

## Juvenile Probation Supervisor Receives Service Award in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On January 19, 2009, the Crispus Attucks Center in York, Pennsylvania hosted an annual "Day of Service" event in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. More than 450 people gathered for the celebration and several people were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the community. Among the award recipients, Sandy Grove of the York County Juvenile Probation Department received a "Living the Dream" award for her volunteer work, community organizing, and youth mentoring throughout York County.

Sandy retired from the York County Juvenile Probation Department on December 30, 2008, after having been with the department for the past 25 years, serving as an intensive officer and a supervisor. Prior to being a juvenile probation officer, Sandy was a special education teacher and tutor and remains very knowledgeable and instrumental in preserving the educational rights of special needs children. Today, Sandy continues to serve as a staff coach at the OMEGA Institute for Holistic Studies, and as a life coach, providing hope and support for those who struggle with substance abuse and mental health issues. Additionally, Sandy was a member of the Awards Committee of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission for the past eight years, assisting in the process of recognizing others who have made outstanding contributions to the juvenile justice system in Pennsylvania.



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## **Abraxas Workbridge Expands Exponentially in 2008**

By: Monica Long, MS; Program Director

The Abraxas Workbridge program underwent an unprecedented program expansion in 2008. Allegheny County Juvenile Probation currently refers all youth who owe restitution and/or community service to Workbridge, a program solidly grounded in the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice. According to 2007 figures, the Allegheny County-based Workbridge restitution program components served 281 youth, making it the largest restitution program among the Commonwealth's 67 counties that year. However, in recently compiled 2008 statistics, one program component was added and existing components were expanded, whereby the number of participants expanded to 810 – a 288% increase.

Originally, Abraxas Workbridge and Allegheny County Juvenile Court partnered to develop a stipend program which enables youth to work alongside other community service participants to earn the funds to pay off their restitution. Similar to programs in many other counties, the restitution program is funded through monies collected as a result of fines and costs that are ordered by a District Justice. The program provides an opportunity for youth who are under the age of 16 to perform community service hours, draw money from the fund, and have their victims awarded restitution payments. The stipend program served 588 youth in 2008 with a total of \$66,268.75 paid to victims. This equals 10,603 hours of community service provided to non-profit agencies in the offender's community.

A great deal of emphasis has also been placed in the development of skills – preparing youth to enter the work world. Workbridge has devoted enormous energy to this goal through the Employment Initiative Component, which is a step beyond helping youth meet their community service obligations. In 2008, the Employment Initiative Component served 224 youth and collected \$70,258.83 in restitution. The employment program has not only been successful in assisting youth with traditional first time employment opportunities, but has made great strides in furthering their educational opportunities by enrolling them in technical schools. Youth who enter the

Employment Initiative are required to attend a job preparation workshop which includes: job seeking skills, job maintenance skills, and employee development with their assigned employment counselor. Once employment is obtained the youth agrees to a restitution contract that stipulates the terms for paying off their obligations.

Lending practical, “hammer-and-nails” assistance to those who are affected by crime is another effort led by Workbridge through its Community Repair Crew (CRC). The CRC served 65 youth in 2008 and completed 2858 community service hours. All youth that enter CRC were afforded the opportunity to complete the Victim Awareness Class as each member of the Workbridge staff is trained in the Victim Awareness curriculum.

The CRC received 12 victim referrals in 2008 and worked on a variety of projects, such as: replacing door locks in a domestic violence victim's home; replacing a drive-by shooting victim's front door; and handing out toys and food to families at a local food bank. Through an intense vocational training curriculum, taught and overseen by an experienced Crew Instructor, youth learn skills needed to be proficient in six areas of minor repair: basic tools and safety; interior wall repair; window replacement and repair; painting; carpentry; and plumbing.

In total, victims were restored through \$136,409.96 in restitution paid back to victims through the variety of Workbridge program components. In the process youth had the opportunity to perform career exploration, learn transferrable skills and begin to develop a more positive work ethic. All of this was done while simultaneously earning redemption, repairing harm done to their community, and repaying their victims. Additionally, Workbridge collaborated with over 2000 programs within Allegheny County in 2008 to support a total of 60,319 hours of community service that were completed by 1500 youth. This is a \$ 431,283.00 value – based on minimum wage – added to the non-profits agencies of Allegheny County.

# PA Certification Board Celebrates 30 Years of Credentialing

The Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB) marks its 30<sup>th</sup> year of credentialing addiction and other behavioral health professionals in 2009. In its ongoing efforts toward consumer protection, PCB offers professional credentials for addiction counselors, clinical supervisors, case managers, prevention specialists, criminal justice addiction professionals, co-occurring disorders professionals, and recovery specialists.

PCB is a member of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) which sets standards and develops examinations for the international reciprocal credentials offered by PCB. It is through PCB's membership in the IC&RC that those certified by PCB can hold themselves out as being among the most competent, skilled and recognized addiction professionals worldwide.

Tom Baier, PCB President, states: "I am pleased to say that despite the many hills and valleys that this organization has traversed over the years, it has never been more secure in its mission, its purpose, and its ability to move into the always

uncertain future. Our ongoing alliances with organizations that share our values will continue to strengthen and reinforce our position as a dynamic, focused, and purposeful entity in this specialized field of providing services to substance abusers and their communities."

The foundation for PCB's success has been built upon the shoulders of those who have provided consistent and purposeful leadership throughout the years. 2009 will provide PCB with the opportunity to celebrate who we are today, reminisce about the trail that lies behind us, and, most importantly, embrace a future where our continuing role will be to assure that our treatment specialists are more prepared, better educated, and well-versed in ethical practices that assure maximal benefit to those we serve.

Incorporated in 1979 and headquartered in Harrisburg, PCB is a private, non-profit corporation that establishes, safeguards, and monitors certification standards for professionals in the substance abuse and other behavioral health fields. It advocates for quality, comprehensive

substance abuse and other behavioral health services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and on an international level. PCB pursues their mission by developing standards and credentialing processes, maintaining ethical standards and procedures for consumer protection, lobbying, advocating and representing to governmental groups, and providing curricula and standards for training and education.

Throughout the year, PCB will be hosting a variety of venues for recognizing the role of the credentialing as a public service priority that assures the competence of its practitioners and provides protections for those who receive our services. A significant focus for many of these events will take place at our 10<sup>th</sup> annual conference on April 20-21, 2009 at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey.

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## Judge Grim Appointed as Special Master

On February 11, 2009 the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania assumed plenary jurisdiction in the case of In Re: J.V.R., No. 81 MM 2008. In its [order](#), the Supreme Court appointed the Hon. Arthur E. Grim, Senior Judge in Berks County and Chairman of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, as Special Master to review all cases that have been affected by the criminal allegations involving former Luzerne County Judges Mark Ciavarella and Michael Conahan.

Judge Grim's review is to specifically include cases in which juveniles were committed to PA Child Care, LLC and Western PA Child Care, LLC, and cases in which it is alleged that juveniles who appeared before Judge Ciavarella were denied their constitutional right to counsel. Judge Grim will make recommendations to the Supreme Court concerning appropriate remedial actions, and an interim report is to be submitted to the Supreme Court within 120 days.

The Supreme Court also issued a [news release](#) announcing Judge Grim's appointment.

# **MAYSI~2 Juvenile Probation Pilot Project**

## ***The Need for Behavioral Health Screening & Assessment***

The issue of youth with mental health disorders who come into contact with the juvenile justice system has clearly emerged as a significant issue for practitioners and policy makers. The National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice conducted a multi-state mental health prevalence study in 2006 in which it found over 70% of youth, in three different juvenile justice settings, met criteria for at least one mental health disorder. Multiple other studies have resulted in similar findings.

Likewise, Pennsylvania has grappled with efforts to determine the extent to which youth entering the juvenile justice system need and receive appropriate responses. The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJJPC) of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), in its 2003 report to the Governor, called for the development of “uniform standards for behavioral health screening, assessment, and evaluation of youth in Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system”.

Pennsylvania seized upon the opportunity to advance the development of screening & assessment through its involvement in the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation’s broad-scale Models for Change (MfC) Initiative. The importance of standardized, scientifically-sound screening and assessment instruments and processes was affirmed in the Mental Health/Juvenile Justice (MH/JJ) Joint Policy Statement that was adopted by leadership of state agencies and organizations that serve youth, families, and their communities, as part of the MfC Initiative and formally. Through the combination of support and resources provided by PCCD and the MacArthur Foundation, Pennsylvania was able to launch its efforts to institute screening and assessment processes as articulated in the MH/JJ Joint Policy Statement.

## ***Difference between Screening & Assessment***

Beginning in 2006, state-wide trainings were held to assist chief juvenile probation officers differentiate between screening and assessment, sort through the multitude of available instruments, and establish protocols for their use. Dr. Tom Grisso, Director of the National Youth Screening Assistance Project (NYSAP) and co-author of *Screening and Assessing Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Among Youth and in the Juvenile Justice System: A Resource Guide for Practitioners*, was brought in to assist Pennsylvania’s juvenile probation leadership in this process. It is important to understand that screening instruments are designed to be a relatively brief process to obtain information and to “triage” the need for further evaluation or immediate intervention. A screening instrument does not provide a psychiatric diagnosis and should not be used to develop a long-term plan or disposition. An assessment instrument normally involves a more in-depth, comprehensive process and may require specially trained or credentialed staff. Put another way, screening instruments can be used as an effective mechanism to prioritize the need to allocate additional staff time and resources for further assessment, evaluation, and/or intervention.

## ***Selecting a Behavioral Health Screening Instrument for Use by Juvenile Probation***

Consistent with Pennsylvania’s interest in instituting a uniform behavioral health screening and assessment process for court-involved youth, criteria were established for choosing a screening instrument. The OJJDP publication, *Screening and Assessing Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Among Youth and in the Juvenile Justice System: A Resource Guide for Practitioners*, contained various recommendations that should be considered when selecting a screening or assessment instrument. Pennsylvania agreed that the instrument should:

- be scientifically valid and reliable
- correlate reasonably well to more sophisticated assessment/evaluation/diagnostic tools
- have an ability to prioritize the need for more extensive and expensive interventions
- be relatively brief and easy to administer
- not require clinical staff to manage, administer or interpret
- require minimal staff training
- be relatively inexpensive to use on an ongoing basis
- be designed to enable data to be collected to inform policy and resource decisions at a local and state level
- be accepted “across” systems and enable a common language to be established between the juvenile justice, child welfare, and mental health systems

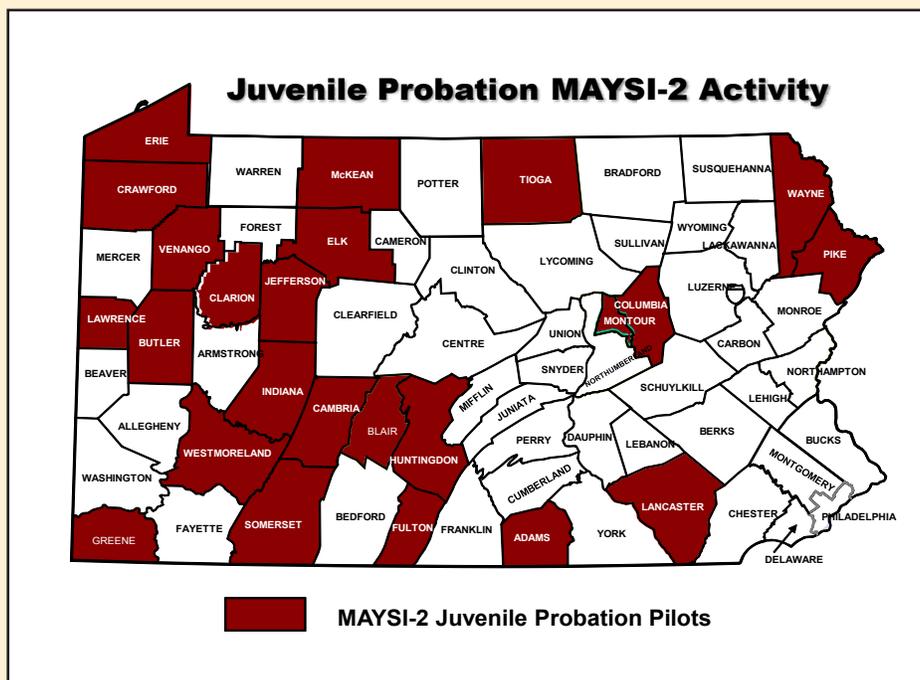
The Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument: Version 2 (MAYSI~2) met the above criteria. The MAYSI~2 is a self-report questionnaire designed to identify potential instances of mental and emotional disturbance or distress. The instrument consists of 52 items in a yes/no response format. It takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes to administer via a computer, and the questions are at a 5th grade reading level. The MAYSI~2 does not require clinical expertise to administer or score. Youths' scores are divided into 7 subscales (Alcohol/ Drug Use, Angry-Irritable, Depressed-Anxious, Somatic Complaints, Suicide Ideation, Thought Disturbance, and Traumatic Experiences), and staff are alerted to higher-scoring youths via caution ("clinically-significant score") and warning ("highest 10% scoring in the subscale") cut-off scores.

The MAYSI~2 has been in use in Pennsylvania's juvenile detention system since 2000. The Commonwealth's Youth Development Center/Youth Forestry Camp (YDC/YFC) system adopted its use shortly thereafter. The information and data generated from MAYSI~2 in the juvenile detention and YDC/YFC systems significantly informed policy discussions, not only in Pennsylvania, but also across the nation. The MAYSI~2 is currently being used by various components of juvenile justice systems in 41 states, including detention, probation, corrections and substance abuse.

### Implementation of the MAYSI~2 by Juvenile Probation Departments

Fifteen juvenile probation departments agreed to pilot the MAYSI~2 beginning in 2007. Nine additional juvenile probation departments joined the project in two subsequent phases, bringing the total number to 24 juvenile probation departments that have agreed to implement the MAYSI~2. By agreeing to participate in the pilot project, juvenile probation departments received a copy of the MAYSIWARE software, a desktop or laptop computer, headphones, and printer acquired through PCCD grant funding. In return, the pilot sites agreed to: 1) establish a local cross-system steering committee to guide implementation; 2) develop agreements and protocols on how screening would occur and how information obtained would be used; 3) share experiences with other pilot sites; and 4) collect and share aggregate data for use at local, state, and national levels.

The implementation of the MAYSI~2 is at various stages in the 24 pilot sites. The below map shows the participating Juvenile Probation MAYSI~2 Pilot Sites.



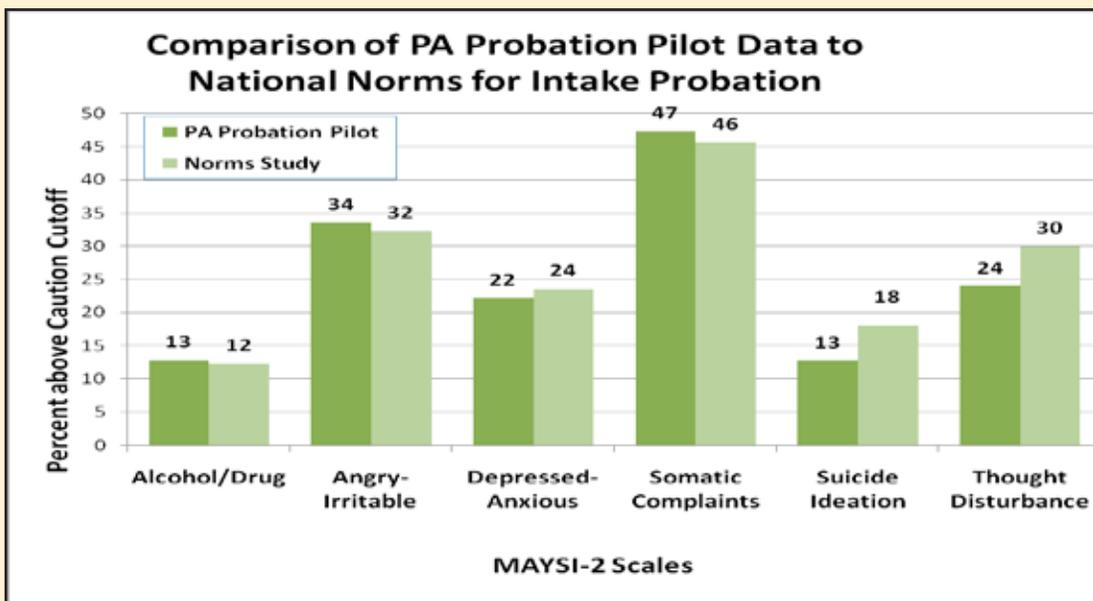
Some jurisdictions were able to move quickly and establish memorandums of understandings (MOUs) and protocols between agencies and were able to begin administration of the instruments. Others encountered challenges such as adopting inter-agency MOUs and disagreement on the potential use of self-incriminating information obtained from the youth during the screening process. In response to this issue, legislation was introduced, with support from key stakeholders, to prohibit the use of information or statements obtained from youth during screening, assessment or evaluation from being used in evidentiary hearings in any juvenile or criminal court proceeding. Governor Rendell signed the legislation into law and it took effect December 8, 2008 as Act 109 of 2008.

### Preliminary Observations from MAYSI~2 Screening Data

By the end of September 2008, fourteen (14) juvenile probation departments had established their agreements and processes, and had submitted information to be entered into an aggregate database. The following preliminary observations can be made regarding the data that was submitted.

- 67.3% of the youth scored at the “Caution” level on one or more of the MAYSI~2 subscales. A “Caution” score indicates that mental or emotional disturbance or distress may be present at a “clinically significant” level.
- 21.5 % of the youth scored at the “Warning” level on one or more of the MAYSI~2 subscales. Warning score indicates that mental or emotional disturbance or distress may be present at the “top 10%” of the “clinically significant” level
- 15.3% of the youth scored at the “Critical Case Threshold.” A “Critical Case” is defined as Caution or Warning on the Suicide Ideation Scale and/or two or more Warnings on any combination of scales. For any youth that score at the “Critical Case Threshold,” an immediate response by the agency is required and is determined by local protocol and resources.
- Females scored at a rate nearly three (3) times the rate of males at the “Critical Case Threshold.”

Caution should be exercised when interpreting these preliminary observations; however, the data does offer potential value for policy and resource decisions. It is also interesting to compare Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Probation MAYSI~2 Pilot Sites’ experience with national norms for similar populations. The following graph provides such a comparison.



Requests for additional information or questions may be directed to Alan Tezak, Project Consultant for Pennsylvania Models for Change MH/JJ System Coordination, at [alantezak@comcast.net](mailto:alantezak@comcast.net), or Keith Snyder, Deputy Director, Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission, at [ksnyder@state.pa.us](mailto:ksnyder@state.pa.us).

<sup>1</sup> Coccozza, J. & Skowrya, K., (2006). A Blueprint for Change: Improving the System Response to Youth with Mental Health Needs Involved with the Juvenile Justice System. Research and program Brief. June. National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice: 1-12.

<sup>2</sup> Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Plan. (2003). Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

<sup>3</sup> Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Joint Policy Statement. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. September 2006.

## Robert Williams Retires from Wayne County, Sandy Fofi appointed Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Robert Williams began his career with the Wayne County Probation Department in 1991. In 1999, he was appointed chief of both the juvenile and adult probation departments. After serving the department for 18 years, he retired in January of 2009. Having served as chief for 10 years, he was regarded by the Wayne County Court as an "absolutely invaluable leader of the judiciary team", according to Wayne County President Judge, the Honorable Raymond L. Hamill.

Upon Mr. William's retirement, Judge Hamill announced that the existing combined probation department would be separated into two departments: adult probation/parole; and juvenile probation. Judge Hamill cited the growth of the department, concerns about community supervision, as well as the complexity of administrative, personnel, and financial responsibilities of each department as reasons for creating separate departments. Accordingly, Sandy Fofi was appointed Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and James Chapman was appointed Chief Adult Probation Officer.



Sandy Fofi has been with the probation department for more than 18 years. She earned a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, and attended the JCJC Weekend Master's Degree Program at Shippensburg University earning a Master's of Science Degree in Administration of Justice in

May of 2006. Sandy began her career at the St. Michael's Reform School in Tunkhannock, PA and became an adult/juvenile probation officer with the Wayne County Probation Department in late 1990. In 1996, she was promoted to Juvenile Casework Supervisor. In August of 1999, she was promoted to Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. From 2002 to 2007, Sandy served as a member of the JCJC Awards Committee.

## John Yarnell Appointed Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Wyoming County

The Honorable Brendan J. Vanston, President Judge of Wyoming and Sullivan Counties, recently appointed John E. Yarnell as the new Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of Wyoming County. Appointed as Sullivan County's Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in 2005, Mr. Yarnell will now serve as juvenile chief for both counties.

Mr. Yarnell is a graduate of Bloomsburg University with Bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Criminal Justice. Prior to his work in probation, he was employed as an outreach coordinator for the Berwick Area School District, and also served as a program coordinator for the Children's Home of Reading. John has nine years of combined experience in probation, having been both a juvenile and adult probation officer in Berks County prior to his appointment in Sullivan County.



## AMERICAN HUMANE'S 2009 CONFERENCE on Family Group Decision Making and Other Family Engagement Approaches

June 2-5, 2009  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
The Westin Convention Center

### Family: The Keystone for Systems Change

For more than a decade, American Humane has hosted an annual conference on **Family Group Decision Making (FGDM)**. In 2009, we begin a journey to expand the breadth and depth of presentations and topics for this energizing and transformational conference to include FGDM and other family engagement approaches.

**American Humane's 2009 Conference provides the opportunity for networking and learning, including workshops, discussion groups, skills training institutes, half-day seminars and exciting plenary sessions.**

For more information, call Lisa Merkel-Holguin, (303) 925-9421, or Candy Larue, (303) 925-9440, or email us at [fgdm@americanhumane.org](mailto:fgdm@americanhumane.org).

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# National Juvenile Justice Announcements

The following February announcements are reprinted from [JUVJUST](#), an OJJDP news service:

## February 2, 2009 – Jeff Slowikowski Designated Acting Administrator of OJJDP

Jeff Slowikowski was designated Acting Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) by President Barack Obama on January 20, 2009.

Mr. Slowikowski has served as Associate Administrator of OJJDP's Demonstration Programs Division since May 2004. Under his direction, the division manages a variety of grants that support demonstration, research, evaluation, and training and technical assistance programs, including drug court, gang, juvenile violence, mentoring, reentry, tribal youth, truancy, and underage drinking initiatives. Mr. Slowikowski was instrumental in the development and implementation of the performance measure system that assesses the efficacy of programs funded by OJJDP.

Mr. Slowikowski joined OJJDP in August 1990 under the Presidential Management Intern Program. From 1990 to 2003, he served in the Research and Program Development Division, as a Program Manager and, subsequently, as Deputy Director. Since joining OJJDP, Mr. Slowikowski has led the development and management of several demonstration and research projects, including the Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders and the Evaluation of the Partnerships To Reduce Juvenile Gun Violence. He also worked closely with the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to develop a Youth Focused Community Policing Program.

Mr. Slowikowski earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore in 1987 and a Graduate Certificate in Police Administration and Master of Public Administration from the University of Baltimore in 1990.

## February 6, 2009 – National Conference on Juvenile Justice To Be Held in Orlando

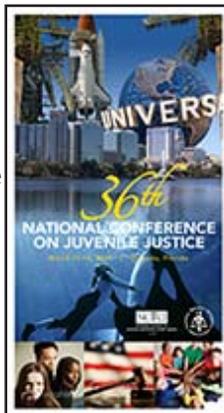
On March 11-14, 2009, in Orlando, FL, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges will hold its [National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#).

This conference offers juvenile justice professionals a national perspective on such issues as truancy, safe schools, gangs, family violence, child abuse and neglect, juvenile sex offenders, and substance abuse.

[Register](#) by February 11 to benefit from the early payment discount.

Resources:

To access additional information about the conference, including a conference brochure, and to register online, visit <http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/full/1147/315/>.



## February 9, 2009 – OJJDP Bulletin Examines Juvenile Suicide in Confinement

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has published "[Characteristics of Juvenile Suicide in Confinement](#)."

This bulletin draws on data from the first national survey of suicides of youth in confinement, which was sponsored by OJJDP, to review juvenile suicides that occurred in confinement between 1995 and 1999. It describes the demographic characteristics and social history of the victims and examines the characteristics of the facilities in which the suicides occurred.

A more comprehensive account of the survey and its findings may be found in the online report "[Juvenile Suicide in Confinement: A National Survey](#)."

Resources:

"Characteristics of Juvenile Suicide in Confinement" (NCJ 214434) is available at <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=235973>.

Print copies may be ordered at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/app/publications/alphaList.aspx>. For quick access, search by document number.

To access the online report, visit <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/213691.pdf>.



## February 12, 2009 – FACJJ Issues 2008 Annual Report

The [Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice](#) (FACJJ) has issued its [2008 Annual Report to the President and Congress](#).

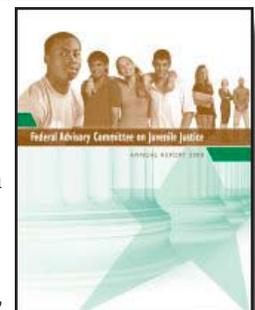
Established under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act, the role of FACJJ is to advise the President and Congress on matters related to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, to advise the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention on the work of OJJDP, and to evaluate the progress and accomplishments of juvenile justice activities and projects.

The report addresses significant issues facing our nation's juvenile justice system. Primary among its concerns, FACJJ urges reauthorization of the JJDP Act.

Resources:

To access this and other FACJJ Annual Reports, visit <http://www.facjj.org/annualreports.html>.

For further information about the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice, visit <http://www.facjj.org>.



# Call for Presentations

## The Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

November 4 - November 6, 2009  
Harrisburg Hilton and Towers

The sponsors of The Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice are requesting presentations for workshops to be offered on Thursday, November 5, 2009. Interested presenters should complete this form and return it by **Friday, May 15, 2009**. In order for your application to be considered, please submit a program description, a brief biography of the trainer and any supplementary materials.

- **Proposed title of workshop:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- **Brief description of presentation:** (50 words or less) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Brief biography of the trainer(s):** (50 words or less) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Please list a reference and contact information of someone who is familiar with the trainer/presentation:**  
    **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
    **Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_  
    **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: Two presenters from each selected workshop will be our guests during the course of the three-day conference with all registration fees waived. Presenters will be responsible for their own lodging and travel expenses.

• **This workshop is recommended for:** (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Probation Supervisors   | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Services Representatives   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local and State Policy Officials |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____     |  |

**Name of principal contact person/trainer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency/organization and address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2009 JCJC AWARDS PROGRAM

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 JCJC Awards Program. This year, the award categories will include:

**RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR-** honors any public or private sector program serving alleged and/or adjudicated delinquent youth in a residential setting.

**COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAM OF THE YEAR-** honors any public or private sector program which provides community-based non-residential services to alleged and/or adjudicated delinquent youth.

**JCJC MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD-** honors a volunteer who works with alleged and/or adjudicated delinquent youth.

**JCJC VICTIM ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD-** honors an individual who works on behalf of crime victims as a victim advocate in county government or in a community-based agency.

**JUVENILE COURT SUPPORT SERVICE AWARD-** honors an individual who provides secretarial support services to the juvenile court.

**JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER**

**JUVENILE PROBATION SUPERVISOR**

**CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER**

Chief Juvenile Probation Officers may nominate programs or employees for all of the above award categories. However, individuals must be nominated from the county in which they are employed, and **all nominations must be submitted by county juvenile probation departments**. Providers may contact chief juvenile probation officers in an effort to have a program nominated. **Nominations must be postmarked by April 24, 2009.**

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission will also once again sponsor a **Youth Awards Program** to honor the youth selected as winners in the Poster, Creative Written Expression and Outstanding Achievement Contests. The Awards Committee encourages all juvenile justice professionals to present the awards theme and requirements to all youth under your jurisdiction for their participation in the contest. **Youth Awards materials must be postmarked by May 8, 2009.**

Thank you for your interest and support of the 2009 JCJC Awards Program. Please contact [Arlene L. Prentice](mailto:arlene.l.prentice@state.pa.us) at (717) 783-7836 or [arlene.l.prentice@state.pa.us](mailto:arlene.l.prentice@state.pa.us) if you have any questions or desire additional information. Visit [www.jcjc.state.pa.us](http://www.jcjc.state.pa.us) to download Youth Awards Contest materials and view conference updates.



## Staff Development News

For those new juvenile probation officers who start employment in the coming months, we are pleased to announce that the Fall Staff Development schedule has already been opened to allow registration for the fall Orientation program. By registering staff in the coming months, as soon after their start date as possible, they can sign up and complete the Juvenile Act distance learning course without delay. The on-line Juvenile Act course (a component of the overall Orientation program) is offered on the second Monday of each month.

The live portion of Orientation training will continue to be scheduled twice each year, this fall beginning in September. The fee for the Juvenile Act distance learning course is included in the registration fee for the entire Orientation program. In order to be ready for the Juvenile Act course, participants must also take the "On-line Learner's Orientation" course which begins every Monday throughout the year. Again, participants choose dates for each of these on-line courses as a part of the process when you register for the Orientation program.

The spring or fall staff development schedule can be accessed by visiting the [JCJC website](#) and clicking on training. The remainder of the fall schedule will be added by mid-July.



In the current season's schedule, there are several programs in April and early-May that still have room for additional registrations. On **April 15-17** the always popular "**Kinesic Interviewing-Level 1**" program will be held in **State College** and taught by internationally known trainer and consultant **Dan Sosnowski**. A follow up Level 2 program is already scheduled for October 14-16. Completion of the Level 1 program is prerequisite to registering for the Level 2 program.

Again this spring we are hosting our once-a-year training for support staff. Managers and supervisors are urged to encourage their department's support staff to attend "**Vicarious Trauma and Juvenile Justice Support Staff**" on **April 29-30 at the Holiday Inn Mechanicsburg**. This program will be facilitated by **Dr. Joann Jankowski**, an Assistant Professor in Human Development and Family Studies at Penn State-Fayette.

**On April 30-May 1** the Center is pleased to announce that the highly sought after, internationally known expert on self-harming behaviors in adolescents and adults, **Matthew D. Selekman** will present "**Living on the Razor's Edge**" at the **Days Inn Penn State**. This first-time event for CJJT&R promises to be one of the season's high points.

Please consult the spring staff development schedule for further details on these programs, to review the entire schedule or register any of these workshops.

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