

CONFERENCE *Workshops*

PRESENTERS: Louise Bauschard, Kim Matic, Patty Holland, Barbara Schultz, Nancy Perry, Denise Martin, and Elaine Compton are all Oregon community members involved with Advocates for Women in Prison.

PANEL MEMBERS: Sheri Gatts, Program Coordinator, Community Adolescent Programs, Madison, WI, Joanne Lescher, Victim Offender Mediation Program Manager, Mediation Works, Medford, OR, Carol Patterson, Impact Can Educate (ICE) Coordinator, Clark County Juvenile Court, Vancouver, WA.

PRESENTERS: Don and Mary Streufert have been involved in restorative justice and violence prevention since the kidnapping, rape and murder of their daughter Carin in June 1991. Since their dialogue with the two offenders they have been exploring issues of forgiveness. Don is currently an Assistant Psychology Professor at the University of Minnesota and is a Licensed Psychologist. Mary has experience in grief and loss education and community organizing around issues of nonviolence. The video "Glimmer of Hope" documents the Streufert's experience with restorative justice.

PRESENTER: James G. Jones, Jr. presently serves as both Executive Director of OASIS Inc. and Project Director of "Victims First," a community-based program which brings crime victims and at-risk youth together to learn from and help each other.

PRESENTER: Mary Ellen Reimund, JD, LL.M, is assistant professor in Law and Justice at Central Washington University-SeaTac Center with research interests in restorative justice. She has 20 years of experience in criminal justice as a former reporter, sheriff's department public information officer and prosecutor, as well as a victim offender mediator.

PRESENTERS: Albert and Harriett Smith are parents of a homicide victim. They are members of Parents of Murdered Children, the National Organizational for Victim Assistance, the Missouri Victim Assistance Network, and are consultants for the Office of Victims of Crime.

19. Healing through the Bars - Transforming the Culture of Punishment
Advocates for Women in Prison (AWIP) is a non-profit agency dedicated to promoting healing and social change in the lives of Oregon's incarcerated women and their children. This workshop will highlight their services for this often invisible population of women, including gender-responsive programs that address the trauma of prior sexual and physical abuse.

20. Innovative Practices in Working with Juvenile Offenders - A Roundtable

This interactive roundtable discussion is designed to inspire and support creative practices in communities for dealing restoratively with juvenile offenders. Highlights of this session include cognitive restructuring and empathy building, making amends and community service. Participants will have an opportunity to share their own practices, questions, and thoughts.

FRIDAY MORNING 3 HOUR WORKSHOP 8:15-11:30 AM

21. A Glimmer of Hope / Forgiveness

How do we face critical issues related to the offender, the injury, the wrong? What is the nature of forgiveness? When is it an option and/or is it an option? What do we do with feelings/emotions toward the offender and toward oneself? What about suffering, meaning and a renewed purpose in life? This workshop will explore the complexities of forgiveness and how it relates to victim offender mediation and dialogue.

FRIDAY MORNING 1.5 HOUR WORKSHOPS 8:15-9:45 AM

22. OASIS (Offender Accountability Synergistic Interactive Service) - A Pilot Restorative Program for Incarcerated Adults.

OASIS is a new program being piloted at the Nebraska State Penitentiary. Facilitators provide workshops to incarcerated offenders on accountability, competency building, empathy, and communication. Via the OASIS website, victims of crimes can request secure information and communication with inmates who have completed the course successfully.

**23. Is Everything We're Saying Here Confidential?
A Discussion on Confidentiality Concerns in VOM**

Most restorative processes make assurances about confidentiality, but what are the limitations of confidentiality? There is a wide variation in confidentiality practices, statutes, and expectations by locality and region, and the new Uniform Mediation Act offers national "guidelines." This workshop will explore all this and give participants a guide for evaluating confidentiality in individual programs.

24. The Impact of Homicide on Survivors

Despite America's fascination with murders and murderers, most of us cannot really imagine the far-reaching impact homicide has on the victim's family and loved ones. Until we do, the justice system, communities, and individuals will fail to meet survivors' needs, and offenders will distance themselves from their actions. This workshop describes in personal terms the impact of homicide on survivors, and makes suggestions for helpful roles and restorative practices.