

DR. ED LATESSA

Date: August 25, 2010

Time: 9:00 – 12:00

Location: DPHHS Auditorium, 111 N. Sanders, Helena, MT

What Works with Juvenile Offenders: The Principles of Effective Interventions and the Characteristics of Effective Programs

This session will focus on what works in reducing recidivism among youthful offenders. Participants will learn about the principles of effective intervention, how they were derived, and how they are applied. As part of this workshop the empirical evidence concerning several questions will be addressed including:

- What works in reducing recidivism?
- What doesn't work?
- What are the major predictors of criminal behavior?
- What are the characteristics of effective programs?

Programs that are effective in reducing recidivism have certain characteristics. These include factors related to program development, implementation and leadership, classification and assessment practices, use of effective treatment models, matching offenders, staff, and services, use of behavioral strategies, the quality of staff, evaluation and quality assurance activities, and organizational stability. Each of these areas will be discussed, and examples from a wide range of programs will be presented.

Following the presentation by Dr. Latessa, JDAI Stakeholders are invited to attend a presentation on restorative justice.

- 12:30** Lunch (provided)
- 1:00** Overview of Restorative Justice and the Center for Restorative Youth Justice, Jen Molloy, Executive Director
- 4:00** Debrief Sessions
- 5:00** Adjourn

Afternoon session will be held at the Best Western Great Northern Hotel, 835 Great Northern Blvd, Helena
Lunch will be provided

Click [here](#) to RSVP and please indicate if you will be attending the morning, afternoon, or both sessions.



Dr. Edward J. Latessa

Edward J. Latessa received his Ph.D. from the Ohio State University in 1979 and is a Professor and Head of the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Latessa has published more than 110 works in the area of criminal justice, corrections, and juvenile justice. He is co-author of seven books including *Corrections in the Community*, and *Corrections in America*. Professor Latessa has directed more than one hundred funded research projects, including studies of day reporting centers, juvenile justice programs, drug courts, intensive supervision programs, halfway houses, and drug programs. He and his staff have also assessed more than 550 correctional programs throughout the United States, and he has provided assistance and workshops in more than forty states.