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JUVENILE JUSTICE FORUM

Juvenile Justice: *The Law & Our Youth*

May 10, 2007 ~ 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Tamalpais Valley Community Center

The goals of the Juvenile Justice Forum are to educate the Marin community about procedures and challenges within the juvenile justice system as it relates to juvenile delinquency, to discuss best practices and to encourage an ongoing dialogue about safeguards and solutions.

FORUM AGENDA

Welcome

Royce McLemore

CJE Board of Directors

Juvenile Justice First-hand

Erika & David Vaughn

Marin County Residents

Moderator Introduction

Solange Echeverria

*Journalist, Independent Radio Producer,
Cultural Competency Consultant*

Speaker Presentations

Bill Burke

Marin County Chief Probation Officer

Joseph Spaeth

Marin County Public Defender

Don Carney

Executive Director, Marin Youth Court

Amani Bullock

*Associate Minister/Service Coordinator,
Fatherhood Program*

Public Q&A

Solange Echeverria

*Journalist, Independent Radio Producer,
Cultural Competency Consultant*

Thank You & Closing

Royce McLemore

Member, CJE Board of Directors

PANELISTS

Bill Burke – Marin County Chief Probation Officer

Bill has worked in Probation for more than 30 years. He became Marin County's Chief Probation officer in 2005. Immediately prior to taking his position in Marin, Bill served as the Chief Probation Officer in Humboldt County. Bill believes in striking a balance between public safety, accountability, and rehabilitation. He is also a strong supporter of making the most of existing resources and utilizing proven, evidence-based methods. He is also committed to restorative practices and victim restoration. He has both Master's and Bachelor's degrees from Humboldt State University.

Joe Spaeth - Marin County Public Defender

Joe became the Public Defender for Marin County in 1994. He has a strong interest in juvenile law, having managed the juvenile division of San Francisco Public Defenders Office from 1983 to 1994. He is a past president of the California Public Defender's Association and was the public defender representative on the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee to the California Judicial Council for over 10 years. Joe remains strongly committed to seeking methods to prevent recidivism through the implementation of creative innovative approaches to crime prevention, such as restorative approaches to justice and therapeutic judicial treatment of underlying causes of criminal activity, such as alcohol and drug abuse. Joe Spaeth is a graduate of Hamilton College in upstate New York.

Don Carney – Executive Director Marin County Youth Court

Don Carney has worked in the field of Juvenile Justice for nearly thirty years. He has operated group homes and educational services for adjudicated youth and he was founding director of the Social Justice Center of Marin. Don has produced several human rights exhibits and provided diversity training to over ten thousand Bay Area youth. In his position of Outreach Program Director for the Marin YMCA he supervises the Y's Youth Development Services at County Community School, and directs Camp Chance, a residential camp for at-risk youth. Don is also responsible for supervision of the Marin County Youth Court.

Amani Bullock – Associate Minister, Service Coordinator of the Fatherhood Program

Amani Bullock is an associate minister at Village Baptist Church. He is also the Service Coordinator for the Marin City Fatherhood Program. He is a dedicated husband and a proud father of three. In his early years, he was known as the neighborhood gangster rapper and has experienced life from both sides of the Juvenile Justice System. Amani was born and raised in Marin City.

MODERATOR: Solange Echeverria – Journalist, Cultural Competency Consultant

Ms. Echeverria is a working single mother and passionate community activist. Prior to becoming an independent radio producer and freelance journalist for Pacifica Radio, Solange spent many years working with at-risk youth and their families. Her experiences as a woman, mother, and Latina, compelled her to become a Cultural Competency Consultant. In this occupation she has helped many organizations build stronger bridges with the communities they serves. Ms. Echeverria has served on the Marin Human Rights Commission, Marin County Round Table Against Hate Crimes, and the American Civil Liberties Union. She and her eighteen-year old daughter reside in Marin County.

Royce McLemore – CJE Board of Directors

For eight and one-half years Royce has been a Board Member of the Marin City Community Services District; Executive Director and co-founder of Women Helping All People for sixteen years; and, a community activist for as long as anyone presently living in Marin City can remember. In addition to raising five children of her own, and providing at-risk children in her community with a safe and secure environment, Royce has made a home for more than 80 foster children, three of whom stayed with her for 8-1/2 years.