

Why A Call to Action?

Several decades of demanding that we “get tough on crime” has left the U.S. correctional system in a state of crisis while many victims feel marginalized. More than one in every 100 adults in America is in jail or prison. Over 2.3 million people are locked up on any given day, approximately the same number as China and Russia combined. This approach is destroying the fabric of our communities, some more than others. One in every 15 African American men lives in a prison or jail cell. If you are an African American male between the ages of 20 and 34, it is one in nine.

Learning to deal with conflict in a restorative way should begin early. Our children model what they see acted out by adults. Implementing restorative justice programs to address conflict in schools will help stem the tide of violence, crime and rising incarceration for the next generation.

It is time for Restorative Justice to become the public policy norm of this nation. Grass roots activists can make it happen, so let's start right here in Virginia. The time is now!

The Restorative Justice Association of Virginia is a collaborative organization of practitioners, criminal justice professionals, mediators, victim advocates, offender advocates, and interested citizens dedicated to upholding the principles of restorative justice.

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Restorative Justice Call to Action

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The Restorative Justice Association of Virginia Annual Conference

November 10, 2009

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Virginia
Holocaust Museum
2000 East Cary Street
Richmond, Virginia

Registration

Check where appropriate	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> General Attendance	\$45.00
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* Price includes workshops, lunch, and break refreshments (refunds available only through 11/2/09).

Conference Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. What is Restorative Justice?
- 9:40 a.m. Why is Restorative Justice More Fiscally Responsible Than Retributive Justice?
Rudi Schuster
- 10:30 a.m. What Action Must Activists Take for Policy Makers to Vote for Restorative Justice Laws?
Senator Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
Delegate Delores McQuinn
Activist Martha Rollins
CEO of Boaz & Ruth
- 11:30 a.m. How a Bill Becomes a Law
League of Women Voters,
presented by Dulaney Collins
- 11:45 a.m. Box Lunch and Networking
- Noon Senator A. Donald McEachin
Why RJ is a Critical Policy Shift
- 1:00 p.m. How to Convince Our Legislators
Keith DeBlasio
- 1:45 p.m. Three Critical Restorative Justice Legislative Issues
Criminal Court Programs
Led by Lawrie Parker
Schools: Restorative Justice Conflict Resolution
Led by Christa Pierpont
Restoration of Voting Rights
Led by Hope Amezquita
- 2:45 p.m. Participants Join An Issue Group and Design a Plan of Action
- 3:45 p.m. Groups Report on Plans of Action
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

RJAV Annual Meeting



The Restorative Justice Association of Virginia will hold its annual meeting for members and the election of officers and directors on the evening prior to the conference. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. on November 9, 2009, at the 21 Professional Center, 2025 East Main St., Suite 15 (lower level), Richmond, (located directly behind the Holocaust Museum). Please park behind the building. Members are encouraged to attend.

Directions to the Virginia Holocaust Museum
2000 East Cary Street, Richmond, Va. 23223
804-257-5400



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To learn more about restorative justice in Virginia, please visit the RJAV website at
www.rjav.org

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