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### *Crime Victims Speak at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Crime Victims' Rights Rally*

The 21st Annual Crime Victims' Rights Rally was held in Harrisburg at the Capitol Rotunda on Monday, April 22, 2013. The rally was sponsored by the Crime Victims Alliance of Pennsylvania (CVAP). The year's Rally theme was "New Challenges, New Solutions."

Speakers for the rally included: Jennifer Boyle, Cumberland County District Attorney's Office, Victim Services Division, and Chair of the Rally Committee; the Honorable Carol Lavery, Victim Advocate for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; the Honorable David Freed, Cumberland County District Attorney; Sarah & Hannah Keiffer, sisters who lost their mother to domestic abuse; and Missy Sweitzer, a mother who lost her son in 2008 due to a DUI related crash. The Victims' Rights Week Proclamation, signed by Governor Tom Corbett, was presented by Carol Lavery.

The speakers for the event outlined the numerous needs of crime victims in the aftermath of a crime and the services necessary for them to move forward. Several legislative successes, many of which have occurred within the past year to assist crime victims, were referenced. However, the array of systemic and community resources needed to maintain the level of quality services and the provision of procedural rights was also outlined. It was noted that while the victim services community has been faced with major fiscal hardships and challenges over the last few years, the victim advocates and their staff are fully committed and remain persistent in fighting for the very best services to all crime victims.



Missy Sweitzer, Crime Survivor

Photo courtesy of Adam Kulikowski

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### **Reminders:**

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Twelve victim service/advocacy organizations offered information on their agencies and the services they provide. The Silent Witness Project displayed powerful images regarding victimization. Youth from Alternative Rehabilitation Community (ARC) and the Loysville Youth Development Center offered assistance to the victim service organizations by setting up and tearing down the various tables and displays enabling them to earn community service hours as they learned more about the impact of crime. Youth from Cumberland and Luzerne County Juvenile Probation Departments were accompanied to the rally. In addition to attending the rally, the youth participated in a tour of the Capitol.

Approximately 30 youth from across the state were accompanied to the Capitol by juvenile probation officers and other juvenile justice professionals. After the Victims' Rights Rally, these youth participated in an event held by the Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA). The post rally event was developed to provide juveniles on probation with an impact of crime class. Two separate presentations were provided. Missy Sweitzer, a mother from York County who lost her son Zachary on Thanksgiving 2008 due to a DUI related crash, shared her story to impress upon the youth the impact of delinquent behavior on the lives of the survivors and the youth themselves. Missy is a strong advocate for keeping Zach's voice alive. She and her husband came to the realization that they "could be bitter or better and they chose better." Missy speaks to youth throughout the Commonwealth and is a regular presenter to new juvenile probation officers during their Orientation training session through the CJJT&R. Missy and her family have set up a foundation in Zach's memory. There is an annual academic scholarship awarded each year at his high school which is awarded to a senior wrestler who will be furthering his education. Over the last five years, the Foundation has awarded \$7,000.

Dominic Roma, a counselor assistant, also spoke to the youth. His story, although quite different than Missy's, relayed the ramifications of his crime on his victim's family and himself nearly eighteen years ago. Dominic shared his experiences and personal outlook after he was adjudicated delinquent for taking the life of a 13 year old boy with a 12 gauge shotgun. He spent 7½ years of his life in ARC Secure in Chambersburg, and owed more than \$11,000 in restitution to pay for the child's funeral expenses. He explained how he has since turned his life around, married a wonderful woman, has a 3 year old son and is now is employed with ARC, helping to rehabilitate youth.

This annual Victims' Rights Rally and the Post Rally Impact of Crime Session reveal the unique partnerships that can be developed and that unite victim assistance with juvenile justice professionals to support victims/survivors of crime in our state and our communities.

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### ***The Silent Witness Project:***

The Silent Witness red ladies were also present at the rally. The goal of the Silent Witness Project is to eliminate domestic violence murders in the United States. The exhibit began in Minnesota in 1990. The 26 original free-standing, life-sized, red, wooden silhouettes displayed the names of women who have been killed by a husband, partner or acquaintance. The 27th figure represents the women whose murders were mistakenly reported as accidental or were left unsolved. The 27 original red silhouettes were named the Silent Witness. Today all fifty states have Silent Witnesses. This project was provided by the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties and the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg.



All of the members of the Crime Victims Alliance are grateful for the support of all who stepped up and helped make this rally happen. We look forward to another successful rally next year. Anyone who may be interested in participating in the Crime Victims' Rights Rally Committee please contact Monica Iskrac for more information at [msiskr@ship.edu](mailto:msiskr@ship.edu).

Information regarding CVAP can be found on their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/CrimeVicPA](http://www.facebook.com/CrimeVicPA)

# ***“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 18 of a series: *“JJSES Building Blocks”*

## ***Stakeholder Engagement***

The juvenile justice system is comprised of a constellation of agencies, each serving a distinct purpose whether that is to protect the rights of the accused, represent the needs of victims, ensure that the process is fair and in accordance to the laws, or to hold the law violator accountable. Under a BARJ perspective, there are many stakeholders interested in specific juvenile justice outcomes including but not limited to victims, judges, prosecutors and defense counsel, probation, youth and their families, the community, those responsible for government budgets, and human service agencies. Sometimes the stakeholders’ interests are similar, sometimes different and potentially conflicting. The success of JJSES is partially dependent on the alignment of mission, intention, understanding, and resources among the stakeholders. Successful results are less likely to be achieved when the stakeholders are pulling in different directions. This understanding is supported by research which has demonstrated that when system activities are driven by a unified purpose through collaboration, outcomes are improved.<sup>1</sup>

JJSES offers juvenile justice and collaboration research evidence, jurisdictional experiences using this evidence, and a proposed set of common performance measures to aid stakeholder collaboration. It proposes that all

the stakeholders can rally around a unifying principle; that of harm reduction. Every juvenile justice stakeholder’s mission will likely be in alignment with one or more common JJSES harm reduction outcomes such as reduced taxpayer costs, safer and stronger communities, fewer victims, reduced delinquency rates, and improved confidence in the justice system.

A number of activities are required in order for the juvenile justice systems to work collaboratively toward these service and outcome enhancements. JJSES provides an evidence based practices training curriculum designed to convey the research evidence to the stakeholders in a user friendly manner. In addition, it provides a set of proposed system wide outcome measures and a set of processes including continuous quality improvement, service gap assessment, and others to improve the likelihood that the entire justice system and its community partners are working together to achieve a common set of harm reduction outcomes.

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<sup>1</sup> See Adler, P. S., Kwon, S., & Heckscher, C. (2008). Perspective—Professional work: The emergence of collaborative community. *Organization Science*, 19(2), 359–376. Henggeler, S. W., Schoenwald, S. K., Borduin, C. M., Rowland, M. D., & Cunningham, P. B. (1998). *Multisystemic treatment of antisocial behavior in children and adolescents*. New York, NY: Guilford. Larson, C., & LaFasto, F. (1989). *Teamwork: What must go right/What can go wrong*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

# 2012 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.

Programs with more than 400 Community Service Assignments		
County	Participants	As compared to 2011
Delaware	1,781	↓ 19.0%
Berks	1,350	↓ 19.5%
Allegheny	946	↓ 39.2%
Montgomery	801	↑ 1.5%
Lehigh	748	↓ 17.0%
Philadelphia	728	↑ 5.8%
Bucks	679	↑ 23.7%
Lancaster	651	↑ 16.3%
Dauphin	620	↑ 1.7%
York	602	↑ 2.6%
Lycoming	555	↑ 12.3%
Erie	536	↑ 18.1%
Chester	384	↓ 19.7%

During 2012, there were a total of 15,725 youth assigned unpaid community service in the sixty-eight active programs throughout the Commonwealth. Over the past ten years the number of participants has varied between a high of 21,615 in 2006 and this year's low of 15,725. Last year, a total of 536,808 community service hours were worked by youth throughout the Commonwealth. At the current minimum wage, this represents nearly \$3.84 million in volunteer effort invested in nonprofit organizations and agencies across Pennsylvania in 2012.

### Restitution Program Participants



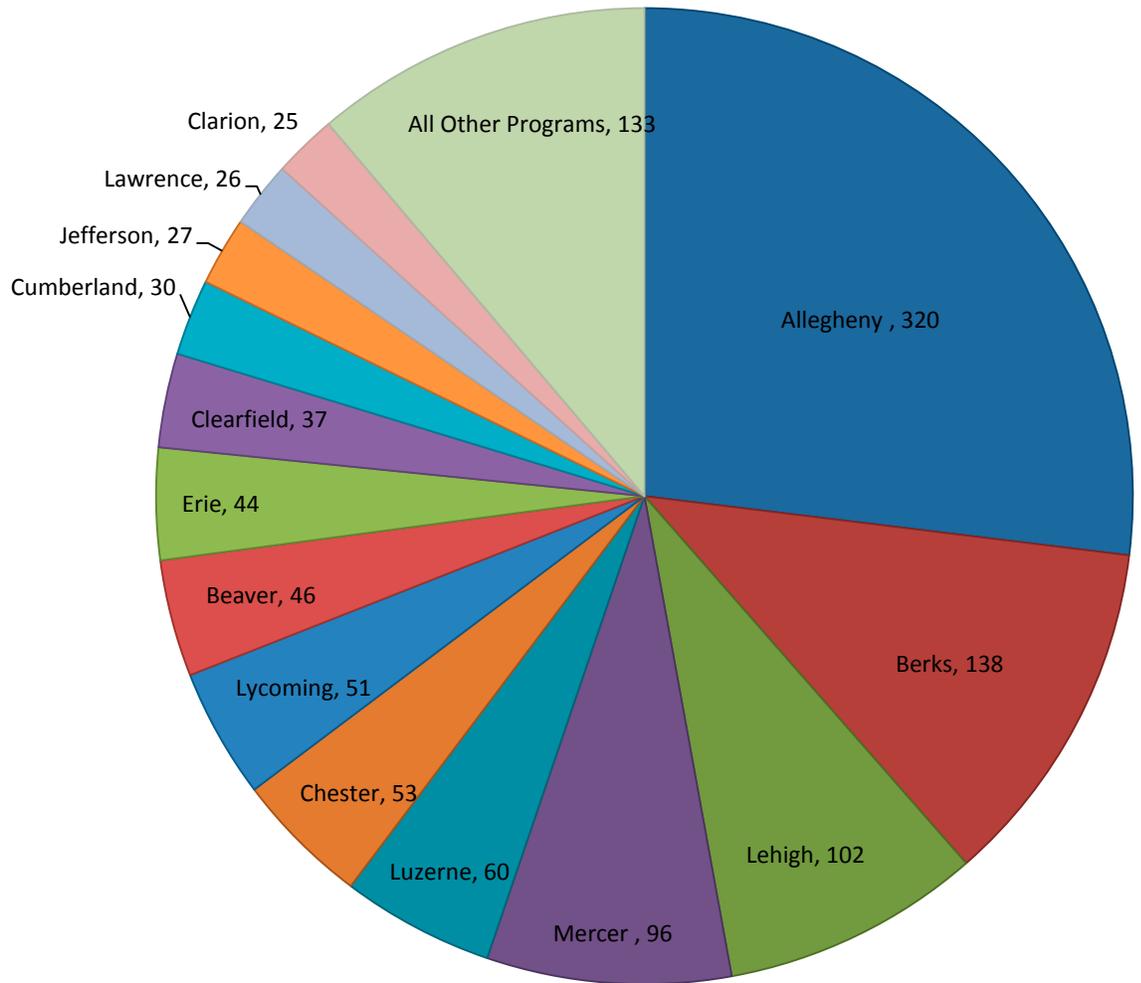
There were 12 programs with more than 400 community service assignments/participants last year including: Delaware 1,781 (-19.0%); Berks 1,350 (-19.5%); Allegheny (Cornell-Abraxas Workbridge) 946 (-39.2%); Montgomery 801 (+1.5%); Lehigh 748 (-17.0%); Philadelphia 728 (+5.8%); Bucks 679 (+23.7%); Lancaster 651 (+16.3%); Dauphin 620 (+1.7%); York 602 (+2.6%); Lycoming 555 (+12.3%); Erie 536 (+18.1%); and Chester 384 (-19.7%). The percentage figures listed above in parentheses indicate the increase, or decrease, from the number of participants in 2011 in each county.

Approximately 72.4% of the total youth assigned were male. The average age of participants in the majority of the programs was between 15 years 1 month and 17 years 8 months of age. The gender and age composition of program participants has remained relatively constant for several years. 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 28 to 180 days in most counties.

A noteworthy and continuing trend is the declining number of community service assignments from a high in 2006 of 21,615. The reductions roughly mirror, but slightly exceeds, the declining number of dispositions. The length of the average community service assignment has varied widely over the last six years at 35.9 hours per participant in 2007, 37.3 in 2008, 41.4 in 2009, 32.5 in 2010, 30.3 in 2011 and 34.1 last year. Unfortunately, the trend toward a higher proportion of unsuccessful terminations continued to rise last year to 12.6%, from 11.5% in 2011, as compared with 9.7% in 2010, and 9.0% in 2009.

There were a total of 1,188 youth involved in one of the 30 active financial restitution programs in the state. This is a marked decrease of 15.9% from last year's 1,412 cases (It should be noted that there were a total of 37 restitution programs in 2011). Ten of the 30 programs continue to be very small, handling fewer than 10 participants in 2012. The largest of the programs operating in 2012 were: Allegheny (Cornell-Abraxas Workbridge) with 320 participants; Berks County 138; Lehigh 102; Mercer 96; Luzerne 60; Chester 53; Lycoming 51; Beaver 46; Erie 44; Clearfield 37; Cumberland 30; Jefferson 27; Lawrence 26; and Clarion 25 youth.

**Restitution Program Participants by County**



# 2013 JCJC AWARDS PROGRAM

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission is pleased to announce the 2013 JCJC Awards Program which will include eight categories as well as the youth awards contest. Nomination packets for these categories were forwarded to all Pennsylvania juvenile court judges and chief juvenile probation officers and are available on the JCJC website [www.jcjc.state.pa.us](http://www.jcjc.state.pa.us).

## RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

Honors any public or private sector program serving alleged and/or adjudicated delinquent youth in a residential setting.

## COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

Honors any public or private sector program which provides community-based non-residential services to alleged and/or adjudicated delinquent youth.

## COURT OPERATED PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

Honors a program operated by court employees which serve alleged and/or adjudicated delinquent youth.

## JCJC VICTIM ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Honors an individual who works on behalf of crime victims as a victim advocate in county government or in a community-based agency. This individual does not need to be in a position that is entirely dedicated to victims of juvenile crime, but it should be a significant part of their position.

## JUVENILE COURT SUPPORT SERVICE AWARD

Honors an individual who provides secretarial support services to the juvenile court. This includes receptionists, secretaries, clerk/typists, office managers or others functioning in a similar capacity.

## JCJC MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Honors a volunteer who works with alleged and/or adjudicated delinquent youth.

## JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER

Chief juvenile probation officers may nominate programs or employees for all of the previously listed award categories. However, individuals must be nominated from the county in which they are employed, and all nominations must be submitted by county juvenile probation departments. Providers may contact chief juvenile probation officers in an effort to have a program nominated in the Program of the Year categories. Nominations must be postmarked by May 3, 2013.

## JUVENILE PROBATION SUPERVISOR

Chief juvenile probation officers may nominate programs or employees for all of the previously listed award categories. However, individuals must be nominated from the county in which they are employed, and all nominations must be submitted by county juvenile probation departments. Providers may contact chief juvenile probation officers in an effort to have a program nominated in the Program of the Year categories. Nominations must be postmarked by May 3, 2013.

## YOUTH AWARDS

Additionally, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission will again sponsor a Youth Awards Program to honor youth selected as winners in the contests for Poster, Creative Written Expression, and Outstanding Achievement.

Nomination packets have been sent to juvenile court judges, chief juvenile probation officers and agencies currently serving delinquent youth in the juvenile justice system. The Awards Committee requests that all juvenile justice professionals encourage youth under their jurisdiction to participate in the contest. Youth Awards materials must be postmarked by May 3, 2013.

Thank you for your interest and support of the 2013 JCJC Awards Program. Please contact Keith A. Graybill at (717) 705-9006 or [kgraybill@pa.gov](mailto:kgraybill@pa.gov) if you have any questions or desire additional information.

# ***Promising Victim Related Practices in Probation and Parole: Fact Sheet Series***

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, nearly 23 million people were victimized by a violent or property crime in 2011 (Truman and Planty, 2012). The victimization rate for violent crimes increased by 17 percent between 2010 and 2011. This same study also found that approximately one in four victims of violent crimes in 2011 sustained an injury as a result of the crime committed against them.

Probation and parole professionals have important obligations for implementing victims' rights and providing services to crime victims. Further, there are important benefits to both crime victims and community corrections when these obligations are met. When victims are considered "clients" of community corrections agencies, they are more likely to be kept informed and involved and to receive information about and access to community- and system-based services that can help them in the aftermath of a crime. In return, crime victims often are able to share useful information that can be critical to the effective management and community supervision of their perpetrators.

The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), through funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), is pleased to release a series of eight fact sheets designed to assist probation, parole, and other community corrections professionals in engaging crime victims throughout the community corrections process and in implementing key crime victims' rights. The fact sheets, which cover a broad range of topics related to crime victims' needs and rights, can be downloaded for FREE using the following links:

## ***Promising Victim Related Practices Fact Sheet Series***

[The Role of Community Corrections in Victim Services](#)

[Collaboration and Partnerships for Victim Services in Community Corrections](#)

[Family Violence](#)

[Restitution and Other Legal Financial Obligations](#)

[Seeking Victim Input](#)

[Victim Information and Notification](#)

[Victim/Offender Programs](#)

[Workplace Violence](#)

For more information about the fact sheet series or about APPA's work regarding Promising Victim-Related Practices in Probation and Parole, please contact Carrie Abner, Project Manager.

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# SAVE THE DATE



## Youth Awards Program & Dinner

Wednesday, November 6

## Annual Training & Awards Program

Thursday, November 7

## Resource Day 2013

Friday, November 8

# The Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

## November 6-8, 2013

*at the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers*



The 2013 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice will conclude by presenting Resource Day – 2013, during which representatives from residential programs, electronic monitoring companies, drug testing companies, and other service providers will be available 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.

Exhibitor Registration open in August:

**[www.jcjc.state.pa.us](http://www.jcjc.state.pa.us)**

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## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT Reno, NV

### Research Associate Juvenile and Family Law Programs Research and Evaluation

**Salary Range: DOE**  
**FLSA Status: Exempt**

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), a non-profit organization headquartered in Reno, NV, pursues a mission to improve courts and systems' practice and raise awareness of the core issues that touch the lives of many of our nation's children and families. A leader in continuing education opportunities, research, publication development, technical assistance, and policy development in the field of juvenile and family justice, the NCJFCJ is unique in providing practice-based resources to jurisdictions and communities nationwide.

NCJFCJ values staff who are independent, creative, tenacious, resourceful, dependable, and passionate about their work. NCJFCJ staff work collaboratively in a team setting, both internally and interdepartmentally, to achieve this mission.

NCJFCJ is currently has two openings for **Research Associates** to join its multi-disciplinary and highly dedicated team. Each position will be involved in a range of juvenile justice and dependency-related research, evaluation, development, and technical assistance projects at the national, staff, and local level. These positions, in collaboration with the research team and other program staff, will engage in a variety of research and evaluation projects that assist the juvenile justice and juvenile dependency field and its partners in upgrading practice, measuring performance, and improving outcomes.

Please see detailed job description for more information. This position will remain open until filled.

**FOR FULL CONSIDERATION**, applicants must submit the following documents:

- **Tailored Letter of Interest**
- **Résumé or CV**
- **Writing Sample**
- **National Council Application form (available at [www.ncjfcj.org](http://www.ncjfcj.org))**

**Please direct all of the required application materials to: [ljones@ncjfcj.org](mailto:ljones@ncjfcj.org)** (email preferred)

**National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges**  
**Lauri Jones, Human Resources Generalist**  
**P.O. Box 8970**  
**Reno, NV 89507**

**These positions will remain open until filled. Positions are located in Reno, NV.**

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# National Juvenile Justice Announcements

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

## OJJDP Announces New Funding Opportunities

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has announced the following fiscal year 2013 funding opportunities:

### [Field-Initiated Research and Evaluation Program](#)

OJJDP will fund field-initiated studies that advance the understanding of how the application of a child and adolescent development framework to juvenile justice system approaches, policies, and programs impacts delinquency, juvenile justice system involvement, and recidivism. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on May 29, 2013.

[VOCA \(Victims of Child Abuse Act\) Regional Children's Advocacy Centers Program](#). OJJDP will fund four regional children's advocacy centers to provide training, technical assistance, and information services to multidisciplinary teams, local programs, and state chapter organizations of children's advocacy centers. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on May 29, 2013.

[National Girls Institute](#). Through this solicitation, OJJDP will support its National Girls Institute, whose mission is to improve girls' delinquency programming and practices at the national, state, tribal, and local levels; reduce the number of girls in the juvenile justice system; and improve the treatment of girls who are already in detention. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on May 30, 2013.

[National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Youth in Custody](#). Through this solicitation, OJJDP will fund the National Center for Youth in Custody, which provides resources, training, and technical assistance for juvenile detention and confinement facilities, adult facilities that hold juveniles, and communities working to rehabilitate juvenile offenders. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on May 30, 2013.

Resources:

Visit OJJDP's funding page for more information about these solicitations and other [current funding opportunities](#).



## Attorney General Outlines Initial Steps for Response to Children's Exposure to Violence



In an April 12, 2013, [address](#) delivered at the [Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) quarterly meeting in Washington, DC, Attorney General Eric Holder outlined a series of action items for implementing the recommendations of the [National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence](#). The recommendations for preventing and reducing the impact of children's exposure to violence were set forth in the "[Report of the Attorney General's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence](#)," released December 2012 as part of the Attorney General's [Defending Childhood Initiative](#). Attorney General Holder also announced the creation of a task force, to be led by Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West, that will address [violence against children in tribal communities](#).

Resources:

Read the Attorney General's [address](#) to the Coordinating Council. The council, chaired by the Attorney General, coordinates federal programs relating to juvenile delinquency prevention and missing and exploited children. [Robert L. Listenbee](#), Administrator of the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#), serves as vice chair.

[Order a printed copy](#) of the Report of the Attorney General's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence.

## Report Assesses Quality of Representation in Missouri's Juvenile Courts

The [National Juvenile Defender Center](#) has released "[Missouri: Justice Rationed—An Assessment of Access to Counsel and Quality of Juvenile Defense Representation in Delinquency Proceedings.](#)" The report discusses youth access to qualified counsel in Missouri, highlights promising practices and programs, and concludes with recommendations to improve the state's juvenile defense delivery system.



Resources:

[Read](#) the report.

Access [other publications](#) from the National Juvenile Defender Center.

## Webinar To Explore Family-Juvenile Justice System Partnerships

On May 8, 2013, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. ET, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's



[National Center for Youth in Custody](#) will present the Webinar "[Family Comes First: Transforming the Justice System by Partnering With Families.](#)" Presenters will discuss findings from the forthcoming [Campaign for Youth Justice](#) study of best practices in family-system partnerships, showcase examples from jurisdictions that infuse family voice into their systems, and explore features of a transformed juvenile justice system. Presenters will also introduce the FAMILY Model that jurisdictions can use to assess their own systems from a family perspective.

Resources:

[Register](#) for this free Webinar, the third in a series on engaging and empowering families in juvenile justice.

Listen to recordings of and access presentation materials from the [first](#) and [second](#) Webinars in the series.

## Upcoming Staff Development Opportunities:

The JCJC Spring Staff Development schedule is being updated regularly with more workshops. Please be sure that you check the listing frequently.

- **Reentry: It doesn't have to be a revolving door!**

Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center - Mechanicsburg, PA  
Instructor: Dr. Samuel Benbow  
5/14/2013 - 5/15/2013

- **The Supervision of the Cyber Sex Offender and Field Search Certification**

Days Inn State College - State College, PA  
Instructors: Nicholas Honyara and Rick Parsons  
5/21/2013 - 5/22/2013

- **Motivational Interviewing: an Introduction**

Days Inn State College - State College, PA  
Instructor: Barbara Ulmer  
5/22/2013 - 5/23/2013

- **YLS Master Trainer Recertification Forum**

Days Inn State College - State College, PA  
Instructor: Various Members Of The Assessment/ Case Plan Committee  
5/29/2013 - 5/30/2013

- **Youth Level of Service (YLS) Master Trainer Certification**

Days Inn State College - State College, PA  
Instructors: Ben Rea and Dawn Shantz  
6/6/2013 - 6/7/2013



Please remember, all the details on these and other sponsored workshops may be reviewed at any time by visiting [www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us](http://www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us) for regular updates to the schedule.

*Hosting a training you would like to see listed here? E-mail us the details and we'll list it in our next issue.*

## JCJC Graduate Education Program Accepting Applications for the Class of 2016

### 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 2016 will begin classes in the Summer of 2014. **The deadline to apply is October 18, 2013.**

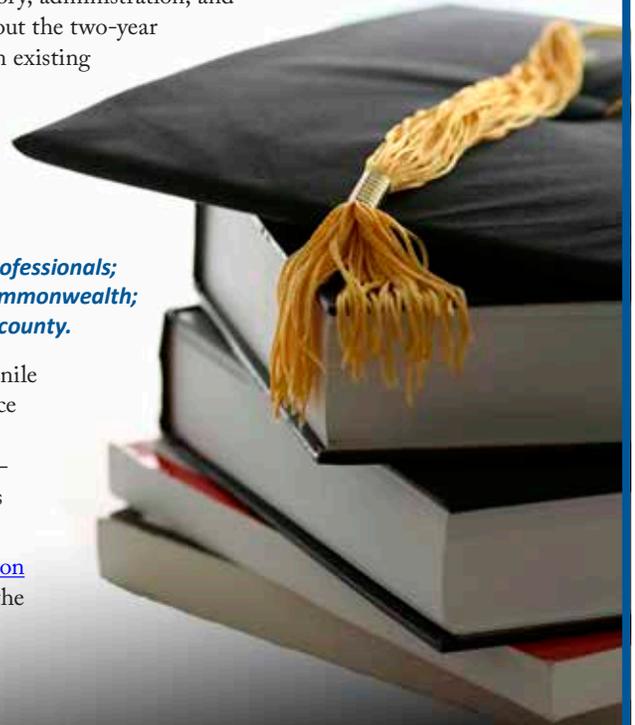
The Shippensburg University program offers students a Master of Science degree in the Administration of Justice. This is a 36-credit hour program that includes courses in research methods, theory, administration, and policy analysis. Also featured is a practicum study which is conducted throughout the 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** (for students traveling more than 50 miles);
- **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](#) pages at [www.jcjc.state.pa.us](http://www.jcjc.state.pa.us). If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please contact [Stephen Bishop](#) at 717-477-1294.



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