

Mental Health and Criminal Justice Symposium

Friday, April 19, 2013

9:00am - 4:30pm

Location: Sheraton Suites, 1989 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

The criminalization of people with mental illness is a national problem. Over the past 10 years, the Summit County ADM Board has partnered with local law enforcement, courts, social service providers, and the faith community to develop programs aimed at diverting people with mental illness from the criminal justice system. For those that do serve time, this collaboration helps to provide better follow-up and supports to keep them from returning.

A report by the National Institute of Corrections last year, indicated that the Summit County jail has a smaller proportion of persons with severe and persistent mental health disorders than other like institutions around the country. Program elements and collaborative planning efforts contributing to this positive outcome will be presented during this one day workshop.



The Summit County Mental Health and Criminal Justice Symposium will feature author and mental health advocate, Pete Earley, as keynote speaker.

Pete Earley is the author of CRAZY: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness, which was one of two finalists for the 2007 Pulitzer Prize. His book tells two stories. The first is his struggle to get his son help after he develops a severe mental illness. The second story is based on nine months that Mr. Earley spent inside the Miami Dade County jail where he followed persons with mental disorders through the criminal justice system and out into the streets to see what happened to them. His book has won awards from the American Psychiatric Association, National Alliance on Mental Illness, and Mental Health America.

Mr. Earley has testified twice before the U.S. Congress about the need for mental health reform and is a regular contributor to USA Today and the Washington Post on mental health matters. He has been invited to lecture about mental health reform by the Icelandic Psychiatric Association in Iceland, the national parliament in Brazil, and at an academic conference hosted in Porto, Portugal by that nation's leading mental health advocacy group. After the Virginia Tech shootings, he was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court to a task force charged with rewriting the state's involuntary commitment laws and is a former board member of the Corporation for Supportive Housing, which finds innovative ways to build housing for the homeless.

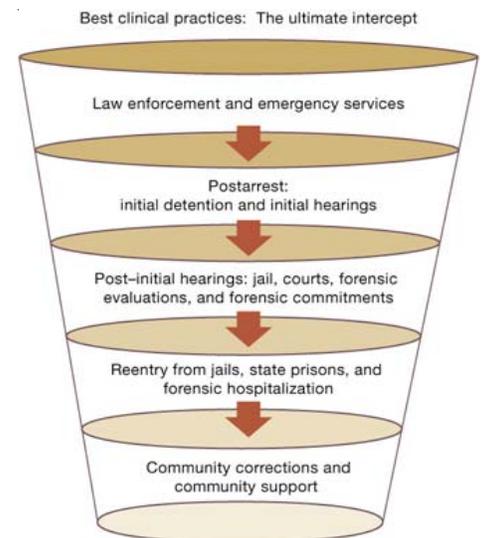
In a "Washingtonian" Magazine cover story entitled, "Top Journalists: Washington's Media Elite", he was described as one of a handful of journalists in America who "have the power to introduce new ideas and give them currency." He writes a weekly blog about mental health, is a former reporter for "The Washington Post", and is the author of nine nonfiction books, including three "New York Times" bestsellers, and five novels.

This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 3.75 total CLE hour(s) instruction. Continuing education credits for Counselors and Social Worker are pending approval.

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Agenda

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:05	Welcome
9:05 - 10:00	Keynote - Pete Earley
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 12:00	Panel Presentation – Representatives of the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Forum will discuss the use of the Sequential Intercept model as an effective tool in a collaborative community planning process
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch and networking Presentation of the Torrey Advocacy Commendation
1:00 - 2:00	Outcomes and lessons learned from more than 10 years of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training
2:00 - 2:15	Break
2:15 - 3:45	Panel Presentation – Representatives of the Summit County adult and juvenile system will provide an overview of diversionary and supportive programs and results achieved for persons with mental illness involved with the criminal justice system.
3:45 - 4:15	Interactive Panel – Pete Earley, ODMH Director Tracy Plouck and local representatives will respond to questions from the audience
4:15 - 4:30	Wrap Up/Evaluations



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Additional information and link to online registration at:

<http://summitctymentalhealthandcriminaljusticesymposium.eventbrite.com>