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(AVP)**

***The Committee of Local and
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(CLARG)***

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The Committee of Local and Regional Groups

CLARG is comprised of representatives from each regional group, forming the bridge between all the local groups and AVP/USA.

CLARG assists local groups (sometimes called Area Councils),

- tracks the number of workshops given in each area,
- updates the mailing list for AVP/USA,
- assists in the establishment of new local groups,
- helps to formulate policy or standards for facilitators,
- promotes Seed Grants for new and struggling groups,
- identified a list of Spanish-speaking facilitators who are willing to travel,
- encourages facilitators to enter workshop statistics on the AVP/USA website
- brings local concerns to the attention of the national organization,
- and promotes attendance at the annual national gathering.



This work is done at meetings at the annual gathering, timely conference calls, mailings, intervisitation, and frequent emails.

CLARG proudly announces:

**In the calendar year 2010, volunteers from AVP/USA organized
488 Basic workshops with 6,956 participants
in 111 prisons.**

**There were 287 Advanced workshops with 3916 participants in those prisons,
and 947 people in prison were trained to be facilitators in
84 workshops and are ready to serve on a workshop team.**

**In 67 community locations, we had 64 Basic workshops with 715 participants,
16 Advanced workshop with 195 participants,
and 14 T4F workshops with 135 participants.**

**For youth up to the age 23, there were 12 Basic workshops with 194 participants,
and 5 Advanced workshops with 81 participants.
56 youth were trained to be facilitators in 4 workshops.**

**We had 1,018 total workshops with 14,373 participants.
85% of these workshops were given in federal, state, and local prisons.
These were led by 1,227 inside facilitators and 588 outside facilitators.**

**There is an active AVP program in the following (31) states plus the Virgin
Islands:**

Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Iowa
Kansas
Louisiana
Maine

Maryland
Massachusetts
Minnesota
Missouri
Mississippi
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York

North Dakota
Oregon
Pennsylvania
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Virgin Islands
Virginia
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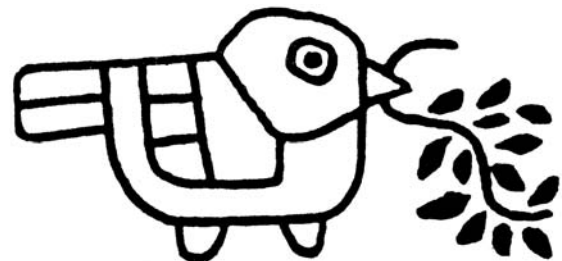
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New England Region: CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT

CONNECTICUT

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

MacDougall CI, Suffield
Osborn CI, Somers
York CI (Women's), Niantic

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

19 Basic workshops, 365 participants
9 Advanced workshops, 165 participants
2 T4F workshop, 24 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

39 inside, 38 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Osborn: In addition to the workshops reported above, we have held 11 one-day-long gatherings on one Saturday a month.

There have been three trainer meetings where inside and outside trainers have come together to address issues of concern for our program. There have also been what we've called eight "alumni" meetings in which some of the recent graduates of the advanced workshops come and participate in a day long workshop on a specific topic.

These topics have usually been chosen by one or more inside trainers and have included: power, communication, empathy, transforming power, team work, and stereotyping, among others.

Our greatest joys have been seeing the growth of various participants and our greatest concern the logistical difficulties that have sometimes resulted in problems like small workshop size, in spite of a long waiting list; people called for the wrong workshop (someone called to an advanced who has not yet had a basic and visa versa); difficulty gaining access to the prison at appropriate times.

York: This past year was a successful year for AVP at York C.I. We trained many new facilitators inside and out and are working toward being able to offer workshops with more frequency.

MacDougall: We've got seven new inside facilitators - a good thing, since six of last

year's eight are out of the prison. We've improved the for outside facilitator scene a bit, with four brand new ones to add to three newish ones, plus one or two in the pipeline.

Our barrier now is lead outside trainers, of which we have only four, One of those four has to be present at any workshop and most of them can do only a few a year. But the community of inside facilitators is a joy to work with.

We have also had some difficulty with prison staff making it hard to run a workshop on schedule and being inconsistent with enforcing rules - that is, enforcing ones we didn't know existed. Given that the prison is asking a small group of people to serve a waiting list of hundreds, since AVP is "strongly advised" if you want parole and you have a violent crime, we're hoping to have a discussion with prison management to work some things out.

REPORT BY:

Valentine Doyle, Carol Lewis, Claude Tellier, and Kris Wraight

MAINE

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Maine Correctional Center for Men
Maine Correctional Center, Women's Center
Maine State Prison
Bangor Women's Re-entry Center

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

15 Basic - 138 participants
6 Advanced - 48 participants
2 T4F - 14 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATION

Damariscotta

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

1 Basic - 6 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

15 inside, 13 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

In the summer 2010 we were very pleased to be able to begin regular workshops at the Maine State Prison in Warren. We began with workshops in the "Close" Units. We continue at the Maine Correctional Center (MCC) working with Men and at the Women's Center (part of that facility). We are hopeful that when the Women's Pod housed in the men's "side" comes under the control of the Women's Center in 2011, that we may be able to extend workshops to those women. We have felt supported by the administration in all settings though there are the inevitable lapses in communication we all experience working with line officers and staff.

The evening "Reunion" held monthly for men at MCC has been a successful and growing part of our program. We began a group for women at their request but due to the rapid turnover (mostly transfer to prerelease) those most interested became no longer available. (Maine is a relatively small system; also workshops are capped at 12 inside participants due to space available.) We will resume this group when there is renewed interest.

Our newest venture came in the fall when we began to experiment with a two hour bi-weekly session at the Bangor Women's Reentry Center using the Basic workshop material as the base. This first group comprised both women who had done some AVP and those who had not. I am forever thankful to the skills and commitment of our small band of volunteers.

REPORT BY: Sue Rudalevige



MASSACHUSETTS

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

MCI Concord,
MCI Norfolk
MCI Shirley Medium
MCI Shirley Minimum
Northeast Correctional Center - Concord
Old Colony Correctional Center
Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center
MCI Cedar Junction

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

20 Basic workshops - 330 participants
18 Advanced workshops - 246 participants
7 T4F workshops - 106 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

100 inside, 30 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We are sad to report the death of Peg Erlanger, who died on July 24, 2010. She was President of AVP/USA and a former Chair of AVP/MA. We had some changes in the board. Betty Keddy has turned over her position as secretary to three people: Lisa Dangle, Lori Gillem and Prue Prentice.

We are delighted to announce that Kathy Rubenstein has agreed to join Nancy Shippen as Co-chair of AVP/MA. The Board has gratefully accepted Kathy's offer and will present it as an agenda item for formal acceptance at the fall business meeting. Meanwhile Kathy will be busy, along with Nancy, supporting local programs, coordinators, facilitators, participants and proposing new ideas to the AVP/MA team! Please send Kathy your well wishes and remember that we eagerly welcome participation from others and appreciate everyone's contributions, past, present and future.

REPORT BY: Prue Prentice, Betty Keddy

NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

NH State Prison for Men, Concord

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

3 Basic - 71 participants
1 Advanced - 18 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

22 inside, 4 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

In 2010, 171 inmates enjoyed our one day workshops. Here at NHSP/M the inside AVP facilitators have created over 20 one day workshops that each have a different theme/focus. The one day workshops usually run on a Saturday at the same time as a three-day weekend workshop.

This past year at NHSP/M we have tried a new idea of taking our one day workshops and running three one days instead of a Basic or Advanced over one three day weekend. This allows us to offer more participants, who enjoy the AVP workshops, the on-going experience of team building and refresh their Transforming Power skills and learn new AVP tools for their tool box. We had a different facilitation team for each one day workshop. The challenges were the organization and logistics of the plan, the joys were we had many inside facilitators and participants grateful for the opportunity to again be working with the AVP material in a place that foster respect, kindness and caring.

For the second year, the inside AVP facilitators have created a special three-hour mini AVP workshop for 14 college students in my Peace and Social Justice

Studies Program. This workshop was extremely powerful for all the participants. One student went on to attend a full Basic workshop and was so inspired that he is in the process of finishing his 120 hour internship with Nancy Shippen in MA. He is helping her with Our Prison Neighbor program. He has since become an AVP facilitator and hopes to go on and work with AVP internationally in the future. Many thanks to Nancy!

REPORT BY: Barbara Thorngren



New York Region

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Albion, Arthur Kill, Attica, Auburn, Bedford Hills, Butler, Cayuga, Eastern, Elmira, Greene, Green Haven, Groveland, Mid-Orange, Otisville, Sing Sing, Sullivan, Wende, Woodbourne

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

69 Basics, 874 participants
50 Advanced, 573 participants
14 T4F workshops, 139 participants

YOUTH WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Sing Sing Prison
First Presbyterian Church, Delhi
Walton Central Schools, Walton
Family Partnership Center, Poughkeepsie
Our Lady of Victory High School, Ossining

YOUTH WORKSHOP STATISTICS

4 Basic, 72 participants
1 Advanced, 15 participants
2 T4F workshops, 26 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Powell House Quaker Retreat and Conference Center, Old Chatham
Home of Nadine Hoover and Sarah Mandolang, Alfred

Church of the Ascension Episcopal,
Rochester

Westbury Friends Meetinghouse, Westbury
The Fortune Society, Long Island City
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bronx
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Health Center,
Bronx

St. John the Baptist Church, Kenmore
Purchase Friends Meetinghouse, Purchase
Ethical Cultural Society, White Plains
Summerfield Methodist Church, Port
Chester

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

7 Basics, 63 participants
1 Advanced, 14 participants
2 T 4F workshops, 12 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS:

197 inside,
120 (93 18 yrs or older, 27 youth) outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

For AVP/NY, 2010 was a year of expansion in some communities and pulling back in others and the addition of two prison programs. Landing Strip, our support group for people released, continues to meet twice monthly in Manhattan.

Through the support of the New York Area Council, we held a basic workshop, led by four formerly incarcerated men, at the Fortune Society, the leading reentry agency in New York City. We are continuing to grow our relationship with the Fortune Society.

We began two initiatives in the Bronx. We are working with local churches to bring a series of workshops for adults and young adults. And, secondly, by invitation from the Martin Luther King Jr. Health Center, we are offering workshops to employees with the ultimate goal of having a self-sustaining program at the Center. We held mini workshops for each group in 2010.

In Rochester, we held a mini, and have since held a basic workshop at the Church of the Ascension Episcopal. Two of the facilitators were recently released from Groveland prison. The Church would like to grow its prison ministry and may become a home for a Rochester Landing Strip.

Compared with 2009, 2010 saw fewer community workshops in Buffalo, Alfred, and Elmira, sometimes due to too few participants, but more often due to lack of availability of coordinators. One of those coordinators, Nadine Hoover, wrote the *Trauma Healing Advanced Workshop Manual*. It can be ordered at <http://consciencestudio.com/OSC/> or from Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

Our school programs offering minis to 5th, 6th and 7th graders and full workshops (one each of the basic, advanced and training for facilitators) to 8th-12th graders in Walton Central Schools and one full workshop to 10th – 12th graders from Delhi and Andes Schools continued. Our afterschool program in Poughkeepsie offered just one workshop in 2010 due to the coordinator's illness.

101 youth participated in full workshops, approximately 420 in mini workshops; 26 were trained to be apprentice facilitators and 27 served on-team.

Our prison programs remain strong for the most part in the sixteen prisons we were in last year and in 2010 we began offering monthly workshops at two more prisons:

Cayuga and Butler, both medium security men's prisons. The number of workshops offered in prisons and the number of participants are up slightly from 2009.

The men at Green Haven developed a new special topic workshop focusing on ending violence against women. Participants for this pilot workshop were solely inside and outside facilitators. Other new special topic workshops focused on roadblocks and green lights to reentry, and self awareness in relationships. We held two AVP anger management workshops and seven AVP parenting workshops in prisons.

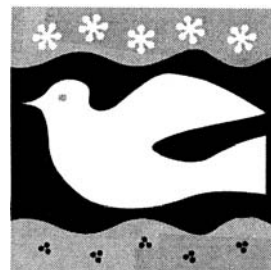
In our work outside of NYS, Nadine Hoover continued her twenty-something-year-long venture of growing AVP in Indonesia, now as part of Friends Peace Teams' Indonesia Initiative and under the care of New York Yearly Meeting. In 2010 Sarah Mandolang Rozard, Autumn Star and, from AVP/New Zealand, Peter Watson joined in the work in Indonesia—this time facilitating workshops that focus on parents and teachers of young children.

Nadine visited three AVP communities in New Zealand, bringing greetings from AVP/NY.

Greta Mickey and Shirley Way served on-team in several workshops with Maia Gonjilashvili, in the Republic of Georgia, under the care of New York Yearly Meeting. Margaret Lechner worked with Friends Peace Teams' Peacebuilding en las Americas, facilitating workshops in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Margaret also served on-team in New Jersey.

Lilian Vega, a facilitator from Guatemala, spoke of the AVP work in her country to five gatherings in NYS.

REPORT BY: Carolyn Polikarpus, Margaret Lechner, Nadine Hoover, & Shirley Way



Pennsylvania / New Jersey Region

NEW JERSEY

YOUTH WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Garden State YCF, Yardville

YOUTH WORKSHOP STATISTICS

4 Basic, 72 participants

2 Advanced, 36 participants

2 T4F workshops, 30 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

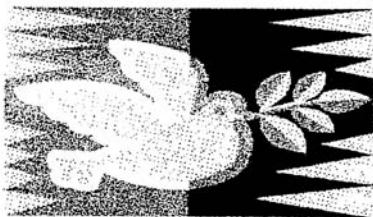
4 inside, 4 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

It's been a busy year for this small chapter. We were fortunate to have Margaret Lechner of AVP-NY and John Shuford of AVP/Delaware help us with T4F workshops which increased our number of both inside and outside facilitators. Beyond running our workshops, we've been trying to increase we've been trying to increase our facilitator pool by reaching out to previous volunteers, speaking at a few local churches, and talking to a few reporters. The Manasquan Monthly Meeting has taken our work under its care.

Growing the chapter has also meant holding regular meetings with inside facilitators to plan sessions and strengthen the community. The time spent has resulted in a strong, confident team. Our biggest challenge remains attracting outside volunteers. Until we develop a bigger group, we are unable to hold community workshops, expand to other prisons, or do much fundraising. In 2011, we hope to have several more outside volunteers complete their training and begin facilitating. We also hope to make contact with two other correctional institutions and begin exploring the possibility of establishing an AVP presence there.

REPORT BY: Eleanor Novek



PENNSYLVANIA

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

SCI Chester

SCI Graterford

SCI Mahanoy

Federal Corr. Inst. - McKean

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

18 Basic workshops - 206 participants

8 Advanced - 85 participants

6 T4F workshops -46 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

New Jerusalem Recovery Community,

Philadelphia

Cardinal Bevilacqua Community Center,

Philadelphia

Gwynedd Friends Meeting

Lancaster Friends Meeting

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

16 Basic workshops - 253 participants

5 Advanced workshops - 63 participants

5 T4F workshops - 39 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

45 inside, 32 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

AVP activities have been strong in Pennsylvania in 2010 with active programs in four prisons, one recovery community and two community-based programs conducted through Friends Meetings. While a few programs grew since last year, but the overall number of workshops declined due to lack of consistent institutional support, participation of outside facilitators, and funding, and cancellations due to unusually bad weather. Our region wishes to thank Jeanette Slaw for her many years of leading AVP work in several Pennsylvania prisons and welcomes Gloria Upanavage from the Chaplain's office at SCI Mahanoy for taking on the role of AVP coordinator at this facility.

The AVP program at FCI McKean has been bolstered by the growing talents and commitment of two new facilitators based in nearby Bradford and the participation of a veteran facilitator from Buffalo, NY. Joe DiGarbo and Joe Moore from Lancaster Meeting again traveled to Palestine and

Israel to help cultivate the growth of AVP workshops there with organizations and schools. Jorge Arau and Sr. Barbara Brigham have been improving the Spanish language versions of the AVP manuals which are being used in Spanish AVP workshops at SCI Graterford.

This program has also benefited from a monthly meeting of facilitators that provides practice and support. It has also continued its annual visit by Eastern Mennonite University students and professors involved in a Peace Building course.

The Lancaster Friends Meeting AVP program conducted some successful workshops with staff members of several community groups including a police officer.

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Mid-Atlantic Region: DC, DE, MD, VA, WV

DELAWARE

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Sussex Correctional Institution
Baylor Women's Correctional Institution
Howard R. Young Correctional Institution
James T. Vaughn Correctional Facility

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

19 Basic workshops - 324 participants
13 Advanced workshops - 206 participants
3 T4F - 20 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Dover
Wilmington

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

2 Basics, 35 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

29 inside, 13 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

There are four adult prisons in Delaware. In two of the men's prisons, AVP is running smoothly. One advanced workshop was done in Spanish. At the third men's prison, AVP was unable to have workshops for the first half of the year, but the program is strong and still thriving with a core inside facilitation team that has been together for 18 years. The Women's prison program was also in hiatus for a good part of the year as staff changed, and workshops

resumed in November. We initiated a community workshop program in September and will be introducing the Trauma Healing Workshop in the women's prison in 2011.

We had one guest facilitator.

REPORT BY: John Shuford

MARYLAND

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Eastern Correctional Institution (ECI)
Jessup Correctional Institution (JCI) -
Baltimore
Maryland Correctional Institution-
Hagerstown (MCIH)
Maryland Correctional Institution -
Jessup (MCIJ)
Maryland Correctional Institution for
Women, (MCIW) Baltimore
Patuxent Institution
Roxbury Correctional Institution (RCI), in
Hagerstown

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

37 Basic Workshops - 669 participants
21 Advanced - 363 participants
5 T4F - 76 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATION
Annapolis

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

- 3 Basic Workshops,
- 2 6 participants
- 1 Advanced ,
- 1 5 participants
- 1 T4F, 16 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

118 inside, 37 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

A Third Annual Regional Meeting in the fall was well attended, but again succeeded in attracting only Maryland facilitators. The publicity effort that was launched included a local radio program and we received enough interest to hold introductory workshops for 30 people and several new facilitators have emerged. AVP at Patuxent now has the ability to hold a workshop each month. We have instituted a Google calendar for our region with the goal of keeping track of what workshops each facility is doing.

The rejuvenated program at ECI, which has an East and a West side, ended its third year in 2010. Beginning in 2011 the ECI group plans to expand and offer AVP each month on each side instead of alternating workshops between the East and West sides. Attracting enough outside facilitators remains a challenge, but the commitment demonstrated by inmate facilitators is an ongoing inspiration. ECI has been able to secure financial support from the Third Haven Friends Meeting and a grant from the Episcopal Diocese on the Eastern Shore.

MCI-H was able to offer two workshops in Spanish this year, and is working to train more bi-lingual inside facilitators, as well as searching for outsiders with Spanish.

In addition to the two community workshops, some half-day programs have been offered in the Annapolis community and introductory sessions were offered to 23 school counselors, 21 United Methodist pastors and congregants, and 17 members of interfaith networking groups. *All outside facilitators but one for these short

workshops came from those trained in the T4F above.

Concerns include the recent stopping of the program at Roxbury, which is hoped to be temporary and the fact that two of prison programs are operating with essentially one outside facilitator at that particular institution.

REPORT BY: Leigh Ann Dodge, Penny Morrow, Ed Sabin, Nancy Hutchins, Kit Hanley, Bill Denison, Ron Williams, and Floyd Rogers

VIRGINIA

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATION

Richmond

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

- 1 Basic, 12 participants
- 1 Advanced, 5 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

2 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

As part of the Richmond Peace Education Center, AVP principles and materials are being used in many ways though few formal 3-day workshops have been done. Much of the work for the Peace Education Center is working with youth doing two-day workshops through Richmond Public Schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, churches, and community centers. Work has also been done using the "Healing and Rebuilding Our Community" manuals for participants who are recently from Rwanda and Kenya. AVP hopes to get back into the prisons this next year.

REPORT BY: Santa Sorenson



Southeast Region: AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN, VI

FLORIDA

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Coleman Federal Prison
Everglades Correctional Institution
Florida Correctional Institute Homestead
Correctional Institution
Miami Federal Correctional Institution
Miami-Dade County Independent Review
Panel

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

38 Basic - 347 participants
38 Advanced workshops -290 participants
6 T4F workshop - 73 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATION

United Church of Christ, Tampa

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

1 Basic workshops - 10 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

84 inside, 11 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Tampa Bay Chapter: One of the joys of 2010 was the "passing of the peace" ceremony at the CFCC Women's Camp when experienced inside facilitators were honored for their work and they, in turn, passed the peace (a dove) to the incoming facilitators in celebration of their joining the circle. It was a lovely gathering, very positive energy with 24 women in attendance. We also had a good variety of Advanced workshops: Professional Women, Addictions, Domestic Violence, Forgiveness, Boundaries, and Getting through the Holidays.

Warden Pastrana came in with excitement from his work with AVP Miami, especially Edwardo Diaz. He oversees the Women's Camp.

CFCC, P2, was a story of joy with a very active Inside Council that had 19 two hour sessions. There is a great deal of enthusiasm for AVP in P2, with a long waiting list and a group that also meets regularly on Saturdays. The frustrations were the usual: a half dozen Council sessions and four workshops canceled by CFCC due to lockdowns for violence and for

fog. The men are clearly wanting to change this situation and are willing to do the work. We have been supported by staff and officers who are enthusiastic in P2, including Warden Drew.

In the Community, in addition to the full workshop offered in Tampa, we had our annual MLK Day pot luck dinner and mini-workshop. The numbers are growing. Folks come that have been to workshops and bring newcomers.

Most exciting, is the work Darrell Hefta is doing with the homeless and their advocates in "Celebration Outreach." He and other AVP folk are doing mini-workshops that help the homeless build community, affirmation of self and other, communication and conflict resolution skills. This has included the homeless becoming an active part of the preparation and serving meals community, a very positive 'role reversal' that helps them feel more normal. They report being more engaged with each other and skillful in working out conflicts.

AVPTampa Bay Council continues to meet on a regular basis throughout the year. We are always looking for new facilitators and funds. Steve Kinney began the development of the <AVPTampaBay.org> website.

Miami Chapter: This year at the request of the inside facilitators we did a day of team building and hosted a day long team building/facilitator renewal workshop at each facility with a total of 51 participants. This helped them get back on track overcoming differences, trusting the process and recognizing each other's strengths.

Each December a holiday community gathering is held. We had two gatherings, one at each facility with 275 participants. This is a way to stay connected to the AVP community. We try to build this gathering as an opportunity to reconnect and sustain the community as a whole. These events have been very successful. I bring in pocket calendars and have them set goals for the new year, write them in the calendars and then check to see how they are coming along achieving those goals throughout the year.

I have also been bringing student interns into AVP from my university and the surrounding area. I currently have eight volunteers that have been through the workshops with the inmates (as participants) and I hope will one day be interested in continuing in a facilitator training.

We continue to hold bi-weekly dialogues in Everglades (concentric circle model and small discussion group work). These sessions meet for two hours every other week for 12 weeks. We are leading two dialogue series per year and they have also been quite successful. We have between 150-200 waiting for the Basic Workshop and 300-200 waiting for Advanced. The need is so great and the program is so well thought of by the inmates, administration and the parole commission that I could have a full time job doing AVP (except for the fact that it requires me to have a full time job to pay for the snacks and materials.)

REPORT BY: Dawn Addy, Susan Hefte, and Michele Young

TENNESSEE

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATION
Nashville Friends Meeting

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS
1 Basic workshop - 6 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS
7 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

This year Nashville AVP continued to be supported as an active committee by the Nashville Friends Meeting. We now have a solid base of facilitators and a group that is interested in completing the training to become facilitators.

We have begun to network with other organizations in the community: Project New Beginning, Inc., an organization that works with newly released ex-offenders and Nashville Peacemakers, an organization that is working with at risk youth. We also are looking for ways to work with the juvenile justice system.

We are also hopeful that several meetings that were held with prison officials will lead to an acceptance of AVP into the prison system in Nashville.

Overall, we feel we have experienced many joys this year and are looking forward to a very active year in 2011.

REPORT BY: Caroline Kiev

VIRGIN ISLANDS

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Point (TOP) High School
The Village
At Youth Summit
Local Condo Hotel
Territorial Beach Park
Junior High School

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

1 Basic, 13 participants
1 Advanced, 17 participants
1 T4F workshops, 11 participants

YOUTH WORKSHOP STATISTICS

1 Basic, 23 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

7 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

The above 7 facilitators plus another 1 have provided following Mini Workshops:
1 for parents and mentors at Boy Scout Center, 8 adults
4, each 1 1/2 hrs in public elem. school, grade 6, 14 youth
4, each 1 1/2 hrs in private elem. school, grade 7, 18 youth
4, each 1 1/2 hrs, after school in public Alternative Ed. Program, 15 youth
1 for 2 hours for staff in "Strengthening the Family Program, 20 young adults
1 for 2 hours at AFT Union sponsored Mini-Quest day for teachers, 8 adults
4 for 2 hr. each at local Rainbow Center, Temporary Residence for Homeless adults, 10 including 1 staff

Several of the new facilitators are already assisting in workshops in 2011, will report on that next year. Some of us will be going into the prison in St. Croix with AVP soon, after about seven years of effort.

In July, two Virgin Islands facilitators, one from St. Croix, another from St. Thomas, traveled to assist AVPer, Mike Fallahay who was a Peace Corps Volunteer, with 2 Basic Workshops in Her Majesty's Prison, St. Kitts, 24 total, 12 insiders, 12 outsiders. Because we were not available for their desired schedule, Val Liveoak, TX and Latin America AVP, assisted in facilitating with ADV and T4F Work in St. Kitts. Note: this is reported here because St. Kitts is another island country.

Concerns: Many of our trainees/facilitators (about 40 total) are unavailable to us due to their other obligations. However we receive many reports that AVP has helped in their work, especially for teachers, and in their community and personal lives. We continue to offer other peace work in our communities alongside AVP.

The challenge is always how to get all the work done. We would like to support the growth of AVP in our sister island of St. Thomas and also in St. Kitts but air travel is necessary and expensive. Our funds are sparse.

Our 8 facilitators were very busy in 2010 and are continuing to be so this year.

REPORT BY: Carolyn Keys and Jerry Weninger, Co-Coordinator AVP St. Croix: A program of Interfaith Coalition of St. Croix Cheryl Miller, hardest AVP worker in St. Thomas



Midwest Region: IL, IN, KY, OH

no activity this year

Northern Midwest Region: MI, MN, ND, SD, WI

MINNESOTA

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Hennepin County Men's Workhouse
Hennepin County Women's Workhouse
Fairbault Medium & Minimum Security
Stillwater High-Medium Security
MN - DOC Moose Lake

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

21 Basics - 194 participants
11 Advanced - 129 participants
8 T4F - 91 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

FNVW & AVP office, St Paul
Carleton College, Northfield
180 Degrees Half-Way House, Minneapolis
Duluth Friends Meetinghouse

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

5 Basics - 32 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

44 inside, 31 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

AVP-MN, in addition to the 3-day workshops listed above, did mini-workshops at Sisters of St. Joseph and approximately 3 other locations in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area. We conducted approximately 10 One-Day Workshops at DOC-Faribault: 3 at Medium Security for inside facilitators and about 7 at Minimum. Nancy Helfrich traveled to Sioux Falls, SD to co-facilitate a T4F with Marge Schlitt for the community and inside facilitators there.

We put enormous energy into hosting the AVP/USA National Conference, hosting 120 facilitators, approximately 15% of whom were formerly-incarcerated.

Two big successes in 2010 were inter-related:

1. We were invited into the MN Department of Corrections (DOC) facility at Moose Lake, holding our first Basic on August 13-15, 2010. Staff there heard about our great work in two other DOC facilities, and asked whether we could start one there! It is a 3-hour drive from the Twin Cities and will be a stretch for us to maintain. We hope to develop a new core group of facilitators in Duluth nearby. There are currently two people with interest.

2. Lead Facilitator Norman (Professor) Peoples Jr., who started facilitating inside MN-DOC-Faribault and has continued on the outside, has been cleared by Moose Lake to come inside on community AVP teams! He is facilitating there regularly.

To our knowledge, this is the first time a former felon has been allowed back into a MN State facility for any volunteer program. Here's what Norman has said about what it means: "We opened up a brand new facility up near Duluth, and went in with a convict going back to a state-level institution. It was precedent-setting for both issues. That was the hugeness of it – the double precedent of a new facility outside of the Twin Cities area, and because I, as a convicted felon who had served my time and was off parole, was allowed in. [When participants found out I had been incarcerated] they were inspired. It was inspirational for them to ask, 'How long have you been out?' I say, 'six years,' and they say, 'WHAT!? You mean there is life after release? If you can do it, that means there is a chance for our lives.' That is all of it."

Norman plans to be at the 2011 National Conference, where you can hook up with him to hear more about this. Congratulations!

Our biggest challenges are easy to list, and mostly shared with other AVP locals:

- The core of our community facilitator pool is aging.
- We haven't attracted very many new folks who can consistently facilitate.
- This local can thrive best when there is a half-time staff person; we are very challenged to locate funding for that position.
- Grants are increasingly tied to program evaluation with statistical measures of

impact. This is hard to provide for a "soft skills" program like AVP.

- We are slowly gathering some flawed or incomplete research that we have and trying to shape it into something that will "read" to funders.
- We at times have to fight to KEEP the programs we have.
- Budget cuts, staff reductions and facility-closing have severely challenged the Hennepin County Workhouse to provide space and basic staff coverage for AVP. Thankfully they are working closely with us to keep going, but we did half the usual number of workshops there in 2010.

We had started a program at Federal Women's Facility in Waseca in 2009, but some of the same factors, along with a staff person that may have mistrusted the TP component of our work, appeared to play into their complete shut-down of AVP by January 2010.

While the new MN-DOC-Moose Lake program appears to be going well, we're a little nervous since our experience at Waseca, and are trying to notice and handle any concerns or misunderstandings involving staff swiftly and completely. The other two DOC prisons, Stillwater and Faribault, appear solid, yet I as coordinator feel that every mistake we make or any inconvenience staff have on our account may be magnified and used as a reason to undermine AVP there.

REPORT BY: Nancy Helfrich, Erika Thorne, Cindy Robinson, Lee Reinhartz, and Lizbee Collins-Wildman

NORTH DAKOTA

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATION

North Dakota State Penitentiary, Bismark

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

3 Basics - 53 participants

1 Advanced - 15 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

5 inside, 3 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

In addition to the AVP workshops, we meet on the third Tuesday of every month at the penitentiary in the chaplain's quarters in an

informal gathering to discuss whatever is current and choice with the participants, and hopefully some follow-up for the most recent workshop.

Sometimes three people come, and sometimes 10. Sometimes they tell us how they have used their AVP experience to help them out in the population. Sometimes they just want to complain about some injustice perpetrated by the prison officials. Or their ex-wife. We listen.

REPORT BY: Betty Mills

SOUTH DAKOTA

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Mike McDurfee State Prison
State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls,
Hill and Jameson Units

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

9 Basics - 114 participants
2 Advanced, 24 participants
1 T4F workshop, 17 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

15 inside, 15 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Sioux Falls: 2010 was a great year for AVP South Dakota. With the help of Friends in the Twin Cities and Lincoln, NE, we were able to offer our first T4F workshop for 17

participants. Many of us had experience as facilitators but now our entire team has been trained and we have 3-4 new inside and two new outside facilitators as well.

We also offered two more advanced workshops during the year which were well received. One joy is that our Governor commuted the sentence of one of our veteran inside facilitators making him eligible for parole in three years. He has already been transferred to another prison. We will miss his leadership, humor and wisdom very much, but we are confident he will carry the AVP practices and spirit with him where ever he goes.

Mike Durfee State Prison, Springfield:
We continue to appreciate the support for our workshops from the staff. Our workshops are well attended and we find the participants to be very interested in what we have to present. We feel that we are helping to make a contribution to the prison through these workshops. Our inside and outside facilitator groups are very strong in presenting AVP. We held our first ever reunion this last year. It was well attended, and I might add, the participation was very positive by all attendees.

REPORT BY: Steve Snyder & Ted Wechsler



Central Midwest Region: IA, KS, NE, MO

IOWA

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Iowa Medical Classification Center, Oakdale
Ft. Dodge
Ft. Madison
Mt. Pleasant

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

17 Basic workshops - 205 participants
13 Advanced workshops - 162 participants
3 T4F workshops - 24 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

36 inside, 22 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Cheryl Sutton and Stan Sanders have been initiating AVP Community workshops in Des Moines and Fort Dodge. They see this as working "upstream" and have developed a Fort Dodge a Steering Committee to involve the local community. There is a long waiting list of inmates desiring to make AVP workshops at the Fort Dodge Facility, a sign of high interest in the prison.

Iowa State Penitentiary facilitator inmates in Fort Madison are producing a monthly Newsletter with great success. Sandy Krell-

Andre has enthusiasm for the "advanced" Training workshops for facilitators which she has developed.

This year AVP was begun at the Iowa Medical Classification Center in Oakdale. A mini workshop was conducted in the Iowa City community.

Of great concern in all of the areas where AVP is being held is the need for more outside volunteer facilitators. Many facilitators travel long distances to facilities.

Because of some upheavals within one prison, workshops have had to be canceled. Some facilitators get transferred out to other institutions creating loss of qualified facilitators in some institutions. Another concern is key facilitators getting engaged in power struggles.

REPORT BY: Stan Sanders, Cheryl Sutton, Sandy Krell-Andre, Judy Plank, Chuck & Pat Comfort, Kathleen Crose, and Marian Klostermann

KANSAS

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS
Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS
1 Basic Workshop - 29 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS
1 inside, 6 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS:
All is well!

REPORT BY: Susan Clymer

MISSOURI

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS
Boonville Correctional Center
Pacific - Eastern MO Corr. Center

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS
13 Basic workshops - 275 participants
5 Advanced workshops - 138 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATION
Columbia

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS
1 Basic workshop, 3 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS
10 inside, 9 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

The Boonville workshops this year were very deep, especially the two advanced workshops. Smaller groups were helpful in promoting trust. We continue to be challenged in locating new volunteers who are willing to commit to facilitating three-day workshops.

The Mid-Missouri group continues to support basic workshops at Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary, KS, with one facilitator who is not active in the Missouri workshops.

The staff at Pacific is, in general, supportive but there have been several mixups about dates. One of our very best facilitators has been released, and of course we are glad for him but he has left a large gap.

The leadership of the Pacific group is changing to Tom Sandidge, who is a great asset to the program and will serve it well.

REPORT BY: Stephanie Brooks, Scott Searles, and Liz Oldham

NEBRASKA

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS
Lincoln Correctional Center, Lincoln
Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln
Omaha Correctional Center, Omaha

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS
16 Basic workshops - 214 participants
11 Advanced workshops - 160 participants
3 T4F workshops - 22 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS
38 inside, 21 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS: 2010 was a challenging year for our AVP community. We had personnel struggles and much tension within the group because we were transitioning to a different model of leadership. We took time out for community building experiences and which resulted in improved relationships within the group.

We are fortunate when men trained at one of our facilities transfers to another and brings new ideas and renewed energy with them.

The Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution at Creighton University is a valuable resource for our program. Three facilitators have degrees from the institute and one student did a practicum experience with AVP.

In Lincoln, we were fascinated to have State Senator Bill Avery visit with our group of facilitators. He is working on the issue of parole in the Legislature.

It is fun to pick up new exercises and L&L's - some from the manual and some from our own imaginations. Advanced workshops on special topics are very popular, such as Expectations (which was initiated and led by the inside facilitators) and Reentry.

We feel fortunate to have such support from the administration in the Dept. of Corrections and the various prisons. It is truly heartwarming when participants tell us how much they have learned from AVP and how it has changed their lives.

REPORT BY: Kelly Orbik, Maureen Connelly, and Marge Schlitt



South Central Region: AR, LA, MS, OK, TX

ARKANSAS

PRISON LOCATION

Northwest Arkansas Women's Correctional Facility

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

3 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Quakers were asked by the facility chaplain to become involved at this facility over two years ago. We went through the orientation, were trained in AVP, and waited (and reminded the chaplain) that we were ready to be involved. Finally, our Meeting was given a slot every other Friday evening.

We started with a worship group and moved to doing just the POP (Playful Opportunities for Peace) sessions. After running two POP sessions and seeing the inconsistencies in attendance and carryover, we requested consecutive weeks (all weekend sessions were 'out of the question'). We were denied our request for consecutive sessions.

While we felt badly for not continuing our involvement with that facility and the women

affected by our presence, we felt we could be more effective in a different setting. We have yet to move on that however - that is, to coordinate with another facility.

REPORT BY: Karen Takemoto, LaDeana Mullinix

LOUISIANA

JOYS AND CONCERNS

At the request of the Boys and Girls' Club, we did two one day mini-workshops, focused on communication and conflict resolution. We did one day in the Bossier City, LA center and one day in the Shreveport, LA center. There were 20-25 kids in each group.

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

5 outside

REPORT BY: Kathryn Osuch, Bob Jordan

MISSISSIPPI

YOUTH WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Hinds County Detention Center (juvenile),
Jackson

YOUTH WORKSHOP STATISTICS

1 Advanced, 15 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

2 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leadership for this group was turned over to
Jim Henderson by Cathy Halford.

REPORT BY: Jim Henderson



TEXAS

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATION

Austin

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

1 Basic, 11 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

3 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We are ever hopeful to do more workshops,
and we are on the right track for 2011. We
had a basic in March, and just two weeks
ago (April 15-17) we held an Advanced
Workshop on Trauma Healing, based on
those offered by Friends Peace Teams in
Indonesia and Latin America. Facilitated
by Nadine Hoover and Val Liveoak with Ann
Sieber and Tom Martin as apprentices, the
workshop was simply awesome. I have
inquiries from Quaker youth about a basic
next September, and a number of basic
graduates over the last several years are
now asking for an advanced--hurray.

REPORT BY: Tom Martin, Ann Sieber

Rocky Mountain Region: CO, ID, MT, NM, UT, WY

COLORADO

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Camp George West
Cheyenne Mountain Re-entry Center
Camp George West - Golden
Denver Women's Correctional Facility
Ft Lyon Correctional Facility - Ft. Lyon
Federal Corrections - Englewood

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

17 Basics - 259 participants
5 Advanced - 74 participants
3 T4F - 17 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

9 inside, 5 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The women's facility in Canyon City was
closed and the women were transferred to
other facilities, including the Women's
Correctional Facility in Denver. We have
lost several facilitators and are working hard

to recruit more. The New Foundations
Nonviolence Center has a new ED,
Tahverlee Dunlop, and I (Margaret Browne)
am taking over the coordination of the AVP
program.

REPORT BY: Margaret Browne

NEW MEXICO

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATION

NM Women's Correctional Facility, Grants
(Corrections Corporation of America)

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

3 Basics - 56 participants
2 Advanced - 18 participants
1 T4F workshops - 10 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATION

Santa Fe

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

1 Basic - 7 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

12 inside, 5 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

In 2010, AVP of Northern New Mexico continued its program at the New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility, had a first try at workshops at the men's prison in Santa Fe, and offered one community workshop. The fledgling AVP group in the southern part of the state (based in Las Cruces) offered some sessions at a detention facility and offered a community workshop that didn't make.

Prison workshops: The program of workshops at the state's women prison, offered every other month for the past five years, was faced with the challenge of no longer being allowed a participant cohort of mixed security levels. This has reduced the number of participants and led to our first-ever cancellation of a workshop for lack of participation. Nonetheless, we have a full schedule of workshops for 2011 and have an abundance of eager inside facilitators.

In early 2010, we offered our first workshops (two basics) at the men's prison in Santa Fe. Although well received, change of personnel at the prison led to discontinuation of workshops. However, there is a possibility they will resume because of the interest of a new education director.

Community workshop: Because we could use more facilitators, we offered a community workshop that was sparsely attended and presented its share of challenges. A highlight of the workshop was having an excellent facilitator on the team who had received her gold certificate while incarcerated. (We now have two facilitators in NM who did their training and apprenticeship in AVP-NNM prison workshops.)

Challenges for 2011: Our foremost challenge will be to begin again the workshops at the men's prison. Our second greatest challenge will be to find at least one more lead facilitator, though we are fortunate to have many enthusiastic and

excellent facilitators. Our third challenge will be to come to terms with the no-mix rule at the women's prison that has led to lower participation.

REPORT BY: Audrey Miller

WYOMING

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp - Newcastle

Wyoming Honor Farm - Riverton

Wyoming State Prison - Torrington

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

1 Basic workshops – 17 participants

1 Advanced workshops – 17 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

4 inside, 4 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

These were the two last workshops we did at Newcastle. With the aging-out of Donn and Chelsea Kesselheim, we have run out of outside facilitators. The two workshops included as participants two potential facilitators who lived (only!) two hours away. These two women were interested in helping. However, one of our outside facilitators (who had been absent for three years) so disrupted the workshops that our two candidates refused to take the T4F.

Moreover, when they realized the work involved in preparation and handling of supplies and equipment, they found the prospect overwhelming. With three of the prisons served by AVP/Wyoming as much as 5 - 6 hours distant, travel expenses are high, making gas and motel costs exceed the \$500 in financial support AVP typically gets from Wyoming Friends Meeting and the Wyoming Association of Churches. Much comes out-of-pocket.

In Laramie, Deb Sanchez and her small group of outside facilitators hope to introduce AVP workshops into the new medium security unit in Torrington, once that prison is well up and running. However, the work at the penitentiary in Rawlins will probably be laid down.

REPORT BY: Chelsea Kesselheim

Northwest Region: AK, NV, OR, WA

NEVADA

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Northern Nevada State Prison, Carson City
Warm Springs Correctional Center
Love Lock Correctional Center

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

5 Basics - 82 participants
4 Advanced - 80 participants
2 T4F workshops - 28 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

40 inside, 4 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We have managed to average one workshop a month through 2010, spread over three Nevada prisons including one 90 miles away, with only three steady facilitators. The NV team had consisted of five members until April's T4F, where two new facilitators joined the team. However, of the total seven, only three have been consistently available to facilitate workshops. We expect this to change in 2011, when three outside people are scheduled for a T4F, and eight others have expressed interest in either taking a In addition to the regular workshops reported in the statistics, we also held a workshop inside a prison which we call an Advanced T4F. The workshop followed the usual AVP workshop format, but was 2 days only (total of 14 hours). It consisted of 3 outside facilitators and 10 inside facilitators. We generated an agenda of untried exercises and worked on improving some exercises (e.g. I-Messages), with the added benefit of significant team-building with our inside This year also saw the start of Nevada's first official inside AVP support group in

REPORT BY: Rita Sloan



OREGON

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATION

Sheridan Federal CI, Sheridan

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

1 Advanced - 10 participants
1 T4F workshop, 15 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATION

Salem

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

1 Basics - 7 participants
1 Advanced - 10 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

16 inside, 19 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We have continued with strength in offerings at Sheridan Federal Correctional Institution. A new cadre of facilitators residing there is being brought through apprenticeships and the schedule of workshops has been increased from four to five or six per year with added demand for workshops, increased facilitation team sizes and invigorated old and supportive new individuals providing staff resources. New requirements for added security data are increasing demands on outside participants and facilitators.

Salem facilitators have done well with small but successful workshop series and are in a better position to provide workshop opportunities both in community and the many possible local prison settings. Nonetheless, prison workshops there are on hold and in a waiting pattern for greater schedule openings and prison staff support.

We are very eager to instigate workshops in the Oregon Women's facility as we have a trained facilitator inmate there, but that institution is over-subscribed with outside programs and not accepting new offerings, according to our best information. The Salem facilitators have a particular goal of providing workshops to youth now that they have a larger number of trained facilitators.

Eugene area has been able to offer a partial community workshop series but have had to cancel some under-subscribed workshops. However, new facilitators, returning facilitators, and advancing participants continue to obtain experience from all Western Oregon localities via participation at Sheridan FCI.

AVP Portland is inactive, but many facilitators there continue to be interested in offerings and in reinvigorating the local facilitator organization.

In the fall of 2010, AVP/Oregon, Inc. coffers were seriously diminished. Eugene facilitators organized a very successful benefit sale by asking potential local contributors to bring one or two "high end" items to the sale, and making fund raising the first item on an agenda at a planning meeting. We subsequently raised sufficient funds to assist some in attending the national gathering as a result, and are now able to provide some financial support for participants and facilitators who travel distances to attend prison workshops or gatherings.

REPORT BY: Ethen Perkins

WASHINGTON

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Washington State Reformatory (WSR),
Monroe
Twin Rivers Unit, Monroe

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

4 Basics - 47 participants
2 Advanced - 31 participants
1 T4F - 6 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATION

World Affairs Council, Seattle
ReLife School, Seattle

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

3 Basics - 28 participants
1 Advanced - 12 participants

YOUTH WORKSHOP LOCATION

Arlington

YOUTH WORKSHOP STATISTICS

1 Basic - 16 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

15 inside, 9 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We have had mini-workshops for youth and in the community.

We are facing challenges and possibilities in our capacity to deliver AVP workshops. In early 2010 we were suspended at Twin Rivers Unit, part of the Monroe Correctional Campus, for an indefinite time over issues around touching in Light and Livelies and around what should be talked about in "Raps." This unit is the site of Washington State's only Sexual Offenders Treatment Program which creates an intensified sensitivity to these issues. In March 2011 we are still waiting to be reinstated as they reportedly try to find space for us that has a higher level of monitoring capacity.

In early 2011, a prisoner in the Washington State Reformatory on the same campus as TRU, murdered a female guard and programming has been severely cut back while they work through their issues and future plans concerning this situation. There is great interest on the part of some staff in Walla Walla State prison, located in eastern Washington, to start workshops there. This has been instigated by a very experienced inmate facilitator who has been transferred there. We have held exploratory meetings with them and hope we can get something started.

We are pleased to have several new facilitators joining the team, some through Community Workshops. Projects for a Civil Society - (The sponsor for Community AVP Workshops in Washington State.) PCS had a wonderful year in its AVP work.

We held a four day workshop for staff and students in a therapeutic school that had "eclipsed the resources of their school districts mostly through violence and acting out." It was clearly the most challenging workshop we've yet seen, with the room cleared twice for violent outbursts. We continue to partner with the World Affairs Council and have done one day community building workshops this year with several groups.

We have hosted a group from Afghanistan and another from Kenyatta University (after student riots there resulted in the closure of the school). We also had a group of Iraqi and American youth combined with several Muslim women from Trinidad and Tobago.

We continue to work on getting into school and youth programs locally. We had 6

workshops lined up for Somali youth in Seattle, but that fell apart when the group's leader had a health crisis.

REPORT BY: Dorothea Jewel & Roger Kluck



Southwest Region: AZ, CA, HI

ARIZONA

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Arizona State Prison

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

18 Basics -144 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

3 inside facilitators

3 outside facilitators

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

- Award received by Patricia Manning, AVP program coordinator. She was named Arizona Dept of Corrections' Arizona State Prison Complex-Tucson Volunteer of the Year.
- Dedication to regular participation by a total of 2 community facilitators (an educator colleague) Both these individuals see the beauty in AVP format/pedagogy.
- Continued helpfulness of inmate clerks who aid all aspects of the program (lists, passes, chow lists)
- Always full lists of newcomers as well as motivated alumni, as well as good relations with the custody staff who are regular employees. Note that they enable program to continue even when there are lockdowns, determined to not be a safety risk.
- We had eight one-day reunions averaging 20 participants each.

Concerns:

- Lack of community volunteers to deliver the AVP program whether in the State Prison setting or in a community-based AVP program for re-entering ex-offenders.
- The State of Arizona is dealing with budget cuts by increasing number of lockdowns, as there are not enough staff to allow programming to proceed.
- State budget cuts also resulted in cancellation of the last four months of AVP

workshops/reunions. There was not enough staff working in the overcrowded prisons, nor was their adequate space for the workshop to take place. Lack of sufficient hygiene supplies and reduced food choices impacts morale of both inmates and staff.

- Sorrows or Concerns from 2009 continue such as variable responsiveness from the Community Programs Office, as well with a current Deputy Warden with inability to meet with AVP volunteers. This differed from other more available DWs in years passed. Impact of irregular program officials communication, result in AVP volunteers not knowing or being called ahead of time when there is a lockdown at the prison.
- Little climate control as well in the designated meeting space. Trying to deliver workshops in a wide range of temperatures from a glass solarium hot area in afternoons to freezing cold in mornings is difficult.

REPORT BY: Pat Manning

CALIFORNIA

PRISON WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

California Correctional Center
California Correctional Institution
California Medical Facility
California Institution for Women
California Men's Colony
California State Prison, Solano
Centinela State Prison
Central California Women's Facility
Chuckawalla Valley State Prison
Correctional Training Facility
High Desert State Prison
Ironwood State Prison
R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility
Salinas Valley State Prison
Sierra Conservation Center
Substance Abuse Treatment Facility

Valley State Prison for Women
San Francisco County Jail

PRISON WORKSHOP STATISTICS

122 Basics - 1,943 participants
65 Advanced - 1064 participants
16 T4F - 219 participants

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Oakland, Sacramento, San Diego, San Joaquin
Valley, Santa Monica/Los Angeles, Santa Rosa,
Ventura County

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP STATISTICS

19 Basic, 203 participants
5 Advanced, 59 participants
5 T4F, 57 participants

YOUTH WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Correctional Training Facility
Garberville
Oakland

YOUTH WORKSHOP STATISTICS

3 Basic, 27 participants
1 Advanced, 15 participants

TOTAL ACTIVE FACILITATORS

326 inside, 101 outside

JOYS AND CONCERNS

In 2010, we were able to hire an outreach coordinator at quarter-time basis, for a six-month period. This allowed us to plant seeds in some communities in the Northern California area.

AVP/CA developed an assessment of prison programs in 16 of our state prisons. Each local council then designated a contact and a team to follow up on this with by scheduling meetings with their respective Wardens. This assessment was also presented at the Statewide Wardens' meeting resulting in regular meetings with wardens and the Director of Adult Institutions.

AVP/CA received a Visionary Award from the Friends' Committee on Legislation and Death Penalty Focus at an event where AVP facilitators were the largest group in attendance.

We had a 50% increase in Spanish-speaking workshops (3 to 6 workshops in our state prison system). One person has begun surveying available facilitators and focusing on recruiting more community workshop participants who are bilingual and bicultural.

A first-time, full-weekend, residential retreat for California facilitators was offered in 2010, with good reviews. Last year saw our affiliate offer a new fundraising approach which allowed us to raise \$1,000 more than the previous year's fundraising campaign.

Continuation of weekly Prison Coordinator and the addition of monthly Community Coordinator conference calls, help us network and share our joys and concerns to be more effective local coordinators and keep track of the various changes in prisons.

Concerns: We were not able to sustain financially our AVP Outreach Coordinator, yet we are still committed to finding funds to hire people locally to recruit workshop participants. Continuing need for Spanish-speaking volunteer facilitators. We hear over and over again that there is an unmet need for rehabilitation programming in the Spanish language. Also, that we have an unmet need for more of our Spanish-speaking workshops which we cannot yet deliver. Few facilitators of color from the community are being recruited and trained by AVP/CA to take workshops.

We have had a total of four of our key skilled team leaders and facilitators "redacted" (meaning that they can not come into that prison at this time) by local prison administrators. The system for redacting them and for reinstating them seems to be unclear. All are still facilitating with AVP/CA including in other prisons and the community. Two prison programs have been put on hold while we are working with the department to bring them back. Much has been learned in this process about our need to develop strong local supportive councils. Interestingly, this year AVP/CA terminated as a facilitator a totally different person than those redacted.

While extreme cuts in the department of corrections have affected some prison workshops with rolling lockdowns (sometimes called "deferrals") and unusually late starts, causing added days to our workshops or inability to hold workshops, yet surprising consistency and increase in prison workshops has remained. We are engaged in working through these obstacles at the local prison level and with CDCR administration.

REPORT BY: Kathy Smith, George Ramos, Pat Hardy, and many others.

State	# Prisons	P Basic		P Adv		P T4F		P Tot		Com Basic		C Adv		CT4F		Com Tot		Youth		All	All	Inside	Out
		WS	#	WS	#	WS	#	WS	#	WS	#	WS	#	WS	#	WS	#	WS	#	WS	#	Facil	Facil
New England																							
Connecticut	6	19	365	9	165	2	24	30	554	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	554	39	38
Maine	4	15	138	6	48	2	14	23	200	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	24	206	15	13
Massachusetts	8	20	330	18	246	7	106	45	682	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	682	100	30
New Hampshire	1	3	71	1	18	0	0	4	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	89	22	4
Total NE	19	57	904	34	477	11	144	102	1525	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	103	1531	176	85
New York																							
	18	69	874	50	573	14	139	133	1586	7	63	1	14	2	12	10	89	7	113	150	1788	197	120
Penn/NJ																							
New Jersey	1	4	72	2	36	2	30	8	138	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	138	4	4
Pennsylvania	4	18	206	8	85	6	46	32	337	16	253	5	63	5	39	26	355	0	0	58	692	45	32
Total Penn/NJ	5	22	278	10	121	8	76	40	475	16	253	5	63	5	39	26	355	0	0	66	830	49	36
Mid-Atlantic																							
Wash DC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Delaware	4	19	324	13	206	3	20	35	550	2	35	0	0	0	0	2	35	0	0	37	585	29	13
Maryland	7	37	669	21	363	5	76	63	1108	3	26	1	15	1	16	5	57	0	0	68	1165	118	37
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	1	5	0	0	2	17	0	0	2	17	0	2
Total	11	56	993	34	569	8	96	98	1658	6	73	2	20	1	16	9	109	0	0	107	1767	147	52
Southeast																							
Florida	6	38	347	38	290	6	73	82	710	1	10	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	83	720	84	11
North Carolina		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	1	6	0	7
Virgin Islands		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	1	17	1	11	3	41	1	23	4	64	0	7
Total	6	38	347	38	290	6	73	82	710	3	29	1	17	1	11	5	57	1	23	88	790	84	25
Midwest																							
Indiana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Midwest																							
Minnesota	5	21	194	11	129	8	91	40	414	5	32	0	0	0	0	5	32	0	0	45	446	44	31
North Dakota	1	3	53	1	15	0	0	4	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	68	5	3
South Dakota	2	9	114	2	24	1	17	12	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	155	15	15
Total	8	33	361	14	168	9	108	56	637	5	32	0	0	0	0	5	32	0	0	61	669	64	49
Central Midwest																							
Iowa	4	17	205	13	162	3	24	33	391	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	391	36	22
Kansas	1	1	29	0	0	0	0	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	1	6
Missouri	2	13	275	5	138	0	0	18	413	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	19	416	10	9
Nebraska	3	16	214	11	160	3	22	30	396	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	396	38	21
Total	10	47	723	29	460	6	46	82	1229	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	83	1232	85	58
South Central																							
Arkansas	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Louisiana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Mississippi	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	15	0	2
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	1	11	0	3
Total	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	1	11	1	15	1	26	0	13
Rocky Mount																							
Colorado	6	17	259	5	74	3	17	25	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	350	9	5
New Mexico	1	3	56	2	18	1	10	6	84	1	7	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	7	91	12	5
Wyoming	3	1	17	1	17	0	0	2	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	34	4	4
Total	10	21	332	8	109	4	27	33	468	1	7	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	34	475	25	14
Northwest																							
Nevada	3	5	82	4	80	2	28	11	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	190	40	4
Oregon	1	0	0	1	10	1	15	2	25	1	7	1	10	0	0	2	17	0	0	4	42	16	19
Washington	2	4	47	2	31	1	6	7	84	3	28	1	12	0	0	4	40	1	16	12	140	15	9
Total	6	9	129	7	121	4	49	20	299	4	35	2	22	0	0	6	57	1	16	27	372	71	32
Southwest																							
Arizona	1	18	144	0	0	0	0	18	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	144	3	3
California	18	122	1943	65	1064	16	219	203	3226	19	203	5	59	5	57	29	319	4	42	236	3587	326	101
Total	19	140	2087	65	1064	16	219	221	3370	19	203	5	59	5	57	29	319	4	42	254	3731	329	104
Total US	114	492	7028	289	3952	86	977	867	11957	64	715	16	195	14	135	94	1045	14	209	974	13211	1227	588