

## FORUM OVERVIEW

### The National Forum For Juvenile Justice Educators and Trainers

The NPJS Forum for Juvenile Justice Educators and Trainers will provide a unique opportunity for participants to discuss critical issues, participate in skill building workshops, learn about best practices and promising approaches, and establish a network of support. While Educators will have the opportunity to shape an agenda for alternative education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Trainers will have the opportunity to assess their current training program against best professional practices and envision new goals for the future. Program faculty possesses a wealth of national expertise, integrity and hands-on service delivery experience.

## PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

### *CONTENT FOR THE FORUM WAS DEVELOPED BY:*

#### Juvenile Justice Trainer Association (JJTA)

JJTA, founded in 1984, is a professional organization of trainers and staff development coordinators in the juvenile justice field. JJTA is committed to:

- Promoting opportunities for professional growth and development of juvenile justice trainers;
- Advocating for standards which will enhance the quality of juvenile justice trainers;
- Promoting coalitions and linkages between organizations that address the needs of at risk youth; and
- Serving as a resource for the exchange of juvenile justice training programs, materials and personnel.

#### Council for Educators of At-Risk and delinquent Youth (CEARDY)

CEARDY, founded in 1999, is a professional organization of educators who teach in non-traditional educational settings. The mission of CEARDY is:

- To foster collaboration among confinement education professionals
- To act as a national voice for students, teachers and school administrators
- To set standards, for best practice in confinement education
- To provide resources, information and technical assistance
- To sponsor training and professional development opportunities for its membership

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