

## Lancaster County Office of Juvenile Probation Recognized for its Furtherance of Restorative Justice

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This year, the Lancaster County Office of Juvenile Probation is being awarded the Restorative Justice Achievement Award. The award was established two years ago by the Lancaster Area Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (LAVORP) to be given annually to an individual or organization whose contributions have significantly advanced the knowledge and practice of restorative justice in Lancaster County.

LAVORP is a non-profit organization which uses volunteer mediators to lead face-to-face meetings between victims and offenders. Through these meetings, victims and offenders are provided a safe forum to discuss how a crime has affected them, and what needs to be done to repair the harm caused by the act of the offender. LAVORP operates outside the realm of the traditional criminal justice system, allowing the community to play an active role in responding to crime. In addition, LAVORP provides victims the opportunity to be heard and offenders the opportunity to accept responsibility for the harm caused by their actions.

LAVORP was incorporated in 1994 and began conducting mediations in that same year. Since its inception, the program and the Lancaster County Office of Juvenile Probation have developed a strong relationship. Initially, LAVORP only accepted referrals for offenders who were being handled

via informal adjustment and for crimes involving property damage or loss. More recently, the program has expanded to accept referrals for court cases and for a wider variety of crimes.

The award serves as validation of the Lancaster County Office of Juvenile Probation's dedication to advance the principles of restorative justice. However, and more importantly, Lancaster County is fortunate to have its kinship with LAVORP – a program which is fundamentally driven by the principles that lie at the heart of both the purpose and the mission of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System.

The award will be presented in April 2009 at LAVORP's annual dinner, where restorative justice pioneer, Howard Zehr is scheduled to be the keynote speaker. Mr. Zehr has authored several books on the subject of restorative justice. In his discussion of Victim Offender Reconciliation Programs, Zehr (1990) suggests that these programs faithfully follow restorative justice assumptions such as: focus on making right, justice based on mercy and love, focus on harm done, searching for solutions, guilt forgivable though an obligation exists, and justice aimed at bringing together.

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# An Unprecedented Sense of Outrage and Betrayal

By: James E. Anderson, Executive Director

The criminal actions of former Luzerne County judges Mark Ciavarella and Michael Conahan have sent shockwaves throughout Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system, and the harm they've caused to the children and families of Luzerne County is first and foremost on our minds.

Their actions have elicited an unprecedented sense of outrage and betrayal among the commonwealth's judges, juvenile probation officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, victim advocates and treatment professionals who have dedicated their lives to serving the children and families who come within the jurisdiction of our juvenile courts.

It is critical that the citizens of Pennsylvania understand that our county-based juvenile justice system is widely regarded as a national model, and that the appalling crimes of former judges Ciavarella and Conahan are unheard of in the history of our system. Their actions represent an unimaginable abuse of power and the public trust, and are an affront to the thousands of dedicated individuals who strive each day to achieve the mission of our juvenile justice system while ensuring that the constitutional and other legal rights of the children, families and crime victims who appear before our courts are recognized and enforced.

Pennsylvania's juvenile court law and procedural rules provide specific safeguards that appear to have been routinely ignored in the cases of many Luzerne County youths. For example, a juvenile may not waive his right to an attorney unless a judge has determined that the juvenile's waiver is knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily made. In making this determination, the judge must ask specific questions of the juvenile on the record.

In addition, prior to accepting a juvenile's admission to a crime, a judge is required, at a minimum, to ask nine specific questions in order to determine whether the juvenile fully understands the implications of this decision, including a question regarding whether the juvenile is aware of the dispositions that could be imposed by the judge. It appears that in a number of former judge Ciavarella's cases, children and their parents had no expectation that the admission would result in the child's removal from the home.

When a child is adjudicated delinquent in Pennsylvania, the juvenile court judge is required to make a disposition in the child's case that the judge determines to be consistent with the protection of the public interest and best suited to the child's treatment, supervision and rehabilitation. In addition, this disposition is required by law to provide balanced attention to the protection of the community, the imposition of accountability for the offenses committed and the development of competencies to enable the child to become a responsible and productive member of his or her community. And, if that disposition is determined to require that the child be removed from his or her home, the judge is required to use the least restrictive setting that is consistent with the protection of the public and the treatment needs of the child.

This is an incredibly important responsibility, and the decisions that come with it are often difficult ones. Yet, many of Pennsylvania's finest judges regard their work in the juvenile court as the most meaningful and rewarding work they do, because they know they can make a difference in the lives of the children who appear before them. These are the judges with whom I work every day, and I consider it a great privilege to do so.

## PAPPC CONFERENCE SET

The Harrisburg Holiday Inn East will be the host site of the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Institute and Conference of the Pennsylvania Association on Probation Parole and Corrections (PAPPC), May 17 – 20, 2009. The theme for the conference is **"Achieving Success and Identifying Solutions: Making Progress."**

Mr. Clay Yeager will kick off the conference with his presentation entitled *"Slow The Flow: The Power of Prevention and People to Reduce Crime in America"*. The conference will feature over 25 workshops with a range in topics that will be of interest to county and state agencies engaged in adult and juvenile justice practice. Dr. Ron Sharp will lead the conference closing session, *"Human Service: The Science of Saving Lives"*. Additionally, an "Introduction to Occupational Spanish" program will be offered Sunday afternoon, with the Gala Dinner Event scheduled for Monday evening.

For additional conference information, please visit the [PAPPC website](#); or contact John Cookus at (717) 477-1188 or [jcookus@state.pa.us](mailto:jcookus@state.pa.us).

# 2008 Statewide Community Service/Restitution Program Activity Statistics Released

Aggregate community service and restitution program data is compiled each year from the information submitted to the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research. The information is gathered for purposes related to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission-sponsored insurance program, and also serves to provide a useful picture of the community service and financial restitution program activities statewide.

During 2008, there were a total of 19,485 youth assigned unpaid community service in the sixty-eight active programs throughout the Commonwealth. To gain perspective over a broader period of time, this is a 233% increase from the 8,354 youth participating in 1995 – just thirteen years ago. Last year, a total of 726,905 community service hours were worked by youth throughout the Commonwealth. At the current minimum wage, this represents almost \$5.2 million in volunteer effort invested in nonprofit organizations and agencies across Pennsylvania in 2008.

There were 11 programs with more than 400 community service assignments/participants last year including: Philadelphia 1,691 (-3.3%); Delaware 1,673 (+5.2%); Allegheny (Cornell-Abraxas Workbridge) 1,500(+.4%); Berks 1,489 (-11.4%); Montgomery 1,183 (-5.3%); Lehigh 1,066 (-8.3%); York 843 (+24.7%); Dauphin 754 (+6.0%); Bucks 687 (+18.0%); Lancaster 584 (-22.9%); and Erie 452 (-19.1%). The percentage figures listed above in parentheses indicate the increase, or decrease, from the number of participants in 2007 in each county.

Approximately 74.4% of the total youth assigned were male. The average age of participants in the majority of the programs was between 15 years 0 months and 17 years 7 months of age. The gender and age composition of program participants has remained relatively constant. The length of time necessary to complete community service assignments appeared similar to prior years, in that there are significant variations between programs, ranging from 30 in some of the counties' programs, to highs of 180 to 186, and even longer periods in a few counties.

It is interesting to note that the total number of hours completed rose by 2,531, despite the total number of youth decreasing by 3.2%.

There were a total of 1,974 youth involved in one of the 34 active financial restitution programs in the state. This is an increase of 4 programs from the 30 that have been in existence since 2005. The largest of the programs operating in 2008 were: Allegheny (Cornell-Abraxas Workbridge) with 810 participants; Berks County 202; Philadelphia 168; Lehigh 107; Beaver 87; Mercer 83; Erie 81; Tioga 55; Clearfield 54; Northampton 46; Cumberland 35; Lancaster 32; Lycoming 26; Cambria 25; Venango 22; and Clarion with 21 youth.



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## **Pennsylvania Celebrates 25th Anniversary of Victims of Crime Act**

### **National Crime Victims' Rights Week to Honor Landmark Legislation**

April 26 marks the beginning of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a time to focus on victims of crime and celebrate our nation's progress in serving them. This year's theme, "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act," honors a landmark national commitment to victims of crime.

Before 1984, victims of crime received little public support. The President's Task Force on Victims of Crime, formed by President Ronald W. Reagan in 1982, found widespread poor treatment of victims by a criminal justice system indifferent to their needs. Although most states had some form of victim compensation, most programs were poorly funded. Despite the few victim assistance programs available in some states and the federal effort to fund victim/witness programs throughout the nation, most communities relied on a few grassroots organizations, funded by sporadic private donations and bake sales to help victims of crime.

In 1984, moved by the President's Task Force report findings and the work of victim advocates, Congress passed the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), which created the Crime Victims Fund, financed not by taxpayers but by fines and penalties paid by offenders. In 25 years, the Fund had grown from \$68 million to more than \$2 billion and is disbursed throughout the nation in amounts determined by Congress every year.

The Fund supports victim compensation programs, which reimburse victims for many out-of-pocket expenses, such as medical care, counseling, funerals, and lost wages that victims face in the aftermath of crime. It also helps fund victim assistance programs, such as rape crisis and domestic violence programs that support victims by providing physical and emotional care and guidance in navigating the criminal justice system. In 2006, VOCA funds supported more than 4,400 million in victim compensation.

"Every day in every state, VOCA shows victims they are not alone," said John W. Gills, former director of the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. "VOCA represents hope, renewal, and a nation that stands behind victims of crime."

The U.S. Department of Justice will open National Crime Victims' Rights Week with its annual national Candlelight Observance Ceremony on April 23, 2009, and its National Crime Victims' Service Award Ceremony on April 24, 2009, both held in Washington, DC, to honor extraordinary individuals and programs that serve victims of crime.

Here in Pennsylvania, there will be many special events to commemorate 2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The [Coalition of Pennsylvania Crime Victims Organization](#) will be hosting their annual Crime Victims' Rights Week Rally on Monday April 27, 2009 at the Capitol Building in Harrisburg, PA.

A comprehensive resource guide that can assist you in your efforts to develop activities around the theme "Justice for Victims. Justice for All" can be obtained at the Office for Victims of Crime at [www.crimevictims.gov](http://www.crimevictims.gov).

Members of our communities are encouraged to promote and/or join in the week's activities and get involved in helping victims of crime. For additional information about National Crime Victims' Rights Week and ideas on how to serve victims in your community, please contact your local Victims' Services Organization.

# A.R.T.S. Engage Program Set to Pilot in Lackawanna County

By: Terre Cognetti, Employment Opportunity & Training Center

The Employment Opportunity & Training Center (EOTC) operates Lackawanna County's Communities That Care (CTC) initiative, as well as the Scranton Area Family Center. For more than a decade, these efforts have been intertwined at the planning level, as well as at the community level – through the development of youth prevention services such as mentoring. EOTC's youth mentoring programs have evolved over the past decade, having served approximately 100 youth, ages 7-14, through school- and neighborhood-based mentoring programs during fiscal year 2007-2008.

These programs include the agency's long-running FRIENDS after-school program, which combines tutoring and field experiences with group and one-on-one mentoring opportunities. College students are the primary source of mentors and tutors for the program. The FRIENDS program was developed by Elaine Donly – EOTC's outreach manager and the community's CTC mobilizer – and is based in South Scranton's Skyview Park Apartments, where crime and drug activity are prevalent. Under Ms. Donly's leadership, the Skyview FRIENDS program has received a variety of funding over the years, including grants through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD) and the U.S. Department of Education.

EOTC FRIENDS recently received a boost through a new Lackawanna County government grant program. The County's Children & Youth Services and Department of Arts and Culture have teamed up for A.R.T.S. Engage (Arts, Recreation, Theatre/Dance, Stories and Song), a local grant initiative to encourage arts-oriented prevention efforts for at-risk youth. EOTC FRIENDS is one of the first programs selected for this pilot funding. This spring, approximately 50 children in the FRIENDS after-school program will benefit from A.R.T.S. Engage sessions that were designed by EOTC and its volunteer team. Professional artists paid through the county grant will conduct classes in the Skyview housing development community room. The A.R.T.S. Engage sessions are open to children from the immediate neighborhood as well as referrals from the Children & Youth agency.

According to Ms. Donly, "Children that we serve in the Skyview neighborhood are from extremely low-income families and have only limited exposure to enrichment opportunities. A.R.T.S. Engage brings a focus to mentoring activities, and is drawing volunteers from the fields of art and art therapy". The program draws on studies showing that quality art experiences can strengthen children's brain and motor development, as well as help to build life skills. Hands-on activities and field trips will include both visual and performance arts, such as painting, dance and art created from recycled objects.

Ms. Donly states that "the FRIENDS program has always been highly collaborative". In addition to its reliance on 40 or so volunteers from the University of Scranton and Marywood University, EOTC partners with local scouting organizations and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program to help with program activities at Skyview. EOTC also works closely with the Scranton School District in order to measure educational outcomes for its FRIENDS program. Ms. Donly points out that collaboration is more crucial than ever in the face of continuing funding cuts for youth prevention programs. "EOTC has been fortunate over the years to have Communities That Care and U.S. Department of Education funding to provide us with training on research-based prevention models. We've managed to adapt those models for the realities of a neighborhood-based program. Our FRIENDS after-school services are designed to reach a broad range of children, including truant youth, children with incarcerated parents, and children with special needs, including those from non-English speaking families." (Nearly half of the children in the Skyview neighborhood come from Hispanic/Latino backgrounds.)

For more information on EOTC's FRIENDS Mentoring program or the Arts Engage Project, contact Ms. Donly at 570-348-6484.

## EOTC FRIENDS ARTS ENGAGE MENTORING INITIATIVE



Volunteer mentor Jackie News posing with Rayne Hart (left) and Faith Wood (right), two of the mentees in EOTC's FRIENDS Mentoring program. These program participants were photographed at the celebration following the painting of the community room at South Scranton's Skyview Park Apartments. The FRIENDS program is based at Skyview Park, a low-income housing development. Mentor Jackie News spearheaded clean-up and mural painting of the space used by residents for various neighborhood activities, including the FRIENDS after-school program. About 40 students from Marywood University and the University of Scranton helped with the mural painting project at Skyview Apartments.

## **Peyton Tuthill Foundation Now Accepting 2009 “Hearts of Hope” College Scholarship Applications**

The Peyton Tuthill Foundation is accepting applications through May 1, 2009 for the 2009 “Hearts of Hope” college scholarships that will be awarded July 1, 2009 to children who have lost a sibling or parent to homicide. This foundation, and the scholarship, was created by Pat Tuthill, Peyton’s mother and survivor activist, in an effort to help child survivors reclaim their lives. Peyton believed “that we should all leave the world a little better place than we found it”. Her legacy continues to inspire the Foundation.

Annually, there are 17,000 homicides in this country that make the headlines for a short time, and then the memory fades; but it does not fade for over an estimated 100,000 family members left behind by homicide. These families face the painful journey and heartbreak of trying to understand the senseless act of violence. The aftermath of emotional destruction that homicide inflicts also leads to financial devastation for families as they find themselves incapable of holding jobs and performing the most basic functions of daily living that we take for granted. For these families, the memory does not fade, but only intensifies as they struggle with basic survival and face years of criminal investigations, court hearings, trials, and sentencing. The reality of homicide is that families left to survive face a “life sentence”.

Please spread the word to young survivors and encourage them to apply for the scholarships. Applications may be downloaded from [The Peyton Tuthill Foundation website](#) by going to the [Scholarships](#) page.

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## **Accepting Applications for the Class of 2012**

Applications are now being accepted for the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission-sponsored Weekend Master’s Degree program at Shippensburg University. Members of the class of 2012 will begin classes in the fall of 2010. The deadline to apply is September 1, 2009.

The Shippensburg University program offers students a Master of Science degree in the Administration of Justice. This is a 36-credit hour program that includes courses in research methods, theory, administration, and policy analysis. Also featured is a summer internship in which students have the opportunity to develop, implement, and evaluate a program in their home county, or evaluate an existing program that serves juvenile offenders.

Classes in this two-year program are scheduled every third weekend in the fall, spring, and summer, with no classes scheduled during the months of July and August. This program is available to county juvenile probation officers who will have at least two years of post-baccalaureate experience in the juvenile justice field prior to the start of classes. Applicants who have an undergraduate grade point average of less than 2.75 must take and pass the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Examination.

Additional information about the program is available on the [Graduate Education](#) pages of the JJC website. If you have any questions, or are interested in applying for the program, please contact [Stephen Bishop](#) at 717-477-1294.

# National Juvenile Justice Announcements

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

## March 4, 2009 – SMART Office Posts Sex Offender Registration Updates

On February 23, 2009, the Office of Justice Programs' Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Office posted the [latest edition](#) of Sex Offender Registration Law Update series.

### Resources:

The current issue of the Sex Offender Registration Law Update is available at [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/smart/case-law/2009\\_0223.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/smart/case-law/2009_0223.pdf).

## March 10, 2009 – Attorney General Announces Recovery Act Allocations for Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program



On March 6, 2009, the [U.S. Department of Justice](#) issued the following [press release](#):

Washington - U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder joined President Obama in Columbus, Ohio today at the Columbus Police Graduation Exercises to announce \$2 billion in Recovery Act 2009 funding allocations for state and local law enforcement and criminal justice assistance available through the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. In January, 25 Columbus police recruits learned that they would be let go rather than sworn-in; but because of Recovery Act JAG funds these police officers will keep their jobs protecting their community.

"This funding is key to helping our states and local governments fight crime and keep our streets safe," said Attorney General Holder. "The Department of Justice is moving ahead of schedule to allocate these resources so we can retain police officers, enhance law enforcement capabilities, and ensure that we have the tools and equipment necessary to build safer communities."

JAG Program funds can be used for a variety of efforts such as hiring law enforcement officers; supporting drug and gang task forces; funding crime prevention and domestic violence programs; and supporting courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. The breakdown of JAG allocations for states, territories, and units of local government can be viewed here: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>.

The procedure for allocating JAG grants is based on a formula of population and violent crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share of funding. Sixty percent of the allocation is awarded directly to a state and 40 percent is set aside for units of local government. Funding will be used by states and more than 5,000 local communities

to enhance their ability to protect communities and combat crime.

The [Recovery Act](#) includes more than \$4 billion overall to assist state, local and tribal law enforcement and for other criminal justice activities that help to prevent crime and improve the criminal justice system in the United States while supporting the creation of jobs and much needed resources for states and local communities.

### Resources:

For further information about JAG funding available under the Recovery Act, visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>.

For information on OJJDP Recovery Act funding opportunities, visit <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html>. Solicitations will be announced on JUVJUST.

## March 11, 2009 – DOJ Announces \$100 Million in Recovery Act Funding for Crime Victim Programs



On March 10, 2009, the [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ) issued the following [press release](#):

Washington – The Department of Justice today announced that \$100 million is available for crime victim programs as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This funding will be administered by the department's Office of Justice Programs (OJP) through its Office for Victims of Crime, which oversees the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) compensation and assistance formula and discretionary grant programs.

Of the \$100 million, \$47.5 million in formula funding will be directed to state agencies that administer VOCA-funded crime victim compensation programs and \$47.5 million in formula funding will be directed to state agencies that administer VOCA-funded crime victim assistance programs. Five million dollars of the \$100 million will be directed to discretionary grant projects to be awarded under the currently open National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance, and Demonstration Projects competitive grant solicitation.

A list of the allocations and an explanation of how the VOCA allocations were calculated is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryformula.html>. More information about the National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance, and Demonstration Projects competitive grant solicitation is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/dakit.htm#FY2009tta>.

The Recovery Act includes more than \$4 billion to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement and for other criminal justice activities that help to prevent crime and improve the criminal justice system

in the United States. Overall, OJP will administer more than \$2.7 billion in assistance for the criminal justice community, which will support the creation of jobs and much needed resources for states and local communities. Visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery> for more information about these and the other OJP formula and competitive grants available through the Recovery Act.

**Resources:**

For additional information about the Recovery Act funding for crime victim programs, visit <http://www.ojp.gov/newsroom/pressreleases/2009/ovc090310FactSheet.htm>

For information about OJJDP funding opportunities under the Recovery Act, visit <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html>. Solicitations will be announced on JUVJUST.

**March 21, 2009 – OJP To Receive More Than \$2.76 Billion Under Recovery Act**



Laurie Robinson, Acting Assistant Attorney General (AAG) for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), has reported that OJP will receive more than \$2.76 billion under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), which includes \$147.5 million to be administered by OJJDP.

Assistance available through the Recovery Act will include the following:

\$2 billion for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system.

\$225 million for the Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program to help communities address targeted needs. This includes \$97.5 million for mentoring initiatives to be administered by OJJDP.

\$225 million for assistance to tribal law enforcement (construction of jails on tribal lands).

\$125 million for rural law enforcement to prevent and combat drug-related crime.

\$30 million for law enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas.

\$50 million for Internet Crimes Against Children initiatives.

\$100 million for victim compensation and assistance.

**Resources:**

For additional information about OJP funding under the Recovery Act, visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery>.

Information about OJJDP funding is available at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html>.

Additional information about the impact of the Recovery Act on ICAC, mentoring, and other youth-related programs, including solicitation announcements, will be posted on JUVJUST as it becomes available.

**March 21, 2009 – OJJDP Announces Recovery Act Funding Opportunities**



OJJDP has announced the following funding opportunities under the Recovery Act:

[Recovery Act National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System](#)

[Recovery Act Internet Crimes Against Children Research Grants](#)

[Recovery Act Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Training and Technical Assistance Grants](#)

[Recovery Act Local Youth Mentoring Initiative](#)

[Recovery Act National Mentoring Programs.](#)

**Resources:**

To obtain further information about the above solicitations, including eligibility criteria and application deadlines, visit <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html>.

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