

CONFERENCE *Workshops*

25. The Listening Project - A Listening Project with Victims and Victim Advocates

This project, funded by the Open Society Institute, provided an opportunity to listen to how victim service and advocacy organizations are experiencing restorative justice approaches. Teams of restorative justice and victim service advocates traveled to seven U.S. sites to listen and record the ideas and concerns of victims and advocates specifically related to restorative justice. Findings from the project will be shared. The opportunity will be provided to discuss the findings and brainstorm strategies for addressing issues that were raised.

26. Statewide Leadership for Victim Offender Mediation

The Oregon Dispute Resolution Commission, the Oregon Judicial Department, and the Coalition of Oregon Victim Offender Mediation Programs (which includes Oregon's thirteen VOM programs) have been working collaboratively to build state-level leadership for the implementation of local community VOM services. Panel members will share information about referrals, statewide standards that allow flexibility for local program needs, sustaining positive relationships with victim advocates, and future challenges.

27. Innovative Practices in Victim Offender Mediation

This interactive roundtable discussion is designed to inspire and support high quality and creative practices in victim offender mediation/dialogue practice around the country. Participants are encouraged to share their own practices, questions, and thoughts.

FRIDAY MORNING 1.5 HOUR WORKSHOPS 10:00-11:30 AM

28. Restorative Justice in Federal Death Penalty Cases

Bringing restorative justice concepts to federal death penalty cases is being done through a Soros Justice Fellowship in partnership with the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel Project. Originally developed during the Oklahoma City bombing, this work seeks to help judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys think restoratively about responding to homicide cases.

29. Police Supported Community Intervention - The St. Johnsbury Community Justice Center

This workshop examines one community's alternative to the traditional criminal justice system for resolving minor crimes. The Community Justice Center (CJC) in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, provides a variety of dispute resolution services that are individually tailored to each case. How the center was established, and the challenges and lessons learned will also be shared.

30. Healing Hate - Responding to Hate Crimes Restoratively

Hate crimes are on the rise. What is it like to be in a hate group? What do hate crime victims want from the justice system? Can restorative justice help these victims and offenders? This will be an opportunity to learn from victims and former offenders about approaches to "healing the hate" and responding to hate crimes restoratively. The panel includes a former Skinhead, a hate crime victim, and national experts on hate groups.

PRESENTERS: Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Director of the MCC Office on Crime and Justice, served as Project Director and as a listener to one site visit. **Howard Zehr**, Professor, EMU, served on the Oversight Team and was a listener on two sites. Howard's forthcoming book "Transcending: Reflections of Crime Victims" was partially funded through this project.

PRESENTERS: Lois Kenagy is a Commissioner of the Oregon Dispute Resolution Commission. Erin Ruff is an Alternative Dispute Resolution Analyst with the Oregon Judicial Department. Cynthia Moore is a Founding Member of the Coalition of Oregon Victim Offender Mediation Programs.

PRESENTERS: Adam Glaser (session facilitator) is a Mediation Program Coordinator for the Arizona Attorney General's Conflict Resolution Section. Kim Payne is Director of Safe Horizon's, Brooklyn, NY, Mediation Program. Tanya Taylor Dingle is Coordinator of Safe Horizon's Criminal Court Mediation Project in New York City. Doug Borch and Darrel Heidebrecht are facilitators for Calgary (Alberta, Canada) Community Conferencing.

PRESENTER: Bruce Kittle, JD, M.Div., is the Director of Restorative Justice Programs for the Iowa Peace Institute in Grinnell, Iowa. He is an attorney as well as a pastor with the United Church of Christ and has an extensive background in using restorative dialogue practices in facilitating prison based cases involving serious and violent offenses.

PRESENTERS: Dinah Yessne is founding director of the St. Johnsbury Community Justice Center (CJC), as well as an attorney and mediator. Paul Devenger is a 12-year veteran of the St. Johnsbury Police Department and has been its Captain for 2 years. Kathleen Mendes, an experienced group conference facilitator, coordinates the CJC's Juvenile Justice Project.

PRESENTERS: Terri Kelly is a Victim Offender Mediation Intern for the City of Vancouver, Washington, and 2001 graduate of the Conflict Resolution Graduate Program at Portland State University. Her Masters thesis explored a restorative approach to hate crimes. Dr. Randy Blazak is the Director of the Hate Crimes Research Network based at Portland State University, and author of Renegade Kids, Suburban Outlaws: From Youth Culture to Delinquency. Steven Stroud is a former Skinhead who, with Dr. Blazak, operates Oregon Spotlight, which helps youths get out of white supremacist and extremist movements in the Pacific Northwest