



Those Things We Don't Like to Talk About

Films, Facts, and Discussion about Difficult Realities

Programs Presented by the Montpelier Community Justice Center
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2009

Sept. 24

Radical Hospitality:
Befriending Those
Who Return from Prison

View *A Hard Straight*, “the story of what it’s really like for a person to make the radical transition from prison life to society.” Hear real-life stories from Vermonters who have been released from prison and those who work with them, including community volunteers in *Circles of Support and Accountability* (COSAs), probation officers and police.

Oct. 6

When Control Disguises as
Romance: How Domestic
Violence Sneaks Up on Us

How do victims of dating and domestic violence get lured into relationships that hurt and are dangerous to leave? What are the intentions behind the actions? The answers are surprising, even shocking. Films and a panel of presenters will highlight how people innocently looking for love get hooked. Learn the warning signs and how to get help.

Nov. 12

Victim Impact:
The True Cost of
Drinking & Driving

“The crash took only seconds, but its impact lasts a lifetime . . . (on) not only those injured or killed, but also the lives of the victims’ friends and families.” Three speakers from the Vermont Victim Impact Panel Program will tell their personal, painful stories as part of an ongoing effort to prevent future victims. Questions and discussion will follow.

Dec. 10

After the Damage is Done:
Making Amends &
Making Changes

Restorative Justice gives people a way to learn from their mistakes and do better. Videos, true stories, and a live demonstration show what “the restorative response to wrongdoing” looks like in action. Find out why Central Vermont prosecutors, police, probation officers, victims, and those who offend have bought into the Restorative Justice Alternative.

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Jan. 14

Which Came First?
The Addictions / Crime
Relationship

Individuals, relationships, families, and communities suffer under the fallout of addictions. An eclectic presentation will examine the multi-faceted correlation between crime and addiction, the challenges of prevention and treatment, and what people need to know to stay safe.

Feb. 17

Remarkable Conversations:
Victim-Offender Dialogue
In Cases of Extreme Violence

View director Rachel Libert’s award-winning film *Beyond Conviction*, a compelling depiction of the complicated relationship between victims and offenders and the struggle for meaning and healing that leads victims to meet with those who hurt them. Witness the surprising twists that can happen in these meetings. Learn about Vermont’s Victim-Offender Dialogue Program.

Mar. 11

Must “Party” = Drinking?
How did our kids become drinkers?
What’s the problem?
What’s the solution?

These are difficult questions with no clear answers. The film *Spin the Bottle* offers an eye-opening critique of the role that contemporary popular culture plays in glamorizing excessive drinking. A panel of those working in prevention, treatment, and educational settings will lead the audience in dialogue and problem-solving.

Apr. 8

Healthy Mistrust:
Protecting Children from
Sexual Predators

It shouldn’t happen to any child. And yet it does. This program features experts with indispensable information to help those who care for and about children. Learn what to look for, what to be concerned about, and where to take your concerns. Be part of the solution to child sexual abuse.

May 13

A Place to Fight:
Why We Need Mediators &
Where to Find Them

Conflict is everywhere—in families, friendships, businesses, neighborhoods, workplaces, etc.—and, hopeless as it seems, it can be resolved. See how mediation works in this live demonstration. Learn about state and local programs offering help to people willing to talk, negotiate, and settle issues instead of stewing, suing, or calling the police.



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