ACAP’s County Restorative Practices in collaboration with UMPI’s restorative justice class host “Restorative Justice: Focus Aroostook”

PRESQUE ISLE – Aroostook County Action Program’s County Restorative Practices in collaboration with Professor Lisa Leduc’s UMPI fall 2018 Restorative Justice class will host a “Restorative Justice: Focus Aroostook” workshop on December 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University of Maine at Presque Isle campus center.

“Restorative Justice: Focus Aroostook” will bring guest speakers from around the state with a diverse talent and experiences. They will approach restorative justice from the perspectives of a restorative justice practitioner, law enforcement, education and youth empowerment. The speakers will also sit for a panel discussion for the audience to ask questions about restorative justice and related matters. Lunch is provided.

“Restorative Justice: Focus Aroostook” is a free event, but space is limited. It is suitable for students and professionals in the fields of criminal justice, behavior sciences, social work, and education. To register, visit www.bit.ly/restorativejusticefocusaroostook. For more information, please contact, Jesse Pettengill, Project Director, at 316-7868, or Stacy Martin RJ Facilitator at 231-1149.

Restorative justice/practices is an emerging social science that studies how to build social capital and achieve social discipline through participatory learning and decision-making. Programs in restorative justice are often used in response to juvenile crime as a court diversion program designed to help youth understand the impact of their actions. The use of restorative justice/practices helps to: reduce crime, violence and bullying, improve human behavior, strengthen civil society, provide effective leadership, restore relationships, and repair harm.
ACAP’s County Restorative Practices, with grant funding from the Maine Department of Corrections, has operated a court diversion restorative justice program in Aroostook County since April of 2017, and has begun work with local school districts to address culture problems, and school discipline issues.

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