

# TRAINING INSTITUTE *Sessions*

## **TRAINING M** Mediated Dialogue in Cases of Juvenile Sexual Offenses (advanced audiences)

This training will cover the mediated dialogue model developed to work with juvenile sexual offenders and their victims in Utah. Topics include: specific concerns related to juvenile sexual offenders and their victims; the dynamics in the families of juvenile sexual offenders and their victims and how that can affect the mediation process; defining and distinguishing the roles of the mediator and of the sexual therapist; and the potential benefits and costs of mediating cases of juvenile sexual offenses. This training is not designed to certify you as a sexual offense mediator, but rather to provide information one must consider before moving into this area.

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## **ONE DAY TRAINING STARTING ON WEDNESDAY**

### **TRAINING N** Starting a Victim Offender Mediation/Conferencing Program

This training will cover the key issues that must be addressed in organizing a VOM/VOC program and key strategies for involving the community and gaining support. Program design, public relations, funding issues, case criteria, referral sources and training opportunities will be discussed.

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## **HALF DAY TRAINING STARTING ON WEDNESDAY AM**

### **TRAINING O** Community Restorative Justice in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland has a history of violence in social/economic/political contexts, while at the same time there are strong local community infrastructures. In the past, informal approaches to dealing with crime and anti-social behavior have often included acts of violence by paramilitary groups to punish people who offend. Restorative justice initiatives, developed as alternative ways of dealing with crime and antisocial behavior, have engaged paramilitary and grassroots organizations alike to establish peace, revisit justice, and rebuild relationships. The workshop will explore one Irish community's experience in making restorative justice a reality.

### **TRAINING P** Restorative Possibilities in Residential Placement

Juvenile residential facilities are part of a traditionally closed and retributive system. Yet the Red Wing Minnesota Correctional Facility has created opportunities for powerful restorative programming for their population of serious and chronic juvenile offenders. This training will provide participants with examples of innovative restorative practices and strategies for creating new initiatives in their own communities.

**TRAINER:** David Fowers, MSW, has worked for the Division of Youth Corrections for twenty-five years and is currently a program specialist working with sexual offenders. He is co-chair of the Utah Network on Juveniles Offending Sexually (NOJOS) and an adjunct professor at Weber State College and the University of Utah. Marilyn Patterson is the Coordinator of Mediation Programs for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the state of Utah. She was formerly the Director of a residential treatment facility for difficult to place adolescent females with behavior problems, as well as a Family Preservation Specialist. Kathy Elton, MPA, is the Director of Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs for the Administrative Office of the Courts in Utah, and has coordinated the state's implementation of programs for mediating with victims and offenders in crimes of severe violence and in juvenile sexual offenses.

**TRAINER:** Sue Wiese is the Executive Director of Coulee Region Mediation & Restorative Justice, Ltd. in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Sue has worked for 15 years in the field of restorative justice and mediation.  
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**TRAINERS:** Eamonn Keenan is Training and Research Officer (Restorative Justice) with the Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders in Belfast. He has been actively involved with community projects to establish restorative justice programs and had the lead role in the accreditation of a basic training program. Kenneth Jensen, PhD, is a professor of Anthropology at Western Oregon University in Oregon. He has been a volunteer VORP mediator, and has developed education programs for prisoners and ex-prisoners. During his sabbatical in Ireland last year Kenneth worked with the Irish Penal Reform Trust on the implementation of restorative justice.

**TRAINER:** Kelly Pribyl has worked with juveniles in a correctional setting for 12 years, first as a Correctional Officer, and now as a Restorative Justice Senior Planner at the Red Wing facility. She has also been a volunteer victim advocate in her community for many years.