

Aboriginal Justice Program

The Aboriginal Justice Program exists so that the community can begin to take ownership for Aboriginal justice issues through the establishment of appropriate programming that reflects the unique cultural needs of Aboriginal people on PEI.

The program works to create an environment that allows Aboriginal people to self-administer justice by building a traditional justice system based on holistic community values.

RSVP by October 11th

Four ways to Register:

1. **Email** your registration to: sjackson@mcpei.ca
2. **Fax:** (902) 367-3779 (fill in registration below)
3. **Mail** your registration form to MCPEI Aboriginal Justice Program, 199 Grafton Street, Suite 501, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 1L2
4. **Telephone** Sarah Jackson at: (902) 626-2882 ext 240

Registration: Registration is **FREE**. Lunch, snacks and beverages will be provided. Dress code is business casual. Please specify any dietary special needs.

Seats are limited ~ so register early!

Where: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown, PEI.

- Smoke free & scent free environment.
- Wheelchair accessible.
- Parking at the back of the hotel off Fitzroy's Street and at Pownal Parkade.

When: Friday, October 18, 2013. Registration begins at 8:00 am. Forum starts at 8:30 am.

7th Annual PEI ABORIGINAL JUSTICE FORUM



Hosted by

Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI's
Aboriginal Justice Program in partnership with
Justice Canada's Aboriginal Justice Strategy and the
PEI Dept. of Labour, Environment and Justice.

Who Should Attend:

- Leaders in the Aboriginal communities
- Law enforcement, Crowns, Legal Aid, Judiciary, Community & Correctional Services, and others working in the justice system
- Federal, provincial and municipal government officials involved in Aboriginal justice and policing
- Health professionals

Purpose of Forum:

- Better understand Aboriginal youth
- Work effectively with Aboriginal people
- Build sustainable community partnerships

Youth Engagement



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2013 Aboriginal Justice Forum Planning Committee:

- Sgt. Andrew Blackadar
- Sarah Jackson
- Jill Lightwood
- Cst. Rob McGregor
- Susan Maynard
- Lori St. Onge

Director of Aboriginal Justice



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Aboriginal Justice Executive Assistant



Sarah Stewart-Jackson

Workshop Descriptions

Aboriginal Community Youth Engagement

Prevention and enhanced protection are the key principles of the Mi'kmaq Family PRIDE Program. Youth engagement is important in the continuum of service to promote healthy children and healthy families now and in the future. The program staff works collaboratively with parents, youth and other programs to provide individual and group work to help support youth to build healthy relationships and healthy life skills. Some of the programs offered are: youth groups, Girls Circles and The Council, one-on-one, music and recreation programming, after school programming, and summer camps.

Aboriginal Shield Program

The Aboriginal Shield Program is a youth-driven program that provides substance abuse prevention and healthy lifestyles coaching to Aboriginal communities. The program enables Aboriginal youth to gain a sense of cultural connection and pride, while learning to make informed healthy lifestyle choices about drug use and related activities. The program has been designed as a community-led, police-assisted program, which ensures the sustainability and consistency of the program in the Aboriginal communities in which it is implemented. It offers interactive activities to engage the participants with age-appropriate and culturally stimulating content, presented in a dynamic, youth-friendly layout.

Mainstream Justice Panel

“Restorative justice means restoring victims, restoring offenders and restoring communities. These objectives take priority over punishment. Key values of restorative justice are healing rather than hurting, respectful dialogue, making amends, caring and participatory community, taking responsibility, remorse, apology and forgiveness. Restorative justice is also a process that involves bringing together all the stakeholders – victims, offenders and their friends and loved ones, representatives of the state and the community – to decide what should be done about a criminal offence.”

The use of Aboriginal justice circles in Aboriginal communities is not a new process, but one that has been used for generations as a way to settle disputes, make amends, and to maintain or restore harmony and balance within community. The challenge is not to replace mainstream justice processes with justice circles, but to discover what they are best suited to do, how they can effectively work in partnership with other processes, and what conflicts are better served outside the formal justice processes. Justice circle processes are not about fitting communities into the justice system, but rather are about fitting the justice system into the communities.

The panel will show how some court cases are referred to the Aboriginal Justice Program and what decisions the courts consider when making these referrals. The panel will discuss the Omnibus Crime Bill C10, the Gladue considerations - Section 718.2 (e) of the Criminal Code, Alternative Measures, Sentencing and police diversions as it relates to Aboriginal young offenders.



Agenda

Friday, October 18, 2012

MORNING

- 8:00 – 8:30 am
- 8:30 – 8:45 am
- 8:45 – 9:15am
- 9:15 – 10:30 am

- Registration
- Opening Prayers & Welcoming Remarks
- Aboriginal Justice Program
- Mainstream Justice Panel:

- Judge Jeffery Lantz
- David O'Brien
- Trish Cheverie
- Steve Mollins
- Cst. Barb MacInnis

- 10:30 – 10:45 am
- 10:45 – 12:00 am

- Health Break
- Round Table Discussion

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm
- 1:45 – 2:45 pm
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm

- LUNCH
- Aboriginal Community Youth Engagement
- Aboriginal Shield Program
- Closing Remarks/Closing Prayers



Mainstream Justice Panel Guests

Judge Jeffery Lantz has been a Provincial Court Judge since September 2005. He was a lawyer in private practice for 14 years. Judge Lantz was Attorney General with responsibility for Aboriginal matters from 2000-2003.

David P. O'Brien, Q.C., BBA, MBA, LLB, is a Senior Crown Attorney practicing in Summerside, PEI. He is active in a number of FPT Working Groups/Committees as well as numerous provincial committees. He has been awarded the 'Humanitarian Award', by the FPT Heads of Prosecution Committee and has served as President of the Law Society of Prince Edward Island.

Trish Cheverie Q.C. has practiced criminal law as a legal aid defense lawyer for over 20 years. She is currently president of the John Howard Society of Canada and the New London Women's Institute. She lives in Clinton with her husband and grown son.

Steve Mollins began his 25 year career as a youth worker in secure custody at the PEI Youth Centre in Summerside, serving in several capacities including Unit Worker, Admissions and Discharge Worker, Unit Supervisor and Tutor/Librarian. Since 2002, he has worked in the field of Community Corrections as an adult Probation Officer and, since 2004, as a Youth Justice Worker for the “Summerside and west” area of the province, which includes the community of Lennox Island.

Cst. Barbara MacInnis is the RCMP Liaison for Lennox Island First Nation (LIFN) and has been a member of the RCMP since 1998. Cst. MacInnis has used Restorative Justice as means of resolving and diverting youth crime since her position as a school liaison in Halifax Detachment from 2002 to 2005. In her position as LIFN Liaison, Cst. MacInnis has had the privilege of representing the RCMP in several sentencing circles.

MCPEI Aboriginal Justice Program

How can we help you? We can...

- Provide support and talk to you about your situation
- Provide cultural based justice alternatives
- Provide educational workshops for youth and adults
- Provide referrals to services for Aboriginals
- Help communities become more involved in the justice process
- Increase your knowledge and understanding about the justice system

Aboriginal Justice Circles

Justice Circles are used to get to the root of the situation and to identify what steps are necessary to begin a path of healing.

The focus of a Justice Circle is to develop a healing plan that will allow the individual to take responsibility for his or her actions and reintegrate him or her into the community in a positive way.