

Victim Offender Dialogue Summit Agenda

Monday, October 24, 2011

- 1:15** **Welcome**
- 2:15** **Addressing the Challenge of Victim Offender Dialogue on a National Scale**
Existing VOD research is limited and dated. A proposed national research initiative will be discussed with input from participants.
- 3:15** **Support Persons for Survivors and Offenders in the VOD Preparation and Dialogue Process – Challenges and Opportunity**
A panel discussion on the protocols, benefits, risks and other issues that arise when including a support person in the preparation process and the dialogue.
- 4:15** **Sustaining or Starting Victim Centered VOD Programs in Tough Political and Budgetary Times**
A floor discussion of some of the challenges we face and how we are dealing with them in these times of tight and diminishing budgets.
- 5:15** **Wrap up**

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

- 8:00** **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30** **Toward a Consistent Approach to the Preparation Process**
Panel discussion of the different approaches and experiences that may lead to a reliable standard, tailored to individual states' needs, for the best practice.
- 9:30** **Case Study -- Part I, the Survivors**
The victims of a violent assault by their son will discuss their dialogue experience.
- 11:00** **Working with Sex Offenders in VOD**
Experience has shown that the VOD preparation and the dialogue process with sex offenders can be safe and effective – as long as the facilitator(s) understand their nature and patterns. Two facilitators who are experienced in working closely with such offenders will discuss their approach to facilitating with honesty and accountability.
- 12:15** **Lunch**
- 1:30** **VOD in Parole or Probation Cases**
These cases call for careful approaches and a commitment to collaboration in order to ensure safety all around. Panel members will discuss the challenges and rewards.
- 3:00** **Case Study – Part II, the Offender**
The offender, responsible for the assault discussed in the morning session, will discuss his dialogue experience and the challenges he faces now that he has been released.
- 4:15** **Summit Wrap Up**
Discussion of ideas and suggestions for next year.

National Association of Victim Service Professionals in Corrections

Fifth Annual Conference Agenda

Partnerships to Meet the Needs of Victims During Offender Re-Entry: Collaborative planning and cooperation between criminal justice and community agencies working together to address the needs of crime victims

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

8:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Opening

9:15 Rethinking Restorative Justice – A Holistic Approach

An authority in the Victim Wrap Around will explain that process and the vision of the criminal justice system working with the community in support of the needs of those most vulnerable when an offender is released – the victim. Beyond holding the offender accountable for the harm done, the basic needs of the crime victim have to be addressed. Collaboration and cooperation, the system and the community, victims and offenders – the presenter talks about the effects of bringing all together for the desired results. Presented by Bill Stutz.

11:00 Working with Victims at All Intervals

A panel of experts will discuss how to help a victim when the offender is reintegrating into the community where the victim was harmed. Pulling from various community resources, victim needs and services will be explored.

12:30 Working Lunch Topic: Vision 21: Transforming Victim Services

Vision 21 is an exciting and innovative effort by OVC to chart a course for the future of the victim services field. Presented by Dr. William Petty, After the Violence Project and visiting Fellow with OVC.

2:00 Domestic Violence Offender Re-entry and Victims

A critical issue facing every community is the reality that domestic violence offenders are likely to return to the community, and in many cases, to the victim or within the proximity of the victim of the crime. Leading practitioners describe how trauma informed care, effective safety plans and collaborative relationships with community programs make a difference for victims. Presented by Sherry Frohman, LMSW Coordinator of Domestic Violence Services, NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and Cathy Cave, Founding Partner, Unlimited Mindfulness Consulting.

3:45 Sex Offender Re-entry and Victims

The most significant challenge facing us today is the reintegration of the sex offender with opportunity to succeed while protecting the community from re-offending behaviors. Hear from practitioners who are balancing these issues successfully and are writing victim friendly re-entry policies. Presented by Suzanne Brown-McBride, Council of State Governments.

Thursday, October 27, 2011

8:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Opening

9:15 Laugh More Stress Less

Imagine a meaningful and lasting solution to stress. Laugh your way to health and happiness and apply the principles of daily Good-Hearted living. Presented by Nancy Weil, The Laugh Academy.

11:15 The New Standards Project: Bringing Victim Service into the Next Decade

The New Standards Project, funded by the US Department of Justice, introduces standards to promote competence, ethical integrity, and consistency in services for crime victims and their families. Presented by Dr. Dana DeHart, USC.

12:30 Working Lunch Topic: Victim Issues in Juvenile Justice

Using Parallel Justice concepts to respond to the needs of those who have been victimized by juveniles. Presented by Janelle Cleary, Juvenile Justice Specialist, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services.

2:00 Innovations in Crime Victims and the Re-entry Parole Processes

Two national victim advocates will highlight innovative approaches to helping victims through the re-entry process when parole is the avenue. They will also lead a discussion on the next steps in the area of victim services and offender re-entry. Presented by Anne Seymour and Trudy Gregorie, Justice Solutions.

3:30 NAVSPIC Business Meeting and Election of Officers

Members in good standing only.

4:30 Adjourn