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Fall 2017 CCEJ Newsletter



Restoring Justice in Our Schools

This summer our **Restorative Justice in Schools** department hosted 15 trainings to help equip educators and school staff in implementation of Restorative Practices, including "Community Building" and "Games and Activities." Our hands-on trainings provide a variety of exercises that school staff can lead with their students to help build healthy relationships and respond to conflict with patience and guidance.

"I appreciated the clarity and flow of the training. The facilitators were receptive to the groups' needs and allowed many opportunities for comments and sharing from the participants."

– LBUSD Teacher

Restorative Practices in Our Communities

CCEJ's **Restorative Practices in Communities** department hosted our annual "Healing Harms Volunteer Circle Keeper Training". Through this 45-hour training, participants developed the skills necessary to serve as circle keepers for cases diverted from police departments, courts, families, group homes, public housing, community based organizations, and juvenile justice related systems. Participants learned how to create a space for families and community to come together and collectively determine meaningful, healing steps when harm or conflict occurs.

"The Healing Harms training is at once wholly professional and sacred, which is a rare combination within the field of Restorative Practices. There is a sense of true community building that happens between the trainees, trainers and participants. You leave the experience fully prepared to hold restorative community circles with integrity and confidence. I cannot say enough about the experience as it continues to ripple out in my life, work and communities." – Stacey Martino

Building Bridges of Understanding

39 high school students trained

as Peer Leaders at Building Bridges' Summer Youth Leadership Institute

384 hours of training completed by 19 adult

volunteers to become Conscious Classroom facilitators

43 adult allies trained at the fall

Bridges Leadership Academy to become Building Bridges Camp staff

Celebrating Our Local Heroes



(From top left to bottom right) Food & Beverage Honorees Mary Ellis, Michael Ihm, Lori Raya; Gene Lentzner Human Relations Awards Honorees Rebecca Suzanne Caverly, David J. Fernandez, Marsha Gail Chapman

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Sisterhood Rising Leadership Retreat

Imagine a serene setting in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, surrounded by meadows, deer and the wind. You are with 100 youth who are committed to gender justice, LGBTQIA justice and the healing of cisgender women, transgender women, and gender non-conforming youth through the idea of "sisterhood". You have found yourself at the **Sisterhood Rising Leadership Retreat**.

For the past four years, CCEJ has collaborated with The California Endowment on Sisterhood Rising Leadership Retreat, created to support youth organizers throughout the state who are leading campaigns on health equity in

their respective communities. This 6-day retreat aims to educate, heal, and develop the next generation of leaders to transform the ways the patriarchy and sexism impact our lives. CCEJ is proud to take the lead in overseeing its implementation. Continue reading at www.cacej.org/SRLR

"Before attending Sisterhood Rising I didn't know how to love myself. I didn't know what it felt like to be a leader in my own community. I came to the realization that I was a lotus, rising above and blossoming into the leader I now am. Sisterhood Rising allowed me to unwind and let my true colors shine." – Camp Attendee

Community & Police Relations in Long Beach



CCEJ partnered with the City of Long Beach, Long Beach Police Department and Cal State University Long Beach in the **Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations** project. Through this project, funded by the California Board of State and Community Corrections grant, CCEJ trained over 800 LBPDP officers in Implicit Bias Training and held Police/Community and Police/Youth dialogues that engaged youth, residents and officers from neighborhoods with high police contact in important dialogue around issues of policing and safety.

OUR MISSION:

The California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ) is a human relations organization dedicated to confronting bias, bigotry and racism through education, conflict resolution and advocacy.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Register online at www.cacej.org/upcoming-events

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COMMUNITY BUILDING

December 11-12, 2017

BUILDING BRIDGES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

January 6, 13, 20, 2018

Mark Your Calendars

UnderOneSky

27th Annual Interfaith Intercultural Breakfast

Featuring

Marsha and Aiden Aizumi
"Mother's Love, Son's Journey"
Exploring Transgender Inclusion

Wednesday
February 28, 2018

6:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Tickets at www.cacej.org/2018breakfast

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