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As a Restorative Practice practitioner, Dina successfully implemented Restorative Practices at a K-8 building in Buffalo as the Family & Community Outreach and In-School Suspension Coordinator, thereby reducing negative responses to misbehavior and increasing positive parent involvement in school. She has trained over forty schools and hundreds of community members in Restorative Practices. Through collaboration and other community-based organizations, Dina supports four regional practice sessions for restorative justice practitioners, in partnership with the Center for Resolution and Justice. She has helped facilitate restorative conferencing in Family Court and has coordinated Restorative Justice Day in Buffalo for the past four years.



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