

**Conference At-A-Glance**  
**2023 Prisoner Visitation and Support National Training Conference**  
**November 8–11, 2023**  
**Clarion Conference Center, Lexington, Kentucky**  
*A confirmed, detailed schedule will be available prior to the conference*

**Conference Theme: "Reaffirming Our Commitment"**

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

4:00 pm	Group 1 Check-in
5:30 pm	Welcome & Dinner
7:00 pm	Preview of Thursday, History of FMC Lexington

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

6:30 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Board bus for Lexington FMC Tour
12:00 pm	Lunch at Hotel
1:45 pm	Optional Sightseeing Tour: Kentucky Horse Park
4:00 pm	Group 2 Check-in
5:00 pm	Local Coordinator & Solo Visitor Session
6:00 pm	Dinner & Welcome Events; Silent Auction Opens

**Friday, November 10, 2023**

6:30 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	Welcome & PVS Board and Staff Updates
9:30 am	Training Session 1: Listening for facts, feelings, and values
10:25 am	Training Session 2: Being the Best Visitor You Can Be
11:45 am	Training Session 3: First Step Act (FSA)
12:45 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	New Visitor Session
3:00 pm	Training Session 4: Current issues; "What Would You Do?" Activity
5:30-7:30 pm	Dinner, with Special Guest <b>Stephen Bright*</b> ; Silent Auction Closes

**Saturday, November 11, 2023**

6:30 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast
9:30 am	Evaluation and Discussion: “At this conference, I learned...”
11:00 am	Moving Forward: The Future of PVS
12:00 pm	Farewell

\* **Stephen B. Bright** has tried capital cases before juries in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi; argued four capital cases before the United States Supreme Court; and argued many other cases before state and federal appellate courts. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of his client in each case. Three involved racial discrimination in jury selection and the fourth involved the right to a mental health expert for a poor person facing the death penalty.

He served as director the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta from 1982 to 2005, and as its president and senior counsel from 2006 to 2016. Before joining the Southern Center, he was a legal services attorney in Appalachia; a public defender in Washington, D.C.; and director of a law school clinical program in Washington. He is also Visiting Associate Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center. Subjects of his litigation, teaching and writing include capital punishment, legal representation for poor people accused of crimes, conditions and practices in prisons and jails, racial discrimination in the criminal courts, and judicial independence.

Bright received the American Bar Association’s Thurgood Marshall Award in 1998. The Daily Report, a legal newspaper in Georgia, named him “Agitator (and Newsmaker) of the Year” in 2003 for his contribution to bringing about creation of a public defender system in Georgia, and “Lawyer of the Year” in 2017 for his success in challenging racial discrimination before the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Foster v. Chatman*. His work has been the subject of two books, *Proximity to Death* (William S. McFeely, 1999), and *Finding Life on Death Row* (Katya Lezin, 1999), and a film, “Fighting for Life in the Death Belt” (Adam Elend and Jeff Marks, 2005).

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