



Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 and the
Michigan Judicial Institute Present



2023 SPRING TRAINING CONFERENCE
June 15 & 16, 2023

***Navigating the Juvenile Justice Landscape:
Youth Hate Crimes, Identity-Based Bullying, and Gangs***

The time is now! Join us for a an **in-person** conference that will examine these ***timely and critical*** topics relating to juvenile justice! Learn from national and state subject-matter experts; share in the discussions; and explore strategies to ***prevent, identify, and act*** to improve the landscape for the sake of juvenile justice-involved youth, families, and communities.

Thursday, June 15, 2023

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Registration

8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome

9:15 – 9:30 a.m. A Message from Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention
Ms. Chyrl Jones, Deputy Administrator

9:30 – 10:00 A Special Invitation – Juvenile Justice in Michigan Presentation - TBC



10:00 – 11:45 a.m. Rick Eaton – Director of Research/Museum of Tolerance – The Wiesenthal Center – Los Angeles, CA

“Social Media Rabbit Holes: The Path to Online Extremism”

Rick Eaton is the Director of Research at the Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC) in Los Angeles. As Co-Director of the Center’s Digital Terrorism and Hate Project, he has supervised the production of all 25 editions of the Digital Terrorism and Hate interactive report. Rick regularly meets with Facebook, Twitter, Google/YouTube, TikTok, Roblox, and other social networking companies to give feedback and assist in shaping policy. He has worked extensively with California P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) and been a subject-matter expert on educational “Tele-Courses” produced by P.O.S.T. and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Rick has testified in Congressional hearings and conducted staff briefings on Capitol Hill. In an undercover role, he has met many leading, white supremacists, militia figures, Islamic extremists, and helped expose Nazis in Argentina. In his 37 years with SWC, Rick has conducted hundreds of training sessions with law-enforcement, educators, civic groups, and schools. He deeply understands hate groups, the effectiveness of social media in their recruitment and expansion and of violent extremism, radicalization of young people, and strategies to stop the “new era of hate.”



11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 – 3:15 p.m. Myrieme Churchill – Parents for Peace – Boston, MA

“Developing Holistic Solutions to Protect Youth from Extremism: How Extremist Traffickers Exploit Youth and How to Stop Them”

Myrieme Churchill is the Executive Director of *Parents for Peace*. She has more than 30 years of experience working as a psychotherapist. Her therapy and coaching background were essential to the development of the Parents for Peace helpline model, and her native language skills have facilitated Parents4Peace establishing connections with counter extremism in Montreal and Quebec, France, and Belgium. She is an expert on de-radicalization strategies and interventions, and her work has been featured in NPR, The Washington Post, MSNBC, and Bloomberg.



3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Carla Chennault – Anti-Defamation League Michigan – Detroit, MI

***“The Impact of Identity-Based Bullying on Youth,
and How to Help Mitigate Harm”***

Carla Chennault, Education Director for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Michigan, partners with administrators, educators, and students in K-12 schools to offer ADL’s Anti-Bias, Antisemitism, and Holocaust Education resources: lesson plans and curriculum, training workshops, webinars, the No Place for Hate school climate program, and much more. Chennault’s professional experience includes 20 years in the classroom as a secondary English Language Arts, Writing, and Speech teacher, and 6 years as a school administrator. Her dedication to diversity, equity, and inclusion is motivated by a desire to promote social-emotional wellness and to help communities provide inclusive spaces where students respect themselves and their peers.



4:45 – 4:50 p.m. Closing Comments

Friday, June 16, 2023

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Registration

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Jordan Garza – Homeland Security – Ohio

***“Youth Hate Crimes, Prevention, and Intervention:
Targeted Violence - A Community Awareness Briefing”***

With over fifteen years of experience and expertise in the understanding of hate groups, extremism, and radicalization, Jordan Garza is the Regional Prevention Coordinator at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3). He is an expert in targeted violent crimes, mass shootings, and in the prevention and intervention relating to such crime and hate groups. Mr. Garza is the recipient of multiple awards for his work forming partnerships among federal, state, and local government and the building of local prevention frameworks that prevent targeted violence and terrorism.



10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Martel Smith, Ingham County Juvenile Court, Lansing, MI

“Youth Gangs and Culture”

Martel Smith is a Probation Officer who has worked in Lansing for over twelve years. His lived experience growing up on the streets has helped him understand how and why young people join “gangs,” and he offers a new perspective on gangs in the 21st Century. Mr. Smith has devoted his professional career to helping youth get out of gangs, and, he has employed multiple prevention techniques to keep youth out of gangs by understanding their needs and what it takes to create resilience and resistance to the temptations on the street. A professional with great energy, expertise to share, and a story to tell, we are honored to have him share his story and insights with us.



11:00 – 11:55 a.m. Café Momentum – A Very Special Viewing & How You Can Join Them

“Eat. Drink. Change Lives.”

As featured on 60 Minutes and other media outlets for its success with juvenile justice-involved youth, this remarkable program will urge all of us to approach justice-involved youth in a more creative, effective manner!

Café Momentum’s mission is to transform young lives by equipping a community’s most at-risk youth with life skills, education, and employment opportunities to help them achieve their full potential. Working alongside the Juvenile Justice Department and local community partners, Café Momentum strives to teach our country’s youth that it is possible to break the cycle of incarceration and violence many of our youth have faced. The Café Momentum Model focuses on creating safe environments for youth, ages 15-19, where the kids can gain self-confidence and learn marketable skills to ensure a more successful future.



Please join us for this special sharing of the Café Momentum Model and learn about an opportunity to partner with Café Momentum in *your* community with its help or just be inspired!!

11:55 – 12:00a.m. Closing Comments

General Conference Information, Registration, & Accommodations

Conference Dates: June 15 & 16, 2023

Conference Location: Grand Valley State University, Pew Campus, Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium, Suite 122E, Richard DeVos Building, 401 West Fulton Street, Suite 122E, DeVos Center, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Conference Parking: Available at the Seward Lot on campus for the conference.

CEU Information – coming soon:

Email Rayshena Wilson at wilsora@gvsu.edu

To Register: \$40 Regular Registration/\$20 Student

<https://www.gvsu.edu/juvenilejusticevision2020/>

Registration Questions? Email Rayshena Wilson at wilsora@gvsu.edu

Accommodations Reservation Link – [Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20](#) *Holiday Inn, Downtown Grand Rapids - \$114/night - **Please note: Space is limited so reserve early!***

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