

Seventh Annual NW Justice Forum



**Engaging Communities:
Restorative Approaches**
Prevention, Intervention, Re-Integration

KEYNOTE DINNER w/ DELANCEY STREET
September 7, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.*
Abernathy Center
606 15th Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

PLENARY & WORKSHOPS
September 8-9, 2011*
Clackamas Community College
3240 Molalla Avenue, Oregon City, OR 97045

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NORTHWEST JUSTICE FORUM

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KEYNOTE & PLENARY SESSIONS:

The Delancey Street Story: A Journey of Transformation and Hope

Keynote Dinner - Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m.: Abernathy Center

Delancey Street community members Stephanie Muller and Ramiro Mejia will share their personal stories and the community story that makes their community one of the most incredible and hopeful initiatives in this country. For 40 years this organization has transformed the lives of over 18,000 ex-convicts, substance abusers and homeless people. These are the people most of us have given up on as irredeemable. Delancey Street proves us very, very wrong. It is a story of the power of community and the belief that change is possible for all.

The Delancey Street Story: Community's Role in Effective Re-Entry

Thursday Plenary - September 8: Clackamas Community College - Gregory Forum

Delancey Street community members Stephanie Muller and Ramiro Mejia will be outlining the central role that the surrounding community in San Francisco has played in Delancey Street's unparalleled success at offender re-entry. They will speak to the process, both the barriers and tools used to overcome those barriers, of getting community buy-in, collaboration, and partnership.

Exploring Multi-Sector Partnerships: Seasonal Stipend Work Crews (SSWC)

Friday Plenary - September 9: Clackamas Community College - Gregory Forum

SSWC are service learning and vocational training projects for at-risk youth which includes every level of government and several sectors of community. The panel will describe the process of development and implementation; and the strengths and challenges of this complex and rewarding partnership.

Panel will include: Bureau of Land Management, City of Gladstone, Clackamas Community College, Clackamas County Juvenile Department, Oregon Youth Conservation Council, and Wilderness International

Restorative Justice is a community response to crime that focuses on addressing the harms done to victims and communities by holding offenders meaningfully accountable for their offenses.

The goal of Restorative Justice is to create safe, healthy communities by providing opportunities for victims to have their needs addressed and integrating offenders into the community as positive contributing citizens.

The **2011 NW Justice Forum** is specifically designed to highlight how communities across the NW are using restorative justice values, principles, and approaches to engage their communities for more effective and efficient prevention, intervention, and re-integration services for our at-risk youth*.

We would like to thank our **sponsors** which include: Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association, Clackamas County Juvenile Department, Clark County Juvenile Court, Deschutes County Community Justice, and Resolutions NW.

*While meeting the needs of crime victims is central and integral to restorative justice values and principles, we would like to acknowledge that this is not necessarily reflected in this Forum agenda. This was a conscious decision made to capitalize on current opportunities in the NW Region to expand and strengthen the community's role in meeting the needs of our at-risk youth.

Thursday, September 8, 2011
Registration & Breakfast: 8:00-8:30 a.m.
Plenary Session: 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Exploring Community Engagement:
10:15-11:00 a.m.

Session 1: 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

A) PreventNet: Developing a Service

Continuum in the Schools: PreventNet is a collaborative effort to centralize community resources within the schools for at risk youth. This workshop will explore: the process employed, partners recruited, and resources accessed to develop this program; and, lessons learned along the way. **Rod Cook, Clackamas County Commission on Youth and Family and Mark McDonnell, Clackamas County Juvenile Department.**

B) Peacegiving Court: A high cultural value for healing of conflicts and peace, along with the giving tradition of the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians led to the development of a court-connected means of healing conflict – the Peacegiving Court. This practice speaks to a growing public expectation of the justice system that the mere settlement of court cases is not adequate. The restoration of peace, health, and well-being needed to be experienced. Judge Costello, a leading founder of this court will present the purpose, structure and restorative practice of this court. **Judge Don Costello sits as Chief Judge of the Coquille Indian Tribal Court.**

C) Engaging the Business Community: When service providers are determining partners for new or existing programming, the business community is often overlooked due to a perceived inaccessibility or indifference. In this workshop, participants will hear how business leaders can have active roles in providing services for our at-risk youth, and how community and public agencies can approach business leaders in their community and build effective relationships for collaboration. **Dick Withnell, Withnell Motor Company.**

D) The Need for a Community Response to Juvenile Offender Mental Health Cases: Clackamas and Clark County Juvenile Courts will share how their communities have responded to the growing incidence of juvenile offenders with significant mental health issues. The goals of accountability, community safety, and competency development become much more complex and challenging with these youth. Enlisting and coordinating the resources of the entire community are critical to any meaningful intervention. **Dawn Young, Clark County Juvenile Court and Markus Fant, Clackamas County Juvenile Dept.**

E) Funding RJ Work in the Juvenile

System: A frequent concern voiced by juvenile court administrators is the inability to fund restorative practice. This workshop will also look at how one juvenile court allocated the funding to implement and sustain a holistic Restorative approach to its work. **Ernie Veach-White (retired) & Eric Gilman, Clark County Juvenile Court.**

Session 2: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

A) A Community Response to the Problem of Truancy:

Clark County Juvenile Court, in partnership with Educational Service District (ESD) 112 and nine local school districts, created the Clark County Truancy Project (CCTP) to provide a strength-based, collaborative approach to addressing truancy and to reduce the need for formal court intervention. CCTP is designed to provide young people with services that meet the often significant needs that underlie their truancy and, by doing so, not only improve their school attendance, but also address barriers to their living healthy successful lives. This workshop will look at how community partners were engaged to develop interventions to effectively address truancy. **Gail Spolar, ESD 112 and Jodi Martin, Clark County Juvenile Court.**

B) A Community Response to Minor Sex Trafficking:

A rising awareness of the existence of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking in Clark County led to a collaborative effort by several community organizations and public agencies to create an effective intervention that provides support to juvenile victims and raises community awareness. Representatives from Vancouver Police, the YWCA Sexual Assault advocacy program, Portland Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC) and Clark County Juvenile Court will describe how this community collaboration resulted in a unified response, how it has been sustained, and plans for the future.

C) Benchmarks for Developing a Top

Quality Volunteer Program: If you are either beginning a Restorative Justice program that relies on volunteers to deliver services or if you want to improve your existing program, what are the practical and proven strategies for building a well-trained and committed pool of volunteers? Working from a solid commitment to RJ principles and clear goals for developing restorative programs, this workshop will present benchmarks for recruitment, screening, training and support of volunteers, and offer time for you evaluate your own program relative to each benchmark. We will have time to share ideas on how to improve each area of your program. **Sean Scrivner, Clark County Juvenile Court; and, Fred Perloff, Mediation Works.**

D) Community Response for School Threat

Assessments: This workshop will look at how two jurisdictions use School Threat Assessments (Threat of Harm) as a structured process to review the level of a youth's threat to the school community in response to an event in a school (assault, weapon, threats, harassment). Both use a broad team of community professionals (school counselor, psychologist, administrator, community mental health, DFCS social worker, police) to meet and review the school event and develop a plan that, in most cases, will enable the youth to return to school. This approach results in a much more appropriate and effective intervention than simple expulsion of students. It also directs youth and family to community resources that can prevent an unneeded intervention of the justice system, and support growth and health for the youth. **Jim Rinta, ESD 112; Michelle Barrera, Clackamas County Juvenile Department; and, Troy Schmidt, Clark County Juvenile Court.**

Session 3: 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

A) Restorative Justice 101: This workshop will look at key tenets of bringing a restorative approach to the work of juvenile justice. Restorative Justice is more than a program and we will look at key principles and values as well as the implications of implementing a restorative perspective to how juvenile justice is understood and practiced. **Eric Gilman, Clark County Juvenile Court.**

B) Delancey Street and Their Work with

Juveniles: While the Delancey Street Foundation is known primarily for its work with adults, it also has operated a very effective youth program in San Francisco for several years. This workshop will look specifically at this work with youth, the success Delancey Street has had, and its foundational principles that guide the work. **Stephanie Muller & Ramiro Mejia, Delancey Street Foundation.**

C) Rebuilding a Juvenile Court

Through Community Engagement: How do you "start-over" when your community no longer has confidence in its juvenile court? Adams County is a small rural county that has dramatically changed its department vision, how its staff works, and its relationship with the community it serves. The community, once distrustful and disengaged, is now an active, eager partner in supporting the work of a juvenile court it values and takes pride in. This presentation will focus on the intentional, well-planned steps that were taken to build the positive, collaborative relationships with law enforcement, elected officials, and community stakeholders and is now effectively impacting the future of this community's youth. Specific practices and programs that have been introduced will be discussed. **Jessie Dominguez, Adams County Juvenile Court.**

Session 3 (continued)

D) Effective Community Service: This workshop will discuss the approaches to effective community service programs done in a restorative manner. The three topics of accountability, integration, and change will be discussed. Issues such as outreach, supervision, liability, and documentation will also be included. **Rachel Pearl, Clackamas County Juvenile Department; and, Sean Scrivner, Clark County Juvenile Court.**

Friday, September 9

Registration & Breakfast: 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Plenary Session: 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Session 4: 10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

A) Oregon Youth Authority and

Community Engagement: Community members can play a central role in protecting public safety, reducing crime, and helping former offenders succeed in the community. Communities of color, business and faith communities, and many others can help former offenders find the rewards of leading productive, crime-free lives. Hear what the Oregon Youth Authority does, and learn how mentoring, counseling, and supporting former offenders in the community can be a satisfying part of that. **Colette Peters, Oregon Youth Authority.**

B) Community Engagement: Defining the Audience, Refining the Message:

The community, the third pillar of restorative justice, is a diverse place. We have discovered that each sub-community with which we interact in our RJ work has different interests and speaks a different language. In this workshop we will enumerate the different communities. Each participant will then have an opportunity to evaluate the importance of each sub-community to their projects, and to explore the best means of communicating with that audience. **Cara Walsh & Fred Perloff, Mediation Works.**

C) Teen Council of Pierce County: This program provides a forum for former youth probationers to assist the juvenile court in its efforts to provide effective supervision and programming that will reduce recidivism. It is an opportunity for youth to engage in their community as positive citizens, to have their voice heard and positively impact the juvenile justice system. **TJ Bohl, Pierce County Juvenile Court.**

D) Gang Affected Youth: A group of diverse coalition of community leaders informally came together to address rising concerns with youth and gang violence in their county. To address those concerns a community task force was formed to bring Clark County agencies and resources together with affected and at-risk families for the purpose of community mobilization. Without any dedicated funds and during a time of economic depression the Task Force has accomplished many significant and effective steps. This workshop will look at this successful community mobilization endeavor. **Erica Nicewonger, Vancouver School District and Kellie Henderson, Clark County Juvenile Court.**

Workgroups: 12:45 - 2:00 p.m.

Facilitated workgroups will work towards presenting ideas, solutions and/or articulating barriers for the topics assigned to them. Spokespersons from each workgroup will contribute in presenting their groups findings in the panel presentations from 2:15 - 3:45 pm. **Participants should register for a workgroup that they have a working knowledge of, or experience in, to contribute in addressing the question or issue posed.**

TRACK 1: RJ in the Schools

A) What are the barriers and challenges for implementation, and what are ways programs have found for overcoming them?

B) How do you measure success?

C) How do you create a sustainable RJ model that complements and supports existing school programs and practices?

TRACK 2: Community Partnerships

D) Which tools, approaches, and skills can we use to overcome existing barriers to successful recruitment of community partners for new or existing programs?

E) Which tools, approaches, and skills can we use to overcome existing barriers in the education and training of community partners for new or existing programs?

F) Which tools, approaches, and skills can we use to overcome existing barriers in the support and retention of community partners?

TRACK 3: How does RJ meet the needs of victims, offenders, and communities?

G) How can RJ meet the needs of crime victims?

H) How can RJ meet the needs of offenders?

I) How can RJ meet the needs of communities?

Panel Presentations: 2:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Using the culmination of the work done in the workgroups, panels will speak to the themes on ideas, solutions, and obstacles articulated in their workgroups. Each panel will have three members, one from each workgroup in the relevant track. There will be time for Q & A. **Participants are welcome to register for whichever track interests them. You do not need to register for the same track as your workgroup.**

A) TRACK 1: RJ in the Schools

B) TRACK 2: Community Partnerships

C) TRACK 3: How does RJ meet the needs of victims, offenders, and communities?

Forum Closing: 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.

Participants will gather for the conclusion of the Seventh Annual NW Justice Forum. A synopsis of the workgroup and panel work will be provided.

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We have a limited number of reduced price rooms for lodging. Please visit <http://nwjusticeforum.com> for the most current lodging information.

Forum organizing members include restorative justice programs from Clackamas, Clallam, Clark, Deschutes, and Multnomah Counties in Oregon and Washington.