



CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
BUFFALO STATE • The State University of New York

Criminal Justice Lecture Series

Corrections: Myth v. Reality

Andy Prinzing at the AFP Social Justice Festival
October 9th | 10:50am-12:05pm | Campbell Student Union Social Hall



**Andy Prinzing, Director of Training,
Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition**

Andy is a co-founder of ECRJC and has been a Restorative Practitioner for ten years. He brings 20 years of experience as a High School ELA teacher and a school administrator. His Restorative work includes using RP in the classroom to strengthen relationships and as a school administrator to support staff and students navigate challenges and harm. Since 2012, he has been assisting schools implement restorative practices. He also facilitates community conferences to address harm in our community. Besides serving as the Director of Training at ERJC, Andy also teaches Restorative Practices at the University of Buffalo. He also is a member of the Racial Solidarity and Justice team at St. Joe's University Church and volunteers at Groveland and Attica Prisons.

"Working at ECRJC is a dream come true for me. Using Restorative Practices with youth, families, and staff has been the most rewarding part of my job as an educator."

This event will include a short presentation about the indigenous roots of Restorative Practices and a guided experience of facilitating a community building circle.

The Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition (ECRJC)

Formed in 2013, The ECRJC is a coming together of people from across our county who believe that conflicts are often best resolved by the people involved. By creating a safe space where all individuals involved in a conflict can come together and discuss what happened, who was harmed, and who bears the responsibility for repairing the harm, ECRJC facilitators are helping to change the way our community addresses conflict and crime and share a desire to improve our community through the use of Restorative Justice in resolving interpersonal conflict and addressing criminal cases. ECRJC hosts trainings in Community Conferencing and Talking Circles and works to get the word out about Restorative Justice.

