

## **Community Model** **One Day introduction** *Practicing the Vision*

The Community Model is a program specifically designed for use in jails, prisons and reentry. This model is based on what is called the “social model,” but has been specifically adapted by two experts on programming in correctional institutions, Morgan Moss and Penny Patton. While it addresses the underlying life issues that gave rise to the anti-social conduct, it does much more.

The Community Model is a way of being in relationship with others that can be used in any setting. By consistently building a respectful, trusting environment, within a short period of time a self-governing, self-sustaining working unit can be achieved that is characterized by honesty, trust, integrity, generosity, transparency, and equality. Once the group becomes seasoned in the process, it continues so long as the culture is tended and maintained.

The success of the Community Model among people who are often considered the “trouble-makers” in our society, is compelling evidence that, once the principles upon which it operates are understood and implemented, it can become the norm in other groups and institutions. Many people have been looking for a better way for generations. The Community Model is one example of how to make the Golden Rule a living, dynamic practice.

This one day introduction to the Community Model will be conducted by its creators, Morgan Moss and Penny Patton. It will include a brief historical overview, consideration of the practical nature of the Community Model, an introduction to the concept of working within concentric circles, creativity as a community-building tool, the importance of process over structure, the meaning of parallel process, and the elements of *pi 1* (the old model) and *pi 2* (this new, holistic model). Interacting with participant-offered case stories and *pi 1* and *pi 2* role plays will support experiential understanding of the paradoxical Community Model perspective. We will also consider where we can go from here with this new model in the larger culture.

**Boaz and Ruth’s Training Room**  
**3007 Meadowbridge Road, Richmond, VA**  
(Directions at [www.boazandruth.com](http://www.boazandruth.com))  
Wednesday, June 25, 2008  
9:30 a.m. Registration  
4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Lunch available at the Diamond Café next door, or you may bring your own.

The training is free, however, at the completion of the training, donations will be accepted based on value received and ability to contribute.  
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*Attendance is limited to 20 people.*

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