



# PACTT:

Implementing Program  
Improvements to Enhance  
Academic and Career Technical  
Training

# Presentation Overview



- Brief History
- Foundations of PACTT
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- Hear from our Affiliates

# Brief History



- Initiative started by the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers in 2008
- The stated mission of the PACTT Alliance was to ensure that youths in correctional institutions:
  - Receive rigorous, relevant and high-quality education
  - Seamless transition for education and employment once student leaves
  - Identify and address barriers between youth in placement and a successful transition

# Foundations of PACTT



- Pennsylvania's Juvenile Act
  - Development of competencies
- National Center for Juvenile Justice's *Advancing Competency Development: A White Paper for Pennsylvania*
  - Academic Skills
  - Competency Development
  - Workforce Development Skills and Job Training

# ▶ PACTT: General Focus



- Employability and Soft Skills competency development
- Basic and/or entry-level certificates
- Integrate CTE learning and academics
- Academic reform
- Address systemic barriers impacting these areas
- Collect and assess data

# PACTT Basics



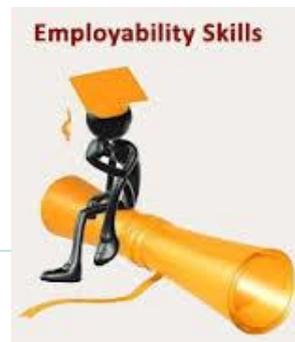
- Pro-Social Skills
- Moral Reasoning Skills
- Academic Skills
- Workforce Development Skills
- Independent Living Skills



## Youth Level of Service (YLS)

### **Employment and Education:**

Building on academic and/or employment related competencies by encouraging the youth to continue advancement in school and/or areas of employability to achieve the highest possible level of achievement.





## Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy

- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Case Plan Development: Employment and Education
- Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) assistance
- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Policy Alignment - *Joint Position Statement on Supporting System-Involved Youth through Academic & Career/Technical Training*

# PACTT's Services



- Consulting support to our affiliates in academics & CTE's
- Community Resources
- Writing Curriculum
- Trainings
- Job Information
- Affiliate website (*coming soon*)



# PACTT Initiatives



- Mini-Grants
- Website
- Partnership with Research for Action (RFA)
  - Database Development and Implementation
- Employability Soft Skills Manual Revision
- A to B Project with Employers

# PACTT Mini-Grants



- \$25,000 per affiliate
  - Equipment
  - Certificates
  - Advanced Technology
  - Train the trainer
- Impact on facilities
  - Expansion of programs
  - New training opportunities

# Essential PACTT Strategy: Training for Immediate Employment



- Examples:
  - Culinary Arts/Food Service
  - Building Trades: Indoor/Outdoor Maintenance
  - Auto Mechanics
  - Computer Technology
  - Auto Detailing
  - Welding
- Explore ways to use existing facility to build a basic POS

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# Essential PACTT Strategy: Basic certificates



- These certificates should be available to all youth, and are easily taught
- Integrate Academics with job training
- Provide work experience
- Link community service with CTE training

# Offered Certificates



- ServSafe Food Handler
- ServSafe Manager
- OSHA 10
- OSHA 30
- OSHA 40 (HAZWOPER)
- First Aid/CPR
- Commit 2 Clean
- ICDL (International Computer Driving License)
- Flagger
- Forklift
- MOS (Microsoft Office)
- Valvoline Basic Oil Change



# Conversation with PACTT Affiliates



- **CISP (*Community Intensive Supervision Program*)**  
(Probation Department)
- **PA Child Care**  
(Secure Juvenile Facility)

# Conversation with PACTT Affiliates



*Please share.....*

- Why did you join PACTT?
- How has PACTT standards impacted your facility programming?
- How did you use the PACTT mini-grant to improve your program(s)?
- How has it impacted the youth?
- Future plans?



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# Questions?