. Upon my release in 2017 I embarked upon a path of Legislative Advocacy that led me to an Organizing position with the ACLU's National Smart Justice Campaign. It is my position that there should be no conversation about Criminal Legal Reform without the minds of those who have lived through the realities which are collaterally consequential to incarceration. I am dedicated to seeing equality in all aspects of the cultural fibers of America. I'll do this until my physical perishes or my mind refuses to allow me.



## **Glenn Martin, GEMTrainers, LLC, GEMrealestate, LLC**

Before founding GEMTrainers, LLC, a nonprofit executive coaching agency, Glenn Martin founded and served as president of JustLeadershipUSA, an organization dedicated to cutting the U.S. correctional population in half by 2030. For over two decades, he has been part of the vanguard of successful social justice advocates in America. His inspirational leadership has been recognized with multiple honors, including the 2016 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award, the 2017 Brooke Russell Astor Award, and a 2014 Echoing Green Fellowship. Prior to founding JustLeadershipUSA, he was vice president of The Fortune Society, where he founded and led the David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy. He also served as co-director of the National HIRE Network at the Legal Action Center. In addition to being a co-founder of the Education from the Inside Out Coalition, Glenn is also the founder of the #CLOSErikers campaign in New York City. Glenn's bold, unflinching leadership is recognized by leaders from across the political spectrum. He is a sought-after public speaker and a frequent media guest appearing on national news outlets such as NPR, MSNBC, Fox News, CNN, Al Jazeera, and C-SPAN. <https://www.gemtrainers.com/>



## **Dr. Coralanne Griffith-Hunte, Created for Greatness Leadership Group, Inc.**

Dr. Coralanne Griffith-Hunte is a Human, Industrial & Trauma Psychologist. She's the Founder and Chairwoman of Created for Greatness Leadership Group, Inc., an organization that establishes "Authentic Partnerships" that has been building better lives, businesses and communities within the United States and abroad. Through implementing research-based modeling in leadership & innovation, education, community & family engagement. Dr. Griffith-Hunte is currently a Professor at Mercy College and Senior Training and Development Facilitator for the Research Foundation of The City University of New York. Dr. Griffith-Hunte is also a Senior Legislative Advisor, who works on a daily basis with key government officials and other organizations at the state, local and federal level to pass legislation favorable to the educational, human rights, mental health, anti-domestic violence, anti-human trafficking, anti-gang, community engagement and empowerment mission for New York State families. In 2020, Dr. Griffith-Hunte joined the United Nations 58th Commission for Social Development to end homelessness around the world. With collaborative efforts Dr. Griffith-Hunte assisted in developing the UN's Resolution on Homelessness. In 2018, Dr. Griffith-Hunte was appointed as the Acting Executive Director of Anti-Human Trafficking & Domestic Violence for Not On My Watch faith-based organization acknowledged by the Governor. Dr. Griffith-Hunte was instrumental in advocating for the End Child Sex Trafficking Bill that was signed into legislation in 2018. She served as a member of Senator James Sanders Economic and Marking committee. Dr. Hunte, is a proud member of the African American Clergy and Elected Officials Organization. She is also the first Trauma Psychologist to serve on the New York Recovery Community Coalition.



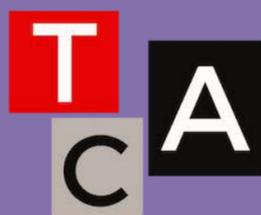
## **Arthur Rambert, Community Stakeholder/Activist**

Arthur Rambert. A voice for the Voiceless. Community Stakeholder invested in the cultivation of the Minds of Black and Brown youth. I'm a returning Citizen working tirelessly to refine the narrative of Trauma and how it relates to Black men.

# RESEARCH BY THE CONFINED ARTS



Lauren Hagani is the Director of Research and Social Impact at the Confined Arts (TCA). Over the past four years, Lauren has worked for numerous social justice organizations creating projects, overseeing research initiatives and developing programs to promote criminal justice reform, mental health services and community building. In May 2020, Lauren graduated cum laude from Columbia University in the City of New York with a BA in Sociology, and was awarded Departmental Honors and the Squires Prize for her senior thesis on how incarcerated individuals in New York State prisons adapt to and navigate relationships behind bars. Lauren's senior thesis built off of a project Lauren helped design and conduct at the Center for Justice, called the Social Dynamics of Prison interview study. For this study, Lauren helped design study methods, conduct interviews and analyze study data. At TCA, Lauren also helps draft and edit publications, perform qualitative and statistical data analysis, present ongoing research, apply for grants, plan conferences and develop community engagement strategies.



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The research presentation ties empirical work done by The Confined Arts at the Center for Justice at Columbia University and other researchers to speak to the importance of this bill and supporting policies regarding mental health resources for people released from prisons and jails.



Pastor Isaac Scott is an Award Winning, Social Impact Multimedia Artist and Human Rights Activist. He is a Fellow at the Center for Institutional and Social Change at Columbia Law School and Founder & Lead-Artist for The Confined Arts at the Center for Justice at Columbia University, where he spearheads the promotion of justice reform through the transformative power of the arts. His research at Columbia investigates social and institutional methods of dehumanization in the carceral system to decrease punitive triggers in the US criminal justice system. Pastor Scott's passion for equal human rights runs deep, and comes as a result of being directly affected by the criminal justice system and its disenfranchising nature. Since returning to society in 2013, he's combined fine art, graphic design, and film & media to counter the existing negative narratives of people in prison and of those formerly incarcerated and directly impacted. Through The Confined Arts, Pastor Scott has organized art exhibitions, poetry performances, and storytelling projects to interrogate and bring about awareness around several important issues, such as juvenile justice, solitary confinement, prison conditions, the rising rate of women in prison and the media's role in shaping public perception. As a result of the impactful work of The Confined Arts, Pastor Scott received the 2018, 2019, and 2020 Change Agent Award from the School of General Studies at Columbia University, where he currently studies Visual Arts and Human Rights as a Justice in Education Scholar Scholar.

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## THANK YOU TO:

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## \* \* Call To Action \* \*

Behind the prison walls there are many Silently crying. Let's answer the call of our communities inside and outside. If you are in New York State please write or call Senator Brian Benjamin's office. If you are in Michigan please Write or call Assemblyman Jewell Jones office in support of this legislation. Say to them "WE NEED POST TRAUMATIC PRISON DISORDER SHAWANNA W76337", a holistic approach to healing from incarceration.

If you would like to assist in petitions, lobbying, and supporting this legislation  
please email : [shawanna@silentcryinc.org](mailto:shawanna@silentcryinc.org)

Donate to Silent Cry at: \$SilentCry2013 CashApp PayPal: [silentcryinc@gmail.com](mailto:silentcryinc@gmail.com)

Or through our website: [SilentCryInc.org](http://SilentCryInc.org) In kind donations and sponsorships are welcome.

We also would like commitments for volunteers, petitions, monetary donations for promotional purposes and interns. Please email us.

**"Out of my own Silent Cry's. My own emotional experience of trauma and pain from the incarceration system to the post incarceration population. It's taken multiple years and ways of healing through the pain. But, through trauma comes healing. And, we will become whole together"**  
**Shawanna Vaughn**