

## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

## **Restorative and Transformative Justice for Juvenile Offenders**

May 21, 2024 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

# WEBINAR

## \*Note: This webinar will be simulcast from a live program.

#### **Program Summary**

This program will provide an overview of the restorative and transformative justice model. The restorative justice framework holds a juvenile offender accountable, but shifts away from a punitive discipline model and opts for mediation and community building. This model has proven to be successful, but requires support and cooperation across several disciplines. AP Jennifer Moran of the Mercer County Juvenile Unit will discuss some of the inherent challenges of working with juvenile offenders and solutions for overcoming them. Detective Marlon Webb will provide an overview of the restorative justice model and demonstrate, along with his canine partner Sunny, how he conducts a session in local schools.

### Eligibility

This program is open to County Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors, Deputy Attorneys General in the Department of Law and Public Safety's Division of Criminal Justice and law enforcement officers in their respective offices.

#### Faculty

Assistant Prosecutor Jennifer Moran is Chief of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Juvenile Unit. In addition to handling cases on the Juvenile docket, she heads the Bias Crimes Unit and is a member of the Mercer County Youth Services Commission. AP Moran has also worked in the Special Victims, Domestic Violence and Trial Units of the MCPO. AP Moran is an executive committee member of the Juvenile Prosecutor Leadership Network, an organization dedicated to promoting professionalism and consistency in the juvenile justice system by focusing on the proper training of young assistant prosecutors who work in juvenile units. She has worked closely with fellow executive Youth Firesetter committee members to help design and implement the Mercer County Youth Firesetting Program, a successful screening program to help address fire setting behaviors exhibited by Mercer County youth. AP Moran has helped implement the new Juvenile e-CDR system in accordance with Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive 2020-12, which requires drafting a directive specific to Mercer County and training all county law enforcement officers on the new system. Most recently, she has been involved with the implementation of the Restorative and Transformative Justice Pilot Program, a community-based public safety system that works to divert Trenton youth from the juvenile justice system and supports those who return home from incarceration and out-of-home placements. AP Moran previously worked in the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office. She holds a B.A. from Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw, Michigan and a J.D., with honors, from Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

**Detective Marlon Webb** serves in the Community Engagement Unit at the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. Detective Webb is committed to restorative justice and has dedicated his work to practicing restorative approaches in both his professional and personal life. He spearheads the Mercer County Prosecutor's Youth Inclusion Program and similar initiatives focused on fostering inclusion and resolving conflicts in schools throughout Mercer County. His innovative work as a restorative practitioner has given him a front row seat to amazing transformations for students, educators and law enforcement officers. He values and appreciates empathy, unity, and resilience in all as a part of his interaction with everyone he meets. Detective Webb is also an Army officer with 14 years of service.

**Sunny** is a trained multidiscipline police therapy dog who provides emotional support and comfort to those in need. Sunny's presence in restorative circles and interactions with young people enhances the social and emotional well-being of the community, reflecting and reinforcing Detective Marlon Webb's holistic approach to community engagement.

#### CLE Credit

**NJ CLE Credit:** This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 1.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

#### Registration

Those who are eligible to apply should use the Zoom Webinar registration link in the Program Announcement email. Students who are registered will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the program.

Students must download Zoom before the webinar in order for the AGAI to record polling responses that are required for attendance verification and CLE credit.

The AGAI will be unable to verify attendance or grant CLE credit to students who have not downloaded Zoom before the webinar.