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Course Description

California has the opportunity to serve as a potential model for correctional systems everywhere given the initiation of Realignment and other related, wholesale paradigm shifts.

Our presentation will focus on investigating opportunities and ideas for real, lasting innovation and change within the criminal justice system at large, starting with California and then broadening the focus to a National, and perhaps even international level. At this conference, we have the opportunity to open our thoughts to idealized visions – "Blue Sky" scenarios – of a correctional system that upholds the greatest aspirations of civil society. We will explore:

- Consequences of Realignment
- Our criminal justice system - what works and what doesn't?
- Current paradigms of innovation
- What might a facility of the future look like?

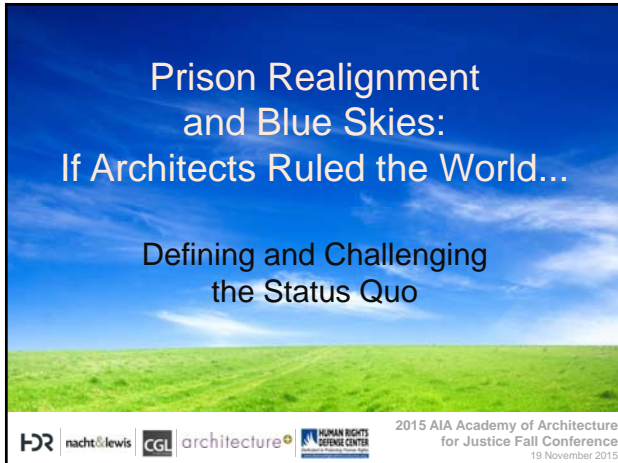
The session will be a combination of presentation and highly interactive discussions with the audience. Members of our panel will moderate and record a summary of the discussions, which will be posted as an interactive forum for the members of the AAJ. Our presentation is intended to solicit BIG ideas that may or may not someday be achievable, but will in any case begin to uncover interesting concepts untethered by current realities.

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Learning Objectives






1. The participant will acquire a basic understanding of key issues associated with the realignment program, particularly at the county level.
2. The audience will learn about many of the most advanced operational and facility solutions in place around the world today.
3. The participant will gain an understanding of the historical and current roadblocks to achieving better system solutions.
4. The participant will be able to develop and voice opinions about what kind of options there might be for a better system and facilities approach to incarceration and rehabilitation.

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Prison Realignment and Blue Skies: If Architects Ruled the World...


Defining and Challenging the Status Quo









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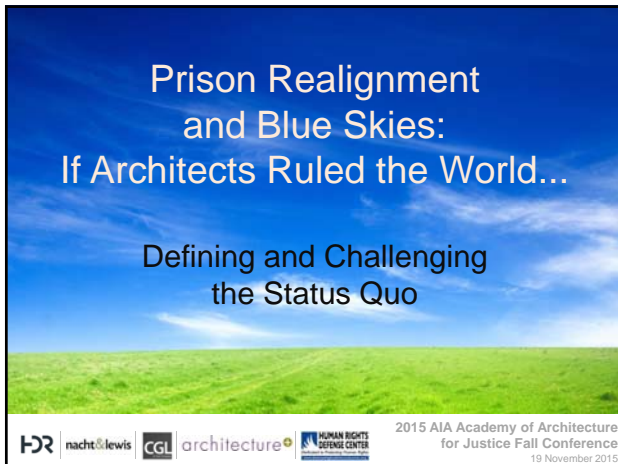
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Who rules the system?

- Politics/Politicians
- Owners (County/State/Federal)
- Private Operators
- Regulatory Agencies
- Courts/Lawyers
- Contractors
- Unions

Who else?

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Failures of the existing justice system...

1. It's costly
2. Failure to deal with mental illness
3. Failure to prepare inmates for release

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Failures of the existing justice system...

1. **Costs Drive Detention Facilities**
 - Restrictive Codes
 - Staffing
 - Liability
 - Union Requirements

The result is that inmates are warehoused

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Failures of the existing justice system...

2. Mental Health Considerations - General

- 25% of adults experience mental illness each year
- 20% of teens...
- 26% of homeless have severe mental illness
- 46% of homeless have severe mental illness

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Failures of the existing justice system...

2. Mental Health Treatment Programs

- Programs cut in the 1980s under Reagan
- Deinstitutionalization eliminates state-run programs
- Crime increases
- Jails/Prisons become de facto mental health provider

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Failures of the existing justice system...

2. Mental Health Impact on Detention

- 55%+ of prisoners have recent history of mental health problems and/or symptoms
- 53%+ of prisoners have substance abuse problems
- 71%+ of prisoners have both mental health and substance abuse problems
- 70% of juveniles have a mental health condition

*Bureau of Justice Statistics

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Failures of the existing justice system...

3. Jails/Prisons Fail to Rehabilitate

- Lack of mental health programs
- Design of jails/prisons not conducive
- Failure to provide skills to make parolees employable
- Failure to de-institutionalize inmates

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Failures of the existing justice system...

- 93% of inmates will eventually be released
- Felony records limit job opportunities
- Release inmates usually lack job/social skills

**THE SYSTEM MAY LEAVE NO CHOICE
BUT TO RE-OFFEND**

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A few encouraging measures...

- Proposition 47
- Expanding programs at the local level
- A renewed emphasis on treatment & transition
- Greater recognition of THE PROBLEMS

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What realignment should mean...

- Eliminate incarceration for all sentenced to less than two years.
- Remove mentally disordered inmates from the penal system.
- Require a normative environment for all incarcerated general custody women and men.

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What realignment should mean...

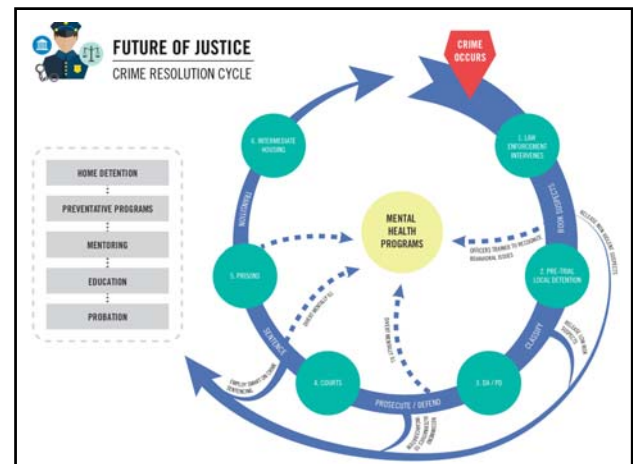
- Provide greater opportunity for skill-building programs
- Re-conceptualize the community corrections model.
- Require that jails be located in urban areas.

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What realignment should mean...

- Eliminate isolation housing.
- Require natural light directly in all living areas.
- Return to the days when prisons and jails provided at least 400 BGSF/inmate.
- Require that every jurisdiction complete an objective analysis of capital funding options.

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What realignment should mean...

- Designate the architect as the client- appointed responsible party for whatever delivery method is chosen.

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How might the system change if architects carried equal weight as those who currently rule the system?

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Recent Developments...

Advancing humanity in corrections.

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Innovating and Managing Risk

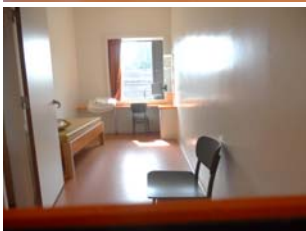


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Halden Prison Norway



FPC Treatment Center Belgium



Beveren Prison Belgium



San Diego County Women's Detention Facility



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Recent Developments... Taking cues from Public Mental Health Facility Designs.

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State of California Coalinga State Security Hospital

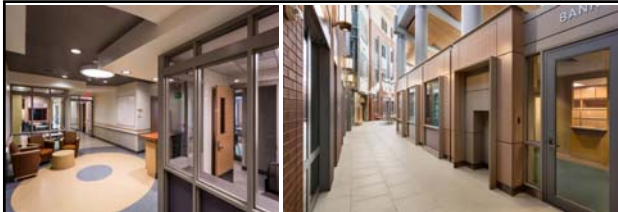


Vermont Psychiatric Care Center





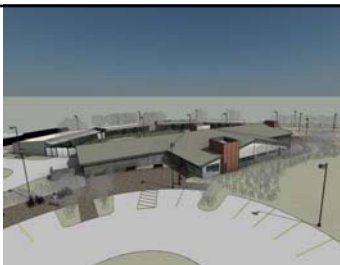
**Worchester
Recovery
Center
And
Hospital**



**Recent Developments...
Transition**

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**Staff Secure
Facility
Napa, California**



**Is there hope for
RADICAL CHANGE?**

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