

**Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission on Minorities**

**Presents a Conference on:**

**INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO  
NULLIFY GANG VIOLENCE  
IN OUR  
COMMUNITIES—**

**Ensuring Safer  
Communities and  
Redeeming our Youth**

Join us to discuss specific strategies  
to reduce gang participation and  
violence in our communities.

**November 18, 2008**

**8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**New York State Judicial Institute  
84 North Broadway • White Plains, New York 10603**

## DEAR COLLEAGUES:

**O**n November 18, 2008, The Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission on Minorities will host a conference on "Innovative Strategies to Nullify Gang Violence in Our Communities" at the Judicial Institute, 84 North Broadway, White Plains, New York on the campus of Pace University School of Law.

Our keynote speaker is Dr. David Brotherton, Chair of the Sociology Department from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Bob DeSena, President of the Council for Unity will

present an overview of his program and the Riverhead Comprehensive Community Model. In addition, there will be a presentation by District Attorneys from various counties in New York State and breakout sessions where you can discuss particular areas of interest regarding gang activities and solutions in Schools, Corrections, Law Enforcement and Community involvement.

As gang violence threatens the lives and safety of young people in our communities, we are hoping that you will be able to join us at this solution based conference. Also attending will be judges, government agency representatives, school officials and community groups. If we are ever going to stop the intimidation of our citizens by gangs, this problem must be addressed by all the leaders in the community.

We invite you to join us in this dialogue and the development of recommendations to curb Gang Violence in Our Communities.

*Sincerely,*

**HON. LEWIS L. DOUGLASS, CHAIR**



*Pictured from left to right: René Myatt; Joyce Hartsfield; Hon. Charles J. Tejada; Hon. Richard B. Lowe III; Hon. Doris Ling-Cohan; Lenore Kramer; Hon. Lewis L. Douglass, Chair; Felix Fernandez; Hon. yvonne lewis; Hon. Eduardo Padro; Hon. Rose H. Sconiers; William H. Etheridge.*

*Not pictured: Hon. Ariel E. Belen, Vice-Chair; Hon. Troy K. Webber; Pamela D. Hayes, Esq.; Dr. Maria Ramirez.*

## DESCRIPTION OF BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**SCHOOL-** Riverhead School representatives will discuss the implementation and expansion of the Council For Unity model within the school explaining the curriculum and induction process. Representatives will also discuss academic performance, discipline, and the coordination with law enforcement and community, town government and correctional facility providing a comprehensive model that has produced positive outcomes community wide.

**CORRECTIONS-** A representative of the Suffolk County Correctional Facility in Riverhead will discuss the implementation of the Council For Unity correctional facility model providing the inmates with the tools to relate to other inmates as humans and disregarding their affiliation. This model also gives them the opportunity as a group to look at decisions they have made and the skills to make better decisions.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT-** Riverhead Law Enforcement trained in the Council For Unity curriculum will discuss how their classroom participation creates a positive relationships between students and law enforcement inside and outside the classroom creating a positive community wide initiative.

**COMMUNITY-** A community representative of the Riverhead Council For Unity Adult & Family Partnership will discuss the creation and coordination with parents, grandparents, clergy, law enforcement, businesses, and service groups through the Adult Family Partnership providing support and guidance for our young people and creating a positive community wide model.

# INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO NULLIFY GANG VIOLENCE

## AGENDA

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

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**8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.**

**REGISTRATION**

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**9:00 A.M. - 9:10 A.M.**

**WELCOME**

BY **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE ANN PFAU**

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**9:10 A.M. - 9:40 A.M.**

**KEYNOTE**

**DR. DAVID BROTHERTON**, CHAIR OF SOCIOLOGY DEPT. AT JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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**9:40 A.M. - 11:40 A.M.**

**COUNCIL FOR UNITY PLENARY SESSION**

**PART I**

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**9:40 A.M. - 10:35 A.M.**

**COUNCIL FOR UNITY OVERVIEW**

BY **BOB DeSENA**, PRESIDENT COUNCIL FOR UNITY AND GANG MEMBERS

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**10:35 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.**

**BREAK**

**PART II**

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**10:45 A.M. - 11:40 A.M.**

**FOUR SPECIFIC STRATEGIES EMPLOYED**

BY COUNCIL FOR UNITY-RIVERHEAD COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MODEL

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**11:45 A.M. - 1:25 P.M.**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS WITH BOX LUNCH**

4 BREAKOUT ROOMS:

- SCHOOLS
- CORRECTIONS
- LAW ENFORCEMENT
- COMMUNITY

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**1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**PRESENTATION**

BY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, VARIOUS COUNTIES

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**3:00 P.M. - 3:10 P.M.**

**BREAK**

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**3:10 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**PM COMMITTEE REPORTS**

FROM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## REGISTRATION

Click on link below to Register online

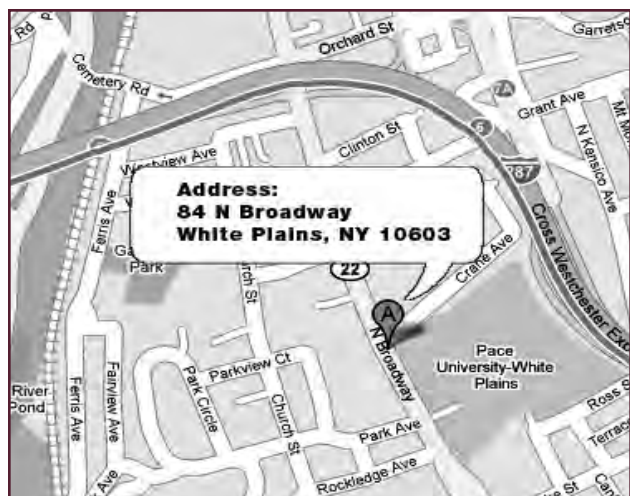
[www.nycourts.gov/ip/minorities](http://www.nycourts.gov/ip/minorities)

If you have questions please email Karlene Dennis at [KDennis@courts.state.ny.us](mailto:KDennis@courts.state.ny.us)

# INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO NULLIFY GANG VIOLENCE

## Directions to the New York State Judicial Institute

New York State Judicial Institute  
84 North Broadway  
White Plains, New York 10603  
(914) 824-5800



**TRAIN:** Harlem Division of Metro North stops in White Plains. The train departs from Grand Central and arrives at White Plains. The station you need for the law school is on the blue line running up the center of the map. The distance is about 20 miles. It is a 35-minute train ride. Take a taxi car to the Judicial Institute.  
Amtrak (800 USA-RAIL)  
Metro North (212-532-4900)

**BUS:** The County of Westchester operates an extensive bus system. Information on routes and schedules can be obtained by calling the Westchester County Transportation Center at (914)682-2020.

**CAR:** If you are driving, the directions are as follows:

**From I-287 (Cross Westchester Expressway):**

**From the East:** Take Exit 6 and turn right at the light onto North Broadway (South 22). Proceed to the fifth light and turn onto campus.

**From the West:** Take Exit 6 and turn left at exit light. Turn left at next light onto North Broadway and proceed to sixth light. Turn left onto campus.

**From New York City:** Major Deegan Expressway onto I-87 (New York Thruway); take Exit 8 onto I-287, eastbound.

**From Long Island:** Throgs Neck or Whitestone Bridge onto I-95 (New England Thruway); take Exit 8 onto I-287, westbound.

**From New Jersey:** Garden State Parkway onto I-87 (New York Thruway) across Tappan Zee Bridge; take Exit 8 onto I-287, eastbound or George Washington Bridge onto Henry Hudson Parkway onto Saw Mill River Parkway; take Exit 20 onto I-87 (New York Thruway); exit immediately at Exit 8 onto I-287, eastbound.

**From Upstate New York:** New York Thruway across Tappan Zee Bridge; take Exit 8 onto I-287, eastbound.

**From Connecticut:** I-95 (New England Thruway) or Merritt Parkway or I-684 onto I-287, westbound.

**Free parking is available at the Judicial Institute.**