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Building on Our Strengths:
Best Practices in
Youth Violence Prevention
Symposium



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Register Today and Be a Part of It All!

Our youth are at a heightened and unacceptable risk of perpetrating or being victimized by violence. Safe & Sound, Inc. and the Medical College of Wisconsin Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) will present a one-day symposium to provide information and examples of best practices in preventing and reducing youth violence. We aim to bridge the best thinking within both a juvenile justice and a public health approach to address this critical issue. Attend this symposium to build upon your own strengths in preventing youth violence and restoring youth relationships with the community.

This event is intended for youth workers, administrators, educators, social workers, law enforcement, probation and parole officers, and any community member interested in preventing youth violence.

There is no cost to attend, but you must register by Wednesday, June 30th, 2010. Please [register](#) early to ensure you get a seat! Space is limited.

Date and Location

We express our gratitude to United Way of Greater Milwaukee for underwriting this event and to Marquette University Law School's Restorative Justice Initiative for hosting it. The symposium is scheduled from 8:00 am until 3:30 pm on July 13, 2010 at the Marquette University Alumni Union – Monaghan Ballroom, 1442 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233. Click [here](#) for directions and a map of the campus. Street parking is available or you may park in the western parking structure for \$5 for the day.

Recognizing Youth Leaders in Violence Prevention

At the symposium, we will acknowledge the contributions of local youth who have demonstrated leadership in preventing violence and building a better community for all. Nominate an outstanding youth leader by June 21 by completing the [nomination form](#).

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PRESENTERS

David W. Seal, Ph.D

Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Seal is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). He also serves as the Director for the PhD Program in Public and Community Health and the Director of the Qualitative Methods Core at the Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR), a large NIH-funded HIV prevention research center at MCW. Seal is the Senior Faculty Director of MCW's Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. He has extensive experience with community-based participatory research (CBPR) and has conducted several funded prevention intervention studies in partnership with community-based organizations, community stakeholders, and community members in both U.S. and non-U.S. settings. His expertise has been recognized by peers through his current role as the President of the American Academy of Health Behavior.

Staci Young, Ph.D

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Family and Community Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Young is an assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She has extensive experience forming, sustaining and evaluating community-academic partnerships to improve health. She has led numerous community-based initiatives in Milwaukee, including health advocacy promotion among public housing residents and healthy youth leadership in African-American faith based communities. Her research interests include health professions advocacy for vulnerable patients and populations, the organization of work among health professionals in traditional and community-based clinical settings, and the relationship between the urban environment, acute and chronic life stressors, and health status.

Mark Carey

President, The Carey Group

Mark Carey is the President of The Carey Group (TCG), a national consulting firm that provides training and technical assistance for justice and correctional professionals and community groups. He has served as the Deputy Commissioner of Community and Juvenile Services in the Minnesota Department of Corrections from 1999 to 2003, the Director of Dakota County Community Corrections, the Director of Dodge-Fillmore-Olmsted County Community Corrections and as the warden of MCF-Shakopee, the only state women's prison in Minnesota. He has over twenty years of experience in the correctional field serving as a counselor, probation/parole officer, planner, administrator, and consultant. He taught juvenile justice at the Community College in Rochester, Minnesota, and has published over a dozen articles and two books.

Mr. Carey was President of the American Probation and Parole Association from 2005 to 2007. He has served as President and Chair for a number of Associations and Task Forces, and frequently is requested as a speaker and trainer. He has been on the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) Board of Directors since 1997. In 1996 he received APPA's Sam Houston University Award. In 1993, he was selected as the Corrections Person of the Year by the Minnesota Corrections Association.

Mr. Carey was the project coordinator for the State of Illinois under the National Institute of Corrections/Crime and Justice Institute evidence-based practices initiative, a three-year effort that sought to demonstrate recidivism reduction in two states (Illinois and Maine). Mr. Carey is involved in numerous federal, state, and local projects in an effort to advance evidence-based decision making.

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SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

- 8:00 am Registration
- 8:30 am Opening Remarks and Welcome
- 8:45 am Adapting Evidence-Based Violence Prevention Programs for Local Communities
David Seal, Ph.D – Medical College of Wisconsin
Staci Young, Ph.D – Medical College of Wisconsin
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:15 am Building and Restoring Youth Relationships with the Community
Mark Carey – The Carey Group
- 11:45 am Lunch & Recognition of Youth Leaders in Preventing Violence
Barbara Notestein – Safe & Sound
- 12:45 pm Break
- 1:00 pm Effective One-on-One Staff Youth Interactions
Mark Carey – The Carey Group
- 3:00 pm Closing Reflection and Communal Next Steps

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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Plenary Presentation 1 – 8:45 a.m.

Title: **Adapting Evidence-Based Violence Prevention Programs for Local Communities**
Presenters: **David W. Seal, Ph.D & Staci Young, Ph.D – Medical College of Wisconsin Youth Violence Prevention Initiative**

Description: This interactive presentation will provide information about: 1) Reasons why it is important to incorporate evidence-based practice into community violence prevention programs; 2) Strategies for adapting evidence-based practice for use in local communities; and 3) Measuring program outcomes. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions, share their own experiences, and discuss ideas for incorporating evidence-based practice into their own local programs.

Plenary Presentation 2 – 10:15 a.m.

Title: **Building and Restoring Youth Relationships with the Community**
Presenter: **Mark Carey – The Carey Group**

Description: High risk youth often land in the juvenile justice system. Once they are under the system supervision they are at risk of further entanglement through contact with other high risk youth and engaging in behaviors that result in violation of their supervision conditions. Many eventually graduate to the adult correctional system. Their relationships with prosocial others are often strained and in some cases severed. Two models have held great promise in assisting these youth. One is a risk reduction model that promotes the building of specific skills that result in the reduced likelihood of reoffense. The other is restorative justice which seeks, among other things, restoring harmed relationships. This presentation will describe how an evidence-based model based on research and restoration can guide our work with high risk youth. This integrated model helps professionals to target services that

- Increase key youth competencies to prevent delinquent/criminal behavior
- Restore youth's broken relationships with others
- Provide a meaningful role for youth to serve in a prosocial environment
- Integrate research based learning on how to work with youth in high risk environments
- Help identify successful programs

Workshop Presentation – 1:00 p.m.

Title: **Effective One-on-One Staff-Youth Interactions**
Presenter: **Mark Carey – The Carey Group**

Description: This skill based training is designed for practitioners who work directly with high risk youth. It includes an overview of social learning theory and how motivating and steering a youth toward prosocial change can be accomplished through effective techniques. Participants will examine the staff traits that hold the most promise to affect changed behavior and practice these traits through skill building exercises. By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to identify the elements of social learning, the traits of an effective interaction, and have practiced at least two skills.

Nominate an Outstanding Youth who Works to Prevent Violence

Nomination Deadline: June 21, 2010

Selected Youth to be Recognized at the July 13, 2010 Symposium

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Do you know a teen with outstanding leadership qualities? A youth whose actions work to prevent violence in our community? Let's show that person how much we appreciate his or her efforts!

Please tell us, in no more than one double-spaced page, about this special teen. Safe & Sound will select youth leaders to be honored during lunch during the symposium *Building on Our Strengths: Best Practices in Youth Violence Prevention*. If selected, nominees and nominators, as well as the youth's parent or guardian, will be invited to attend and be publicly recognized on July 13, 2010 from 11:45 am – 12:45 pm.

To nominate a youth leader in violence prevention, please complete the following form and attach your nomination. Send nomination materials via mail, email, or fax to:

Safe & Sound
Ms. Amanda McNichol
801 W. Michigan Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233
Ph: (414) 788-1130
Fax: (414) 220 -4792
Email: amcnichol@milwaukeehidta.org
Questions? Call Amanda at (414) 788-1130

Nominator's Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency/Program Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Does the youth know that you have nominated him or her for recognition? ____ Yes ____ No

Name of Nominee: _____

Their Agency/ Program Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Please attach a one-page narrative describing why this youth should receive recognition. All nominations must be received by June 21, 2010.