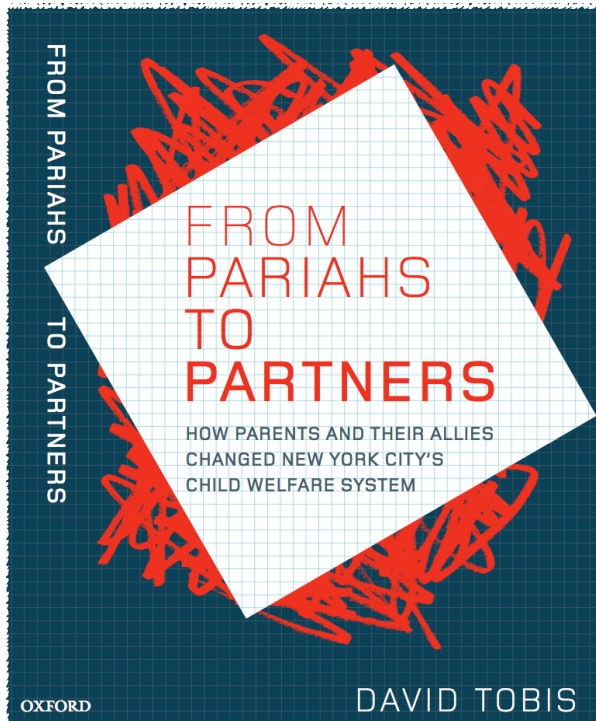


# DAVID TOBIS BOOK RELEASE

Join us for the release of David Tobis's new book and a panel discussion on parent participation in Alameda County programs.



In the early 1990's, almost 50,000 children were in New York City's foster care system. In 2012 there were fewer than 14,000. David Tobis shows how such radical change with the support of commissioners, was driven largely by a movement of mothers whose children had been placed into foster care, who fought to become advocates and stakeholders in a system that had previously viewed them as pariahs. *From Pariahs to Partners* tells the story of the individual parents-- most of them women, many of them black or Latina, and all of them poor-- who persevered over domestic violence, drug addiction, homelessness and poverty to fight for their rights and for their children, and who in the process, shifted the dynamics of the foster care system. This book serves as an example of how advocates and their allies can change a system, as told from the perspective of key figures, change agents, and the parent advocates themselves.

## Meet the author!

**Date:** June 12, 2013

**Time:** 9:00 to 11:00 am

**Location:** First 5 Alameda County  
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