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Supreme Court Amends Pa. R.J.C.P. 512 and Adopts New Rule 520

An [amendment](#) to an existing Juvenile Court Procedural Rule and the adoption of a new rule were published in *The Pennsylvania Bulletin* (37 Pa.B. 2506) on June 2, 2007. Upon the recommendation of the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee, the Supreme Court modified **Pa. R.J.C.P. Rule 512** (Dispositional Hearing), and adopted a new Pa. R.J.C.P. Rule 520 (Post-Dispositional Motions). The modification to Rule 512 requires the court to ensure that the juvenile is advised of the right to file post-dispositional motions and the right to file an appeal. The new Rule 520 sets forth the procedures for the filing of an optional post-dispositional motion. The amendment of Rule 512 and adoption of Rule 520 become effective on August 20, 2007.

The modification to Rule 512 adds a new paragraph c. "Duties of the court," which would require the court to determine on the record that the juvenile has been advised of the right to file a post-dispositional motion, the right to file an appeal, time limits for a post-dispositional motion and appeal, the right to counsel to prepare the motion and appeal, the time limits within which the post-dispositional motion must be decided and that issues raised before and during adjudication shall be deemed preserved for appeal whether or not the juvenile elects to file a post-dispositional motion.

The Comment to Rule 520 explains that the purpose of the rule is to promote the fair and prompt disposition of all issues relating to admissions, adjudications, and disposition by consolidating all possible motions to be submitted for court review, and by setting reasonable but firm time limits within which the motion must be decided. The Comment also explains that because the post-dispositional motion is optional, a party may choose to raise any or all properly preserved issues in the trial court, in the appellate court, or both.

Rule 520 gives the parties the option to file a post-dispositional motion. According to the explanatory report, a post-dispositional motion may include, but is not limited to, a motion challenging the validity of an admission pursuant to Rule 407 or a motion to withdraw the admission, a motion for reconsideration of findings, a motion for a new adjudication, a motion to

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The 3rd Annual Pennsylvania Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Institute

More than 200 professionals from 61 agencies learned more about stress in adolescence and post-traumatic stress disorder April 16-18 during the 3rd annual Westmoreland County Demonstration Site Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Training Institute at the Greensburg Sheraton Four Points. Ten workshops helped attendees broaden their knowledge. Advanced PTSD and stress in adolescence seminars gave 65 professionals the certification they needed to train their respective agencies.

Another workshop, lead by Westmoreland County Juvenile Court Judge John J. Driscoll, gave another 65 attendees Tips from the Bench.” Also, Dr. Ron Sharp, director of psychological services at Alternative Rehabilitation Communities Inc., presented specialized instruction (developed by child psychiatrist Dr. Eric Bonsall) on how to use of medications in the treatment of adolescent girls with PTSD.

Additional information is available from [Westmoreland County](#).

JCJC Rescinds Standards Governing Hearing Procedures and Adopts New Standards Governing the Assignment of Community Service

The Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission has adopted a [statement of policy](#) rescinding 37 Pa. Code Chapter 200, Subchapter D, “Standards Governing Hearing Procedures.” In its place, the commission adopted “Standards Governing the Assignment of Community Service in Juvenile Delinquency Cases,” as 37 Pa. Code Chapter 200, Subchapter J.

The commission’s statement of policy was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on June 2 (37 Pa. B. 2517). The recommended practices in the former Subchapter D regarding hearing procedures are now addressed by Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure, which has been adopted by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

The Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission’s new standards are intended to provide guidance to president judges of courts of common pleas for the effective assignment of community service in juvenile delinquency cases. The standards, developed in conjunction with the standards committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, incorporate the principles of balanced and restorative justice, include a definition of community service, and recommend the development of written guidelines that contain specific provisions for policies regarding the assignment of community service, input from the victim, procedures for referral and non-compliance, dissemination of information to the public, site recruitment and accident or liability insurance.

Contact [Keith Snyder](#), 717-787-5634, or [Lisa Freese](#), 717-705-9003, with questions or requests for additional information.

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A Tribute to Two Police Officers

Other than being police officers, Michael Wise and Scott Wertz had little in common. Their differences, however, helped unite a community in Reading and taught Boys & Girls Club members that there was more to the men who seemed to only wear a uniform and a badge.

Wise and Wertz were killed just two years apart in the line of duty. Wise was mistakenly killed by another police officer and Wertz was shot and killed after responding to a police call. A 26-year-old is serving 13½-to-27-years for triggering the gun battle that led to Wise's death, while a 23-year-old who has been charged in Wertz's slaying is set to be tried in September.

The deaths of the police officers captured the attention of the Olivet Boys & Girls Club. To honor them, members decided to paint a mural (above) so people would remember how long Wise and Wertz worked to ensure Reading's public safety, and what their interests were when they were not wearing The Badge.

The Boys & Girls Club, in conjunction with the Juvenile Probation Office, administer a "Mentoring and the Arts Program" so youth can share and grow their mentoring relationships with the help of group art activities. Youth on probation who attend the program are exposed to a variety of art forms, including drawing, photography, air brushing and poetry.

Before they started to paint the mural, participants in the program decided to learn about the officers as men and "discovered" they were people with families, friends and hobbies. Scott Wertz loved baseball and coached his sons' teams, so the youth painted a baseball and bat under his portrait. Michael Wise loved to ride motorcycles, so a picture of a motorcycle is found under his picture.

The youth expressed their love for this project at a family night, which was held at the Police Athletic League Unit for the juvenile's families, probation officers and Berks County President Judge Arthur A. Grim. One 12-
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20th Anniversary CASSP Conference - Largest Ever

By Harriet Bickler



PA CASSP “mothers” Connie Dellmuth (*left in photo*) and Lenora Stern (*right in photo*) were on hand for the celebration.

More than 1,000 people attended the 20th Anniversary Children’s Interagency Conference, April 24-27, in State College, making this the largest conference ever. College students, poster session presenters, 50 youth and their parents or chaperones, keynote speakers, workshop presenters, exhibitors, family members, county staff, providers and clinicians from all of the child-serving systems showed up. Keynote speakers included Estelle Richman, Secretary of Public Welfare; Dr. Gary Blau, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Dr. Elizabeth Farmer, Penn State University; Jason Peterson, Youth Outreach Union; and Sandra Spencer, Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health.

At the conference’s first-ever poster session, the 20th anniversary of the first conference in 1987 was celebrated with a cake displaying the CASSP logo. The CASSP Institute presented the 8th annual CASSP Principle Awards as follows: “Child-Centered” – Jake Vandall, Westmoreland County Peer Support Team; “Family-Focused” – Glenda Fine, former director of Parents Involved Network; “Community-Based” – Regan Kelly and Northeast Treatment Centers, Philadelphia; “Multi-System” – Georgianne Palaora, Allegheny County CASSP coordinator; “Culturally Competent” – Maria del Carmen Perez, former cultural competence coordinator for OMHSAS; and “Least Restrictive/Least Intrusive” – Dr. Linda Rhen, special assistant to the secretary, Department of Education.

Berks County Juvenile Court Hosts Cultural Competence Program as Part of MacArthur Foundation Models for Change Initiative

by Dana Shoenberg

Staff, juvenile justice providers and service providers in Berks County learned about cultural similarities and difference May 7-8 during a “Cultural Competence” workshop at Reading’s Central YMCA. The event was organized by Court of Common Pleas President Judge Arthur Grim.

Dr. Juan Jose Sánchez, CEO and president of Southwest Key Program Inc. in Austin, Texas, and Dr. Diane Salter, national director of behavioral health and chief psychologist with VisionQuest National Ltd., based in Pennsylvania, led the discussion.

The program helped participants explore the cultural similarities and differences that often surface when services are provided to youth in the juvenile justice system. “Conocimiento,” which means “knowledge” or “understanding,” served as a central theme of the workshop as participants were encouraged to expand the ways in which they and their agencies incorporate their understanding of clients’ cultures into everyday practice. The entire Berks County Juvenile Probation Office attended the workshop, along with judges of the Court of Common Pleas and their staff, representatives from Children and Youth Services, and other service providers who work with at-risk youth. The program was supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, as part of its project to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in juvenile justice through the Models for Change Initiative. Staff of the Center for Children’s Law and Policy and the site coordinator for the Berks County Project to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System coordinated the events.

Aftercare, Intensive and Community-Based Probation Workshop/Forum Held in Mechanicsburg

May 3 and 4, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission sponsored a combined workshop/forum training program on effective practices for specialized probation officers. The event was designed for all aftercare, intensive probation, and community-based probation officers whose roles do not primarily include work in schools. The combined nature of this session was to provide a training component, as well as the opportunity to share information, ideas and discuss solutions to common obstacles.

The first day of this session, led by Bob Costello, the director of training for the International Institute for Restorative Practices, introduced participants to restorative practices—a practical and realistic approach to dealing with juvenile probation clients. Restorative practices expand upon the restorative justice concepts of relationships, accountability and reparation of harm. Costello focused on providing participants with practical, real-world strategies and techniques that they can use the next time they meet with clients. Particular attention was paid to holding clients accountable, responding to probation violations, dealing effectively with parents, the differences between restorative practices and the principles of balanced and restorative justice, and how to use these strategies effectively in the limited time available with individual clients.

JCJC/CJJT&R staff facilitated the final half-day portion of the program by guiding participants through structured small- and whole-group activities to explore how the prior day's learning can be incorporated into day-to-day practice. The final day was also used to engage in an open exchange of ideas on strengths, innovative developments, and challenges to forge solutions. Forty-two participants represented 20 counties and two service providers at the workshop. Participants said learning about specific restorative case management techniques was the major strength of the workshop. Most also said the material presented was very relevant to their jobs and that they will use what they learned.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

By Tamara Wright

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held its first Children's Mental Health Awareness Day May 8 at the Colonial Park Mall in Harrisburg. Events also happened in other locations across the state. Children's Mental Health Awareness Day was part of the week-long National Children's Mental Health Awareness celebration. The theme for the day was "Thriving in the Community" and the kickoff event featured youth and adult speakers, fun activities for all age groups and important health and mental health information. Department of Public Welfare Secretary Estelle Richman delivered the keynote address and a local radio station covered the event.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Day was a multi-system initiative sponsored by various state and local government agencies, private providers, families, advocates and other stakeholders, including DPW's Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; the Department of Health's Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs; the Pennsylvania Network for Student Assistance Services; the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission; the Pennsylvania Association of Latino Organizations; the Pennsylvania Community Provider's Association; Parent To Parent of Pennsylvania; the Allegheny County Systems of Care Initiative; Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health; the Mental Health Association of Pennsylvania; and the Community Care Behavioral Health Organization.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is designed to promote awareness and educate the community about children with emotional and behavioral disorders. It also serves to elevate awareness of effective programs for children with behavioral health needs. Effective mental health programs promote positive youth development, recovery and resilience, and show how children with mental health needs can thrive in their communities.



Clay Yeager, Keynote speaker

Northeast Region Communities That Care (CTC) hosts “Empowering Community Involvement” Conference on April 27th in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

The Regional Communities That Care conference was a day to reflect on the CTC process in Pennsylvania and how important it is to each of our communities. Communities That Care is a community mobilization process that empowers individuals and organizations concerned about the healthy development of young people to work together to prevent adolescent health and behavior problems. The CTC process was developed by Dr. J. David Hawkins and Dr. Richard F. Catalano. Clay Yeager was the keynote speaker.

Mr. Yeager has served the interests of at-risk children for 32 years in the public, private and non-profit sectors. He currently manages his own consulting firm, which specializes in promoting the healthy development of children by establishing partnerships between the public, private and non-profit systems. He has been a chief juvenile probation officer, director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Training & Research, member of the adjunct faculty at Shippensburg University and, during the administration of Governor Tom Ridge, executive director of the Governor’s Community Partnership for Safe Children.

In 2001, Clay was the first recipient of the Visionary of Pennsylvania Award for helping Pennsylvania to

develop one of the most far-reaching and coordinated prevention strategies in the nation (which was implementing CTC throughout the Commonwealth). Also in 2001, Yeager was recognized with a lifetime achievement citation from the Pennsylvania General Assembly for his leadership in violence prevention. He has testified before Congress on the value of implementing evidence-based prevention programs as a matter of national public policy. Between January 2005 and July 2006 he served as president and chief executive officer of the Nurse-Family Partnership.



Paul Ward, Executive Director PACPC

In addition to the inspiring keynote address was a presentation by Paul Ward, who currently serves in the volunteer role of executive director of the Pennsylvania Association of Community-based Prevention Coalitions, whose mission is to support and grow CTC throughout Pennsylvania. Derin Myers of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) also spoke to the group and applauded their diligence and efforts towards positive youth development.

The day concluded on a celebratory note. Each CTC community was given the opportunity to publicly recognize an individual or individuals for their hard work and dedication towards the goal of improving the lives of children and youth. As each of the award winners accepted this recognition, their

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modify disposition, or a motion of ineffective assistance of counsel. Issues raised before or during the adjudicatory hearing shall be deemed preserved for appeal whether or not the party elects to file a post-dispositional motion on those issues.

If a post-dispositional motion is filed, Rule 520 requires that it be filed no later than 10 days after the imposition of disposition. If a timely post-dispositional motion is filed, the notice of appeal shall be filed within 30 days of the entry of the order deciding the motion; within 30 days of the entry of the order denying the motion by operation of law in cases which the judge fails to decide the motion; or within 30 days of the entry of the order memorializing the withdrawal in cases in which a party withdraws the motion. If a post-dispositional motion is not timely filed, a notice of appeal shall be filed within 30 days of the imposition of disposition.

Rule 520 also provides that within 10 days of the filing of the post-dispositional motion the court shall determine if briefs, memoranda of law, or oral arguments are required; and set a briefing schedule and dates for oral argument, if necessary.

Except where the judge grants a 30-day extension for decision on the motion, the judge is required to decide the post-dispositional motion as soon as possible but within 30 days of the filing of the motion. If the judge fails to decide the motion within 30 days, or to grant an extension, the motion shall be deemed denied by operation of law.

Upon motion of a party within the 30-day disposition period, for good cause shown, the judge may grant one 30-day extension for decision on the motion. If the judge fails to decide the motion within the 30-day extension period, the motion shall be deemed denied by operation of law. When a post-dispositional motion is denied by operation of law, the clerk of courts shall forthwith enter an order on behalf of the court, and, as provided under Rule 167, shall forthwith serve a copy of the order on each attorney and the juvenile, if unrepresented, that the post-dispositional motion is deemed denied. This order is not subject to reconsideration.

If the judge denies the post-dispositional motion, Rule 520 requires that the judge promptly issue an order memorializing the withdrawal, and that the order be filed and served as provided in Rule 167.

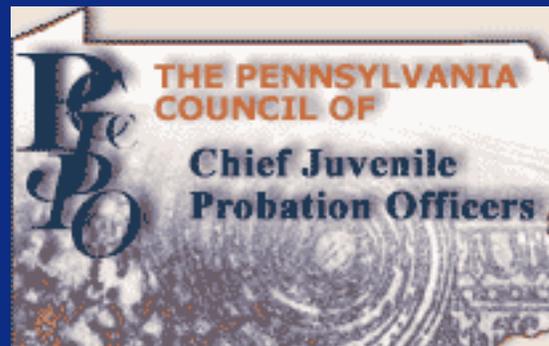
Rule 520 also provides that an order denying a post-dispositional motion, whether issued by the judge or entered by the clerk of courts, or an order issued following a party's withdrawal of the post-dispositional motion, shall include notice to the party of the

right to appeal; the time limits within which the appeal must be filed; and the right to counsel in the preparation of the appeal.

Rule 520 provides that a motion for a new adjudication on the grounds of after-discovered evidence shall be filed in writing promptly after such discovery. If an appeal is pending, the judge may grant the motion only upon remand of the case.

More information on the rule changes are available from the [Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts](#).

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**40th Anniversary
Celebration**

**Thursday, November 29, 2007
Nittany Lion Inn, State College**

Fall 2007 Training Schedule

The CJJT&R Fall 2007 Training Schedule has been released and registration for these programs is now open. The season's schedule consists of 25 programs, ten of which involve new trainers and/or topics. The [Juvenile Court Judges' Commission](#) training schedule is available for viewing and downloading. An e-mail with a direct link to the [Fall 2007 Schedule](#) will be sent to regularly participating agencies in July. There are two significant changes to the registration process which should be noted.

There is a new email address for [the CJJT&R training office](#). All correspondence, registrations, changes, and cancellations regarding training programs should now be sent directly to [the CJJT&R training office](#).

Registrations, changes, and cancellations for all Center-sponsored programs WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ELECTRONICALLY. All registration forms are available on the website under [Fall 2007 Schedule](#) with specific instructions. To register, the appropriate form(s) should be completed, saved to your computer, then attached to an e-mail and sent to [the CJJT&R training office](#). All registrations, changes, and cancellations will be confirmed by e-mail.

As a reminder, any new officers who are planning to attend the "Juvenile Justice Academy: Orientation for the New Professional" this fall (8/28-8/31 & 9/25-9/28) must complete the on-line "Pa Juvenile Act" course – as well as the prerequisite "On-line Learner's Orientation" course – **PRIOR** to coming to the academy. Registration for the Academy (including the on-line courses) is separate from the other programs; please use the form found on the [Orientation](#) page under training on the website. The "On-line Learner's Orientation" course starts each week on Mondays. The "Pa Juvenile Act" course will be offered once more, August 13-17, prior to the start of the fall Academy.

Specific inquiries on program content and trainers for any Center-sponsored training programs should be directed to either [Stephen Bishop](#) at 717-477-1294 or [John Herb](#) at 717-477-1185.

Third Forum on Restorative Community Justice to be held in the Central Region

The Juvenile Justice Enhancement Training Grant, funded through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, is supporting the third of five regional forums on Tuesday, August 14. It will be held at the Days Inn, State College.

The forum, "Building Bridges: Community Restorative Justice Forum," is based on the Building Bridges monograph, which was developed by the Court and Community Collaboration Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers.

The forum will be conducted in an informal, retreat-like atmosphere to enable participants to become actively involved in exchanging information and ideas about services, programs and policies that encourage involvement of community members and organizations in participating in the implementation or enhancement of restorative community practices. All counties in the central region are invited to participate and send a team of 10 people representing multiple sectors of the community. Chief probation officers are asked to consider bringing representatives from businesses, schools, social services, civic organizations, victim services and faith communities, in addition to the traditional professionals from the juvenile court.

There is no cost to attend this forum, as costs will be paid through a grant from PCCD. Counties invited to participate are Adams, Clinton, Bedford, Columbia, Blair, Cumberland, Cameron, Elk, Centre, Franklin, Clearfield, Fulton, Huntingdon, Northumberland, Jefferson, Perry, Juniata, Potter, Lycoming, Snyder, Mifflin, Tioga, Montour and Union.

For additional information on the regional forums, contact [Susan Blackburn](#) at 717-477-1411 or [Monica Iskric](#) at 717-477-1709.



Leslie Acoca - Presenter

Forum Held to Address Gender Responsive Services

On May 9 -11, 2007 representatives from juvenile probation, juvenile detention, service providers and many other juvenile justice practitioners from across Pennsylvania gathered at the Holiday Inn in Grantville for the Female Responsive Principles to Practice Forum. The forum was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare's (DPW) Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC).

Objectives of the forum were to increase awareness and knowledge about nationally recognized guiding principles and strategies for improving gender responsive services, and to promote collaboration and cooperation across all systems of care. The forum opened with welcoming remarks from DPW Secretary Estelle Richman, Richard Gold, Deputy Secretary for DPW's Office of Children, Youth and Families, Mike Pennington, Director of PCCD's Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention, Anne Marie Ambrose, Director of DPW's Bureau of Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Services and Jim Anderson, Executive Director of the JCJC.

Nationally renowned experts on female delinquency were present to share information on girls involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Leslie Acoca, Principal Investigator and Director of the National Girls Health Screening Project, discussed the critical health needs of girls in these systems. She is well-known for her research on health, characteristics and needs of girls in the

juvenile justice system, and in 2001 was awarded the Unsung Hero of Compassion by the Dalai Lama.



Michael Nerney - Presenter

Michael Nerney, a consultant for Substance Abuse Prevention and Education, spoke about the differences between the adolescent male and female brain. Mr. Nerney has over 25 years of experience in substance abuse treatment and has appeared on ABC's 20/20.



Rachael Simmons, Presenter

The first day ended with a presentation by Rachael Simmons, author of New York Times best seller *Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls*. Ms. Simmons has appeared on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Today*, *Dateline NBC*, and *National Public Radio's Diane Rehm Show* and *Talk of the Nation*. She is Director of the Girl's Leadership Institute and a Rhodes Scholar.

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The forum began on Thursday with Meda Chesney Lind, Professor of Women's Studies at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. Dr. Lind spoke about trends in female delinquency. Dr. Sandra Bloom, internationally known for her work in treating trauma, presented on Trauma Informed Care and The Sanctuary Model, the first well-defined model for milieu treatment integrating trauma theory with therapeutic community principles and practice. Paula Schaefer, a consultant and former Director of the Planning for Female Offenders Unit in the Minnesota Department of Corrections spoke on Female Responsive Ap-



(left to right in photo) Paula Schaefer, Dr. Meda Chesney-Lind and Dr. Lee Underwood - Presenters

proaches to Balanced and Restorative Justice. The final day of the forum began with a presentation from Dr. Lee Underwood, a consultant and licensed clinical psychologist. Dr. Underwood has extensive experience with adolescent mental health, substance use, behavioral and sexual disorders. He is currently conducting validity studies on the efficacy of cognitive behavioral intervention methodologies with juvenile offenders with co-occurring disorders in several states. Participants then broke up into focus groups to discuss how to incorporate what was learned during the forum and apply it to their work with female offenders. The forum concluded with a town meeting where Meda Chesney-Lind, Paula Schaefer and Lee Underwood responded to questions about implementing female responsive services in Pennsylvania.

There were over 150 attendees at the three day event. Upon their acceptance to attend the forum, participants agreed to further work toward the implementation of a gender-responsive system in Pennsylvania. The participants will meet again and their work will be guided by principles for gender responsive practices in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. These principles are currently under the consideration of the Female Services Subcommittee of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Committee of PCCD.

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passion and commitment came shining through. Although each was grateful for the recognition, the common thread was that each felt that the greatest reward for their efforts was the smiles on the faces of the young people they work with. We are all blessed by good people in our communities who toil tirelessly at building good citizens of our young people.

The award winners are as follows, in alphabetical order:

Bradford County

Elly Smith, Director of Children and Youth Services
Phil Causano, Single County Authority

Clinton County

Officer Ed Higgens, School Resource Officer

Columbia County

Don Pegg, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer/Children & Youth Director (Berwick & Bloomsburg)

Columbia County

Jean Atherton, School Nurse and her husband Scott Atherton of the Bloomsburg Theater Ensemble (Southern Columbia School District)

Lackawanna County

Bill Browning, Director of Children and Youth
Phil Sallavanti, Family Engagement Team

Lycoming County

Geoff Arthur, Director of Valley Prevention Services

Schuylkill County

Nancy Clark, Director of Community Volunteers in Action

Tioga County

Terri Bird, PA Dept. of Health and Jim Weiskopff of Juvenile Probation

Wyoming County

Anthony Litwin, Judy Kraft Mead and J. Stark Bartron, Wyoming County Commissioners

National Guidelines for Sex Offender Notification and Registration Proposed

The proposed National Guidelines for Sex Offender Registration and Notification appeared in the Federal Register on May 30, 2007. The Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), which is Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (P.L. 209-248) defines the term “convicted” to include delinquency adjudications if the offender is 14 years of age or older at the time of the offense and the offense was comparable to or more severe than the federal crime of “aggravated sexual abuse” as defined at 18 U.S.C. 2241. As a consequence of this definition, any adjudicated delinquent who is subject to registration under SORNA will initially be subject to registration for life as a “Tier III Sex Offender.”

There is a [fact sheet](#) available regarding the proposed SORNA guidelines.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) regarding the proposed SORNA guidelines.

The [proposed National Guidelines](#) for Sex Offender Registration and Notification as announced by the Department of Justice on 5/17/07.

The [proposed National Guidelines](#) for Sex Offender Registration and Notification as published in the Federal Register on 5/30/07 (identical to the 5/17/07 version.)

In reviewing the proposed Guidelines, please note the discussion on “retroactivity” in Part II (C) and the discussion regarding “adjudicated delinquents” and which offenses are comparable to the federal “aggravated sexual abuse” crime in Part IV (A), especially the description of how the term “sexual act” is to be understood with respect to victims under age 12. Comments regarding these proposed Guidelines must be received by the Department of Justice not later than August 1, 2007.

Please contact [Keith Snyder](#) at (717) 787-5634 if you have any questions or desire additional information.

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year-old who worked on the mural said they learned new painting techniques, but they also learned how to work together.

“I helped create this mural to support the two police officers and their families. It helped me realize that police officers are always in danger. By helping create the mural, I hope that their families and friends would recover from this tragedy. I really didn’t know them, but I knew they were important in other people’s hearts. They were two brave men who suffered a tragic death,” he said.

The mural is prominently displayed outside the courtroom in the Juvenile Probation Office so that no one will forget the dedication and bravery of these two men. A dedication was held on March 2, at which time fellow police officers, families and friends, community members and probation officers united – just like the Olivet Boys & Girls Club – for one afternoon to remember.

