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**GUEST SPEAKER: JOSEPH MCLAUGHLIN**

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Joseph McLaughlin received his Bachelors of Arts in Economics from Boston College. He began his career in the criminal justice system in 1988 as a New York City Urban Fellow working at the New York City Board of Correction. A year later he was hired by the Vera Institute of Justice as a planner for their Community Service Sentencing Project (CSSP) which was subsequently spun off from Vera and merged with the Court Employment Project (CEP) to form CASES. In 2002, Mr. McLaughlin was promoted to Director of CEP, a position he held until 2007 when he was promoted again to his current position as Director of Youth Programs at CASES where, in addition to continuing to manage CEP, he also oversees Choices and Learning To Work/GED.

Mr. McLaughlin was a founding trustee for Exalt, and currently serves on advisory boards to the Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services in Pennsylvania and The Animation Project. He is also a member of the Reentry Education Committee and the JobsFirst NY Juvenile Justice advisory group. In 2006, he presented a paper, "Academic and Workforce Development Programs for Court-Involved Youth: A Youth Development Perspective," at the American Youth Policy Forum in Washington D.C.