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Dr. Elizabeth Barnert is a pediatrician and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of California, Los Angeles. She provides pediatric care to youth detained in the juvenile legal system in California. She is a federally funded researcher who is working to develop and test an intervention to link young people to mental health and substance use treatment services after incarceration. Her research, grounded in human rights and social action, examines children affected by violence, family separation, and incarceration. With her expertise she has advised both the U.S. Congress and California policymakers on youth justice policy. She is truly passionate about improving health outcomes for marginalized youth through her clinical care and also by using research as a tool for social justice.