

# Schedule of Events

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT**

**Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 8:30 am Check-In -Coffee, Tea, and Danish
- 9:00 am Welcome Address  
Lane and Douglas County Commissioners
- 9:30 am Panel of Local and State Leaders
- 10:45 am Keynote Address - Tyrone Flowers
- 12:00 pm Lunch provided by Martin Luther King Jr.  
Culinary Arts Program
- 1:00 pm Breakout Sessions  
Mark Salzman - Detention Writing Program  
Tyrone Flowers - Higher M-Pact Program  
Kraig Brockelman - Hate Groups  
Joel Gutierrez - Hispanic/Latino Groups
- 3:30 pm Closing Thoughts and Wrap-Up
- 4:00 pm Adjourn

**Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 9:00 am Keynote Address - Mark Salzman
- 10:45 am Joel Gutierrez - Prevention and Intervention
- 12:00 pm Lunch provided by Martin Luther King Jr.  
Culinary Arts Program
- 1:00 pm Breakout Sessions - Facilitated Meetings
- 2:00 pm Closing Thoughts and Wrap-Up
- 2:30 pm Adjourn

## Panel Members

Mediator: Rick Dancer - News Anchor,  
KEZI 9 News

Hon. Kip Leonard - Lane County Circuit Court

Carmen Gelman - Assistant Principal  
Springfield High School

Sal Cantu - Looking Glass AOD Counselor

Alex Gardner - Chief Deputy District Attorney,  
Lane County

Chuck Cogburn - Lead Criminal Intelligence  
Analyst  
Oregon Department of Justice

Rick Wesenberg - Assistant District Attorney  
Douglas County

Aaron Dunbar - Public Information Officer,  
Roseburg Police Department

Mike Keizer - Director of Student Services,  
Roseburg Public Schools

**Other Local and State Panel Members  
to be announced**

*DPSST credit will be available for  
this event.*

**This is a free event, however  
registration is required.**

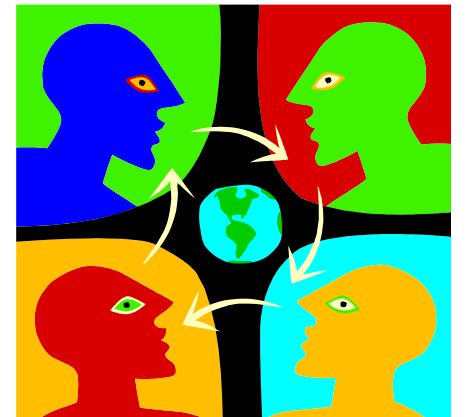
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**Before It's Too Late:  
Utilizing Existing Resources  
to Prevent Gang and  
High Risk Youth Issues  
in Our Communities**

**A Community Education, Prevention  
and Mobilization Event Sponsored by:**

Lane County Youth Services and  
Douglas County Juvenile Department  
in cooperation with the  
Oregon Youth Authority



June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007  
Cottage Grove High School  
1375 South River Road  
Cottage Grove, Oregon



## Before It's Too Late:

A Conference for Local Educators, Law Enforcement, Juvenile Justice, Court, and Interested Community Members

The problem of gangs and other high risk behaviors amongst the youth of our communities is growing. Contribute to a community solution- be a part of national and local experts and community partners coming together to mobilize our communities' response to these issues.

This conference will include a panel of local community leaders from law enforcement, treatment and prevention and educational sectors.

Additionally, the conference will host several nationally known speakers in the areas of gangs and high risk youth and mobilization of awareness and prevention programs for individuals, schools, agencies, and communities.



Centennial Footbridge,  
Downtown Cottage Grove

## Speakers

**Tyrone Flowers**  
Executive Director of Higher M-Pact

Flowers was born to teenage parents who couldn't raise him. He spent his childhood being shuffled between foster homes, detention centers, reform schools, and state youth facilities. Labeled "beyond parental control" at age seven, he was also diagnosed with behavior problems and learning disorders. Service providers saw no hope for his future.

Flowers was determined to prove them wrong. Upon release from government care, Flowers started attending high school and playing basketball. Two weeks before graduation, Flowers was shot three times by a teammate. The shooting left him in a wheelchair, without the use of his legs and with limited use of his left arm. Faced with decisions about his future with limited use of his body, Flowers chose to use his mind.

He went on to become the first person in his family to attain a college degree, and went on to graduate from University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. After graduation, Flowers chose to use his degree to help other high-risk urban youth. His personal experiences and careful study of the juvenile justice system and various youth organizations led him to create Higher M-Pact, a non profit focused on helping high-risk youth and communities.



Tyrone Flowers



Mark Salzman

## Speakers

**Mark Salzman**  
Acclaimed Author of *True Notebooks*,  
*Iron & Silk* and *Lying Awake*

In 1997, Mark Salzman paid a reluctant visit to a writing class at L.A.'s Central Juvenile Hall, a lockup for violent teenage offenders, many of them charged with murder. What he found so moved and astonished him that he began to teach them regularly. Mark will share his experiences and some of the lessons that may be learned from the voices of the youth he encountered through this experience in Juvenile Hall.

**Joel Gutierrez**  
Commissioner & Vice Chair  
Nevada Juvenile Justice  
Commission

Joel grew up in South Los Angeles. At the age of 11, he joined a gang. By the age of 16, Joel came within a hair of being sent to the California Youth Authority. For some reason, the judge saw that a glimmer of hope existed within him and instead sent him to a private program. At the age of 17 ½, now back in the community, Joel knew that he needed to leave the neighborhood and lifestyle he'd been entrapped in behind.

With one brother murdered and the other serving four life sentences due to gang violence, Joel found that his life finally began to have meaning. He moved to Reno, Nevada and began working with adjudicated youth. By the age of 24, he was appointed to the State of Nevada Juvenile Justice Commission as the state's youngest commissioner.