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Mark Carey and Dr. Mark Lipsey to be featured Plenary Speakers at 2011 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

Approximately one year ago, Pennsylvania began implementation of a Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) designed to implement evidence-based practices throughout our juvenile justice system and to sustain and enhance activities associated with Pennsylvania's Models for Change initiative. The theme for the 2011 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, "Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy: Achieving our Mission through Evidence-based Policy and Practice" represents our sustained attention to this strategy, and will provide an opportunity for juvenile justice professionals in Pennsylvania to hear from two prominent national leaders in juvenile justice reform.

Thursday Morning Plenary Speaker



Mark Carey

Mr. Mark Carey, President of The Carey Group, will be the featured Plenary Speaker on Thursday morning, November 3, 2011. The Carey Group is a national consulting firm that provides training and technical assistance to numerous criminal and juvenile justice agencies at the federal, state and local levels in the area of evidence-based decision-making. Mark is currently providing training and technical assistance in the area of evidence-based probation practices to several juvenile probation departments in Pennsylvania, and is also providing technical assistance to assist Pennsylvania with the implementation of its Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy, generally. Mr. Carey will provide background on the principles of evidence-based practices and highlight recent work accomplished in this area by Pennsylvania and other jurisdictions across the nation.

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**New training workshops are added frequently,
be sure to check www.jcjcems.state.pa.us to stay up to date!**

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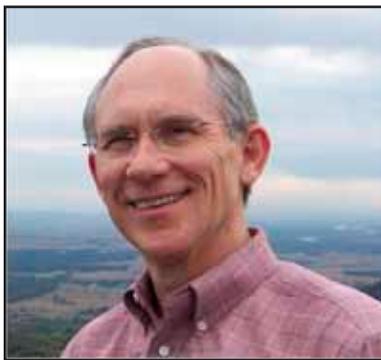
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Thursday Afternoon Plenary Speaker



Dr. Mark Lipsey

Dr. Mark Lipsey, Director of the Peabody Research Institute and a research professor at Vanderbilt University, will be the featured Plenary Speaker during the Thursday afternoon plenary session. Dr. Lipsey specializes in program evaluation with a focus on programs for at-risk children. His meta-analysis research on interventions with juvenile offenders has identified many effective programs and led to recent initiatives to better translate this research into practice, including the Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project (JJSIP) sponsored by the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University. A team comprised of representatives from the Berks County Juvenile Court, George Junior Republic, Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency will be one of four teams from across the country participating in a week-

long intensive training and technical assistance program at Georgetown University later this summer, with the goal of taking "lessons learned" from Dr. Lipsey's research and applying them to Pennsylvania's JJSES.

This year's conference will be held on November 2-4, 2011 at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. Conference registration information will be available in August.

2011 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice Exhibitor Registration Now Open

The 2011 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice will conclude on Friday, November 4th by presenting Resource Day – 2011, during which representatives from residential programs, electronic monitoring companies, drug testing companies, and other service providers will "set up shop" to discuss their programs with the Pennsylvania juvenile justice community. This informal marketplace will offer an important opportunity for consumers to learn about new and innovative services.

Registration for Resource Day exhibitors is now open and available through the [JCJC Events Management System \(JEMS\) Conference Registration Website](#). If you have already established a "User Account" with JEMS for training purposes, you can login using your current email address and password. The system will automatically recognize you. If you are new to the JEMS system, you will be prompted to create account by simply utilizing your email address.



While registering, exhibitors will be able to self-select their table display location from the Resource Day Map, as well as identify the on-site representatives who will be attending the conference. Additionally, an up-to-date listing of registered exhibitors (including table display location, the agency contact person, email address and a link to the company website) will be posted within JEMS and on the JCJC website for viewing by conference participants.

Questions regarding Resource Day and exhibitor registration should be directed to Rick Steele, (717) 705-5633, or ricsteele@state.pa.us.

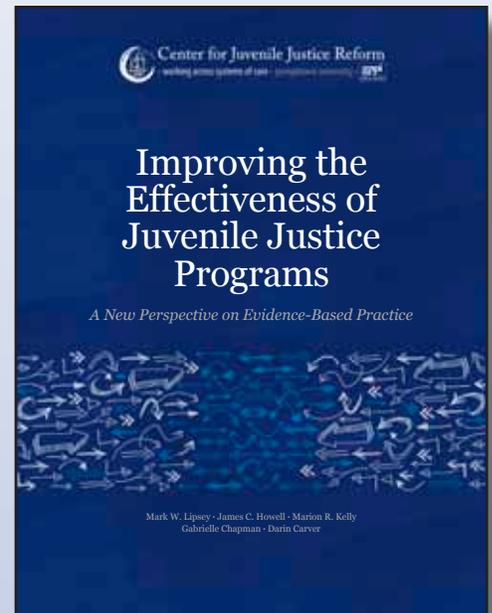
Pennsylvania Selected to Participate in Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project

The [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform](#) at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute recently announced that Pennsylvania was selected as one of four states to participate in its [Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project](#) (JJSIP). The competitive application process sought to identify states with both the interest and capacity to implement the JJSIP effectively. Arizona, Connecticut, and Florida were the other states chosen to participate in the initiative. The JJSIP model requires a local implementation site with the intent of taking "lessons learned" for statewide implementation. Pennsylvania's application sought to implement the JJSIP in Berks County.

Members of Pennsylvania's team, who will participate in a week-long intensive training and technical assistance program at Georgetown, include the following: Judge Scott Lash, Robert Williams, Laurie Hague, and Daniel Heydt (Berks County Juvenile Court); Jeffrey Morris (George Junior Republic); Keith Snyder, Tom Green, and Richard Steele (JCJC); Michael Pennington (PCCD); and Elizabeth Fritz (Lehigh County).

The JJSIP takes the vast amount of knowledge gained through Dr. Mark Lipsey's meta analysis of effective juvenile justice programs, which he translated into the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP), and embeds it within the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's *Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders*, developed by Dr. James C. Howell and John Wilson. (For more information on this approach, please refer to [Improving the Effectiveness of Juvenile Justice Programs: A New Perspective on Evidence-Based Practice](#).)

The JJSIP model is very consistent with the elements of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). Five members of Pennsylvania's JJSES Leadership Team will be participating in the training and Georgetown to help ensure the JJSIP concepts are incorporated into Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy.



SAVE THE DATE

**The 2011 Pennsylvania Conference
on Juvenile Justice
November 2-4, 2011**

at the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers

Registration open in August: www.jcjc.state.pa.us

Staff Development Highlights:

We would draw your attention to the CJJT&R sponsored workshops that will be held throughout the remainder of 2011 that have already begun to be posted on the [JCJC website](#). They are each open for registration. However, participants are cautioned that the selection of programs currently listed on our website is by no means complete as to what we will be offering this fall.

This fall, and moving forward, please check frequently for workshops involving Evidence-based Probation Practices and that focus on the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy, as some workshops or special trainings might not be added until later in the year. When the bulk of our regular schedule for the remainder of the year is posted, we will send an email announcement out to everyone registered in the system's distribution list as well as when other workshops are added.

You are encouraged to visit the website at least monthly to stay apprised of the training opportunities that are available. Training opportunities hosted by CJJT&R/JCJC and other organizations, both in-State and national conferences are also listed on the website.

We also invite you to check out some links to other trainings around the state.

The following trainings and their links are not sponsored by JCJC.

[Stress In Adolescence](#)

September 9, 2011

[Dauphin County FGC Advanced Skills Training](#)

September 28-29, 2011



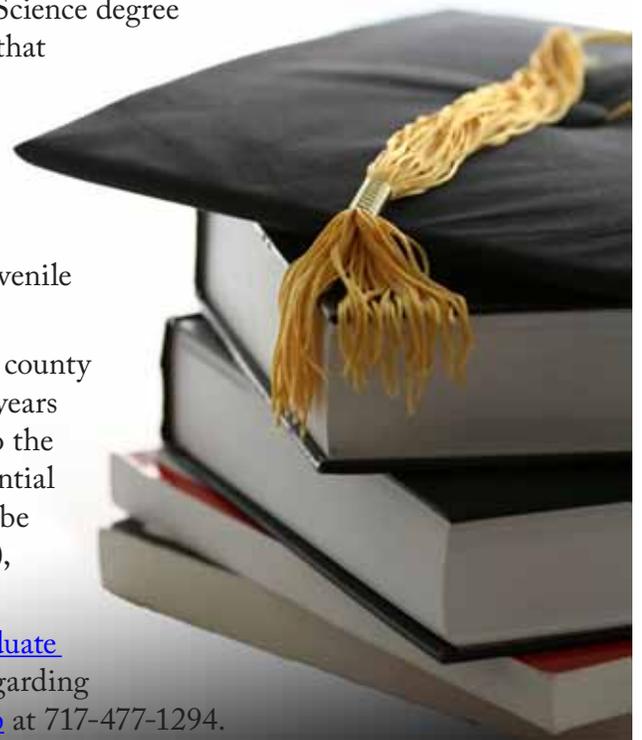
JCJC Graduate Education Program Accepting Applications for the Class of 2014

Applications are now being accepted for the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission-sponsored Graduate Education program at Shippensburg University. Members of the class of 2014 will begin classes in the fall of 2012. The deadline to apply is September 1, 2011.

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 practicum study which is conducted throughout the two-year program. This practicum study provides students the opportunity to evaluate an existing program or practice that serves juvenile offenders in their home county, or another existing program or practice that impacts the juvenile justice system (i.e. prevention, assessment).

This program is available to county juvenile probation officers (and county juvenile detention staff as space allows) who will have at least two years of post-baccalaureate experience in the juvenile justice field prior to the start of classes. Other juvenile justice professionals – such as residential placement staff and victim services providers – may also apply and be accepted into the program on a “self-pay” basis (or via an employer), again, as space is available.

Additional information about the program is available on the [Graduate Education](#) pages of the JCJC website. If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please contact [Stephen Bishop](#) at 717-477-1294.



Pennsylvania Supreme Court Modifies Delinquency Rules

<http://www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/JuvenileCourtProcedural/JCPRulesDocket.htm>

Presumption of Indigency – Effective July 1, 2011

On May 16, 2011 the Supreme Court adopted modifications to **Rule 151** (relating to assignment of counsel) to provide that the all juveniles be presumed indigent and, if a juvenile appears at any hearing without counsel, to require the court to appoint counsel for the juvenile prior to the commencement of the hearing.

Powers, Duties, and Training of a Juvenile Probation Officer – Effective July 1, 2011

On May 20, 2011, the Supreme Court adopted new **Rule 195** (relating to powers, duties, and training of a juvenile probation officer) which defines the powers and duties of, and the training requirements for juvenile probation officers, and made modifications to related rules. **Rule 195** specifically provides, subject to any limitation imposed by the President Judge pursuant to local rule, for the authority of properly commissioned juvenile probation officers to take children into custody pursuant to the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) as well as the Juvenile Act. **Rule 195** also provides that no later than January 1, 2012 or within 180 days after being appointed or employed, a juvenile probation officer shall be trained on the Juvenile Act, the CPSL, the Pa. Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure, and any local procedures.

Victim Notification and Participation in the Court Process – Effective July 1, 2011

On May 26, 2011 the Supreme Court adopted a series of procedural rule modifications which emphasize that the crime victim must receive of court proceedings and have the opportunity to be heard.

Rule 241 (relating to notice of detention hearing) requires that the victim be notified of the detention hearing and the Comment to this rule provides that the attorney for the Commonwealth or its designee is to notify the victim of the date, time, place, and purpose of the hearing.

The Comment to **Rule 242** (relating to detention hearing) explains that the victim may be present at the detention hearing, and that if the victim is not present, the victim is to be notified of the final outcome of the proceeding.

The Comment to **Rule 311** (relating to intake conference) explains that the attorney for the Commonwealth or its designee is to notify the victim of the date, time, place, and purpose of the hearing conducted. Additionally, the Comment clarifies that the victim may be present at the hearing on objections and is to be afforded the opportunity to submit an oral and/or written victim-impact statement.

The Comment to **Rule 312** (relating to informal adjustment) explains that, prior to informally adjusting a written allegation, the juvenile probation officer is to give the victim an opportunity to submit an oral and/or written victim-impact statement if the victim so chooses. The Comment also explains that the juvenile probation officer is to include the payment of restitution agreed to be owed to the victim as a condition of successful completion of an informal adjustment by a juvenile. If the victim is not present, the victim is to be notified of the final outcome of the proceeding.

Rule 360 (relating to summons and notice) was modified to require that the victim be notified of the adjudicatory hearing. The Comment to the rule explains that the attorney for the Commonwealth or its designee is to notify the victim of the date, time, place, and purpose of the adjudicatory hearing.

The Comment to **Rule 408** (relating ruling on offenses) explains that if the court finds that the juvenile did not commit all of the alleged delinquent acts and dismisses the petition, the victim, if not present, shall be notified of the final outcome of the proceeding.

The Comment to **Rule 409** (relating to adjudication of delinquency) explains that if the court determines that the juvenile is not in need of treatment, supervision, or rehabilitation and the court enters an order terminat-

ing jurisdiction, the victim, if not present, shall be notified of the final outcome of the proceeding.

Rule 500 (relating to summons and notice of the dispositional hearing) requires that the victim be notified of the dispositional hearing, and the Comment to this rule explains that the attorney for the Commonwealth or its designee is to notify the victim of the date, time, and purpose of the dispositional hearing.

Rule 512 (relating to dispositional hearing) was modified to require that before deciding the disposition, the court shall give the juvenile and the victim an opportunity to be heard. The Comment to this rule provides that if the victim is not present, the victim is to be notified of the final outcome of the proceeding.

The Comment to **Rule 600** (relating to summons and notice of the commitment review, dispositional review, and probation revocation hearing) explains that the attorney for the Commonwealth or its designee is to notify the victim of the date, time, place, and purpose of the dispositional and commitment review hearing.

Rule 610 (relating to dispositional and commitment review) requires that whenever there is a request for a change in the dispositional order, other than a motion to revoke probation as provided in **Rule 612**, notice and an opportunity to be heard shall be given to the parties and the victim. The Comment to the rule explains that the attorney for the Commonwealth or its designee is to notify the victim of the date, time, place, and purpose of the review hearing. Additionally, the Comment explains that, prior to ordering

the change in the dispositional order, the court is to give the victim an opportunity to submit an oral and/or written victim-impact statement if the victim so chooses.

The Comment to **Rule 631** (relating to termination of court supervision) explains that if the attorney for the Commonwealth objects to a notice filed by the juvenile probation officer that conditions of probation have been met, the court is to conduct a hearing. In addition the Comment explains that the attorney for the Commonwealth or its designee is to notify the victim of the date, time, place, and purpose of the hearing pursuant to paragraph (C).

Rule 632 (relating to early termination of court supervision by motion) requires that the victim shall be provided notice of a motion for early termination of court supervision and if objections have been made pursuant to paragraph (C) and/or the court has determined a hearing is necessary, the court shall hold a hearing and give each party, the victim, and the juvenile probation officer an opportunity to be heard before the court enters its final order. Additionally, the Comment to **Rule 632** explains that the attorney for the Commonwealth or its designee is to notify the victim of the motion for early termination and/or the date, time, place, and purpose of the hearing. The Comment also explains that the victim may be present at the hearing and is to be afforded the opportunity to submit an oral and/or written victim-impact statement, and that if the victim is not present, that the victim is to be notified of the final outcome of the proceeding.



Justine Taylor

JCJC and Stoneleigh Foundation Partner to Employ Junior Fellow

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) and Stoneleigh Foundation have partnered to employ Ms. Justine Taylor as a Junior Fellow, effective July 1, 2011, to assist the JCJC in analyzing data and reporting the results of recidivism research. The JCJC is in the process of developing the methodology and capacity to track the statewide recidivism rates of juvenile offenders utilizing data from within both the criminal and juvenile justice systems. The initial goal of the project will be to establish a benchmark against which the success of the various components of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy will be measured.

Ms. Taylor holds a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from Penn State University and a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice Administration / Pre-Law from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania.

MacArthur Foundation Recognizes PA Advances



[Reforming Juvenile Justice](#)

http://www.jchs.harvard.edu/publications/rental/rb11_americas_rental_housing/AmericasRentalHousing-2011.pdf

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MacArthur Newsletter, May 2011

States across the nation may be poised for the biggest wave of juvenile justice reform since the mid-1990s. Youth crime is down and fiscal pressures are causing states to rethink the wasteful and unnecessary warehousing of youth. [MacArthur-supported research](#) helped to establish the profound developmental differences between adolescents and adults, and the [U.S. Supreme Court has ruled](#) repeatedly that the justice system cannot ignore those differences. Practice reforms based on research have demonstrated that treating kids as kids, recognizing their differences and responding to their needs, reduces costs to taxpayers, makes communities safer, and improves the life chances of young people in trouble with the law.

Pennsylvania, the first of 16 states to receive support from MacArthur's [Models for Change juvenile justice reform initiative](#), has instituted a range of changes in law, policy, and practice that are building a fairer, more effective and rational system.

- An innovative community-based [evening reporting center developed in Berks County](#) has reduced the number of kids of color in juvenile detention while saving taxpayers \$2 million.
- Local governments have expanded early screening and assessment to help identify youth who could be safely diverted away from formal court processing to effective alternatives.
- Juvenile defenders have been given the training and tools they need to ensure that youth have access to adequate representation.

These changes are proving to be sustainable. This year, the [State announced more than \\$4 million in funding](#) to help local governments expand these innovative models and practices introduced with MacArthur support. [Fifteen other states](#) have joined in the effort to create a juvenile justice system based on evidence rather than prejudice, dedicated to the well-being of the young people it serves, and focused on a better future.

For more information

 Video: [Juvenile justice reform in Berks County »](#)

 Video: [Peer juries »](#)

Website: [Models for Change »](#)

Chiefs/Provider Forum Update



A Chiefs/Provider Forum was held in conjunction with the quarterly General Membership Meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers in State College on May 12, 2011. Updates pertaining to the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) were given. [A Statement of Purpose](#) for the JJSES has been developed, which will involve a collaborative effort of system stakeholders to enhance Pennsylvania's juvenile justice mission. This *Statement of Purpose* has been endorsed by JCJC, the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee of PCCD. Service providers may contact Keith Snyder at ksnyder@state.pa.us to endorse the statement of purpose.

Dan Rhoads of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission gave a detailed presentation regarding the Youth Level of Service (YLS) risk/assessment tool, including an explanation of evidence-based practices, an overview of the assessment, information regarding criminogenic needs, an introduction and explanation of the domains of the YLS, and a discussion on risk reduction. In the near future,

service providers can expect to receive copies of the YLS assessment as part of referral packets.

Twenty-four counties participated in the third phase of training for the YLS on June 2nd and June 3, 2011. After the third phase of training, there will be fifty-one counties using the YLS as their assessment and case planning tool.

Candace Putter of the Pennsylvania Academic/Career & Technical Training Alliance (PACTT Alliance) gave a brief history of the organization and reviewed its goals, which include improving academics in residential facilities, ensuring that facilities have career-technical programs which are aligned with industry standards, ensuring that credit transfer occurs consistently, facilitating system change, and providing opportunities for work experience. More information is available at <http://pacttalliance.org/academics.html>.

Additional updates were provided regarding Family Involvement, the MAYSI-2, the Pennsylvania Juvenile Delinquency Data Analysis Tool (JDDAT), the Quality Improvement Initiative (QII), and the upcoming Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice.

Probation department program helps youth mature, grow food

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By Ted Czech; April 9, 2011

York, PA - For more than a decade, juvenile offenders, overseen by the York County Juvenile Probation Department, have partnered with local master gardeners to grow crops, and then give them to area pantries.

The growing season began this week and lasts until the first week of November at the garden, located at John Rudy County Park in East Manchester Township.

Last year, 38 boys and girls helped plant, harvest and deliver 6,045 pounds of crops to those in need.

The partnership

Sue Claytor, deputy director of the York County Juvenile Probation Department said she started a garden program in the department in 1996 at John Rudy.

"We were looking for a community service programs that had more of a learning experience to them," she said.

One challenge was that the department's personnel didn't have the knowledge base to show the juveniles how to properly plant crops, she said.

About two years later, a group of master gardeners were asked by the Penn State Cooperative Extension to set up a trial garden at the park, said George Fetrow, 76, a master gardener from Newberry Township.



A garden hoe can be seen surrounded by sprouting Veronica at the demonstration garden at John Rudy County Park on Monday in East Manchester Township. Once the fruits and vegetables are harvested, they are brought to the York County Food Bank and the Catholic Harvest Pantry. (YORK DAILY RECORD/SUNDAY NEWS - PAUL KUEHNEL)

The gardeners noticed the probation department's efforts and offered to help.

"It's been a good partnership since," he said, with both the extension and the probation department funding the program.

The kids

Claytor said is available to juvenile offenders -- both male and female, from ages 14 to 18 -- who have committed minor to more serious crimes.

"It offers a way for our youth to do a positive project that benefits the community as well as themselves," she said.

Many of the juveniles in the program have never worked on a garden, and don't realize how crops are grown, she said.

Fetrow agreed, saying: "I think they learn a lot, they sometimes

talk about their grandparents who have gardens. For them the feel of the soil ... it's a whole new experience for them."

The beneficiaries

Kris Pollick, director of the Catholic Harvest Food Pantry, 628 E. Market St., York, said the pantry has received fruit and vegetables from the garden for about a year and a half.

"Our clients are usually limited to canned vegetables... It's just so nice to have fresh vegetables," she said.

Pollick said the crops are brought in to the pantry twice a week.

She said she is always amazed at the wide variety of food the garden produces, and that the variety is appreciated by their patrons, who come from "all ethnic backgrounds."

In addition, the York County Food Bank, 254 W. Princess St., York, also receives fruits and vegetables from the garden.

Open house

The program will be holding an open house 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 13 at the garden, located at John Rudy County Park in East Manchester Township. The event will feature master gardeners stationed throughout the garden to display the various crops, and a farmer's market.

PAPPC Hosts 90th Training Institute

The Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole and Corrections (PAPPC) hosted its 90th Training Institute at the Radisson Valley Forge Convention Plaza in King of Prussia, PA on May 22-25, 2011. The theme for this year's institute was *Community Supervision: Moving Forward with Less*.

Dr Richard Kipp, retired Pennsylvania parole Board Member and retired Chief of Probation and Parole for Lehigh County, presented the Opening Plenary Session. In his message, Dr. Kipp discussed the future of community corrections as it relates to implementing evidence-based practices. He placed great emphasis on the need for organizational and cultural changes in order to facilitate successful transformation.

The Honorable John E. Wetzel, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections was the Closing Speaker of the conference. In his remarks, Secretary Wetzel emphasized the need for community corrections to utilize evidence-based practices to help reduce the corrections population, as well as the need for corrections to implement effective programming that will help ensure successful re-entry and reduce recidivism.

Approximately two hundred registrants had an opportunity to participate in a variety of thirty workshops. Proceeds from the Silent Auction, conducted during the conference, will benefit the Veteran's Group (formerly Greiser Veteran's Home, Inc.), located in West Philadelphia.

PAPPC 2011 award recipients included:

- **Arleathia Davis-Yellock**, Juvenile Corrections Professional of the Year;
- **Gina Clark**, Adult Corrections Professional of the Year;
- **Krista Griffith**, Adult Probation/Parole Officer of the Year; and
- **Chris Heberlig**, Distinguished Leadership.

The 91st PAPPC Training Institute will be a joint conference with the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA). The conference will be held June 17-20, 2012 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA.



Arlene Prentice Retires from JCJC

On Friday, May 20, 2011, Arlene Prentice retired from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission after thirty five years of service to the Commonwealth. Arlene began her employment with the commonwealth in 1975 as a Court Liaison for the Department of Public Welfare. This was followed by stints at the Loysville Youth Development Center where she was an Activities Director, and the Harrisburg State Hospital where she worked as a Psychiatric Social Worker on the Admissions Unit. In 1992, Arlene transferred to the JCJC to become a Juvenile Court Consultant, a position held through the time of her retirement.

Arlene received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work from West Virginia State College and her Master of Science Degree in Counseling Psychology with an emphasis on Addictions Counseling from Chestnut Hill College. She also completed a certificate program from Penn State University as a Chemical Dependency Counselor, and is a Certified Advanced Alcohol & Drug Counselor (CAADC) through the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB).

Arlene has been active on numerous state and local committees and boards, including the PCB where she has served as Secretary, First Vice President and President. She has been involved as a representative of the JCJC to many entities, particularly related to issues of child welfare, mental health, drug and alcohol and cultural diversity. Her year-round, behind-the-scenes efforts to assist with the Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice has helped to make it one of the premier juvenile justice conferences in the country. She is particularly well known for her work to support the Awards Committee and all the details of the Youth Awards Banquet, one of the highlights of this annual event. It is also through Arlene's efforts that the annual conference Resource Day activities have provided an opportunity for providers of services to display their products. She looks forward to spending more time with her family in retirement.

We wish Arlene all the best!



"It has been a pleasure to work with the extraordinary people associated with Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system".

CALL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS



Do you work in the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System and also instruct a course at an institution of higher learning (e.g. community college, private or public college or university)?

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission(JCJC) and the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJTR) is creating a directory of juvenile justice professionals who teach in higher education institutions. Please submit your information through the [Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Higher Education Instructor Directory](#) link. Should you have any questions, please contact John Cookus at jcookus@state.pa.us.

Position Announcement

Application Developer

Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research
Shippensburg University, Shippensburg Pennsylvania

The Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) is currently accepting applicants for a temporary position of Application Developer. The term of this position will be until March 31, 2012.

The annual starting salary for this position is \$45,000 and includes a comprehensive benefits package. Appointments above the starting salary may be considered, and will be commensurate with the candidate's education, work experience and salary history.

The CJJT&R Application Developer duties are listed as follows:

- Directs and performs application and database development and maintenance using appropriate database structure and technologies
- Assists in project planning and scheduling
- Conducts and assists in requirements gathering
- Schedules, assigns, and reviews application and database work with selected vendors
- Conducts testing and debugging work on the application and database
- Develops in-house quality assurance procedures including data security, back-up and recovery, and systems control
- Develops application interfaces with other software applications
- Develops scripts for updates and queries
- Develops data extraction queries
- Develops data queries and reports
- Evaluates and makes recommendations on possible upgrades to the application and database
- Identifies and evaluates design and technology options for the application software
- Oversees and assists in any screen application development
- Performs the installation of the software application and database
- Provides technical assistance to consultants and developers working on data exchanges with the applications and databases
- Provides technical assistance to end users in using the applications
- Maintains the documentation on all data exchanges/interfaces
- Other duties as assigned

The minimum experience and training requirements for the position are: One year experience as an Application Developer or two (2) years of technical information technology experience in applications development and/or business process analysis and an Associate's Degree in Computer Science, or a closely related field; or four (4) years of technical information technology experience, or any equivalent combination of experience and training that includes 18 credits in Computer Science, or a closely related field. Additionally, candidates with accounting experience are encouraged to apply.

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, transcripts, and a resume to Monica Iskric, Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research, 1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA 17257-2299 or miskric@ship.edu. This information must be received no later than Friday, July 15, 2011.

Please contact [Steve Varner](#), CJJT&R IT Generalist Administrator, (717) 477-1387, if you have any questions or desire additional information.



National Juvenile Justice Announcements

The following announcements are reprinted from JUVJUST, an OJJDP news service:

OJJDP Announces FY 2011 Funding Opportunities

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has announced the following funding opportunities:

- [Family Drug Court Programs](#)
- [National Juvenile Probation Census Project](#)
- [National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Truancy Prevention and Intervention.](#)
- [Defending Childhood Technical Assistance.](#)

Resources:

To obtain further information about the above and other current OJJDP solicitations, including eligibility criteria, application deadlines, and frequently asked questions, visit <http://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingList.asp>.

Multi-System Integration Certificate Program Announced for November

On November 2–8, 2011, in Washington, DC, the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute will hold its [Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare: Multi-System Integration Certificate Program for Private Sector Leaders](#).

Designed for current and future leaders of private organizations, this week-long program will highlight multi-system reform efforts related to crossover youth, improve private organizations' ability to serve these youth, provide leaders with an opportunity to develop collaborative leadership skills, and create a mutually supportive network of individuals across the country committed to systems improvement.

The application deadline is July 27, 2011.

Resources:

To obtain additional information and apply online, visit <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/certprogs/private/certificateprivate.html>.

International Community Corrections Association To Host Conference in Reno

On July 17–20, 2011, in Reno, NV, the International Community Corrections Association will host "[The Roles of Evidence-Based Risk-Needs Assessments](#)," a regional conference that focuses on evidence-based risk/needs assessments and how they can be used in courts, corrections, and parole settings. Conference sessions will discuss evaluation and treatment methodologies in mental health, substance abuse, and addictions, and describe how to integrate evidence-based practices into agency operations.

Registration is available [online](#).

Resources:

For more information, visit http://www.iccaweb.org/renomeeting_2011.htm.

To register, go to <https://connect.computility.com/form/index.php?id=c9e83799f1e578b2f7c53237d566b83b>.

OJJDP Fact Sheet Highlights Findings From the 2009 National Youth Gang Survey

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has published, "[Highlights of the 2009 National Youth Gang Survey](#)."

This fact sheet presents findings from the National Gang Center's 2009 National Youth Gang Survey, which collects data from a large, representative sample of local law enforcement agencies to monitor the size and scope of the national gang problem. The fact sheet discusses the prevalence of gangs in the U.S., rates of gang activity and gang homicides, and factors that may influence gang violence.

Resources:

"Highlights of the 2009 National Youth Gang Survey" (NCJ 233581) is available at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/233581.pdf>.

Print copies can be ordered online from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service at www.ncjrs.gov/App/ShoppingCart/ShopCart.aspx?item=NCJ+233581&repro=0

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