



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES

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<i>Opening & Welcome</i>	Mario T. Gaboury, J.D., Ph.D. Dean, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice & Forensic Sciences Emily Tow Jackson The Tow Foundation
<i>Keynote</i>	The Honorable Andrew Becroft Christine Rurawhe-Gush New Zealand
<i>Discussion</i>	The Honorable Bernadette Conway Judicial Branch, State of Connecticut
<i>Reflection</i>	Donna Decker Morris, J.D. Henry C. Lee College, Legal Studies
<i>Presentations</i>	Jeffrey Vanderploeg, Ph.D. Child Health and Development Institute
Antonia Thompson, J.D. Stamford Youth Services Bureau	Elizabeth Murphy, J.D. RYASAP Community Mediation
Gemma Joseph Lumpkin, MBA New Haven Public Schools	Kyisha Velazquez New Haven Family Alliance
<i>Discussion & Call to Action</i>	Kitty Tyrol Tow Youth Justice Institute
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	William H. Carbone Tow Youth Justice Institute

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

The Honorable Andrew Becroft

After graduating with a BA/LLB (Hons) from Auckland University, and then working as a criminal defense lawyer, His Honor was appointed as a District Court Judge in 1996, to Whanganui in the North Island of New Zealand. He was designated as the Principal Youth Court Judge for New Zealand in 2001 and is a strong advocate of youth justice. He is a current editor of LexisNexis Transport Law, is the Patron of the New Zealand Speak Easy Association Inc., which assists those with various forms of speech impediment and is the Chairperson of the Board of the Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship (NZ) Inc.

Christina Rurawhe-Gush

Chris, who is a Family Group Conference (FGC) Senior Advisor with Child Youth and Family, currently works at the Child Youth and Family, Ministry of Social Development in New Zealand. Chris is a registered Social Worker with the New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board and has 14 years of experience convening and holding FGC's as Youth Justice Coordinator.

The Honorable Bernadette Conway

The Honorable Bernadette Conway was appointed a judge of the superior court in 1999. Judge Conway has been assigned to criminal, juvenile and family court in Hartford and New Haven and intermittently served as the presiding judge for New Haven Juvenile Court and New Haven Family Court. In September of 2013, Judge Conway was appointed the Chief Administrative Judge for Juvenile Matters in Connecticut.

Donna Decker Morris, J.D.

Professor Morris is Director of the Legal Studies Program at UNH and teaches law, law & policy, dispute resolution, and restorative justice courses. Her research interests focus on alternative forms of dispute resolution and restorative justice and their impact on participants and the justice system. She is co-principal investigator on a COPS grant project to implement and evaluate the impact of police referrals of cases to community mediation and is working on a restorative justice undergraduate textbook for Sage Publishers.

Jeffrey Vanderploeg, Ph.D.

Jeff Vanderploeg is Vice President for Mental Health initiatives at CHDI and Assistant Clinical Professor in Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine and the University of Connecticut Health Center School of Medicine. He designed the SBDI program to reduce juvenile justice involvement among youth with emotional and behavior health challenges and also helps train Restorative Justice practices.

Antonia S. Thompson, J.D.

Antonia Thompson works for the Stamford Mayor's Youth Service Bureau. She has also taught on both the collegiate and graduate level regarding the juvenile justice system. Antonia is the Project Coordinator for the Restorative Justice Project (RJP). In addition to coordinating the RJP, Antonia conducts community and school workshops addressing bullying, the juvenile court process, and special education and serves on the board of directors for the Center for Children's Advocacy.

Elizabeth Murphy, J.D.

Elizabeth is the coordinator of the Regional Youth Adult Social Action Partnership's mediation activities in schools, juvenile courts, juvenile review boards, and youth initiatives. She and her team train school staff and students, helping schools to design effective and long-lasting mediation programs, as well as conducting challenging mediations.

Gemma Joseph Lumpkin, MBA

Gemma Joseph Lumpkin is currently the Executive Manager for District Strategy and Coordination in the Office of the Superintendent at New Haven Public Schools. She focuses on strengthening district-wide efforts to engage disengaged youth including the refocusing of the district's Youth Development and Dropout Prevention programs.

Kyisha Velazquez

Kyisha is a trained trainer in Restorative Justice and Practices and has successfully implemented Restorative Reparation Boards in New Haven and Hamden. She has implemented Restorative Circles for students with negative behaviors in schools and developed and implemented a Restorative Justice process for alternative to runaway behavior in partnership with the New Haven Police Department's Missing Persons unit.