

# THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

## **Jim St. Germain**

Jim St. Germain is the co-founder of Preparing Leaders of Tomorrow, Inc. (PLOT), a nonprofit mentoring organization that provides mentors to justice involved and at-risk youth. Working with young people is Jim's passion, as he has overcome many obstacles in his own life. Early in his career, Jim worked as a Youth Care Counselor at a juvenile detention facility in New York City, where he was once a resident. Additionally, he worked as an Advocate for young people living with mental disabilities at the Mental Health Association. Jim served on the Youth Advisory Council of New York State's Division of Criminal Justice Services from 2008-2009, and is currently a member of Vera's Institute of justice juvenile board.

Jim has worked on various topics from the state to non-profit level including: juvenile justice issues, mentoring, mental health, substance abuse, behavioral, and educational work. In 2012, he worked with Mayor Bloomberg, specifically focusing on reforming New York City's Juvenile Justice System. In addition, Jim presented at two press conferences for The Children's Defense Fund of NY on the topics of Raise the Age and the Close-To-Home Initiative. Furthermore, he has worked with the Department of Health and Human Services, SAMSHA, as a national policy advisor and presently works with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). In 2010, Jim interned with Assemblyman Karim Camara, and continues to work with his office on reducing gun violence in NYC and works with Congressman Bobby Scott (D-VA), and Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT) focusing on national youth/criminal justice issues. Lastly, Jim is a member of police commissioner's Bill Bratton's reengineering team, where he focuses on collaborative efforts between the NYPD and other city agencies on reducing juvenile crimes.

Jim has an Associate Degree in Human Services from the Borough of Manhattan Community College and a Bachelor of Arts degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Political Science. Jim is currently pursuing a Masters in Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy from New York University. Jim's passion for public service comes from his life experiences and personal responsibility to society. Most importantly, Jim is a dedicated father to his infant son.