"Restorative justice" subject of Northwest Justice Forum June 25-27 in Oregon City

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Clackamas County Juvenile Department and Clackamas Community College will host the ninth annual Northwest Justice Forum in Oregon City June 25-27.

The forum, which is open to the public, will feature a pre-forum training, a dinner keynote address, workshops and two morning plenary discussions.

Keynote speaker Howard Zehr, the "grandfather" of restorative justice, will provide a vision for how restorative justice can positively affect the current criminal justice system.

Trainer Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, restorative justice coordinator for the Mennonite Central Committee, will provide an all-day training on restorative discipline and its potential for creating safer and stronger schools.

Workshops will explore issues such as how to create a culture of safety in schools; the positive impact of restorative justice on victims, offenders and communities; working with victims of serious and violent crime; and a sampling of restorative justice programming across Oregon and Washington.

The Northwest Justice Forum is an annual gathering of individuals committed to and experienced in the application of restorative justice in the juvenile justice system, community agencies and programs. The purpose of the forum is to explore and develop strategies, initiatives and best practices that sustain and advance the work of restorative justice in Oregon and Washington.

For schedules and more information, visit the Northwest Justice Forum website or call Matthew Hartman at 503-655-8310.

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