



## **Trauma Response and the Criminal Justice System: A Virtual Summit on Knowledge, Healing, and Resilience**

### ***Improving Response to Girls' Trauma by Disrupting the Abuse to Prison Pipeline***

This interactive presentation will examine how experiences of gender-based violence create pathways for girls into the juvenile justice system. Participants will explore racial disparities amongst girls impacted by the legal system and identify strategies to develop survivor-centered, gender-responsive, and culturally-sensitive approaches to address the needs of vulnerable girls and prevent them from experiencing the Abuse to Prison Pipeline.

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Cherice Hopkins is Senior Counsel at Rights4Girls, a human rights organization committed to ending gender-based violence in the U.S., where she engages in advocacy to enhance the safety and well-being of young women and girls who have been pushed to the margins of our society—particularly young women and girls of color—and improve responses to those who have experienced violence. Her work includes policy reform, public education and awareness, training and technical assistance, research, and coalition building. Cherice is the co-author of several innovative reports including *Survivor Protection: Reducing the Risk of Trauma to Child Sex Trafficking Victims*. Cherice is also a member of the faculty of the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking