

**Title of Session: Alternative/Correctional Ed Forum**

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**Guest Speaker:**

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# Tappedin transcript for BJB, 2003.03.20 19:14:55

MicheleR joined the room.

BJB waves hi to Michele

MicheleR: Hello BJ

BJB cheers for Michele...you got a membership!

BJB: coolness :-)

MicheleR: Yup! Thanks. I am always intimidated by technology, but I am getting more courageous by the day.

BJB: I'm not sure how many people will show up tonight...I'd like to do an orientation session

MicheleR: Sounds like a plan.

BJB: bear with me, please...I'm facilitating a discussion in T11 at the same time...

MicheleR: Not a problem

BJB: once that discussion gets going I can ignore them ;-)

MicheleR: k

BJB: while we wait, how about updating your profile....click on the ME tab and then click on SETTINGS

BJB: Then you can edit your description which is currently kind of short

JeffK joined the room.

BJB cheers for Jeff...heya!

JeffK: Hi, Michele is that you from Rosies

MicheleR: Is this my chapter leader?

JeffK: You bet

MicheleR: Hey, how are you?

BJB smiles

MicheleR: small world

JeffK: Doing well thanks

MicheleR: Good to hear.

JeffK: Sorry BJB for the personal diversion

BJB: no problem, Jeff. the personal stuff is important in helping to build community

JeffK: Michelle, I met BJB at a conference last week in Baltimore

MicheleR: Wow, I can't get over this whole internet world.

JeffK: She told me about this

BJB smiles happily

JeffK: And helped me get into it

MicheleR: It's like going to the moon!

JeffK: I thought you worked on the moon

MicheleR: No, Venus.

MicheleR: Did you attend the CEA conference?

JeffK: Yes

BjB: Michele, I'm going to go to the Correctional ed group room and invite you to join

BjB . o O ( brb )

MicheleR: Great.

BjB left the room.

Room: Alted\_Grp

BjB joined the room.

JeffK joined the room.

BjB waves

JeffK: Hi

BjB: I've invited Michele

BjB: let's go back to reception...I think we're going to have another participant

BjB left the room.

Room: TI\_Reception

BjB joined the room.

JeffK joined the room.

BjB: oops...Michele is in the aso

BjB: you can join Michele or click on featured passageways

BjB left the room.

Room: ASO

BjB joined the room.

BjB: How you doing, Michele?

MicheleR: I'm in! I need a tranquilizer.

MicheleR: That was interesting.

BjB smiles. You're in the After School Online room

MicheleR: Oh, no! Wrong room, right?

MicheleR: LOL

BjB . o O ( not the alternative/correctional ed group room )

MicheleR: I have no sense of direction.

BjB: you can only enter that group with an invitation

JeffK joined the room.

MicheleR left the room.

JeffK left the room.

BjB: brb

BjB left the room.

Room: TI\_Reception

BjB joined the room.

BjB: Hi, Phyllis!  
DonnaH waves  
DonnaH: "hello:)"  
BjB: to Phyllis we're in the ASO here...  
PhylliGuest1: Hi  
BjB: to get there type /join aso  
BjB . o O ( I think )  
DonnaH: "yep:)"  
PhylliGuest1: join aso  
PhylliGuest1: ??  
BjB: type the / first  
BjB: Hi, Donna  
BjB: I'm doing the alt/correctional ed group here...I'd appreciate any help  
DonnaH: "Hi Bj:)"  
DonnaH: "i'll stick around  
DonnaH: I was late...had to run out for an errand.  
BjB: Phyllis, did you type /join aso  
DonnaH: Go back to your session:) I'll send the late bloomers over:)"  
PhylliGuest1: yes  
BjB: rats...let's try this. I'm going to go to the aso. After I leave, click on ONLINE and then single click on my name...then click on the door icon  
DonnaH: i'll help her BJ  
BjB: thanks, Donna  
DonnaH grins  
BjB left the room.

Room: ASO

BjB joined the room.  
PhylliGuest1 joined the room.  
BjB cheers for Phyllis  
PhylliGuest1: If I'm in the right place, it has taken 30 minutes to get here!  
BjB nods...and gives Phyllis a big hug  
PhylliGuest1: Thanks  
BjB: this is the new version of the TAPPED IN interface...  
PhylliGuest1: This is my third discussion and the first real problem  
BjB: we're all learning, Phyllis...this interface has some very cool features  
BjB: that's why I wanted you to give it a try...  
PhylliGuest1: I registered as a TAPPED IN member yesterday  
MicheleR joined the room.  
BjB waves hi to Michele  
MicheleR: Ha, beat you  
MicheleR: Hi BJ.  
MicheleR: I'm getting better.  
MicheleR: Faster  
JeffK joined the room.

BjB nods to Phyllis. That registration will work in T11, but won't work here...you'll have to get a new registration for here (but it's easier to do)

BjB: Michele is a new member and she's doing great!

MicheleR: Lost in cyberspace from time to time.

BjB: Phyllis, I know you logged in to hear more about the gang issue...would you prefer discussing that or learning a little about this new interface?

PhylliGuest1: The new interface is a great idea

BjB: Jeff and Michele, did you have any specific questions?

MicheleR: no

BjB: Phyllis, we can have private offices here, and start a group and have threaded discussions...

BjB: and you can upload documents and files and graphics

BjB: would you like to see my office?

MicheleR: sure

BjB . o O ( perhaps Jeff would like to show us his office? )

MicheleR: Jeff , you have an office?

JeffK: Yeah, It's on the 23rd floor above the commissary

BjB grins.

PhylliGuest1 -)

BjB: Jeff, would you like to go to your office and we'll join you?

JeffK: Seriously I do

JeffK: Sure

JeffK left the room.

BjB: when jeff leaves, click on ONLINE next to HERE

BjB: then click on JeffK and the door icon

MicheleR left the room.

PhylliGuest1 left the room.

BjB left the room.

Room: JeffK\_Ofc

BjB joined the room.

PhylliGuest1: OK

MicheleR: Lol

BjB smiles happily...gets easier, doesn't it ;-)

MicheleR: Wild

BjB sees Jeff likes the bare walls motif

PhylliGuest1: Nice

MicheleR: Windows

JeffK: Well, my interior decorator took a vacation

BjB: lots of potential, Jeff!

JeffK: Thanks

BjB: Jeff has already seen my office, I believe...would you like to see my cluttered space?

PhylliGuest1: Sure

MicheleR: ok

JeffK: We'll follow  
BjB: same procedure  
BjB left the room.

Room: BjB\_Ofc

BjB joined the room.  
MicheleR joined the room.  
PhylliGuest1 joined the room.  
JeffK joined the room.  
MicheleR: I love your room  
BjB: welcome to the enchanted forest :-)  
PhylliGuest1: Looks like you're up a tree  
BjB: you can chose from a set of graphics for your office  
MicheleR: Nice, really nice.  
BjB: the picture is of our daughter and grandson  
PhylliGuest1: They are cute  
BjB: the grandson is why I didn't help you earlier in TI1, Phyllis...I was babysitting and had my hands full!  
PhylliGuest1: No problem  
BjB: Phyllis, can you do me a favor and click on FAVORITE PLACES at the top of your screen  
BjB: do you see a link to the After School Online room?  
PhylliGuest1: No  
BjB: thanks. I've asked that they add that link for guests. That would have made it easier for you.  
BjB: Phyllis, now that we're all a little more comfortable here, how about if you introduce yourself to Jeff and Michele  
PhylliGuest1: OK  
BjB . o O ( and Jeff and Michele, please introduce yourselves to Phyllis )  
PhylliGuest1: I am the school librarian for the Texas Youth Commission's orientation and assessment unit  
PhylliGuest1: in Marlin, TX  
PhylliGuest1: TYC is the juvenile corrections agency for Texas  
MicheleR: Hello, Phyllis. I am a teacher of English currently working with incarcerated adolescent females at Rikers Island in NYC.  
PhylliGuest1: Interesting, Nice to meet you  
JeffK: I teach criminal law in the male part of Michele's school  
PhylliGuest1: We have boys AND girls, but only a few girls  
BjB: Jeff, did you participate in the StreetLaw session at the conference?  
PhylliGuest1: as librarian, I get them all  
JeffK: No I presented on my curriculum  
BjB: I'm going to have the Street Law people here for an ASO...should be interesting to everyone  
MicheleR: Sounds interesting  
PhylliGuest1: Interesting

JeffK: Yes. Street Law attempted to introduce themselves at our school but no one would do their curriculum

BjB: Phyllis, there was a Correctional Ed conference in Baltimore, MD last week

PhylliGuest1: Oh

MicheleR: What is street law about?

BjB: I met Jeff there.

BjB: let me see if I can get their url to show you

MicheleR: thank you

PhylliGuest1: Thanks

JeffK: Street Law is the outgrowth of a clinical law education program taught by law students from Georgetown Law School

MicheleR: I see.

PhylliGuest1: Great

BjB: <http://www.streetlaw.org/>

JeffK: It has since been taken over by others who seem to have lost touch with law education

BjB: that url is hyperlinked

BjB: they had an interesting interactive session on using their program with juveniles, Jeff

JeffK: They attempt to use Law Related Education to involve students in violence prevention and do not provide much law education, something our students really need.

PhylliGuest1: Yes, they do

MicheleR: The students need so much.

BjB: the workshop dealt with law more than violence prevention

BjB . o O ( the website doesn't tell you much )

JeffK: Perhaps that was they way they presented it to us. They were involved in some kind of gun prevention program

BjB: Michele, did you get in touch with Del Hendrixson?

MicheleR: Well, this week marked an end to my 5 year run of no violence in my classroom ever. Yes, I sent her an email, but haven't heard back.

BjB: Phyllis, you were at the last gangs discussion?

PhylliGuest1: Yes

BjB congratulates Michele on that record...very impressive!

MicheleR: Yes, in retrospect I agree.

JeffK: What happened?

MicheleR: Girl cracked another over the head with a plexiglass clipboard.

JeffK: Was she fractured

MicheleR: Well, just so happens the next day she was sent upstate.

MicheleR: My para made a crucial error.

MicheleR: The student perp. wanted to leave the room...

MicheleR: my para told her to walk around the classroom to let off steam..

MicheleR: didn't let the kid cope by leaving-big mistake.

PhylliGuest1: Where would she go if she left?

MicheleR: Bathroom

PhylliGuest1: Our students can't leave

MicheleR: She needed space

JeffK: Or a talking to

MicheleR: Yes, more important counseling.

BjB: we give our kids an opportunity to leave also...and talk to someone

MicheleR: I have mixed feelings about working with paras.

BjB is in a classroom by herself

JeffK: Well, you're in control of the room.

MicheleR: Yes, but if I am teaching and the para has information and acts on it I need to know we are both on the same page.

BjB: how large are your classes?

PhylliGuest1: We are NEVER left alone with students here, but at the last school I was always alone

MicheleR: My classes vary-from 8 - 24/

MicheleR: Jeff, you have very large classes?

JeffK: My register is 28 and about 23 usually show up

BjB: wow! that's a big class

PhylliGuest1: Too many

JeffK: Our violence is a bit more serious

MicheleR: Yes, I've heard all about your violence.

BjB: we have on average 12 / class

JeffK: I have had slashings and serious injuries

MicheleR: Small classes more conducive to instruction and interaction.

BjB: tough to have any learning going on in an atmosphere like that

BjB . o O ( in large classes with so much violence )

MicheleR: Must be those male hormones.

BjB: I teach male juveniles

BjB . o O ( same hormones ;- )

JeffK: That's where the subject matter matters

MicheleR: True

MicheleR: I try to infuse romance into my lessons about subordinate clauses.

PhylliGuest1 -) fun

JeffK: There you go.

MicheleR: Always gets their attention

PhylliGuest1: You should publish those lesson plans

MicheleR: someday

JeffK: They sound a bit risqué

MicheleR: No, not at all.

BjB smiles

MicheleR: My girls think I am corny. A healthy fun loving corny.

JeffK: How is your new art teacher doing

MicheleR: She is coming along.

BjB: you have an art teacher?

BjB: can you have her contact me?

JeffK: Our school has 9

MicheleR: New art teacher, although she does not have an art degree.

JeffK: No she is an elementary ed

MicheleR: I have an art degree.

BjB: someone from Penn State is doing a session at the national arts ed conference and is looking for art teachers who teach in a correctional setting

JeffK: I can ask them if you wish. Please give me the info

MicheleR: Jeff, you have a terrific art teacher in your facility, what's his name?

BjB: if you get your art teacher to contact me I can connect her with this person

JeffK: Sure. Are you thinking of Myron Young

MicheleR: Tall big guy

JeffK: Bennie Daniels. He's in the Annex

MicheleR: Oh, well he is so talented.

BjB: my email is [bjb@tappedin.org](mailto:bjb@tappedin.org)

JeffK: He is.

MicheleR: And a nice guy too.

JeffK: Bennie might be interested. He runs our school's art fair at the New York Public Library

MicheleR: Yes, he is one of a kind.

BjB: well, we didn't get a lot of gang stuff discussed, but the conversation was interesting...hope you enjoyed the experience, everyone

PhylliGuest1: I enjoyed it immensely.

BjB: we've managed to pass a cyber hour already

BjB . o O ( not counting Phyllis getting lost )

JeffK: Thanks for the invite. Let me know when and where

MicheleR: Nice to meet you Phyllis and see you around Jeff.

PhylliGuest1: Thanks. See you next time. When is next time?

JeffK: Speak to you. Nice to meet you Phyllis

PhylliGuest1: You too

MicheleR left the room (signed off).

JeffK left the room (signed off).

BjB: check the calendar for the next session

[Ed. Note: Next Alt/Correctional discussion is Wednesday, April 16, at 9pm ET/6pm PT]

MicheleR: Thank you, BJ. See you soon and have a great week.

BjB: one of the reasons I made the Alt/Correctional Ed group private is to show you how you can set up a private group

BjB: only invited people can see the existence of the group...

MicheleR: This is a very exciting and educational experience.

BjB: it's not listed in the directory of groups

MicheleR: That's reassuring.

BjB: I didn't hold the discussion there because Phyllis was a guest

BjB: so she couldn't join the room

MicheleR: Oh, I see.

BjB: but you can go there any time...

MicheleR: I don't really know what happened with Del. I sent her a poem from one of my girls as she requested and she never answered me.

BjB: Del is probably very busy...did you see the new webpage she's working on?

MicheleR: I couldn't access the webpage and tried twice.

BjB: I haven't heard from her in a while either

MicheleR: Hope she's okay.

BjB: Del is a survivor.

MicheleR: Yes, I know.

MicheleR: She is an interesting person.

BjB agrees

MicheleR: I hope to make it to a CEA convention one day.

BjB: I'm surprised she wasn't here tonight...I'll send her an email and see if I can find out what's up

MicheleR: Sounds good.

BjB: the 2004 international conference is in Baltimore

BjB grins...If I'm there, we can hang together

MicheleR: Ahh, now that sounds like a plan.

BjB: Baltimore is a cool place with lots to see

MicheleR: First, I should join. :)

BjB nods..that would help

MicheleR: Well, BjB, it was a pleasure. I will speak with you again. Have a great weekend.

MicheleR: Pray for peace.

BjB hugs Michele. Thanks for coming.

MicheleR: Thank you for having me. Bye

BjB: yes, I'm praying for peace

MicheleR: Night:)

MicheleR left the room (signed off).

BjB left the room.

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----- Private Messages -----

Private dialog with: JeffK

BjB: Phyllis is a guest and can't join the group

BjB: can you ask Michele to come to the ASO?

JeffK: Sure

BjB . o O ( thanks for helping her get to the group room )