

Cory Feldman - Bio

Cory Feldman began working as the Immigration Policy fellow at the Center on Race, Crime and Justice in April of 2008. Her work centers around the impact immigration policy has on the rights of Afro-Caribbean people in prison and the role of race in new immigration policy being crafted around the United States.

Cory has spent ten years working with adults in prisons and youth in detention centers. She began her career in criminal justice supervising women in a minimum security prison in Wisconsin. She then moved to San Francisco where she began working at the Huckleberry Youth Program, an innovative diversion program providing individualized assessment and referrals to young people at the point of arrest.

After moving back to her hometown of Jackson Heights, Queens, Cory served as a trainer for the Vera Institute of Justice's Affirm Program, where she coached safety agents based in some of New York City's most dangerous public schools in techniques for reducing violence. Cory's recent work has focused on preparing people who have committed violent felonies to return home after prison and connecting them to services in their communities during reentry.

Currently, Cory teaches corrections officers at the New York Tolerance Center on how to use their power responsibly and facilitates workshops in soccer and poetry for incarcerated youngsters.

Cory holds a BA in African American Studies from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and an MA in Criminal Justice, specializing in Juvenile Justice, from John Jay College. Cory intends to use her doctoral training to improve practice and policy related to people who are or have ever been incarcerated focusing specific attention on those slated for deportation.