

# CONFERENCE *Workshops*

## **12. Community Justice Zone Project: Building Restorative Neighborhoods**

The Community Justice Zone Project is a community-building initiative by Dakota County (MN) Community Corrections to change crime prevention and intervention systems into a fully restorative approach in three targeted communities. The workshop covers the challenges of this approach, what the project has accomplished, and lessons learned that can be applied elsewhere.

## **13. Oregon Juvenile VOM Programs: Creative Variations in Restorative Justice**

This workshop will present findings from a recent in-depth study, sponsored by the Oregon Dispute Resolution Commission, of six Oregon juvenile VOM programs, and highlight creative solutions and practice implications gleaned from across the wide range of settings, program type and auspices of these very different vibrant VOM programs.

## **14. How to Start and Keep Your Victim Offender Program**

This workshop will highlight the key issues and strategies in building a successful program, including types of programs, types of cases, funding and development, training and community education, and networking and expansion.

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## **THURSDAY AFTERNOON 1.5 HOUR WORKSHOP 3:00-4:30 PM**

## **15. The Juvenile Court Response to Victims of Juvenile Offenders - a Comprehensive Approach**

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges recently created a comprehensive training curriculum for juvenile court practitioners on how to respond better to the needs of victims of juvenile offenders. The curriculum includes an examination of victim issues as well as promising practices for increased victim services in Juvenile Courts.

## **16. Conferencing - A blend of Community, Schools, and Systems**

The City of Loveland, Colorado, is experiencing tremendous success using conferencing for juvenile offenders. This workshop will cover essential elements of a conferencing program: cooperation among agencies and systems; use and training of volunteers; case referral points; appropriate cases; and evaluation of effectiveness.

## **17. Transforming the Criminal Justice System - A Romanian Vision**

In the 1950s, Romania, under Soviet rule, adopted a criminal justice system that focused on punishment and secrecy. As Romania now seeks to develop its own model, Romanian restorative justice advocates are working with the penal system and with communities to change the way they deal with offenders, victims, and neighbors. This is an account of a country's effort to reconstruct a national ethos of justice.

## **18. Family Group Conferencing - Early Reflections of a State Wide System Approach**

This workshop will chronicle the development of a collaborative effort to implement a statewide delivery system for the Family Group Conferencing process across Nebraska. Key components include research, collaborations between stakeholders and providers, system design, development of policies, training, and the design and implementation of a comprehensive evaluation tool. This example gives rise to discussion about the successful implementation of any restorative practice on a statewide level.

**PRESENTERS:** Anne McDiarmid is a criminal justice consultant and manager of Program Services for Dakota County Community Corrections, Minnesota, with 30 years of experience in the correctional field. Ann Warner Roberts is a researcher, practitioner and advocate with the Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking at the University of Minnesota, as well as a Restorative Justice specialist with Dakota County Community Corrections, where she facilitates VOM, group conferences, and circles.

**PRESENTER:** Betty Vos, Ph.D., is Senior Research Associate with the Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking at the University of Minnesota, where her research focuses on adult and juvenile VOM. Betty has also taught social work research and practice at Valparaiso University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Utah.

**PRESENTERS:** Mary Ellen Bowen is the Executive Director of a 6-county mediation services program in Tennessee, with 10 years of program and practice experience. Linda Mix is the Executive Director of Mediation Services of Putnam County, Tennessee.

**PRESENTERS:** David Gamble is the Manager of Curriculum and Training for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and is the Project Manager for this curriculum. Milton Carpenter was the Victim Rights Coordinator for the Maricopa County (AZ) Juvenile Probation Department, and is active in the Arizona Coalition for Victims Services, and the National Organization for Victims Assistance.

**PRESENTER:** Leslie Young has been the Program Coordinator for Restorative Justice Conferencing for Loveland, Colorado for 7 years and provides training in conferencing throughout Colorado. She is an instructor at Aims Community College/Police Services for Restorative Justice Principles and a certified mediator.

**PRESENTER:** Andrei Pascu has worked in the Romanian Prison Service for 10 years. After graduating from the French National School of Prison Administration, he initiated the first probation service in Romania. He is now involved in the reform of the Romanian prison system and is preparing to implement Romania's first restorative justice program.

**PRESENTERS:** Lori Burkey, MA, is the Executive Director of the Center for Conflict Resolution, which provides a wide range of Restorative Justice programs. Vicky Weisz, Ph.D., MLS, is the FGC program coordinator at the Center for Children Families and the Law, and initiated FGC in Nebraska. Dawn Swanson, JD, is the Administrator for the Office of Juvenile Services and Co-Administrator for Protection and Safety, with a background in mediation and a special focus on Restorative Justice and Youth Issues.