

**Title of Session:** Alt/Correctional Ed Discussion Forum – Open House

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**JenniferBu** joined the room.

**KbhGst13** joined the room.

**KbhGst13:** hello?

**BJ** waves hi to Jennifer and Kbh

**JenniferBu:** Hi BJ and all! Glad I could join you tonight.

**KbhGst13:** are there any elementary teachers here?

**BJ:** are you an elementary teacher, Kbh?

**ShereeR** joined the room.

**KbhGst13:** I am starting an internship in the elementary level, and I've worked in elementary schools before

**BJ** waves hi to Sheree

**BJ:** where are you located, Kbh?

**ShereeR:** I am an artist and art educator in St. Petersburg, Florida. I teach severely emotionally disturbed students K-12

**KbhGst13:** I am in CT, how about you?

**KbhGst13:** **ShereeR**, how long have you been an art educator ??

**BJ:** I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

**BJ:** I'm also the leader of tonight's Alt/Correctional Ed open house

**ShereeR:** I have been teaching 23 years

**BJ** nods to Kbh. Sheree is the alternative half of this team

**KbhGst13:** I have been thinking about going into special education

**BJ:** Jennifer, did you introduce yourself?

**ShereeR:** KB, what area of special ed?

**KbhGst13:** I haven't decided that yet. Have you worked in different areas?

**BJ** hopes Jennifer didn't have any problems logging in tonight

**ShereeR:** I have taught just about every kind of student there is K-Adult. You name it, I have done it.

**JenniferBu:** I work for the National Criminal Justice Reference Service. NCJRS is an information clearinghouse for several U.S. DOJ agencies and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

**KbhGst13:** what age or grade level did you enjoy the most?

**BJ:** thanks, Jennifer! I'm so glad you could join us tonight!

**ShereeR:** Well, I teach K-12 right now, but middle school is my favorite with 4th and 5th grades a very close second.

**BJ:** I teach 11 to 18 year old boys. They range from pre-K to college

**BJ:** I like teaching adolescents, but it's challenging at times

**ShereeR:** Our school is about 90% male.

**BJ:** Sheree, are you familiar with the NCJRS site?

**BJ:** Jennifer, does NCJRS only have resources for correctional educators?

**ShereeR:** I think it was mentioned in a previous chat

**KbhGst13:** I am just starting my internship so I am excited to experience the different grade levels and see what I enjoy the most. I will also have the opportunity to be in special education classrooms.

**BJ:** if you're new to Tapped In chats, it may help if you click on the Actions drops down menu in the top right of the chat window and click on DETACH

**BJ:** that will make your chat window larger and easier to read

**BJ:** Sheree, this discussion was billed as an open house...did you have questions about alt/correctional ed?

**BJ:** . o O ( or were you being kind and logged in to keep me company? )

**KbhGst13:** I am going to be sub in one school, so I will be thrown into every classroom in the school. Does anyone have any advice for me on how to manage the classroom?

**JeffC:** Start with a good joke KB

**JenniferBu:** NJCRS offers resources for all areas of criminal justice, including law enforcement, social workers, legislators, etc, and, of course, we have resources for correctional educators.

**KbhGst13:** that's a good idea, thanks **JeffC**

**JeffC:** Make sure it's a good one... and promise them another at the end of class if they're good.

**BJ:** it's easier to get less strict, Kbh, than it is to tighten up the norms.

**BJ:** what about drug and alcohol abuse and child abuse, Jennifer...anything on that?

**BJ:** . o O ( unfortunately we all have to deal with those issues ...some more often than others )

**BJ:** maybe we could take a look at the NCJRS site

**JenniferBu:** Yes, the Office for Victims of Crime, the Office for Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention, and ONDCP offer several publications and resources related to child abuse and alcohol/drug abuse issues.

**KbhGst13:** Well everyone, thanks for your advice. I need to go, have a nice night. It was nice chatting with you all.

**BJ:** <http://www.ncjrs.org/>

**BJ** waves goodnight to Kbh. Good luck in your teaching

**BJ:** . o O ( click on the hyperlink to open a new window )

**JenniferBu:** That's correct. Just a reminder that almost all resources on the NCJRS Web site are available to the public free of charge. So please take advantage of the amazing wealth of information that is available.

**BJ:** NCJRS is going to be a future guest during the alt/correctional ed discussion.

Hopefully, Jennifer is going to be our guest speaker

**BJ:** NCJRS also has a newsletter that is very informative

**KbhGst13** left the room (signed off).

**BJ:** btw, did you see the PBS program on the writing project with women in prisons?

**ShereeR:** When was it on?

**JenniferBu:** Not only can you access most of the recent material online, but there is also online ordering for hard copy material if that's your preference. For those of you working with children, you may want to subscribe to the youth-focused electronic newsletter, JUVJUST. You can subscribe, again free of charge, on the NCJRS Web site at

[www.ncjrs.org](http://www.ncjrs.org). We also offer a more broad based newsletter called JUSTINFO. That listserv features information for all facets of criminal justice.

**BJ:** you'll have to check with your local pbs station...it was on at 4am for me

**BJ** . o O ( thank heavens for vcr's! )

**ShereeR:** Oh wait, was that the program with (I can't remember her name) She was a former teacher who is in jail now and she was one of the writer participants.

**BJ:** I'm looking for the url...give me a minute

**BJ:** <http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2003/whatiwant/index.html>

**BJ:** lesson plans at [www.pbs.org/pov/outreach](http://www.pbs.org/pov/outreach)

**BJ:** I wasn't aware of the Juvenile newsletter, Jennifer. Thanks

**BJ** . o O ( I get the JustInfo newsletter )

**ShereeR:** YES, that is the program I am talking about. Eve Ensler was on Oprah last week

**BJ:** right

**ShereeR:** She talked all about the program

**JenniferBu:** NCJRS has a lot of information that would be of interest to school-based educators, staff, and administrators. I hope folks will take some time to explore the Web site and become familiar with the resources that NCJRS, and OJJDP in particular, has to offer.

**BJ:** Eliza Licht from PBS/POV is going to be my guest speaker for the January 15 Alt/Correctional Ed discussion

**BJ:** cool, Jennifer...that paragraph makes a great blurb for the calendar

**BJ:** Do you think you'd like to do a session in February?

**BJ** . o O ( that would give you lots of time to practice )

**BJ** . o O ( and you might be able to drag a co-worker with you )

**JenniferBu:** Yes, I think that a future session could be beneficial for NCJRS as well as the Tapped In audience. And, yes, I'm definitely bringing a colleague to help. I'm just not quick enough on the old keyboard!!

**BJ** smiles. You do get faster with practice, Jennifer

**BJ:** would February 19 work for you? 9pm EST?

**BJ:** you can email me if you want to check your calendar first

**JenniferBu:** I think that date and time will be fine. I'll check it and get back to you with a confirmation.

**BJ:** great. Thanks, Jennifer. Has this discussion given you a better idea of what discussions are like in Tapped In?

**BJ:** do you have any questions about using the interface?

**JenniferBu:** Yes, the format is great. I'm sure after exposure to a couple more sessions, it'll be very comfortable.

**JenniferBu:** No, it seems very clear cut and I found it easy to log on and get started.

**JenniferBu:** It's actually quite impressive.

**BJ** Nods...this chat is just the surface of the interface...

**BJ:** you can have a private office..nice to meet with colleagues from across the country

**JenniferBu:** That's great. When I phone to confirm the date/time for the February session, perhaps you can fill me in on the other features of the site.

**BJ:** and you could have a group room where you can control who joins the group...let's you have more security

**JenniferBu:** Excellent!

**BJ:** best way to learn is to explore, Jennifer. Let me get you the interface guide url

**BJ:** <http://ti2.sri.com/tappedin/web/help/ui.jsp>

**BJ:** there are tours and tips sessions on Saturdays and Tuesdays also...

**BJ:** and you'll get a transcript of this discussion in your email when you log out

**JenniferBu:** Thank you for the opportunity to try something new. I have a feeling this may open new worlds for NCJRS and I'm delighted to be part of the initial exploration. Thanks for the URL. I'll start hunting around tomorrow. Thanks for the transcript info. When are the tours and tips sessions?

**BJ:** teachable moment...click on the Tapped In tab at the top of your screen

**BJ:** then click on calendar

**BJ:** you can change the time zone to EST

**BJ .** o O ( it's PST by default )

**BJ:** the tours are called Tips and Tricks

**JenniferBu:** Oh, you're good. Learning something new every moment.

**BJ** nods..always something new to learn here...the interface is new and features are constantly being added.

**BJ .** o O ( although Tapped In itself is 7 years old )

**JenniferBu:** Thanks, again, for the opportunity to participate in tonight's Open House. I'll be back to check out more of the features tomorrow and you'll be hearing from me by Monday so we can confirm the February session details.

**BJ** smiles happily. Thanks, Jennifer.

**BJ** waves goodnight

**JenniferBu:** So long...