The Deeper End of the Pond:  
Innovative Practices in Community Justice

March 8-10, 2007  
Baltimore, Maryland

Symposium Program

The Charles Crane  
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Agenda

Thursday, March 8, 2007

2:30-5:30 p.m.  Symposium Registration - Participant Arrival & Check In *(Atrium)*

5:00-6:00 p.m.  Welcome Reception *(Atrium & Cafe)*

6:00-9:00 p.m.  Youth Media Showcase—*Community Justice: Realities & Possibilities* *(Westminster Hall)*

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Friday, March 9, 2007

7:30-8:30 a.m.  Symposium Registration & Continental Breakfast *(Westminster Hall)*

8:30-9:00 a.m.  Welcome & Opening Remarks *(Westminster Hall)*

9:00-9:45 a.m.  Morning Plenary *(Westminster Hall)*  

9:45-10:00 a.m.  Break

10:00-11:30 a.m.  Session I - Community Capacity Building  
1. Interactive Techniques to Promote Mutual Understanding Between Students of Different Backgrounds (Room 302)  
2. A Hospital Based Violence Intervention Project Success Story (Room 202)  
3. Shape Matters—Circles of Community Justice & Community Building (Room 107)  
4. Victims of Crime as Community Justice Participants (Room 108)  
5. No Longer a Traditional Way of Thinking: Looking at the Justice System From a Unique Vantage Point (Ceremonial Court Room)  
6. Mediators at Large: Mediating Criminal Cases in the Community (Krongard Board Room)

11:30-11:45 a.m.  Break

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  Lunch Plenary *(Westminster Hall)*  
*The Honorable Judge Alex Calabrese*, Red Hook Community Justice Center in Brooklyn, NY.

1:00-1:15 p.m.  Break

1:15-2:45 p.m.  Session II - Problem Solving Courts  
1. Juvenile Justice—Alternative Youth Justice Programs That Work (Room 460)  
2. Community Courts—Three Perspectives from Around the Country (Room 108)  
3. Community Prosecution—Lessons for Successful Community Engagement (Room 205)  
4. Deepening the Pond—Spreading Community Justice Practices (Room 107)  
5. Diversion in Maryland—Pre-Arrest & Post-Arrest (Krongard Board Room)  
6. Measuring the Success of Community Justice Initiatives (Room 202)
7. Grass Roots Justice in the Heartland—Advancing the Healing of Conflict and Injustice Through Restorative Justice and Drug Courts (Ceremonial Court Room)

2:45-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00-4:30 p.m. Session III - Community & Government Collaborations
1. Community Policing—A Future Without Law Enforcement? (Room 202)
2. Arkansas Community Corrections (Krongard Board Room)
3. Prison Reentry—State, City & Community Collaboration (Room 107)
4. Public Defenders As Partners in Community Justice—Looking Back as We Look Ahead (Ceremonial Court Room)
5. Putting the “Community” Back in Community Supervision (Room 205)
6. “Maryland Prison Gangs” Coming To A Neighborhood Near You (Room 108)
7. Communities Taking Action to Prevent Sex Abuse of Children (Room 460)

4:30-5:00 p.m. Break

5:00-6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour (Westminster Hall)

6:00-8:00 p.m. Community Justice Banquet (Westminster Hall)
Father Gregory J. Boyle S.J., Jesuit Priest and Founder/Executive Director of Jobs For A Future/ Homeboy Industries.

Saturday, March 10, 2007

8:30-10:00 a.m. Breakfast - Expertise Areas Strategizing Best Practices (Westminster Hall)

10:00-10:15 a.m. Break

10:15-11:45 a.m. Session IV - WOW! Workshops
1. Collaborative Reintegration: Breaking the Cycle of Intergenerational Juvenile Delinquency and Adult Criminality Through the Perspectives of the Ex-Offender’s Reality (Room 108)
3. Incarcerated Men Taking Responsibility for Building Crime Free Community (Room 107)
4. Uncommon Partners in Justice (Room 202)
5. Community and Law Enforcement Working Together to Fight Violent Crime (Room 205)
6. Community Justice Around the Globe (Room 460)
7. Medication & Medicaid Access for Persons with Mental Illness Being Released from Jails and Prison (Room 302)
8. Tribal Justice (Room 307)

11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Break

12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch Plenary (Westminster Hall)
Bronx Community Solutions, an initiative that applies a problem-solving approach by holding offenders accountable while offering them needed services to prevent recidivism.
Keynote Speakers

Friday, March 9, 2007

Dr. Elijah Anderson is the Charles and William L. Day Distinguished Professor of the Social Sciences and Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. An expert on the sociology of black America, he is the author of the classic sociological work, *A Place on the Corner: A Study of Black Street Corner Men* and *The Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City*. He has also written numerous articles on the black experience, including “Of Old Heads and Young Boys: Notes on the Urban Black Experience,” commissioned by the National Research Council’s Committee on the Status of Black Americans, “Sex Codes and Family Life among Inner-City Youth,” and “The Code of the Streets,” which was the cover story in the May 1994 issue of *The Atlantic Monthly*. For his ethnographic study *Streetwise: Race, Class and Change in an Urban Community*, he was honored with the Robert E. Park Award, for the best published book in the area of Urban Sociology, by the American Sociological Association. Professor Anderson has served as Visiting Professor at Swarthmore College, Yale University, and Princeton University. In addition, he has also won the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching at Penn and was named the Robin M. Williams, Jr., Distinguished Lecturer for 1999-2000 by the Eastern Sociological Association.

The Honorable Alex Calabrese is an Acting Supreme Court Justice of the State of New York and the Presiding Judge of the Red Hook Community Justice Center, the most comprehensive community court in the United States. As the only Justice that presides over this court with Criminal, Family and Housing Court jurisdiction, Judge Calabrese is able to administer justice by offering an array of sanctions and services, including education programs, job training, mediation and treatment. This problem-solving approach has received national and international attention, attracting numerous visitors from around the world including high level government officials and Chief Justices. Community courts based on the Red Hook model have opened in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and throughout the United States. Other jurisdictions are considering this new approach to justice. Judge Calabrese and the Red Hook Community Justice Center received the 2006 Problem-Solver Award from the American Bar Association, the first courthouse to receive this prestigious award. Judge Calabrese lectures nationally and internationally on community justice and problem-solving courts. He began his legal career as a Trial Attorney with the New York City Legal Aid Society where he served as a defense attorney in the Criminal Defense Division from 1979 to 1986. From 1986 to 1997 he served as a Principal Law Assistant to the Hon. Leslie Crocker Snyder, where he assisted the court with organized crime, narcotics cases and gang-related homicide cases. In 1997, he was appointed as a judge to the Criminal Court for the City of New York by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, and re-appointed recently by Mayor Bloomberg. Judge Calabrese is an Adjunct Professor at the New York University Graduate School of Social Work, where he teaches a course in Therapeutic Justice. He also co-authored a treatise with Judge Snyder, “Criminal Law and Practice,” which was published by the New York State Bar Association.

Father Gregory J. Boyle, S.J., is a Jesuit priest who is Founder and Executive Director of Jobs For A Future/Homeboy Industries, an employment referral center and economic development program. Started in 1988 for at-risk and gang-involved youth, Jobs For A Future is now a nationally-recognized center that assists 1,000 people a month in re-directing their lives. Through its unique and multi-service approach, Jobs For A Future offers hope to those for whom hope is often foreign. Located in Boyle Heights, a community with arguably the highest concentration of gang activity in Los Angeles, Jobs For A Future provides employment opportunities, counseling, and many other services (including free tattoo removal). “Nothing stops a bullet like a job” is the guiding principle. Economic development enterprises that have been started under the Jobs for a Future umbrella include Homeboy Bakery, Homeboy Silkscreen, Homeboy/Homegirl Merchandise, Homeboy Graffiti Removal, Homeboy Maintenance, and Homeboy Landscaping.
Saturday, March 10

Bronx Community Solutions

Alfred Siegel is the Deputy Director of the Center for Court Innovation. The Center is an independent non-profit organization that serves as the research and development arm of the New York State Unified Court System and provides technical assistance to jurisdictions, both nationally and internationally, considering implementation of community justice and problem-solving court projects. Mr. Siegel oversees the Center’s juvenile justice projects, as well as its planning and fund-raising activities, and has directed the design and implementation of many of the Center’s problem-solving court projects, including the Red Hook and Harlem Community Justice Centers, reentry programs for both adults and juveniles and, one of its newest projects, Bronx Community Solutions, the largest effort at “going to scale” with “problem-solving” by applying the approach to all misdemeanor cases in the Bronx Criminal Court Division. Prior to joining the Center, Mr. Siegel served as the Deputy Commissioner of New York City’s Probation Department for eight and one half years. In that capacity, he directed a staff that annually supervised over 100,000 adult and juvenile probationers. Mr. Siegel has also served as an Inspector General for the City’s Department of Housing Preservation and Development and as an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County. He is a graduate of New York University where he also received a Master’s degree. Mr. Siegel received his law degree from Rutgers University.

Maria Almonte-Weston is currently the Deputy Project Director for Bronx Community Solutions. A licensed master social worker, she oversees and directs the clinical staff within the social service department, providing mandated clients with informational and educational group classes, long term treatment, and voluntary services. Prior to working in the Bronx, Ms. Almonte-Weston worked at the Midtown Community Court, where she provided direct case management and counseling services to mandated and voluntary clients. Ms. Almonte-Weston also collaborated with the NYPD to offer Street Outreach Services to a homeless population living in the west midtown area.

Ruben Austria is the Director of Development at the Urban Youth Alliance, an indigenous, multicultural, cross-denominational urban youth ministry that equips and empowers youth and youth workers to bring the transforming presence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to urban high schools, colleges, and communities. Austria is also the founder and director of the BronxConnect program of the Urban Youth Alliance. Austria has developed BronxConnect into a respected alternative-to-incarceration program with an 83% success rate in keeping young people from re-offending or violating their probation. He has focused his efforts on breaking the cycle of incarceration in both the Bronx and nationwide. A member of the National Community Justice Network for Youth and the New York City Justice 4 Youth Coalition, Austria is an outspoken critic of the prison industrial complex and its effects on poor communities of color. He has also conducted workshops and training sessions with the Mentoring Partnership of New York, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of New York City and other non-profit organizations.

Michael Rooney has been a Staff Attorney with the Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division, in Bronx, NY and New York, NY, since 1999. He represents poor people charged with all crimes, from arraignment through verdict. He has handled thousands of cases and carries a caseload of approximately 100 cases at any time. Prior to joining the Legal Aid Society, Mr. Rooney worked as a Staff Attorney for Pennie & Edmonds, LLP, and Paul, Weiss, Rifkin, Wharton & Garrison, providing litigation support in New York, London, Tokyo and Palo Alto. Mr. Rooney earned his Juris Doctor degree from New York Law School in 1996, where he was a member of the Human Rights Law Journal and the National Lawyers Guild. During law school, he interned with the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Legal Aid Society Community Law Office, and Leonard I. Weinglass, Esq. Mr. Rooney earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from Rutgers University in 1993, where he was a member of the Civic Education and Community Service Program and a resident of the Community Service House.
Interactive Techniques To Promote Mutual Understanding between Students of Different Ethnic, Social and Economic Backgrounds (Room 302)

Presenters: Deborah Schwartz, Principal
Gail R. Smith, Principal
DG Associates, Stevenson, MD

Young people often are not taught the skills that are needed to understand one another. Many of the problems in communities today stem from a lack of communication between diverse cultures and ethnic groups. As this nation becomes increasingly diverse, it is critical to bring together groups of all socio-economic, religious and racial backgrounds, to improve mutual understanding. Our program is geared to help many of the target groups for this symposium—in particular community-based youth organizations, victim-advocacy organizations, and conflict resolution organizations—promote understanding between students of varying socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds. Starting with small groups from each of the different populations, we can identify areas of common interest which can be pursued, and demonstrate that there are many similarities between the groups.

Gail R. Smith is an Arbitrator and Mediator who serves on the Labor Panels of FMCS, AAA, the National Mediation Board, NASD Dispute Resolution and on several permanent arbitration and mediation panels. Ms. Smith was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Baltimore Law School for ten years, and has lectured on mediation and arbitration for various organizations. She received a B.A. with a concentration in Political Science from the Johns Hopkins University and a law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore, Maryland.

Deborah Schwartz was a Minister Counselor in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State. Most recently, she served as the State Department’s Diplomat in Residence, first at the University of Illinois and later at Duke University, giving presentations on various aspects of foreign affairs and encouraging students to consider careers in the Foreign Service. Ms. Schwartz received two Superior Honor Awards and one Meritorious Honor Award from the Department of State, and the Secretary’s Honor Award from the Department of Agriculture. Ms. Schwartz received her B.A. in Latin American Studies and M.B.A. in International Business from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

A Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Project Success Story (Room 202)

Presenters: Dr. Carnell Cooper, Director
Dawn Eslinger, Program Director
University of Maryland-Shock Trauma Center
Violence Prevention Program, Baltimore, MD

In 1998, this team of investigators successfully conducted the largest concurrent case-control study of adult repeat victims of violence, revealing that even though these patients were victims of violence at the time, a significant percentage had been perpetrators of violence in the past. Research also indicated that many of the risk factors identified were amenable to change such as unemployment, current drug use, and past or present drug dealing, among others. The team developed relationships with state, city, and community service organizations that could help us address those risk factors. The team chose to work with recidivists, rather than first-time victims, with the intention of demonstrating the Violence Intervention Project’s (VIP’s) efficacy with the more difficult group. The research from which the VIP was designed won a Governor’s Office Crime Prevention Program Award in 2001.

Dr. Carnell Cooper founded the VIP out of the daily frustrations of being a trauma surgeon and witnessing a “revolving door” phenomenon for victims of intentional violence. He is the Chief of Trauma Services at Prince George’s Hospital Center, an associate professor of surgery at the University of Maryland, the past president of the UM Violence Consortium, a member of the Association of Academic Minority Physicians and an attending trauma surgeon at the R.A. Cowley Shock Trauma Center.
Dawn Eslinger, M.S. has a background in Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine, specializing in emergency Health Services and Injury Prevention and Control. She coordinates all program activities with Dr. Cooper and works closely with the PHAT and MF-MC project coordinators and the program’s clinical director on all aspects of service delivery, and manages all administrative facets of the program, including fiscal oversight, reporting requirements, program development, data management, and program evaluation.

**Shape Matters – Circles of Community Justice & Community Building (Room 107)**

**Presenters:**
- Kay Pranis, Restorative Justice Planner  
  *Minnesota Department of Corrections*
- Lauren Abramson, Executive Director  
  *Community Conferencing Center, Baltimore, MD*

In this session we will discuss several effective community justice models that involve a circle process. All models involve using crime and conflict to build community. The various aspects of why circles are so effective will be elaborated and discussed. This session is for anyone who recognizes that justice is about finding ways to treat each other in the best way possible, including citizens, criminal justice workers, human services workers, educators, community organizers, and others.

**Kay Pranis**, the Restorative Justice Planner for the Minnesota Department of Corrections since 1994, has worked in restorative justice since 1988. She focuses on promoting the use of restorative justice principles in criminal justice system and communities across the U.S. and Canada by providing training and technical assistance to courts, correction systems, schools, and community groups.

**Lauren Abramson** is a psychologist who has worked with children and families in distressed communities for the past 20 years. She is currently Founder and Executive Director of the Community Conferencing Center in Baltimore, Maryland and is Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Johns Hopkins University. She advances conferencing as a means of building social capital and collective efficacy on many levels, and has written numerous articles on the subject.

**Victims of Crime as Community Justice Participants (Room 108)**

**Presenters:**
- Roberta Roper, Founder  
  *Maryland Crime Victims’ Resource Center, Inc., Upper Marlboro, MD*
- Russell Butler, Executive Director  
  *Maryland Crime Victims’ Resource Center, Inc., Upper Marlboro, MD*

On April 3, 1982, Stephanie Roper became an innocent victim of crime in Maryland. A group formed to help Stephanie’s family through the funeral and subsequent criminal trial, the Stephanie Roper Family Assistance Committee. After 20 years of work guided by the cause of victim rights advocacy and Stephanie’s memory, the Maryland Crime Victim’s Resource Center (MCVRC) became a statewide non-profit organization in 2002 that is dedicated to serving the interests of crime victims in Maryland, while maintaining a nationwide reputation for dedicated advocacy and services. Our subject will be: How you can work with victims and victims’ organizations?

**Roberta Roper** is a veteran crime victim advocate who together with her husband, Vince, founded and directed the Stephanie Roper Committee and Foundation, Inc. in 1982 in tribute to their slain daughter, Stephanie. In November 2002, the missions of this statewide, non-profit victim advocacy and service organization were merged into the Maryland Crime Victims’ Resource Center, Inc.

**Russell Butler, JD**, is guided in his work as the Executive Director of the Maryland Crime Victim’s Resource Center, Inc. (MCVRC) by the belief that “one person can make a difference and every person should try.” While practicing law, Butler worked as a lobbyist and an attorney for the Stephanie Roper Committee from 1985 to 2002, when this organization and the MCVRC merged and he was selected Executive Director. In addition to executive responsibilities, Butler continues to work as a lobbyist. Currently, he is the project director for a grant aimed at helping crime victims obtain their legal rights by working with attorneys.
Session I - Community Capacity Building cont’d

No Longer A Traditional Way of Thinking: Looking At The Justice System From A Unique Vantage Point (Ceremonial Court Room)

Presenters: The Honorable Marcella Holland
Baltimore City Circuit Court

The Honorable Patricia Jessamy
Baltimore City State’s Attorney

Patricia Gatling, Chairwoman
Human Rights Commission, New York, NY

Every day the media displays the devastation that crime has inflicted in the community. Addressing this issue has compelled the need to work across multi-agency lines, promoting a way of thinking that includes advocacy, prevention, problem-solving, community engagement, and partnerships. The panel will discuss these issues from their unique vantage points and will also discuss barriers within the justice system. The workshop will give emphasis on the challenges encountered when changing traditional thinking and the move towards encompassing and balancing the needs of victims, offenders, and the community.

The Honorable Marcella A. Holland began her appointment as Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City on November 8, 2003. Prior to her appointment, Judge Holland served as Associate Judge on the Circuit and Judge in Charge of the Domestic Docket. Judge Holland has been involved continuously in judicial committees and projects, and has received numerous awards for her dedication and public service. Upon her admission to the Bar in December 1993, she was sworn in as an Assistant State’s Attorney for Baltimore City and remained for 13 years before her appointment to the bench.

Patricia Coats Jessamy is the first women to serve as Baltimore City State’s Attorney. She began her legal career in Maryland in 1985 as an Assistant State’s Attorney and in 1986 was appointed Chief of the Economic Crimes Division. In 1987, State’s Attorney Stuart Simms appointed Mrs. Jessamy Deputy State’s Attorney for Administration. In 1995, the Circuit Court unanimously appointed Mrs. Jessamy to State’s Attorney when Mr. Simms resigned following his appointment as State Secretary of Juvenile Services. She was elected to her second term in November 1998 and re-elected to her third term in November 2002.

Patricia Lynn Gatling is the Commissioner and Chair of the New York City Commission on Human Rights under Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, in charge of enforcing the Human Rights Law and combating discrimination in New York city. She also works as a senior trainer with John Jay College of Criminal Justice, as part of the U.S. State Department’s International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA), which teaches “human dignity and the law” in newly emerging democratic countries such as Botswana, Thailand, and Budapest. She is formerly the First Assistant District Attorney at the Kings County District Attorney’s Office in Charge of the Major’s Narcotics Investigation Bureau, the community Relations Bureau, Legal Hiring, Inter-Agency training, and Inter-Governmental Affairs.

Mediators At Large: Mediating Criminal Cases in the Community (Krongard Board Room)

Presenters: Rachel Wohl, Executive Director
Lou Gieszl, Deputy Director
Maryland Mediation & Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO)

Caroline Harmon, Executive Director
Al Watson, State’s Attorney Liaison
Community Mediation Program, Baltimore, MD

Come to this engaging session to learn about how community-based mediation services are being used to resolve criminal cases, rebuild relationships, address interpersonal conflict, and promote peaceful conflict resolution in neighborhoods across Baltimore City. Based on the experiences and lessons learned in a highly successful partnership between the Community Mediation Program and the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office, this session features timely information, inspiring stories, and a glimpse into the future of mediation in
Developing effective responses to the pervasive issues of juvenile delinquency and crime have long challenged many jurisdictions not only in the United States but internationally. Currently, there are over 1,200 Youth Courts operating as an alternative justice program for youth offenders ages 11-17 who have committed misdemeanor crimes and offenses. As voluntary, dispositional programs, youth courts emphasize self-accountability and encourage youth to publicly accept responsibility for their acts, while challenging them to improve their decision making skills and strive to positively influence the lives of their peers. This workshop will highlight two examples of youth courts, the Baltimore City Teen Court, which serves a poor underserved urban population and the Charles County Teen Court, which serves a mixed suburban rural population. This
workshop will also examine the Juvenile Reentry Network at the Harlem Community Justice Center in New York, which applies problem-solving court strategies to juvenile delinquency, reentry and housing issues in Upper Manhattan.

Chris Watler is the Deputy Director of National Technical Assistance at the Center for Court Innovation. Mr. Watler hosts visits to the Center for Court Innovation's demonstration projects for prosecutors, court planners and other criminal justice practitioners from around the world. He also provides technical assistance on a wide variety of topics, from community engagement to project planning and implementation. Chris Watler has extensive experience in youth development and has trained over 2,000 young people on topics including conflict management, communication and crisis intervention.

Ellery M. “Rick” Miller, Jr. MA, has directed the agency for over 20 years. He was the 1994 recipient of the American Bar Association’s Isidore Starr Award for Exemplary Achievement in Law Related Education. He was honored as recipient of the Maryland Bar Foundation 2004 Professional Legal Excellence Award for the Advancement of Public Understanding of the Law. Mr. Miller has taught at the secondary, undergraduate and graduate levels and designed and conducted educational programs for people of all backgrounds and levels.

Before becoming the coordinator for the Charles County Teen Court Program, Maryellen Kraese had extensive field experience dealing with high risk youth through her work as a Family Service Coordinator. She has aggressively developed and expanded the Program to the point where it serves as a model for the state. Under her direction the program continues to evolve and has clearly demonstrated its effectiveness to the legal community and the public as exemplified by the Maryland Governor’s Award for an outstanding crime prevention program. Ms. Kraese also serves as the Secretary of the Maryland State Teen Court Association and is a member of the National Association of Youth Courts (NAYC) National Advisory Committee.

Community Courts—Three Perspectives from Around the Country (Room 108)

Presenters: Timothy J. Murray, Executive Director
Pretrial Services Resource Center, Washington, DC

The Honorable E. Curtissa Cofield
Hartford Community Court, Hartford, CT

William Babcock, Community Court Coordinator
Philadelphia Community Court

Rev. Donald L. Isaac, Executive Director
East of River Clergy Police Community Partnership, New York, NY

Community courts attempt to harness the power of the justice system to solve neighborhood problems. These courts usually focus on criminal cases, but more and more are experimenting with environmental, family, housing, and other dockets. This workshop will address questions such as how has this model evolved over the years, why are those planning courts today drawn to the model, what do we know about results of community courts to date, and what advice can be offered to those interested in starting a community court.

Timothy J. Murray has worked as a criminal justice practitioner at the local, state and federal levels. His extensive pretrial services experience includes management and executive positions with the Washington DC and Miami-Dade County’s pretrial services systems. While in Miami he was the principle architect and administrator of the nation’s first Drug Court. He went on to serve with the US Department of Justice as first Director of the Drug Court Program Office.

The Honorable E. Curtissa Cofield is a Superior Court Judge in the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch and is the Presiding Judge of the Hartford Community Court. She was initially appointed to the bench in 1991 as Connecticut’s first African-American female judge by Governor Weicker. Previously, Judge Cofield served as supervising assistant state’s attorney and also served as an assistant corporation counsel assigned to the Hartford Police Department, where she was legal adviser to the chief of police. Judge Cofield is a graduate of Shaw University, Yale Divinity School (Master of Arts in Religion), and the University of Connecticut Law School.
Rev. Donald L. Isaac is the Executive Director of The East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership (ERCPCP); a clergy-led collaboration that was created to address issues associated with at-risk youth and young adults what are currently involved in or at great risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system. Rev. Isaac also serves as the Chairman of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Faith Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Council for Court Excellence and a member of the Washington DC Police Fund and is a Senior Spiritual Advisor to Community Action Group, a residential and transitional program for court-assigned persons requiring drug treatment.

Bill Babcock is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Boston University School of Law and has been certified as a mediator by the Center for Dispute Resolution in Washington, D.C. Since April 1998, he has been the Community Court Coordinator for the Center City District in Philadelphia. He currently serves as the president of the board for both the Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site and the Pennsylvania Prison Society.

Community Prosecution—Lessons for Successful Community Engagement (Room 205)
Presenters: Steven Jansen, Director
National Center for Community Prosecution at the
American Prosecutors Research Institute, Alexandria, VA

Richard Brown, Co-Chair
Black United Front, Portland, OR

Dr. Catherine Coles, Visiting Scholar
Police Institute, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

Jennifer Etheridge, Assistant State’s Attorney
State’s Attorney’s Office for Baltimore City

In the early 1990s prosecutors around the United States began moving out of their offices and into the community. Reaching out to local citizens, prosecutors have been trying innovative methods of crime reduction and, paying attention to the needs of the neighborhood, aggressively using non-traditional tools such as nuisance abatement, drug-free and prostitute-free zones, landlord-tenant law, truancy abatement, and graffiti clean-up to attack crime and improve neighborhood safety. The workshop will address questions such as how has community prosecution evolved over the years, what do we know about results of community prosecution to date, and what advice can be offered to those interested in starting or enhancing a community prosecution initiative.

Steven Jansen is Director of the National Center for Community Prosecution (NCCP) at the American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI) in Alexandria, Virginia. NCCP coordinates training and technical assistance in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice—Bureau of Justice Assistance for community prosecution initiatives around the country. Prior to his position with Macomb County, he spent seven years with the Wayne County Prosecutors’ Office in Detroit, Michigan, where he quickly gained experience as a trial lawyer while assigned to the Circuit Court Trial Division.

Dr. Catherine Coles, who holds a J.D. and M.A./Ph.D. in anthropology, is currently a visiting scholar at the Police Institute, Rutgers University-Newark. Formerly, she was a researcher in the Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management, JFK School of Government, Harvard University, and Project Ethnographer/ Director of Evaluation for the Newark Safer Cities Initiative, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Newark. Dr. Coles is co-author with George Kelling of Fixing Broken Windows; Restoring Order and Reducing Crime in Our Communities (The Free Press, 1996). She also authored case studies of the development of community policing in Savannah, Georgia, and Saint Paul, Minnesota, for the National COPS Evaluation (1998).

Richard Brown is a longtime community activist in Portland, Oregon, and is working with the Multnomah County District Attorney’s office in developing their community prosecution and community court programs. Mr. Brown serves as the co-chair of Portland branch of the Black United Front, a coalition made up of individuals and organizations working together for the benefit of all people of African descent.
Jennifer Etheridge has been an Assistant State’s Attorney for Baltimore City for over 10 years, and is now the Community Prosecution Chief. Prior to becoming Community Prosecution Chief, ASA Etheridge was a trial attorney in the General Felony Trial Division, the Misdemeanor Jury Trial Division, and the Juvenile Division of the State’s Attorney’s Office for Baltimore City. She also served as law clerk to the Honorable Marvin B. Steinberg of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

Deepening the Pond—Spreading Community Justice Practices (Room 107)

Presenters: Kim Ball Norris, Senior Policy Advisor, Adjudications
Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Elizabeth Bartell, Program Manager
Clackamas County Social Services, Oregon City, OR

Ruth Price, Restorative Board Coordinator
Atlanta Community Court, Atlanta, GA

Robert Hood, Chief of Public Safety Division
Seattle City Attorney’s Office, Seattle, WA

In September 2005, the Bureau of Justice Assistance funded ten demonstration projects under its new Community-Based Problem-Solving Criminal Justice Initiative to broaden the scope of problem-solving courts, testing their approach to wider defendant populations, and applying key problem-solving and community justice principles outside of the specialized court context. These projects are striving to expand the reach of community justice practices beyond individual courts to the wider court system. This panel discussion will address questions for those interested in learning more about how to apply problem-solving and community justice principles in their own court systems, such as which problems are these demonstration projects seeking to address, what techniques are they using to include the community in the planning and operation of these projects, how are they linking offenders to social services, and, perhaps most importantly, which strategies are they using to overcome those obstacles.

Originally from Arkansas, Kim Ball Norris entered federal service in 1999. Prior to her current position she served as the Program Coordinator for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program at the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice. Before moving to Washington, DC, she served as a Special Assistant District Attorney in Little Rock, Arkansas, working in district, juvenile and probate court. Mrs. Norris holds a BA in Political Science and Communications from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and a JD from the University of Arkansas School of Law.

Liz Bartell’s responsibilities include management of a large Energy Assistance Program, The Housing Rights and Resources Program of Clackamas County, Ready to Rent, and Information and Referral including a 2-1-1 partnership and the Community Court Project. The Clackamas County Oregon District Attorney’s office has developed a Community Court pilot in the Overland Park neighborhood, which has Clackamas County’s highest crime rates. The Community Court pilot, started in late January 2005, is based on a restorative justice approach and diverts misdemeanant defendants from the traditional criminal justice system.

Ruth Price is the Restorative Board Coordinator at the Atlanta Community Court. Restorative Boards seek to close the gap between the courts and community. Court staff recruit board members from the neighborhood where the board is established, and, after extensive training in the principles of restorative justice and the policies of the board, members are sworn into service by the judge of Community Court. Young and first-time offenders are identified by court staff as appropriate candidates for diversion to the boards. When a defendant appears before the board, together they discuss the nature of the offense and its negative consequences for the victim, community and offender. An agreement is reached on a course of action that the defendant will take to “right the wrong” his/her actions have created. Activities are also identified for the offender to pursue in order to reduce the likelihood that he/she will offend again.

Robert W. Hood is the Chief of the Public & Community Safety Division of the Seattle City Attorney’s Office, a position he has held since August of 1998. He directly manages and has been largely responsible for
developing the office’s community prosecution program, as well as serving as a faculty member for several of American Prosecutor’s Research Institute’s community prosecution conferences and workshops. He is also part of the faculty group of the National Center for Community Prosecution, and serves on the Steering Committee for the Seattle Municipal Court’s Community Court. In that role, he is currently responsible for implementing Seattle’s initiative under the U.S. Department of Justice’s Community Based Problem Solving Initiatives grant program. He also chairs the Steering Committee of the Seattle Justice Information System (SEAJIS), a data integration effort within the law, safety, and justice agencies of Seattle.

Diversion in Maryland—Pre-Arrest and Post-Arrest (Krongard Board Room)
Presenters: The Honorable Charlotte M. Cooksey
Mental Health Court – District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City
Scott Soud
Forensic Alternative Services, Baltimore, MD

The staggering numbers of mentally ill people entering the criminal justice system have prompted federal, state, and local government and agencies to develop intervention strategies to divert people with mental illness from entering or further penetrating the criminal justice system and to link them to appropriate community treatment. The Forensic Alternative Services Team (FAST) is a jail diversion program in Baltimore City staffed by clinicians, who identify seriously mentally ill detainees, develop treatment plans, and screen for admission to the Mental Health Court. The program director will talk about diversion from a large detention center with a daily census of approximately 4,000. After providing general background information about the formation, criteria, and process of the models, the presenters hope to engage the audience in questions, answers, and discussion about establishing diversion programs, necessary staffing and supports, problems and solutions.

The Honorable Charlotte M. Cooksey has served as an Associate Judge in Baltimore City’s District Court of Maryland since 1983. She has also served as a Master in Chancery in the Division of Juvenile Causes in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, as a Staff Attorney for the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. and as a Trial Attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She is Chairperson for the Judicial Ethics Committee and is a member of the Governor’s Task Force on Co-occurring Disorders.

Scott Soud, LCPC has worked in a variety of settings in the past twenty years, including general adult, patients’ rights, and managed care work at Sheppard Pratt Health System, intensive case management as part of Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center’s Creative Alternatives (part of the Baltimore City Capitation Program), and currently works for the Forensic Alternative Services team (FAST), which is intrinsically involved with the Baltimore City Mental Health Court at Hargrove District Court, at its Eastside District Court office. Mr. Soud also works part time for MHM Services conducting assessments in the Baltimore City Central Booking and Intake Facility.

Measuring the Success of Community Justice Initiatives (Room 202)
Presenters: Diana Karafin, Senior Research Associate
Somjen Frazer, Research Associate
Center for Court Innovation, New York, NY

This session will focus on measuring the success of two innovative problem-solving court projects in New York City—Bronx Community Solutions and Red Hook Community Justice Center—providing community members, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, court administrators, and governmental representatives with an understanding of the court models and impacts of these two projects. The presentation will review the results of a survey of 400 defendants who appeared either at the Red Hook Community Justice Center or a traditional centralized court, examining factors determining defendants’ perceptions of fairness. It will also review the results of criminal court outcome data and stakeholder interviews in the Bronx.

Diana Karafin is a senior research associate at the Center for Court Innovation, where she is currently conducting research on alternative sentencing in the Bronx Criminal Division and sexual offender courts in New York State. Before joining the Center, she conducted research out of Princeton University, examining discrimination in the low-wage labor market in New York City, as well as employer perceptions of the pres-
ence of discrimination in the labor market. She has published several papers on housing discrimination and the varying perceptions on neighborhood crime and safety of members of racially and economically distinct neighborhoods. Ms. Karafin graduated from Baylor University with a BA and MA in Sociology, and is currently A.B.D. in Sociology at The Ohio State University. She is currently completing her dissertation, examining spatial patterns of housing discrimination rates and processes.

**Somjen Frazer** is a research associate at the Center for Court Innovation, where she evaluates a peer-to-peer HIV and substance abuse intervention program for teenagers, alternatives to incarceration and other aspects of the community court model. Before joining the Center, she worked on an evaluation of the implementation of hate crimes laws in Britain and on several public health research projects. She is the author of numerous journal articles and conference papers and received her master’s degree from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar and her B.A. from Cornell University as a Presidential Research Scholar.

**Grass Roots Justice in the Heartland: Healing Conflict and Injustice through Restorative Justice and Drug Courts (Ceremonial Court Room)**

*Presenters:*

- The Honorable Janine Geske  
  *Professor & Former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice*  
  *Marquette Law School, Milwaukee, WI*

- The Honorable William Schma  
  *Kalamazoo County Circuit Court, Milwaukee, WI*

- Charita Coleman-Gladdis  
  *Community Advocate*  
  *Kalamazoo, MI*

- Cait Clarke, Consultant  
  *Leadership for Social Justice, Washington, DC*

Innovations in community justice and community lawyering are not just sprouting up on the East and West Coasts. This session, presented by the Center for Law and Renewal based in Kalamazoo, Michigan, will explore innovative practices that have blossomed in America’s heartland. Two areas will be the central focus on this interactive discussion: restorative justice and drug courts. The roots of these two community justice initiatives will be explored through storytelling. Speakers will identify best practices that have successfully transformed individuals and communities in Michigan and Wisconsin through the power of law and justice.

**Justice Janine P. Geske** currently serves as a Distinguished Professor of Law at Marquette University Law School and as an associate adjunct professor in the Marquette University graduate dispute resolution program in Milwaukee. She is the founder of the Marquette University Law School Clinic for the Elderly. She has previously served on the Wisconsin Supreme Court and was a Milwaukee County circuit court judge. Prior to becoming a judge, she served as chief staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee and then as clinical director and assistant professor of law at Marquette University. Justice Geske was recognized by Marquette University as the 1993 Law School Alumnae of the Year and as the 1994 Alumnae of the Year. In 1998, the Wisconsin Newspaper Association selected her as the Newsmaker of the Year and the Milwaukee Press Club honored her by choosing her as the Milwaukee Headliner of the Year.

**The Honorable William G. Schma** received his B.A. from Notre Dame University and his J.D. from the Detroit College of Law. He has been a Kalamazoo Circuit Court Judge since 1987, a presiding judge in the Kalamazoo County Substance Abuse Diversion Program, a founding member of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, and the past president of the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals. Judge Schma has lectured, published articles and law reviews, and made numerous presentations on criminal justice, therapeutic jurisprudence, and problem solving courts. He is the author of “Drug Treatment Courts,” Principles of Addiction Medicine, published by the American Society of Addiction Medicine in 2003; and co-author of a chapter, “Legal Interventions” in Addiction Interventions: Strategies to Motivate Treatment-Seeking Behavior, Haworth Press.
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Community Policing: A Future Without Law Enforcement? (Room 202)

Presenters: Commander Jeffry Adickes
Community Policing Bureau, Austin Police Department

Major Richard Hite, Commander
Community Outreach Division, Baltimore Police Department

Tio Hardiman
The Chicago Project for Violence Prevention

A.J. Bellido de Luna, Community Justice Fellow
University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD

James Green, Esq., Director, Special Projects
Baltimore Police Department

This session will focus on strategies for community policing now and in the future by focusing on programs that worked and did not work. The program will first look at the Austin Police Department’s Community Immersion Program that embraced the community’s views on diversity and “weaved” new officers into the fabric of the community. The program will then shift to strategies taking place in Maryland and the session will end with an open dialogue on what changes need to take place in the future. A focus of the dialogue will be looking at what happens when the police arrive with a new program and then leave for programs somewhere else in the community with a goal of developing strategies on how to maintain and improve programs after law enforcement leaves the area.

Commander Jeffry Adickes is a native of Austin Texas, has attended Texas State University and the University of Texas, and is a graduate of the Austin Police Department’s Westpoint Leadership Academy as well as the 218th session of the FBI National Academy. Commander Adickes has been a police officer in Austin since 1984 and has worked in many areas of the Austin Police Department including Patrol, Investigations, Gang Suppression Unit, Street Response – Narcotics/Vice, and Training. Jeff is currently the Commander of the Community Policing Bureau, Southeast Area Command.

Major Richard Hite is a 29-year veteran who is Police Coordinator for the CD-CP Program (which is the Baltimore Child Development/Community Policing Program). As a member of the Crisis Response Team, he facilitates the collaboration between Johns Hopkins Mental Health clinicians and the Baltimore City Police Department. Major Hite is also a Crisis Responder for N.O.V.A. (National Organization of Victim Assistance), as well as a trainer and facilitator for the National Center for Children and Communities Exposed to Violence.
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Tio Hardiman works with The Chicago Project for Violence Prevention and Dr. Gary Slutkin, a world-renowned epidemiologist working to reduce the homicide rate in Chicago, and assists The Chicago Alliance for Neighborhood Safety, where he organized over 50 block clubs and facilitated problem solving sessions for crime ridden communities. Through his work with numerous state officials as well as governmental agencies, he has received various awards for his outstanding dedication to help Chicago reduce crime.

A.J. Bellido de Luna is a 20 year police veteran, lawyer and former Marine. He received a B.S. in Management from The Johns Hopkins University and a J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law. Currently holding the rank of Lieutenant, he is an Operations Commander with the Howard County Department of Police in Maryland. A.J. is also the Community Justice Fellow for the Clinical Law Program at the University of Maryland, a Senior Law and Policy Analyst at the Center for Health and Homeland Security, and is an associate with the Law Offices of Donaldson & Gilman.

In his current position, James Green works on policy development, operational issues and training, and represents the Department to criminal and juvenile justice agencies. Prior to his appointment to the Baltimore Police Department, Mr. Green was an Assistant State’s Attorney in Baltimore City where he served as a trial prosecutor. In 2000, he was appointed a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maryland and served as the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) prosecutor. Mr. Green began his professional career clerking for the Honorable Elsbeth Bothe in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

Arkansas Community Corrections (Krongard Board Room)

Presenters: Veter T. Howard, Chief Deputy Director
Arkansas Department of Community Correction

Steve Arnold, Assistant Director for Probation and Parole Services
Arkansas Department of Community Correction

Kathy Brown, Supervisor and Warden
Omega Technical Violator Center, Arkansas Department of Community Correction

The panel will present the creation and history of community corrections in Arkansas, describing the comprehensive approach to allocating correctional resources; provide a description of adult probation and parole services including client services, with emphasis on drug courts; provide information on the unique component for technical violators, and describe the therapeutic community concept utilized in the community-based correctional centers in Arkansas.

Veter T. Howard is Chief Deputy Director of the Arkansas Department of Community Correction (DCC). Ms. Howard holds a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with post graduate study in Public Administration. During the past 36 years, Howard worked in a variety of progressive capacities at varying levels of government (state, city and federal) recruiting, conducting labor program analysis, information systems design and management, instructing, with over 25 years designing, overseeing, and managing adult correctional programs.

Steve Arnold is the Assistant Director for Probation/Parole Services with the Arkansas Department of Community Correction. Steve spent over 22 years with U.S. Air Force, working as a Security Policeman and Investigator with the Office of Special Investigations. He has been with Arkansas Corrections and Community Corrections since 1992, starting as an entry-level correctional officer, moving through the ranks to the Warden-level, and finally to his present position. He has been instrumental to the implementation of several new and innovative programs in the department, namely: Modified Therapeutic Communities in the residential centers, drug courts, sex offender programs, and American Correctional Association accreditation in the field.
Kathy Brown is the Center Supervisor/Warden of the Omega Technical Violator Center for parolees with the Arkansas Department of Community Correction. Kathy is a Certified Clinical Supervisor, an Advanced Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor, a Domestic Violence Counselor, and a Gambling Addictions Counselor. After many years in the private sector, she entered the Community Corrections institutional arena as a counselor, then worked her way through the ranks as a Treatment Coordinator, and finally to her present position as a Center Supervisor/Warden. Kathy has been instrumental in establishing the Modified Therapeutic Community model in the residential centers, as well as development and management of a grant-funded dual-diagnosis unit within one of the facilities.

Prison Reentry: State, City, & Community Collaboration (Room 107)

Presenters: Félix Mata, Project Director
Baltimore City’s Ex-offender Initiative

Tomasina Hiers, Executive Assistant to the Department Secretary
Maryland Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services

Rada Moss, Director
Re-Entry Partnership, Baltimore, MD

Prisoner reentry is a vital tool in increasing public safety, strengthening economic development, and stabilizing the family structure in the community. Many are overwhelmed at the barriers and challenges when reentering the community. In addition to criminal background, each additional barrier increases that resident’s chances of being reincarcerated. Examples of such include low education, homelessness, health problems, and others. The session will engage attendees in regards to evidence-based practices incorporated in the state of Maryland, the City of Baltimore, and Catholic Charities’ Re-Entry Partnership (REP) on prisoner reentry strategies, and show how a comprehensive approach—both inside and outside—tackles these challenges and how the struggle for resources, partners, and information continues today.

Félix Mata is the Project Director for Baltimore City’s Ex-offender Initiative under the Mayor’s Office of Employment Development (MOED). He manages and develops activities to assist individuals with criminal backgrounds eliminate the barriers that will better help Maryland residents successfully re-enter its communities. Mr. Mata additionally serves as the Executive Director for the Governor’s Advisory Council on Offender Employment Coordination. This council serves the state of Maryland in determining reentry pathways and policies for the formerly incarcerated into various professions.

Thomasina (Tomi) Hiers is the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary for Operations at the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Ms. Hiers leads the comprehensive re-entry effort on behalf of individuals incarcerated in the adult state prison system. Prior to that, Ms. Hiers served as the Director of the Maryland Re-Entry Partnership (REP) Initiative at the Enterprise Foundation. REP is a collaborative effort that provided a seamless network of services to transition offenders back to their communities.

Rada Moss works with Associated Catholic Charities in Baltimore, Maryland as the Director of the Maryland Re-entry Partnership (REP), which is a public and private partnership intended to support and connect ex-offenders with community resources. In this role, Rada manages a comprehensive and intensive partnership of public organizations, community based organizations and service providers to provide effective and seamless re-entry efforts to the ex-offender population in Baltimore.
Public Defenders as Partners in Community Justice – Innovation or Reincarnation?
Looking Back as We Look Ahead (Ceremonial Court Room)

Presenters: The Honorable Nancy Forster, Maryland Public Defender
Office of the Public Defender

Mae C. Quinn, Associate Professor of Law
University of Tennessee College of Law -- Legal Clinic

Natalie Finegar, Chief Attorney
Office of the Public Defender for Baltimore City

During the first half of the last century, court reformers grappled with some of the same issues facing today’s problem-solving court supporters. This workshop will share discoveries from the past and compare it to today’s Problem-Solving Court Movement. We will take a closer look at what is happening in Maryland, specifically with a new division of the Baltimore Office of the Public Defender in Northwest Baltimore called Neighborhood Defenders. Holistic criminal defense services are provided to our clients that includes zealous advocacy in the courtroom and additional support in the community.

The Honorable Nancy Forster graduated from The University of Baltimore School of Law and was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1985. She began her career as a Law Clerk in the Appellate Division of the Office of the Public Defender and moved on to become an Assistant Public Defender, Supervisor and then Chief of that Division. In October, 2001 she was appointed Deputy Public Defender of the Office of the Public Defender. Today, Ms. Forster is the Public Defender for the State of Maryland and has argued cases in the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, Court of Appeals, U. S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals and the U. S. Supreme Court. She is the former President of the Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys’ Association and is the recipient of the Maryland Bar Foundation’s 2006 Excellence in Law Award as well as The Daily Record’s 2006 Top Leadership in Law Award.

Mae C. Quinn is an Associate Professor at the University of Tennessee College of Law, where she teaches in the Advocacy Clinic and a seminar on Problem Solving Courts. Before joining UT, she practiced for six years as a New York City public defender, was an associate with a prominent white-collar criminal defense law firm, and helped oversee a project relating to the implications of problem-solving courts for The Center for Court Innovation in New York. Her current research focuses on legal and ethical issues facing criminal defense lawyers and the modern problem-solving court movement.

In her capacity as both a trial attorney and as a supervisor in the Central Booking Facility, Natalie Finegar has sought to zealously advocate for her individual clients as well as promote improvement in conditions of confinement in local jail facilities. She served as lead counsel on the Richard Rodney et. al v. Mitchell Franks, et. al case, a class action suit brought by the Office of the Public Defender to challenge unnecessary delays in court commissioner’s hearings for incarcerated individuals. She currently directs the Neighborhood Defenders-Northwest, an initiative designed to further promote ties to the community and provide holistic criminal defense representation to Office of the Public Defender clients.

Putting the “Community” Back in Community Supervision (Room 205)

Presenters: Judith Sachwald, Director
Maryland Division of Parole & Probation

Dian Brooks, Deputy Director for Administrative Services
Maryland Division of Parole & Probation

Ernest Eley, Proactive Community Supervision Coordinator
Maryland Division of Parole & Probation

This session will explore the collaboration component of the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation’s
innovative evidence-based practice supervision strategy, “Proactive Community Supervision.” Community supervision should mean that parole and probation employees engage all available community resources (community residents, local law enforcement agencies, treatment providers, job training opportunities, etc.) in the performance of their supervision duties. The Division of Parole and Probation actively pursues the development of formalized relationships with a number of community partners in government, private industry, education, non-profit organizations and the faith community.

As Director of the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation, Judith Sachwald oversees a community corrections agency that encompasses 48 offices statewide, with over 1,300 employees who are involved in the supervision of 66,000 probationers, parolees, and mandatory supervision releasees. Ms. Sachwald serves as the chairwoman for the Executive Board of the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA and is on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Crime Victims’ Resource Center. Ms. Sachwald also served as an Executive Assistant to former Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer.

Ernest Eley, Jr. leads the reinvention of the Division of Parole and Probation, as the Proactive Community Supervision Coordinator. In October of 2004, he was appointed by Governor Robert Ehrlich and approved by the Maryland Senate to a 4-year term on the Health and Human Services Access Board. Ernest is the past President of the Maryland Association of Parole and Probation Agents (MAPPA).

Dian Brooks serves as the Deputy Director for Administrative Services, overseeing personnel and budget matters. She was employed as the Director of Jericho Re-entry Project at Episcopal Community Services of Maryland. Dian has an extensive background in Strategic planning, organizational development and change management.

“Maryland Prison Gangs” Coming To a Neighborhood Near You (Room 108)

Presenters: Captain Lennard Johnson, Intelligence Coordinating Unit  
Captain Phillip Smith, Intelligence Coordinating Unit  
Maryland Division of Correction

The State of Maryland Division of Correction (DOC) is an incredible source of gang and criminal intelligence for the criminal justice system and the community. This presentation is designed to demonstrate that the DOC recognizes that gangs do exist and are active within the prison system, and that the DOC classifies gangs as Security Threat Groups. The presentation will show how groups and group members are identified and validated. Attendees will learn and discuss current identifiers and trends for these groups, the “gang mentality” crimes committed by the groups, and the top six groups in Maryland.

Captain Lennard Johnson, an Assistant Director of the Maryland DOC Intelligence Coordinating Unit, began his career with the Maryland DOC in 1988. He is proficient in the identification of gangs, gang members, and current trends within the Maryland DOC. A certified Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission instructor, he conducts gang awareness presentations throughout the State and is a recipient of the Governors Citation for “Gang Awareness Training.”

Captain Phil Smith is an Intelligence Supervisor and a Gulf War Veteran assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division. His is also a member of the Tactical Team and the Special Response Team. A certified Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission Instructor, he conducts “Gang Awareness Training” throughout the state and is a recipient of the Governors Citation for “Gang Awareness Training.”

Communities Taking Action to Prevent the Sexual Abuse of Children (Room 460)

Presenters: Deborah Donovan Rice, Director – Public Policy  
Stop It Now!, Northampton, MA  
Sally Thigpen, Statewide Coordinator  
Stop It Now!, Atlanta, GA

Stop It Now! has forged creative collaborations with community-based organizations in the U.S., Australia, the United Kingdom and Ireland to prevent the sexual abuse of children. Through these collaborations the impact of prevention messages and services are greatly increased. The Stop It Now! model includes building
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A coalition of key stakeholders (e.g., law enforcement, victim advocates, sex offender treatment providers, social service agencies), developing and implementing a media campaign, and carrying out a community education and action campaign all tailored to the needs of the local community. The varied activities of sites in their communities and the key resources necessary to getting Stop It Now! programming underway and sustained will be presented.

Deborah Donovan Rice is the Director of Public Policy for Stop It Now! where she conducts legislative advocacy efforts, participates in national policy-making forums and builds collaborations with other national organizations. Her prior work includes program development, management, and implementation on a national and state-wide basis. Deborah holds a Master’s degree in Dance/Movement Therapy from Antioch/New England Graduate School and is a member of the National Coalition for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation, the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers and Association for Sexual Abuse Prevention.

Sally Thigpen manages the Collaborative Efforts to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse project through a cooperative agreement with the CDC. Ms. Thigpen received a B.A. in Sociology and Anthropology from Agnes Scott College and a Master of Public Administration / Nonprofit Management from Georgia State University, and is a member of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, GATSA Public Policy Committee and GNESA Child Advocacy Committee.

Session IV: WOW! Workshops

Collaborative Reintegration: Breaking the Cycle of Intergenerational Juvenile Delinquency & Adult Criminality Through the Perspectives of the Ex-offender’s Reality

(Room 108)

Presenters: A. Scott Washington, Executive Director
Craig Powell, Executive Coordinator
Workplace ReConnections, Inc., Fairborn, OH

Brother Ellsworth Johnson-Bey, Founder/President
Tara Andrews, Civil Rights Attorney
Fraternal Order of Ex-Offenders, Baltimore, MD

Workplace ReConnections, Inc., The ARIA Group, Inc., and their partner the Crime and Justice Institute have developed and implemented the Collaborative Reintegration Initiative (CRI) to reduce criminal recidivism in Montgomery County, Ohio by creating a model for the successful reentry of formerly incarcerated persons. The Fraternal Order of Ex-Offenders, a Baltimore based organization, will discuss the dynamics of the social-cultural disintegration and how to target education to all concerned stakeholders regarding the psychology and sociology of criminality.

A. Scott Washington joined the Crips Street Gang at age 13, and spent the next 12 years committed to the streets. He was arrested 19 times, convicted of multiple felony offenses, and has served time behind bars. On April 15, 1990, he began the rehabilitation process. Today he is a loving husband and father, a staff attorney in a felony court, and a mentor/role model for urban youth. The focus of his community work is the reentry of formerly incarcerated persons to their families and communities. He is on the Board of Directors of the Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADAOP). Mr. Washington is on the Board of Contributing Writers for the Dayton Daily News.

Craig Powell has focused exclusively on the issues related to ex-offender re-entry for over five years. He founded and currently serves as the Chief Executive of PowerNet of Dayton, which provides advocacy, education, community organizing, strategic planning and research services to the local community. He has also worked in New York City, where he provided technical assistance to community based organizations on behalf of the New York State Department of Health, and founded a remodeling and construction company.
which utilized the talent and skills of ex-offenders. In September 2006, Mr. Powell was invited by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to be among a team of national experts to discuss the barriers, resources and strategies of re-entry.

Ellsworth Johnson-Bey has participated in numerous national and local forums and workshops on re-entry, crime prevention, and youth violence prevention. He has a B.A. in criminal justice from the University of Baltimore and an associate’s degree in pre-law from Baltimore City Community College. Brother Bey has partnered with the Mayor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families, and the Prisoners Aid Association, and has facilitated training with Mayor’s Office of Employment Development, the Enterprise Foundation’s Maryland Re-Entry Program, Safe and Sound Operation Safe Neighborhoods Initiatives, and others. He is a recipient of the Baltimore City Council Resolution Award, the Maryland State Delegate Resolution Award and B-More New’s Baltimore Community Grassroots Activist Award of the Year.

Tara Andrews, Esq., is a civil rights lawyer and justice advocate who has worked locally and nationally to promote fair and effective responses to crime, committing her career to finding practical yet courageous solutions to poverty and crime. She served as the Director of Justice Maryland, a statewide coalition that seeks to bring about a fair system of criminal justice in Maryland. Prior to joining Justice Maryland, Ms. Andrews prosecuted class action civil rights cases with the Public Justice Center and served as Chair of the Maryland Juvenile Justice Coalition. Ms. Andrews is an adjunct professor at Coppin State University and a graduate of the University of Maryland Law School.

Micro-Enterprise Development: Battling Poverty Through Self-Employment (Room 402)

Presenter: Susan R. Jones, Professor and Director, Small Business Clinic
George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC

The workshop will address micro-enterprise and seek to offer guidance to lawyers who volunteer to represent micro entrepreneurs and micro enterprise development organizations that facilitate the development of these small businesses. The aspects covered in this workshop will include how lawyers can get involved in micro-enterprise, guidelines on legal formation issues and business issues for micro businesses, setting up micro-enterprise programs, information on organizations that support micro-enterprise, and assistance provided by federal agencies.

Professor Susan Jones is the supervising attorney of the Small Business Clinic. Before joining the Law School faculty in 1988, she was a private civil and administrative law practitioner. She has held teaching positions at City University of New York Law School at Queens College, where she taught lawyering skills and clinical simulations from 1985 to 1986, and as the 2004 Haywood Burns Visiting Chair in Civil Rights where she taught courses on community economic development and economic justice. Professor Jones is the former senior editor and editor-in-chief of the ABA’s Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law, and has written extensively about microenterprise and community economic development. Her research interests include the legal aspects of entrepreneurship, economic development, nonprofit organizations, and the arts.

Incarcerated Men Taking Responsibility for Building Crime-Free Communities (Room 107)

Presenters: M. Kay Harris, Associate Professor, Department of Criminal Justice
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
John Phillips, Director, Alternative Disciplinary Program
Public Safety Initiative of L.I.F.E.R.S., Inc., SCI-Graterford, PA

This session will highlight the community components of a movement to end crime and violence that was initiated by life-sentenced prisoners at a maximum security prison in Pennsylvania. The L.I.F.E.R.S., Inc. Public Safety Initiative of SCI-Graterford involves transformed prisoners and their community partners spearheading a series of initiatives aimed at achieving the changes necessary at the individual, community, and policy levels to build crime-free neighborhoods. The workshop will provide background and an overview of the Public Safety Initiative (PSI), and will provide a dynamic introduction to the Alternative Disciplinary Program and other prevention and early intervention efforts aimed at turning youth away from involvement in street crime.
M. Kay Harris is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University. She frequently organizes interactive workshops involving college students and people under correctional supervision in prisons, jails and community settings, and has a long track record of critical commentary, policy-oriented research, and facilitation in areas including restorative, community and transformative justice.

John Phillips is a leader in the community with a passion for social change. He is a spokesperson for the Public Safety Initiative of SCI-Graterford and directs the Alternative Disciplinary Program at Frankford High School in Philadelphia. He is in demand as a guest lecturer and facilitator on transforming the culture of crime, cognitive transformation, enhancing communication skills and decision-making techniques. He was a member of the Steering Committee of the Restorative Justice Initiative and of People Against Recidivism at SCI-Graterford.

Uncommon Partners in Justice (Room 202)
Presenters: Kit Murphy McNally, Executive Director
Benedict Center, Milwaukee, WI
Carolina Soza, Manager
South Side Community Justice Center, Milwaukee, WI

Bottom up change is possible. The people of Milwaukee proved it by initiating a Community Justice Day Reporting Center – one of the few alternatives to incarceration in Milwaukee. Now they’re proving it with the South Side Community Justice Center. It is the people of Milwaukee’s south side – Latino, Asian American, African American, American Indian, formerly incarcerated, victims, youth, elders – who have reached out to draw in the police, prosecutors, probation and parole agents, among others, to join hearts and minds for the common good. The result is a continually evolving community justice center serving the city’s most diverse populations, and a request from government for a similar initiative by the people in near north side neighborhoods.

Kit Murphy McNally is Executive Director of the Benedict Center, an activist, interfaith nonprofit criminal justice agency in Milwaukee, WI. She has been with the Center for 19 years, originally heading up the Advocacy Program which monitors and advocates for safe, humane conditions of detention in local jails and prison, and works through citizen action to initiate alternatives to incarceration and systemic reform. She serves on the Board of the International Community Corrections Association and the National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists and on the Advisory Board to the American Association of Community Justice Professionals.

Carolina Soza is a native of Chile where she earned degrees in theatre and social work. Political theatre of the oppressed is a particular passion of Soza’s. In Milwaukee she worked with the Christian Center providing social services to Hmong and Latino residents who were struggling with culture clashes, language barriers, poverty, and conflicts with the law on Milwaukee’s south side. She joined the organizing for a community justice center, joined the Benedict Center as a Justice Advocate, left to head up a Latino Theatre Program for the United Community Center, then rejoined the Benedict Center as Manager of the South Side Community Justice Center. She has emerged as a leader of the people from the people.

Community and Law Enforcement Working Together to Fight Violent Crime (Room 205)
Presenters: Jeffrey T. Wennar, Gang Prosecutor
Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office, Rockville, MD
Steven Jansen, Director
National Center for Community Prosecution at the American Prosecutors Research Institute Alexandria, VA

The United States Department of Justice estimates that there are approximately 30,000 gangs with 800,000 members in this country. As gang members migrate across our nation in search of new territory or trafficking
routes, they bring with them drugs, weapons, and crime, conjuring fear and violence within our urban and rural neighborhoods. Facing this emerging challenge, local prosecutors and law enforcement must address the conditions that make communities susceptible to violent crime. This workshop will explore the community prosecution philosophy of empowering prosecutors’ offices to forge partnerships with the community, law enforcement, private and public organizations to prevent crime, implement problem-solving initiatives, and make communities safer.

Jeffrey T. Wennar began his legal career as an Assistant State’s Attorney in Prince George’s County, Maryland. Mr. Wennar joined the Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office in August 2001 as the Gang Prosecutor. Mr. Wennar brought an expertise on gangs, and especially gangs in Maryland, to this position. In 1993 Governor Schaefer appointed Mr. Wennar to the Governor’s Executive Advisory Council requesting him to study gangs in Maryland. As a result of that study, the Governor was presented with, “A Report on Gang Violence in Maryland,” written by Mr. Wennar and other members of the study group. Mr. Wennar is currently an Adjunct Professor at American University. He has been an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland University College and at Montgomery College.

Steven Jansen is Director of the National Center for Community Prosecution (NCCP) at the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) in Alexandria, Virginia. NCCP coordinates training and technical assistance in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice—Bureau of Justice Assistance for community prosecution initiatives and crime prevention around the country. Mr. Jansen comes to NDAA from the Macomb County Prosecutors’ Office in Michigan. Prior to his position with Macomb County, he spent seven years with the Wayne County Prosecutors’ Office in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Jansen is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), where he serves on IACP’s Crime Prevention and Firearm Committees. He is also a key advisor to IACP’s Great Lakes States Committee on Gun Violence.

Community Justice Around the Globe (Room 460)
Presenter: Julius Lang, Director of Technical Assistance
Center for Court Innovation, New York, NY
Sheryl Goldstein, Criminal Justice Coordinator
City of Baltimore, Maryland

Across the globe, many criminal justice practitioners are grappling with similar problems, including increases in low-level crime, an overwhelmed criminal justice system, and lack of public confidence in justice. It is these factors that have led policymakers in jurisdictions from Portland to Pretoria to create community courts and community prosecution programs. While traditional models of justice around the world vary, often in fundamental ways (compare, for example, the adversarial courtroom in America versus the inquisitorial system used commonly abroad) experiments in community justice are remarkably similar. This session will highlight best practices from jurisdictions around the world and is intended to spark greater communication between American and international community justice practitioners.

Julius Lang oversees the Center for Court Innovation’s many consulting services – including workshops, site visits and in-person consulting – for jurisdictions around the nation. He frequently speaks on behalf of the Center at conferences and workshops on a wide-range of topics, including community prosecution, problem-solving courts, and public-private partnerships. Previously, Mr. Lang served for five years as the Coordinator of the Midtown Community Court – the Center’s first demonstration project – in Manhattan’s Times Square neighborhood. As the Midtown Court’s coordinator, Mr. Lang worked with the New York Police Department to launch Street Outreach Services, a joint homeless outreach program, and initiated Times Square Ink, the Court’s job-training program for low-level ex-offenders.

Sheryl Goldstein was recently appointed by Mayor Sheila Dixon to work with the City of Baltimore on its criminal justice programs. Prior to her appointment, she provided technical assistance to support criminal justice agencies, governments, NGOs and community groups around the world that are working to reform their local justice systems for the Center for Court Innovation. Ms. Goldstein joined the Center in 1998, after practicing law as a criminal trial lawyer. In 2000, she took a leave of absence to create an independent NGO support center for local defense attorneys in Kosovo, as well as assist local lawyers in preparing and trying cases involving serious crimes and provide legal training to judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys. Upon her return to the United States, Ms. Goldstein spent three years performing legal policy and community advocacy work in Baltimore, Maryland. She has also been called upon to review model codes for developing legal
systems.

Medication and Medicaid Access for Persons with Mental Illness Being Released from Jails and Prisons (Room 302)

Presenter: C. Terrence McCormick, Mental Health and Criminal Justice Consultant

Successful transition from incarceration to the community involves more than just release planning inside the correctional facilities. Access to psychiatric medication and Medicaid immediately after release from incarceration are critical elements of successful re-entry. Without access to medication, the consumer increases the probability of psychiatric destabilization and the risk of re-incarceration. Created in New York and implemented in 2001, The Medication Grant Program (MGP) provides Medicaid applications prior to release from incarceration as well as assurance of post release medications via a managed care network of 3,700 pharmacies. This program is in place in over two thirds of the county jails in New York State and in New York City and is resulting in over 70% of program participants receiving Medicaid eligibility.

Formerly the Director of the Community Forensic Services unit of the New York State Office of Mental Health, C. Terence McCormick now provides consultation services to federal, state and local mental health and criminal justice agencies. While working in New York Mr. McCormick participated in the design and implementation of a diversion and discharge planning systems for persons with serious mental illness being released from both jail and state prison. Since leaving public employment Mr. McCormick has assisted the Council of State Governments (CSG) on the issues of mental health courts and federal entitlements.

Tribal Justice (Room 307)

Presenters: The Honorable John P. Smith  
Chief Judge, Ninth Judicial District, Nevis, MN

Preeti Puri Menon  
US Department of Justice- Bureau of Justice Assistance, Washington, DC

This workshop demonstrates a unique partnership between state and tribal courts in Minnesota. We will discuss how to weave the fabric of jurisdictional diversity to better serve the public.

The Honorable John P. Smith was appointed to the Cass County District Court by Governor Ann Carlson in 1991, and currently serves Vice Chair to the Minnesota Judicial Council. Judge Smith is a member of the Minnesota Court Transformation Workgroup, the Minnesota Court Technology Planning Committee, and the Ninth Judicial District Caseflow Management Committee. Currently studying for his Ph.D. in Judicial Studies at National Judicial College, he also serves as an Executive Board Member for the Central Minnesota Council, and is a Hubbard County Master Gardener. Judge Smith has received numerous awards for his judicial and community service, including the Minnesota District Judges Association Community Service Award and the Northwest Minnesota Foundation Outstanding Leadership Award.

Preeti Puri Menon is a Policy Advisor for Adjudication at the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Her primary role is to oversee court management projects and initiatives which include information sharing, pre-trial, problem-solving courts, community justice and community prosecution, re-entry, and pandemics. Prior to BJA, she was a Social Science Program Specialist at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), working with the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program, Tribal Youth Program and national evaluations for the two programs along with several federal earmark grants. She has co-authored and provided writing and editing support for analytical papers on criminal justice case management and integration.
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If you throw a pebble into the deeper end of the pond, you create ripples that will reach distant shores.
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