

SAVE-THE-DATE

Building Better School and Police Relationships to Improve Outcomes for Children and Youth

Our Goal: To help identify best practices to support students with significant behavioral support needs when interacting with educators and law enforcement.

When: **Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon**
Where: Holy Cross College, Hogan Campus Center, 1 College St,
Worcester
Registration: Information with registration and conference details to follow

Invited attendees: Representatives from Massachusetts' local police departments, public school districts and private special education schools

Conference Offerings

9:00 - Welcome and Opening Comments – Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Commissioner Joan Mikula

9:15 - Keynote Address – Middlesex County Juvenile Court Judge, Honorable Jay Blitzman

Judge Blitzman is a founder and the first director of the Roxbury Youth Advocacy Project and also co-founded Citizens for Juvenile Justice (CfJJ). Since becoming a judge in 1996, he has continued to present and write at a wide range of state and national conferences on juvenile justice and child welfare issues. He is also a co-founder of Our RJ, formerly known as the Juvenile Court Restorative Justice Diversion program.

10:00 – Break

10:15 and 11:00 - Three Breakout Sessions: School and Police Relationships in Urban, Suburban and Rural Settings

11:45 – Closing Comments – Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Senior Associate Commissioner Russell Johnston

12:00 – Adjournment

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