



# System Change: Youth Courts and Time Banks

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# Which One is David?



# Agenda

The Need for  
Systems Change...

*A few words about  
Edgar Cahn and a  
life well lived*

What is Happening  
Now in Poverty

*Timebanking...and  
youth court—  
examples of  
systems change*

This session will highlight work in systems change. Edgar Cahn, J. D., Ph.D., a distinguished legal scholar, and activist, does this work along with his wife, Christine Gray, Ph.D., a scholar-practitioner and organizational consultant.

This session will explore programs helping the neediest among us such as Timebanking and youth court.

# PA Rules of Professional Conduct

## 6.1

- **Rule 6.1 Voluntary Pro Bono Publico Service**

A lawyer should render public interest legal service. A lawyer may discharge this responsibility by providing professional services at no fee or a reduced fee to persons of limited means or to public service or charitable groups or organizations, by service in activities for improving the law, the legal system or the legal profession, and by financial support for organizations that provide legal services to persons of limited means.

# Edgar Cahn, J.D., Ph.D.

Professor Cahn teaches law and justice at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law and directs the Community Service Program. He is a co-founder, with his late wife, Jean Camper Cahn, of the Antioch School of Law, UDC-DCSL's predecessor and the first law school in the United States to educate law students primarily through clinical training in legal services to the poor.

Cahn is most famous for "The War on Poverty: A Civilian Perspective" (73 *Yale L.J.* 1317 [1964]), co-authored with his late, first wife, Jean Camper Cahn, which provided the blueprint for the National Legal Services. Sargent Shriver, Director of President Kennedy's Office of Economic Opportunity, credited it as the "genesis of legal services." It is one of *Yale Law Journal's* most cited articles.

The Cahns are generally acknowledged as co-founders of the Legal Services Program.

# LADY JUSTICE





# United States Constitution

# Bill of Rights





# PREAMBLE

We the People of the United States, in  
Order to form a more perfect Union,

*establish Justice,*

insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the  
common defense, promote the general  
Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty  
to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and  
establish this Constitution for the United  
States of America.

# Whole Systems Thinking (Highlights “messes:” complex, interactive & dynamic systemic problems)

- Whole = greater than sum of parts – emergent properties
- Complex, non-linear systems? => seek underlying, structures, dynamics & patterns
- “Soft systems” approach = subjective experience; messes, wicked problems, feedback loops
- Systems Dynamics: stocks, flows, timing, feedback-loops
- Feedback-loops: Common pattern, either reinforcing (growth may be +ve or -ve) or balancing (dampens)

# Co-Production, McKnight

- Transforming clients from passive consumers to active co-workers, co-designers, co-producers
- Transformation may be incremental, creative and/or disruptive
  - Assets – we all have something to give
  - Honoring real work – the work of building home, family, community
  - Reciprocity – asking receivers to become givers as well
  - Community – acknowledging our interdependence
  - Respect – demanding accountability

# Timebanking

- Timebanking is a time-based money that helps to build circles and network of mutual support. With timebanking, you give one hour of service to another, and receive one time credit. An hour is always an hour — regardless of the service offered. You can use the credits in turn to receive services — or you can donate them to others.

# Can Youth Courts Play A Role?

## What Is a Youth Court?

A school based or juvenile justice intervention program in which youth are sentenced, using restorative practices, by their peers working in collaboration with adults.

Also referred to as:

Teen court

Peer court

Student court

# What Makes Youth Courts Appealing?

- Serves as a prevention and early intervention program
- Offers a way to hold juvenile offenders accountable
- Provides a means for educating youth on the legal and judicial system
- Provides a meaningful forum for youth to build competencies and practice and enhance skills
- Offers an avenue for youth to provide service for and build ties to their communities
- Youth empowerment

[http://www.pabar.org/public/committees/childavo/base\\_dyouthcourt.asp](http://www.pabar.org/public/committees/childavo/base_dyouthcourt.asp)

# Find more information

- <http://www.pabar.org/public/education/projectpeace/projectpeacehome.asp>
- All of the Project PEACE elements have enormous potential to educate youth people about the justice system and develop academic, citizenship and socialization tools.

# STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AT GRATERFORD





# Federal Correctional Institution at McKean, Pennsylvania



**ANOTHER LEG**

**PRISONER  
REENTRY**



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PHILADELPHIA – JULY 14,. 2015**



# What's Happening in Pro Bono That You Should Know!!

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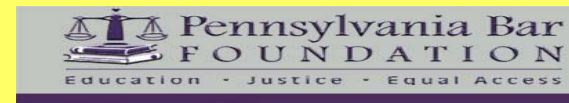
Legal Services to the Public Meeting  
At PBA Committee/Section Day  
November 16, 2017  
Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg

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