



May 6, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to recommend Kelly Dumas to serve on the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board. Kelly has vast experience helping individuals and families as a Social Worker and as a Counselor. She also has been trained in Restorative Practices and is currently supporting a Restorative Diversion program the Erie County Restorative Practices is offering to court involved youth. I believe she would be an excellent candidate to serve on your advisory board.

Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition's LORE program (Leading with Our Resilience Everyday) is an 8 week program that helps individuals become more resilient. Over eight weeks, the LORE program covers discovering one's core-self, risky behavior, understanding triggers and de-escalation, understanding healthy relationships, grief and loss, navigating shame, taking accountability for harmful behavior, and forgiveness. In 2025, we will serve 75 people in the program. Kelly is providing 1:1 counseling services to people as part of the LORE Program. She has also provided additional support in our classes.

Within the criminal justice system, we have numerous opportunities to help those incarcerated and those who work within the system. Kelly's experience as a community member and as a Clinical Social Worker will bring a healing focus lens to conversations around program development and program assessment. Her understanding of Restorative Practices along with her professional experience will make her a formidable member of the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Prinzing", written over the printed name.

Andrew Prinzing

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