



Sir Aaron Mason provided a presentation on cultural competency during our All Staff Meeting at the Bridge to Hope on October 20th, 2013 for an audience of nine advocates.

Mr. Mason's presentation was both professional and personal, utilizing a variety of teaching methods ranging from an informative power point, to personal testimony and storytelling. He created opportunities for the audience to engage in the material through visual guides, video and group activities. In his presentation he created safe and non-threatening challenges for the audience to examine ourselves and our own personal cultural competency.

Overall, I heard positive feedback from staff and have seen his presentation spark several insightful conversations in the office. The presentation left several of the staff members wishing for a more in-depth training from Mr. Mason on cultural competency, and more specifically, how it applies to advocacy with domestic violence survivors than time allowed.

Sir Aaron Mason also spoke at our Domestic Abuse Survivors support group at the Bridge to Hope on January 23rd, 2014. Sir Aaron's presentation brought to life for our clients what it was like to be a child survivor of abuse.

Mr. Mason was engaging and thoughtful while talking with our clients about very sensitive topics. His real life experiences gave our clients a different point of view and they were able to gain a lot of good knowledge on how to respond to their own children's behaviors in times of struggle.

The audience responded well to Mr. Mason's presentation. He created opportunities for the audience to engage in the presentation and provided both a personal and informative event for our clients.

We recommend Mr. Mason as a guest speaker for the following agencies:

- Positive Alternatives (715) 235-9552
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Club (715) 835-0161

Sincerely,

Mary Lillo & Ashlee Kendall
Advocates at the Bridge to Hope