

The National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York

The NFJC of WNY, Inc. is a human relations organization dedicated to overcoming racism, bias, and discrimination by building understanding, respect, and trust through education, advocacy, and community involvement.

Throughout its 61 year history, the NFJC of WNY has pioneered programs in inter-religious dialogue, police-community relations, and intercultural/interracial understanding and respect.

The NFJC of WNY's Youth Conferences enable students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for responsible and inclusive leadership.

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33rd Annual Middle School Youth Leadership Conference

BUILDING ALLIANCES:
*Understanding and Supporting
Targeted Groups of **BULLYING***



Tuesday, December 13th, 2011
8:30 AM-1:45 PM

Temple Beth Zion
805 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209
(716) 886-7150

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**How Stereotypes Lead to Bullying
&
What We Can Do About It!**

With all of the media attention on bullying these days, it is natural for many of us to want to help fix the problem. In order to repair what is broken, however, one must have a deep understanding of why it is broken.

Human nature directs us to make judgments based on stereotypes. But who suffers most when one person judges another based on appearance, perceived ability, behavior, or what is intrinsically unchangeable? *What's more, how do we as concerned citizens, peers, and leaders act in the effort to support and lift up those who are targeted?*

Whatever word is used, whether it is "bullying," or "harassment," or "discrimination," the impact on the targeted person is deeply hurtful and long lasting. But that does not mean their lives are over. Many stories of people who are targeted are ones of joy and success, of meeting challenges and overcoming obstacles – the largest of which is often public perception.

For 61 years, the NFJC of WNY, Inc. has worked to overcome biases and discrimination of all forms. Please join the us and a consortium of well-respected organizations for a meaningful day of discussion about what makes us different from each other, and what unites us. Learn about how to be an ally, and **make an action plan to make a positive difference in your school community!**



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Peter's Mission: The Power of Hope

A performance/concert written and performed by **Buffalo State College professor Peter Weisenburger** with acclaimed musician and award-winning **Buffalo News Pop Music critic Jeff Miers**

What does it mean to be targeted?

Seminar Round Robin with:

GAY & LESBIAN YOUTH SERVICES
OF WESTERN NEW YORK INC



People Inc

Where your world opens up.



Family Justice Center

Facilitators:

Marc Rummenie: NFJC Program Director

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**NFJC of WNY
Conference Registration Form**

Please Print

Advisor(s) _____

School _____

Address _____

City/State, Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Attendees: (8-10 Students maximum)

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10. _____

Please indicate if any student(s) or advisor(s) has special dietary needs:

Name(s) _____

Need(s) _____

There is a of \$5 registration fee for each individual

Please make checks payable to: **NFJC/Youth Conference**

Please fax (716.852.0046) or mail by 12/7/11

Registration fee includes light breakfast & lunch