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2011 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

We invite you to join us for the 2011 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, which will be held at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers on November 2-4, 2011. The theme for this year's conference is "**Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy: Achieving our Mission through Evidence-based Policy and Practice**". All of the keynote presentations and training workshops will highlight practices, programs and initiatives that exemplify best-practice, and provide strategies for continuous quality improvement related to these various programs.

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 gathering will offer an important opportunity for consumers to learn about new and innovative services.

Registration for Resource day – 2011 is FREE to all registered conference attendees. In addition to gaining knowledge on various programs and services provided throughout the Commonwealth, Resource Day attendees will be eligible to participate in a raffle being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officer's. The rules for participation are:



- 2 drawings – 9:30 and 10:30am
- 1 ticket per person per vendor
- Attendees must be present at the drawing to win. Each raffle drawing will have 3 different prizes given away:
 1. I-Pad Touch
 2. Kindle E-reader
 3. Free registration to the 2012 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

Registration for the 2011 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice is available through the JCJC Events Management System (JEMS) Conference Registration Website, <https://www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us/cps/ConferenceDefault.aspx>.

Exhibitor Space is still available! If you are interested in having a table, please register within the JEMS Website. Questions regarding Resource Day and exhibitor registration should be directed to Rick Steele, (717) 705-5633, or ricsteele@state.pa.us.

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Reminders:

Send us your media accounts of local Juvenile Justice Week activities to [Steve Bishop](#) for publication in a special section celebrating Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice week. Please have all entries submitted by October 14, 2011.

Bradford County's Guardian Angels

The third year of the Bradford County Guardian Angel Project came to an end on August 17th, as sixteen youth and their mentors traveled to the Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse to deliver hope and inspiration to others. The Guardian Angel Project is a program through the Bradford County Probation Department that was started by Assistant Chief Sue Ide, Case Manager Karen Buchholz and former Juvenile Probation Officer Ray Weaver. Guardian Angel pairs a youthful offender with a mentor, and together they paint a guardian angel figurine over the course of eight weeks. The culmination of this event was a trip to Syracuse to deliver the angel to a child who is a patient at the Children's Hospital.

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The mentors are comprised of law enforcement officials including Pennsylvania state police, township and borough police officers, the sheriff's department, area business owners, school teachers and community members.

"Several of our mentors returned from last year, and each year we've been fortunate to have the support of the community through donations from local business", said Buchholz.

Officer Thomas VanFleet of Athens Township Police Department said, "The reason I continue to do this project is because it can make a difference. It lets kids who have had encounters with police officers see us in a different light."

The program is in memory of Penny Farley, who passed away in March of 2009 after battling with cancer. Penny was a valued member of the probation department, whose positive attitude and compassion touched many lives.

To date, there have been over 35 juveniles that have participated in this program. "Our hope is that they can see that as bad as they think they have it, there are others who have it worse, who don't have a second chance like they do", said Weaver. "Many of the participants are also involved in Bradford County's Juvenile Accountability Court, which is presided over by Judge Maureen Beirne." The Juvenile Accountability Court is an intensive supervision based program that requires the juveniles to appear in court each week before the judge and a committee comprised of juvenile probation officers, treatment providers and attorneys.

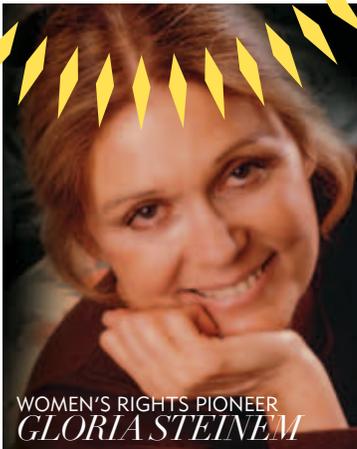


For more information about the Guardian Angel Project, please contact Sue Ide at (570) 265-1706 or go their website at www.bradfordcountygardianangelproject.com.

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Having Faith: Partnering with Religious Organizations to Help Combat DMC

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In October 2010, we described how Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, hit the ground running with its DMC reduction work, implementing a detention risk assessment instrument and opening the county's first evening reporting center in just one year's time. This month, we highlight how Lancaster's DMC Workgroup forged new partnerships with its faith-based community to better serve youth and families.



During the spring of 2011, Lancaster County Juvenile Probation Supervisor Sherry Lupton attended a

meeting that would change DMC reduction in her community.

At the [DMC Action Network's Fourth Annual Meeting](#), Lupton participated in a workshop on partnering with the faith-based community to reduce racial and ethnic disparities. The session, led by Reverend Romal Tune of Clergy Strategic Alliances, outlined strategies to engage religious leaders in DMC reduction. Moved by the presentation, Lupton walked away with a clear goal: getting Reverend Tune to work with her county's faith-based organizations.

"Reverend Tune's presentation was different than anything I had ever seen before," says Lupton. "He had a plan for engaging leaders in the faith community that was targeted at actually changing outcomes for kids."

Given that Lancaster County boasts over 700 houses of worship, Lupton saw an opportunity to have a significant impact on at-risk youth. "I wanted to raise awareness of DMC among this community, and I wanted to figure out how we could

work together by identifying what services were out there, how best to connect youth with those programs, and where there might be gaps," said Lupton. Many faith-based organizations offer services that can help keep kids out of the system, such as mentoring, but they may not widely publicize them.

On May 14th, Lupton and the DMC Workgroup achieved her goal, hosting the county's first ever forum for faith-based leaders aimed at reducing the disparate treatment of children of color in the juvenile justice system. Sponsored by the Intra-City Progressive Pastors' Association, the Juvenile Probation Office, the Crispus Attucks Community Center, and the Lancaster County Council of Churches, the event brought together over 50 community leaders and clergy from various faiths.

With funding from the MacArthur Foundation and the DMC Action Network, Reverend Tune traveled to Lancaster to lead a day of discussion and strategic planning. Lupton noted that he kept the group focused on DMC reduction: "At each stage, Reverend Tune would ask for practical suggestions and would ask whether that strategy would help reduce the number of kids of color entering and moving through the system. If the answer was 'no,' he would move the discussion along."

When facilitating the event, Reverend Tune not only shared his expertise in creating partnerships with faith-based communities, but also observed a level of engagement in Lancaster that he had not previously seen. "I'm often invited to facilitate meetings and develop outreach strategies that seek to have an impact on the lives of young people," said Tune. "The strategic planning meeting organized by Sherry was the most encouraging I've had the honor of facilitating, not simply because of the impressive turnout representing service provider and diverse communities of faith, but because of the seriousness with which all participants approached the issue."

A number of religious leaders chipped in to help make the event possible through donations of food, materials, and space to hold the event. The meeting also resulted in tangible commitments that would help improve the lives of children of color moving forward. For example, the First Presbyterian Church volunteered space in downtown Lancaster where the city's [Youth Aid Panel](#) could operate. The Youth Aid Panel is a community board that diverts low-level offenses from formal involvement in the juvenile justice system. Additionally, one of the city's most prominent pastors wrote a column in the Sunday edition of the local paper raising the importance of

tackling racial and ethnic disparities in education.

Lupton, who is a minister herself, cultivated relationships with religious leaders in the months preceding the event. She scheduled individual meetings to explain how partnerships with the faith-based community could benefit Lancaster's children by diverting youth from system involvement or increasing the range of services available to those youth. "It was the data that really spoke to them and created a sense of urgency," shared Lupton.

In Lancaster, officials have used those data to drive systems reform. Youth of color represent 13% of the population, but 62% of the youth in detention in the county. Since joining the DMC Action Network, Lancaster has worked to reduce disparities through changes to poli-

cies and practices. These include development of a detention screening tool and the creation of an evening reporting center that keeps an average of 10 children of color in the community every day who would otherwise be locked up.

The DMC Workgroup has always focused on engaging community members, including youth, with the goal of reducing the overrepresentation of children of color in the juvenile justice system. On May 13th, the Juvenile Probation Office hosted its fifth annual DMC Youth and Law Enforcement Forum. Over 130 youth from eight of the county's middle schools attended the day-long event, along with police officers, probation staff, judicial officials, and school administrators. According to Lupton, "the goal was to change inaccurate perceptions of youth toward law enforcement

and vice-versa" through interactive panels, small discussion groups, and a mock trial.

Lupton is now looking ahead to the next steps in its work with the faith-based community. Lancaster's DMC Workgroup developed an initial action plan in June, and Reverend Tune is crafting a broader strategic plan for involving the faith-based community in DMC reduction efforts moving forward.

Although convening the first faith-based meeting on DMC took a substantial amount of planning and effort, Lupton has no doubts about the potential benefits: "To build relationships, sometimes you just need to get out of your office, put your sneakers on, and walk around knocking on doors. You never know where you will find another partner to help better serve kids in your community."

Bucks County Youth Center Wins CCAP 2011 "Outstanding Affiliate Of The Year" Award

During the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) Conference at Seven Springs Resort from August 14-17, the Bucks County Youth Center received one of only a handful of awards presented to county officials and departments. CCAP named the Youth Center its 2011 Outstanding Affiliate of the Year, an award presented to those "who assist the county commissioners and county government in serving the public."

CCAP noted the nomination was "generated in response to the excellent work done within the (Bucks County) Youth Center by the administration and staff over the past 10 years toward restraint reduction. Throughout this process, the leadership within the facility was supported by staff who took an approach to child behavior management that was not punitive, but rather applied discipline, care and concern equally resulting in a culture of safety and calm."

Ted Rice, director of the Bucks County Youth Center, proudly accepted the award and stated: "This is a tremendous compliment to the front-line staff who work so hard to create such a positive environment for everyone who enters the building."

The award nomination also included a more detailed synopsis of the winning qualifications: "In the past year, CCAP has extended an opportunity for juvenile detention facilities to demonstrate their efforts toward best practices. Bucks County submitted a proposal that captured the essence of their great and ongoing work toward performance improvement. The submission of their Restraint Reduction Initiative project offered some insights into their desire to press ahead to ensure that youth in their care are safe and staff are empowered."

For a complete list of the 2011 CCAP award winners, please visit the organization's website at www.pacounties.org.

YDC Resident Puts Training to Good Use

After successfully completing a 148-hour training course sponsored by New Castle Youth Development Center (NCYDC) and Allegheny County Community College, a seventeen year old youth from Philadelphia received his licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT); soon after he put the training to use when he intervened with a sick staff member.

When a staff member in his unit became ill and required immediate medical attention, the youth responded by assisting the onsite medical staff and EMTs who had been called to the scene. He used the training received to provide comfort and care to the staff member and to educate the other residents in regard to the staff's condition. Through his alert observations, composure and willingness to help others in a time of crisis, his actions serve as an example of how everyone can have a positive impact on the life of another.



JCJC Graduate Education Program Accepting Applications for the Class of 2014

Looking to advance in Juvenile Justice?

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 has been extended through November 2011.**

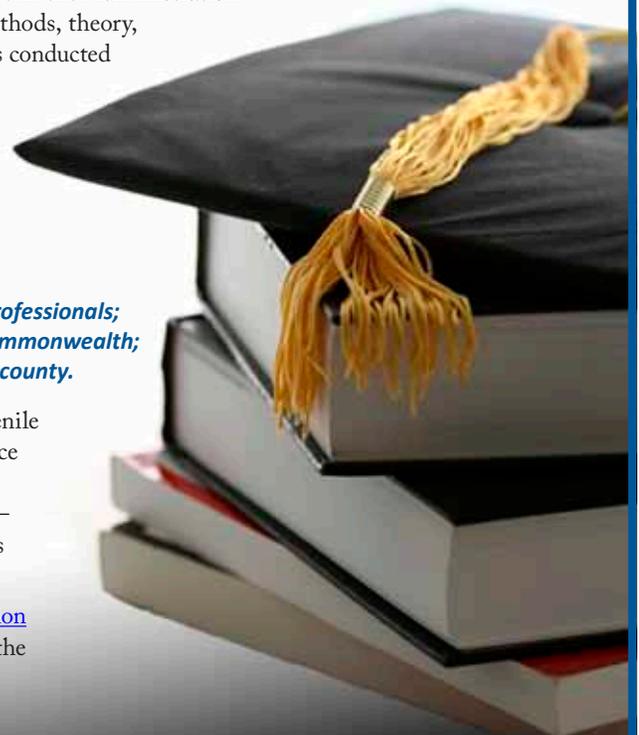
The Shippensburg University program offers students a Master of Science degree in the Administration of Justice. This is a 36-credit hour program that includes courses in research methods, theory, administration, and policy analysis. Also featured is a practicum study which is conducted throughout the 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.

What are the benefits of the JCJC Graduate Education Program?

- ***Free tuition;***
- ***Free lodging on class weekends;***
- ***No weekday or evening classes;***
- ***A Master's curriculum specifically tailored to working juvenile justice professionals;***
- ***Networking with other juvenile justice professionals from across the Commonwealth;***
- ***Opportunity to learn how to evaluate juvenile justice programs in your county.***

This program is available to county juvenile probation officers – and county juvenile detention staff – 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 as space is available.

Additional information about the program is available on the [Graduate Education](http://www.jcjc.state.pa.us) pages at www.jcjc.state.pa.us. If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please contact [Stephen Bishop](#) at 717-477-1294.



PAPPC TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

October 14, 2011: Radisson Valley Forge Convention Plaza

Real Colors: What Color Are you?

Presenters: Richard Podguski, Gary Holland, Melissa Repsher, and others from PBPP

The National Curriculum and Training Institute (NCTI) Real Colors combines experienced based research and psychological theory into an informative assessment tool that is easy to apply on a daily basis. In using Real Colors, you can quickly identify your own temperament and your clients, peers and family. It provides a clear understanding of learning, teaching and communication styles as they relate to the four colors. This training provides a new level of effective interaction and NCTI fully believes that once someone gains insight to their own color and that of others a significant skill development occurs.

Designer Drugs

Presenters: Vinnie Happ, Account Manager, Redwood Toxicology & Vance VanOrder, PBPP

The Problems Posed by Designer Drugs:

With the recent passage of SB 1006 that amends the controlled substance act to make the sale, possession and use of some designer drugs illegal, such as K2/Spice and baths salts, this training will discuss the challenges posed by designer drugs. The training will provide information on the history, pharmacological effects, detection, and control strategies for these designer drugs and look at the potential next wave of drugs.

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 am	Registration and coffee
9:00 – noon	Real Colors: What color are you? <i>Note: 2 sessions will be running side by side</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch provided by PAPPC
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Designer Drugs Panel

Space is limited! Visit www.pappc.org to register.

Cost for member = \$30 online registration required
Cost for non-member = \$40 paper registration

Lodging Available:

Radisson Valley Forge Convention Plaza – (610) 337-2000
Please reference PAPPC on all reservations made by 9/20 (\$100 per night).

“Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) Building Blocks for a Better System”



JJSES STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To work in partnership to enhance the capacity of Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system to achieve its balanced and restorative justice mission by: employing evidence-based practices, with fidelity, at every stage of the juvenile justice process; collecting and analyzing the data necessary to measure the results of these efforts; and, with this knowledge, striving to continuously improve the quality of our decisions, services and programs.

Part 2 of a series: *“JJSES Building Blocks”*

Motivational Interviewing

By: Mark Carey

Originally described by William R. Miller in 1983 from his experience in the addiction field, motivational interviewing provides guidance to assist case managers with the way they interact with their clients. It teaches case managers how to explore and help resolve clients’ ambivalence to change and centers on motivational processes within individuals that facilitate change. It seeks to align the individuals’ own values and concern with the change and, as such, distinguishes it from coercive, externally controlled methods to motivating change. It is defined as a “collaborative, person-centered form of guiding to elicit and strengthen motivation for change.”

Criminal and juvenile justice fields began using motivational interviewing processes in earnest approximately twenty years ago and the application has only expanded as practitioners have noted how much more information is elicited when administered appropriately. Practitioners were frustrated at the ineffective results and unrewarding process derived from ineffective motivation techniques such as lecturing, arguing, challenging, and threatening. This experience only fortified the prevailing view that that motivation is a condition that wholly resides within the offender. That is, only the of-

fender could motivate him/herself. That view, however, has been disputed through motivational interviewing research findings and field experience. Through an effective interviewing approach, the probationer can be guided to a position where they literally can talk themselves into change (Walters, et. al., 2003). In fact, the practitioner has discovered that motivational interviewing is changing and strengthening their relationship with their probationer to one of a guide and helper which is, in turn, helping move probation departments into the “business of behavior change” (Clark, 2006). It elevates the officer’s role from that of a mere observer and reporter of compliance to that of a professional with specialized skills to influence positive behavior change.

Motivational interviewing does not teach a skill deficit. For this reason, JJSES places it in Stage Two, Initiation instead of the next stage of Behavioral Change. It prepares the offender for change. Furthermore, it helps establish a professional alliance whereby the case manager establishes rapport and aligns with the probationer’s goals. These outcomes set the stage for the probation officer and youth to work on the issues identified through the assessment and case planning sessions.

To assist counties in the establishment of effective motivational interviewing practices, JJSES will provide training, coaching, and continuous quality improvement assistance. It should be noted that it often takes years for staff to become proficient in motivational interviewing. County probation departments and its service providers should be prepared to attend to the required proficiency processes. Some of those processes include observing staff-youth sessions, providing booster trainings, conducting coaching sessions, and integrating motivational interviewing terminology and concepts in its policies and practices.

For most people, change is a process that unfolds over time. People can range from having no interest in making changes (pre-contemplation), to having some awareness or mixed feelings about change (contemplation), to preparing for change (preparation), to having recently begun to make changes (action), or maintaining changes over time (maintenance). Practitioners must adapt their style to meet the clients where they are at.

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Clark, M., Walters, S., Gingerich, R., and Meltzer, M. (2006). Motivational Interviewing for Probation Officers: Tipping the Balance Toward Change. *Federal Probation*. Volume 70, Number 1, Pages 38-44.

Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation PTSD Project wins the '2011 John Neufeld Award'

The Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation Department's PTSD Project has won the Mid Atlantic Association for Court Management's (MAACM) 2011 "John Neufeld Award". Its member states are: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Washington DC.

John Neufeld was the Chief of Education and Training for the New Jersey Judiciary for 15 years, as well as the Education Program Coordinator. He passed away 1 month after retirement and therefore the organization honors him annually by presenting this award in his memory. The award is intended to recognize an individ-

ual or a group of individuals who develop or implement a significant or unique educational program or court management system in the Mid-Atlantic region during the past three years.

MAACM is a nonprofit professional organization of more than 700 court professionals committed to the fair and effective administration of justice through improved management of our courts. If you are interested in learning more about this organization you can visit their website at <http://maacm.org/index.cfm>.

The award was presented to Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation Director Addie Beighley, at the MAACM Annual Conference on September 19, 2011 in Williamsburg, Virginia.



Upcoming Staff Development Opportunities:

Space remains in several programs, including those that are highlighted below. Five of this season's offerings are either new topics or new trainers. Several programs are at or near being filled to capacity and closed to additional registrants, so please register soon.

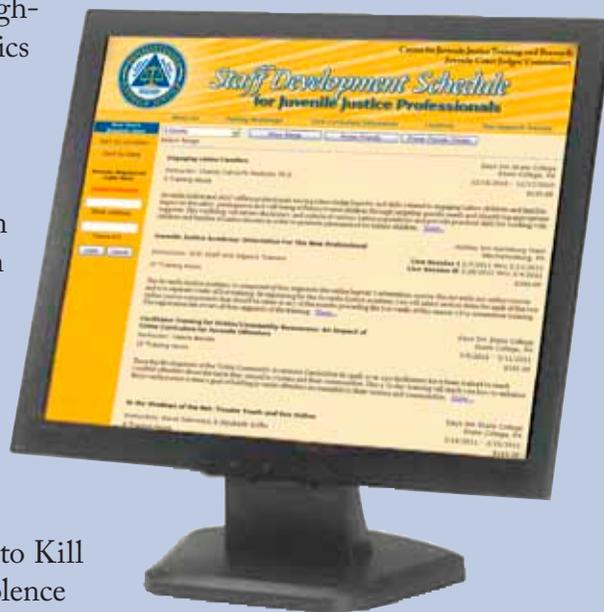
On September 29-30 in Monroeville and on October 13-14 in the Allentown area (Breinigsville), Bruce Schaffer will return to present "Current Trends in Adolescent Substance Abuse: Prescription, OTC, and Herbal Substances" workshop which received nearly universal acclaim in the spring when he first made this presentation. It focuses on the most recent trends in adolescent drug abuse with substances such as salvia, spice and k-2.

Lt. Col. David Grossman's "How Our Children are Learning to Kill and Learning to Like It: The Relationship between Media Violence and Violent Crime" that was delivered regionally last fall was re-scheduled by popular demand in the mid-State and is scheduled for October 19 at the Park Inn Mechanicsburg. To date there are over 70 registrants but limited additional space remains for this unique program.

On October 26-27 at the Days Inn Penn State, Cynthia King will present the introductory level "Supervision and Monitoring of Juvenile Sex Offenders." This program is ideally suited to enable staff who have these youth on their caseload to understand the unique aspect of working with this challenging group of clients and to be more effective at working together with treatment providers to minimize the risk of recidivism.

Finally, room is still available for additional registrants at the two full-day "Motivational Interviewing" workshop at the Holiday Inn Conference Center near Allentown area (Breinigsville) on October 27-28. This workshop will be led by Barb Ulmer a trainer/consultant who has taught at a number of Center sponsored workshops over the years. For those departments preparing to integrate EBPP this is a prerequisite training.

More detailed information and a complete schedule can be viewed and downloaded by visiting the JCJC website or click on this link: [JCJC Staff Development](#).



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.

**[Dauphin County FGC
Advanced Skills Training](#)**
September 28-29, 2011

**[Mental Health Issues
in Adolescence](#)**
October 21st 2011

[STRESSLESS](#)
December 2nd 2011

[JDCAP Annual Conference](#)
October 5-7th 2011

**[Bridges Out of Poverty
Westmoreland
Community Action](#)**
October 18th 2011

**[Services for Adolescent
and Family Enrichment
Outpatient Treatment for
Juvenile Sex Offenders](#)**
January 30-31st 2012



National Juvenile Justice Announcements

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

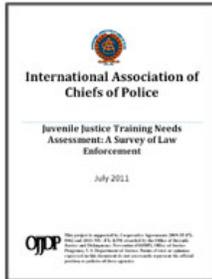
IACP Releases Report on Training Needs of Law Enforcement

The International Association of Chiefs of Police has published, "[Juvenile Justice Training Needs Assessment: A Survey of Law Enforcement](#)." The report includes findings from a survey of law enforcement officers across the nation, which identifies the challenges and training needs they face when working with juvenile crime, delinquency, and victimization. Results describe data on department training budgets and needs, juvenile justice operations, and the most pressing juvenile justice issues for the jurisdictions included in the survey.

Resources:

Read highlights from the report at www.theiacp.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=8mQmAuMfBI4%3d&tabid=225.

Read the full report at www.theiacp.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Vy2Y7Xk815U%3d&tabid=225.



OJJDP To Sponsor International Conference on Child Maltreatment

On January 23-26, 2012, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Chadwick Center for Children and Families will sponsor the [26th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment](#). The conference will be held at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego, CA.



Conference sessions will help professionals develop and enhance skills required to recognize, assess, prevent, and treat all forms of child maltreatment. Professionals will also improve their investigative and legal skills.

Registration is available [online](#).

Resources:

Learn more about the conference at sandiegoconference.org/index.html.

To register, go to sandiegoconference.org/rates.html.

Interstate Commission for Juveniles Invites Comments on Proposed Rules

The [Interstate Commission for Juveniles](#) has issued a request for public comment on proposed rules relevant to the implementation of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. The Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) is a multistate agreement that provides the procedural means to regulate the movement across state lines of juveniles who are under court supervision.

Written comments should be submitted to:

Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
Interstate Commission for Juveniles
836 Euclid Avenue
Lexington, KY 40502
859-721-1062 (O)
859-721-1059 (Fax)

Comments must be submitted by October 24, 2011, the date of a public hearing scheduled for Norfolk, VA.

Resources:

For additional information about the proposed rules, the procedure for submitting comments, and the public hearing, visit juvenilecompact.org.

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