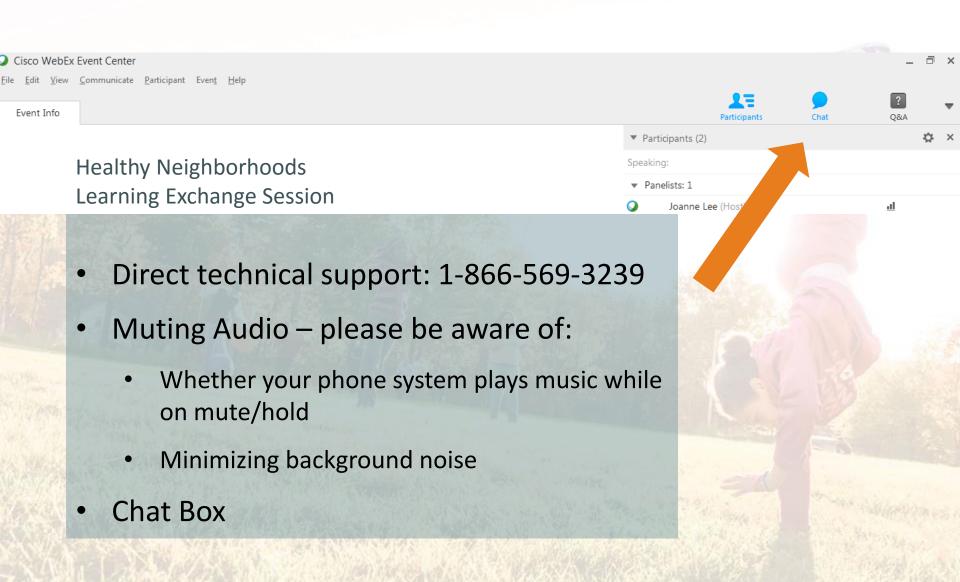


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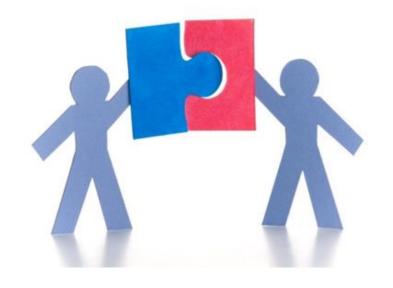
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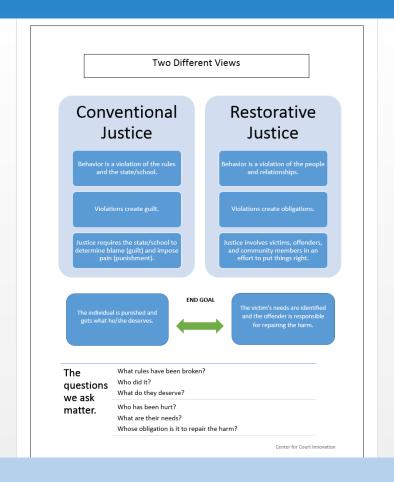
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Center for Court Innovation: The Concept of Problem-Solving Justice

An approach to justice that:

- Seeks to do more than process cases
- Deals with underlying problems that bring people to court
- Uses alternative responses
- Emphasizes community collaboration
- Builds on community strengths





Peacemaking as a Restorative Justice Practice

> Ray Deal, Navajo Nation Peacemaker



Red Hook Brooklyn Peacemaking Program



http://www.courtinnovation.org/research/red-hook-peacemaking-program

Peacemaking Principles

- Focuses on healing damaged relationships
- Led by community peacemakers
- Welcomes broad participation
- Gives victims a voice
- Holds offenders accountable
- Empowers community



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PEACEMAKING SESSIONS

Food

Opens with a meal to create a sense of community

Ceremony

Creates sense of shared purpose

Talking Piece

Equal opportunity speak

Healing Steps

Consensus decision about future actions

Isn't This Mediation?

MEDIATION

- ✓ Issue-focused
- ✓ Neutral facilitator
- ✓ Limited to "parties"
- ✓ Seeks compromise
- ✓ Time-bound

PEACEMAKING

- ✓ Relationship-focused
- ✓ Interested facilitator
- Inclusive
- Seeks healing
- ✓ No time limits







- Provides (1) free, community-based conflict resolution (peacemaking), and (2) organizes place-based community projects led and developed by residents
- The Peacemaking Center: located in a high crime neighborhood in Syracuse, the Peacemaking Center opened its doors in March 2015
- Peacemaking Case Data: 18 Months

Cases accepted into peacemaking: 31

Peacemaking circles held: 86

People in conflict who have sat in circle: 76

Volunteers trained as peacemakers: 29

Community support people that have participated: 49

A Peacemaking Case Example: Colleen, Natalie and Marilyn



Questions?

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Next Steps:

- Interest in continuing learning, cross-site sharing and collaboration on this topic?
- Interest in a next session?
 - Topic(s)
 - Date and time
 - Facilitator(s)

Healthy Neighborhoods Learning Collaborative resources: http://activelivingbydesign.org/healthy-neighborhoods-fund-learning-collaborative-2/

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