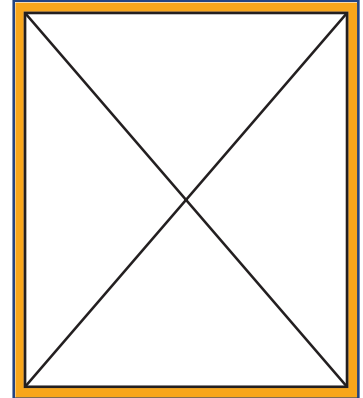


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Derek Peterson, is a lecturer, trainer and international consultant in the areas of Positive Youth Development, Resiliency, and Community Engagement. Formerly the Director, Child/Youth Advocacy, Association of Alaska School Boards, Juneau, AK, Derek received the Distinguished Service Award from the Alaska Secondary Principals' Association in 2001. An effective communicator, Derek has delivered over 1700 workshops throughout the US and the world. It is said that his presentations bring a message of hope to youth, families, schools and communities. A quote that is often associated with Derek is "Hope is believing in spite of the evidence, and watching the evidence change." Where ever he goes, people comment that they begin to watch the evidence change. Derek is currently on the staff of the International Institute for Children's Rights and Development, where he works with indigenous cultures around the world to support the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. He is the Executive Director of ICAR-US and is President of the Board for its nonprofit affiliate. Derek holds a masters degree in educational psychology.

ABOUT KEYNOTE SPEAKER DEREK PETERSON

Derek Peterson - pictured in Athens where he has recently been working with the American School and the Athens College, a k-12 school in Greece.



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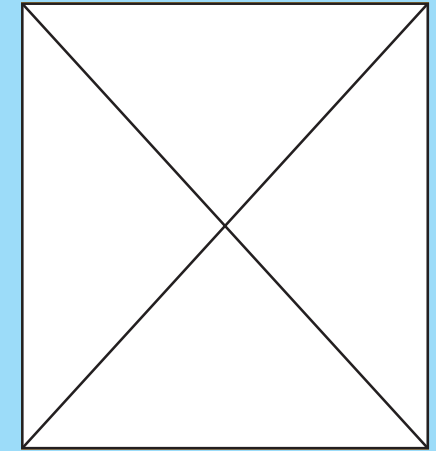
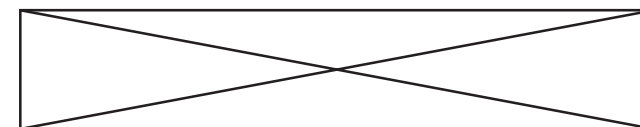
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A Message from the Youth Task Force of the Greater Virginia Peninsula Continuum of Care

It is in keeping with the mission of the Continuum of Care to present a forum where knowledgeable professionals can gather to address critical community issues. This conference is organized by our Youth Task Force - a coalition of professionals in the Greater Hampton Roads region dedicated to promoting the principles of youth development and capacity building for those who work with young people. Because of generous sponsors, we are fortunate to be able to share the talents of presenters and trainers whose accomplishments in the area of youth development are recognized not only in our country, but internationally as well. We come together in Hampton to gain a deeper understanding of the "how" and the "why" of our work. It is our sincere desire that we leave with renewed commitment, fresh perspectives and "one voice for children and families."

THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2006
REGISTRATION 8:00 - 9:00 A.M.

9:15 - 10:00 Keynote Speaker *"Coordination, Cooperation, or Collaboration: Building Partnerships for All."*
Derek Peterson

Track A	Track B	Track C	Track D
<p>Asset Building with Families Patsy Roybal 10:15 - 3:30</p> <p><i>All DAY TRACK</i></p>	<p>The Power of More: Creating Connections for Resilience Derek Peterson 10:15 - 12:00</p>	<p>Skills for Collaborative Inquiry Linda Hansen 10:15 - 12:00 This experiential workshop introduces participants to tools that build on the creative competencies needed to develop innovative, problem solving partnerships.</p>	<p>Introduction to Developmental Assets Bernie Tennyson & Dr. Mike Canty 10:15 - 12:00 Explore Search Institute's framework of the building blocks essential for the healthy development of children and youth.</p>
Lunch Provided 12 - 12:45			
<p>Families of all shapes and sizes play vital roles ensuring that children and teenagers grow up strong, healthy, and asset rich. An asset-building approach has benefits that parents find give them a focus, inspiration, and encouragement when times get tough.</p>	<p>Intergenerational Communication Captain Tony Torres (B 1) 1:00 - 3:30 Gain insight into the workplace needs of Veteran Era, Baby Boomer, and Generations X and Y. Captain Torres outlines skills and management recommendations associated with each generation.</p> <p>"Building Connections: Community Change Initiatives, Youth Development & Risk Focused Prevention" Dr. Rosanne Walters (B 2) 1:00 - 3:30 Explore ways in which the youth development movement in our communities can fully participate in change initiatives while maintaining our focus on youth development principles and practices.</p>	<p>Mastering the Change Process Dr. Zinerva White Jr. 1:00 - 2:15 Understand how to manage the process of change. Learn more about how people respond and react to change, and develop some practical skills and strategies for dealing with personal and organizational changes.</p> <p>Introduction to Advocacy Cathy Woodson 2:30 - 3:30 Learn how to make that burning issue make sense to someone else. Examine strategies to identify issues and involve others in finding solutions</p>	<p>Youth and Adult Partnerships Freddie Simons & Azita Ranjbar 1:00 - 2:15 Learn what happens when youth and adults get the proper training to honor each other's gifts and learn to work together.</p> <p>Effective Communication Wes Mason 2:30 - 3:30 This interactive training will focus on effective communication with youth. Role play is used to understand the importance of effective communication.</p>

Closing Session 3:30 - 4:00

Session Leaders

Mike Canty, Phd.
Michael Canty is the Director of Innovations for Schools, Youth and families, Neighborhoods and Communities (In-SYNC) Partnerships. His wide variety of experience in education includes work as a High School Principal, a program director at a special education school, a middle school assistant principal, and 10 years of classroom teaching experience. He has a Doctorate in Educational Administration from the U. C. Berkeley.

Linda Hansen
Linda is the Creativity Director of Alternatives, Inc., and Director of the Monart School of the Arts. As the lead trainer in Creativity and Youth Development Linda develops training resources and curricula, researches new topics and incorporates state-of-the-art youth development information into agency programs and services.

Wes Mason
Wes Mason is the Administrator of Old Vineyard Youth Services in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Old Vineyard is a 45 bed residential facility for sexually aggressive youth.

Patsy Roybal
Patsy Roybal is a professional trainer, facilitator and education consultant with knowledge and experience in the areas of effective parent engagement in schools, cultural competence and leadership development. Patsy has over 20 years experience working in the area of parent involvement. She has facilitated presentations on the 40 Developmental Assets to diverse communities across the country.

Azita Ranjbar
Azita currently works as a Prevention Specialist with the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board. She completed her B.A. degree from William and Mary and is currently pursuing a graduate degree in international studies

Freddie Simons
Freddie Simons is the Director of Prevention Services, at the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board. As the founder of the "Community Builders Network of Virginia." With over 500 groups represented, he develops opportunities for grass roots, faith and community - based coalitions to collaboratively work with local and state agencies and legislators.

Bernie Tennyson
Bernie Tennyson is a Curriculum Development Specialist for Alternatives, Inc. She designs training tools and curricula to help youth workers apply the principles of Youth Development in their practice of youth work. Bernie has local, national and international training experience in substance use prevention, Developmental Assets, and Early Childhood Education.

Captain Tony Torres
A 16 year veteran of the Chesapeake Police Department, Captain Tony Torres was a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team, served on the Department's Sexual Assault and Homicide Units, and supervised the development of the Department's first Domestic Violence Unit. Captain Torres is currently commander for the Support Section. He has a Bachelors in Criminology and Masters in Public Administration from ODU.

Rosanne Walters, Phd.
Dr. Walters has over 25 years experience working in nonprofit and public organizations providing services to children and families. As the Director of the Newport News Office on Youth Development Dr. Walters works with city and community organizations to promote the principles of positive youth development and the Developmental Asset Framework in both policy and practice throughout the City of Newport News. The Office on Youth Development also works to expand opportunities for youth to develop leadership skills and participate in decision-making.

Dr. Zinerva White Jr.
As President of Zin White and Associates, Inc., Dr. White conducts leadership and development seminars for businesses, government agencies and community-based organizations across the country. He is an adjunct professor and Team Leader with the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

Cathy Woodson
Cathy Woodson is an Organizer in the Richmond chapter of the Virginia Organizing Project. VOP emphasizes local leadership development in community affairs on a variety of issues. VOP won victories on living wage, affordable housing, environmental concerns, tax reform, anti-racism and sexual orientation initiatives, restoration of rights for former felons and more across the state.

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