

# Welcome To VOMA's Eighteenth Annual International Training Institute and Conference

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we invite you to join us for VOMA's 18th Annual International Training Institute and Conference, to be held in Portland, Oregon, October 22-26, 2001. This year's conference theme "Innovative Practices in Restorative Justice and Victim Offender and Community Processes" will set the stage for a incredible week of training and conference workshops. Following is a list of important benefits we think participants will gain from attending:

- Through the trainings and workshops, we will expand our understanding of restorative justice principles, practices and implementation.
- We will work on developing a better understanding of diversity issues within a restorative justice context.
- Together we will share our experiences about starting, maintaining and researching restorative justice dialogue programs.
- We will explore using dialogue processes in the specialized areas of domestic violence, sexual assault, murder and other serious and violent crimes.
- We will explore the application of restorative justice in schools with our youth.
- We will gain greater understanding of victim and offender issues.
- We will explore how the community fits into our practices.
- We will share with each other how to promote and enhance the effective and ethical practice of restorative justice.

During our time together in Portland, it will be the circles of support we create with each other that will strengthen and clarify our work as we return to our own communities around the world. It is these great sharing circles that are at the heart of the Institute and Conference. We hope to see you there!

Kathy Elton and David Doerfler  
Co-Chairs  
VOMA Board

PS - If you can't be with us for all 5 days of the Training Institute and Conference, please consider coming for only a day or two or three. Review the schedule and register for what works for you.

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## **WHO IS VOMA?**

The International Victim Offender Mediation Association (VOMA) is an information resource and activist membership organization, advancing the heart of restorative justice principles and the effective practice of restorative justice dialogue.

VOMA's mission is to promote and enhance restorative justice dialogue, principles, and practices.

VOMA understands that our mission will be achieved only with a commitment to full diversity and equality of participation for all people. It is our understanding and commitment that diversity is embedded in all of our goals and the work we do to achieve them. VOMA holds this commitment as central in its work.

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE TRAINING INSTITUTE AND CONFERENCE?**

- Adult and juvenile corrections
- Community justice agencies
- Victim services
- VOM program staff and volunteers
- School-based professionals
- District attorneys
- Criminal court judges
- Elected officials
- Faith-based community members
- College students
- Professors
- Researchers and academicians

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS**

Application will be made to the Oregon State Bar for Continuing Legal Education credits.