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## Juvenile Justice

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### ***2013 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice***

The 2013 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, sponsored by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, was held November 6-8, 2013 at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. This year, more than 900 individuals attended the conference.

#### ***Advancing Evidence-based Juvenile Justice Practice: The Role of the Judge***

On Wednesday, November 6th, the JCJC, in partnership with the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, sponsored a training titled, "Advancing Evidence-Based Juvenile Justice Practice: The Role of the Judge".

Moderated by Keith Snyder, JCJC Deputy Director, this training provided an opportunity for more than eighty-five juvenile court judges and hearing masters to learn about and discuss the principles and various aspects of evidence-based juvenile justice practice. Judges and masters were also able to discuss implementation issues that are likely to arise within their local jurisdictions.

Various juvenile and family court judges, as well as representatives from the JCJC and the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers were featured in the comprehensive review of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy and evidence-based practices. Topics of discussion included: The Principles of Evidence-Based Juvenile Justice Practice; Identifying the Risk and Needs of Juvenile Offenders; Keys to Effective Long-Term Behavior Change in Juveniles; and Evidence-Based Juvenile Justice Practice: The View from the Bench.

#### ***Professional Caucuses***

The Conference officially opened on November 6th, with an opportunity for participants to join with colleagues from their area of specialty within Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system in Professional Caucuses, and discuss issues of mutual concern and interest. Caucuses were held in the following areas of specialty: Chief and Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officers; Juvenile Probation Supervisors; Juvenile Probation Officers; Victim Services; and Service Providers. A summary of issues discussed in each of these caucuses will appear in next month's newsletter.

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- ***National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month***

## ***Juvenile Defender Training***

Over sixty juvenile defenders from across Pennsylvania attended the 2013 Conference on Juvenile Justice, and participated in a separate training track developed exclusively for them by the Juvenile Defender Association of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, November 6th. Presentations for juvenile defenders included: New Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure; SORNA Update; Education Law for Juvenile Defenders; and Ethical Considerations when Dealing with Competency Issues. A “Judges Roundtable” was also held on Thursday, November 7th, at which time juvenile court judges joined the defenders for lunch.

## ***Youth Awards Program***

The 2013 Youth Awards Program was held on Wednesday evening, November 6th, and was attended by almost 500 people. Young people were recognized as winners in Poster, Creative Expression, and Outstanding Achievement award categories. Additionally, the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges presented two deserving youth with Juvenile Justice Scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000.

This year’s Youth Awards Speaker was Aislinn Vaughan, the Founder and Director of Spirit Fire Farm, a community-based program serving at-risk youth in southeastern Pennsylvania. Ms. Vaughan founded Spirit Fire Farm at age eighteen after recognizing a need for different treatment options for adolescents and young adults. She developed the program model based on her own life experience with addiction, trauma, and the juvenile justice sys-

tem including placement in a secure program, as well as the experiences of other young people with whom she interacted.

With 14 years of professional experience in the equine industry, Ms. Vaughan specializes in Equine Assisted Therapeutic Activities, utilizing rescued horses to promote emotional, spiritual, behavioral and physical health. She spoke about the hard work and perseverance required of her to successfully achieve her goal of starting Spirit Fire and encouraged the youth in attendance to employ the same sense of determination to overcome life’s obstacles and past mistakes to ultimately achieve success in life.

## ***Conference Welcome and Keynote Presentation***

On Thursday morning, November 7th, Judge Arthur E. Grim, Chairman of the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission, gave the “Conference Welcome”, and noted that with its unique combination of training, professional caucuses, awards programs, and Resource Day, Pennsylvania’s annual juvenile justice conference is regarded as the premier state-level juvenile justice conference in the nation.

The Keynote Presentation was provided by Mr. Robert Listenbee, Jr. who was appointed by President Barack Obama as the Administrator of the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in February 2013. Before his appointment to OJJDP, Mr. Listenbee was Chief of the Juvenile Unit of the Defender Association of Philadelphia for 16 years and was a trial lawyer with the association for 27 years. Mr. Listenbee played

a central role in the U.S. Attorney General’s Defending Childhood Initiative. As co-chair of the National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence, he was instrumental in the development of recommendations for launching a coordinated national response to address children’s exposure to violence. Mr. Listenbee served on the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice, and was also a member of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee of PCCD. In 2011, he was honored by the MacArthur Foundation as a Champion for Change in juvenile justice reform.

In Mr. Listenbee’s presentation, he applauded Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system and its leaders for being at the forefront of national juvenile justice initiatives. He also challenged Pennsylvania to continue its efforts to create an evidence-based juvenile justice system that will benefit both Pennsylvanians and the entire nation.

## ***Workshops***

Over 600 people registered to attend fifteen different workshops on Thursday, November 7th. Each workshop was specifically selected to address various aspects of evidence-based probation practice and the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy. The morning workshops were repeated in the afternoon in an effort to allow participants to maximize exposure to the selected topics. The workshops included:

- Advancing Balanced and Restorative Justice through the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES)
- Implementing Motivational Interviewing in Pennsylvania

- Pennsylvania's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)
- Effective Case Planning Utilizing the Youth Level of Service (YLS) Assessment
- Pennsylvania's Recidivism Project: Implications and Next Steps
- The Pennsylvania Academic and Career Technical Training (PACTT) Initiative
- Juvenile Justice Evidence-Based Practices 101
- How Healthcare Reform Can Help Children & Families in the Juvenile Justice System
- Enhancing our Response to Crime Victims
- Implementing the Four Core Competencies: Professional Alliance; Skill Practice; Case Planning; and Rewards and Sanctions
- Developing a Graduated Response Model and Disposition Matrix
- Aggression Replacement Training: A Cognitive Behavioral Intervention
- The Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP): Evaluating the Effectiveness of Juvenile Justice Interventions
- Keys to Effective Diversion Policies, Practices and Programs
- Strategies to Support and Engage Families

### **Thursday Afternoon Plenary Session**

The afternoon plenary session, entitled "Risk Assessment in Juvenile Justice: Enhancing Decision-Making, Case Planning and Service De-

livery," was presented by Dr. Gina M. Vincent. Dr. Vincent is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and Co-Director of the National Youth Screening and Assessment Project (NYSAP), a technical assistance center designed to assist juvenile justice agencies with the selection and implementation of both mental health and delinquency risk assessments. Dr. Vincent consults with juvenile justice agencies and juvenile justice systems across the United States on the implementation of risk assessments and case planning. She worked closely with Pennsylvania in the selection and implementation of the Youth Level of Service (YLS) risk/needs assessment instrument. She has received funding from both the National Institute of Mental Health and the MacArthur Foundation to conduct research regarding risk to re-offend, mental health problems, and substance abuse among youth in the juvenile justice system.

During her presentation, Dr. Vincent praised Pennsylvania for being a national leader in the effort to implement evidence based practices into its system. Dr. Vincent also discussed the lessons learned from Pennsylvania's State-level implementation of a research based risk assessment tool which, in part, led to the MacArthur Foundation funded publication entitled, "Risk Assessment in Juvenile Justice: A Guidebook for Implementation. Finally, Dr. Vincent shared the results of her risk assessment implementation study which analyzed data from several Pennsylvania Counties. The results suggest that quality implementation can lead to a greater use of less serious dispositions, a decrease in the use of maximum levels of supervi-

sion, an increased use of community-based services for high risk youth and a reduction in recidivism.

### **Annual Awards Program and Dinner**

Thursday's activities concluded with the 33rd Annual Awards Program and Dinner. The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers honored both individuals and programs for their outstanding work in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system (See pages 4 and 5 for this year's award winners).

### **Resource Day**

The 2013 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice concluded with Resource Day. Conference participants had the opportunity to learn about new, innovative, and creative approaches to working with juveniles. Representatives from private and public residential programs, informational services, technology services, and other vendors were available to present information and discuss products and services. Attendees of Resource Day, which totaled more than 500 people, were eligible to participate in a raffle that was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. Attendees could receive one raffle ticket from each vendor, which made them eligible for prizes that were awarded in three raffle drawings throughout the morning.

### **Save the Date**

**2014 Pennsylvania Conference  
on Juvenile Justice**

**November 5-7, 2014**

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission congratulates all of the

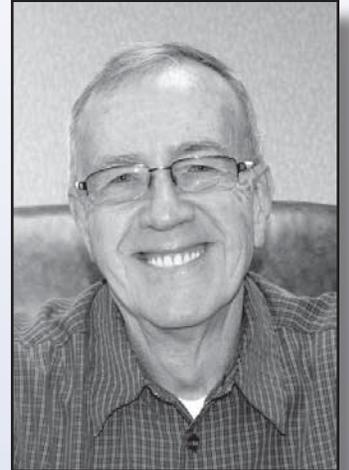
## 2013 Award Winners



DR. THOMAS L. AUSTIN  
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARD  
Johnathan Beck - Shippensburg University

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD  
Hon. H. William White  
(No Photo available)

JUDGE FRED P. ANTHONY AWARD  
Dr. Ronald E. Sharp



RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM  
OF THE YEAR  
Harborcreek Youth Services  
Psychiatric Residential  
Program  
John Petulla,  
Chief Executive Officer

DR. ANTHONY F. CEDDIA  
AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
SCHOLARSHIP IN  
JUVENILE JUSTICE  
Gary J. Lewis  
Elk County



COMMUNITY- BASED PROGRAM OF THE YEAR  
Leah T. Holmes, MST Supervisor  
Pa. Counseling Services  
Multisystemic Therapy Program



COURT  
OPERATED  
PROGRAM OF THE YEAR  
Kevin Solomon, School-based Juvenile Probation Officer  
Snyder County Youth Accountability Program



## Congratulations!

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission congratulates all of the

## 2013 Award Winners



VICTIM ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR  
Mary Jovanovich  
Allegheny County



JUVENILE COURT SUPPORT SERVICE AWARD  
Peggy Berry  
Chester County

MERITORIOUS  
SERVICE AWARD  
Michael I. Starling  
Dauphin County



JUVENILE PROBATION  
OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
Joseph A. Greco  
Carbon County



JUVENILE PROBATION SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR  
John Fiscante  
Allegheny County



CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
Russell Carlino  
Allegheny County



# *Congratulations!*

# ***State-Level Analyses of Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offender Careers: Program and Policy Implications***

On November 20, 2013, Justine Fowler of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission presented at the 69th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) held in Atlanta, Georgia. This year's ASC conference theme was "Expanding the Core: Neglected Crimes, Groups, Causes and Policy Approaches."

Justine presented on a panel titled State-Level Analyses of Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offender Careers: Program and Policy Implications. Representatives from the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Bureau of Research and Planning and the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Research and Planning also participated on the panel, which was moderated by Dr. Buddy Howell. Pennsylvania, Florida, and North Carolina are the first states to ever conduct statewide analyses on their serious, violent, and chronic offender populations.

Justine's presentation was titled: "An Exploratory Statewide Analysis of Serious, Violent, and Chronic Offenders among Delinquent Youth in Pennsylvania". During her presentation, Justine described the prevalence and recidivism rates of juveniles identified as serious, violent, and/or chronic offenders (SVC) who had cases closed from Pennsylvania juvenile probation departments in the years 2007, 2008, and 2009. Though the prevalence of these types of offenders is low, their recidivism rates are exceedingly high. In addition, compared to their non-SVC offender counterparts, SVC offenders are younger at the time of their first referral to a juvenile probation department as well as at the time of their first adjudication of delinquency. Furthermore, SVC offenders average more referrals to juvenile probation departments than their non-SVC counterparts, and they are more likely to be male, black, and have "disrupted" family background situations (e.g., biological parents married, biological parents separated/divorced).

Following the presentations, each presenter fielded questions from audience members. Dr. Howell then moderated a discussion with the panelists and the audience on possible policy implications. Topics of discussion included how SVC offenders and non-SVC offenders differ in terms of their criminogenic needs, the necessity of matching the appropriate services and interventions to these criminogenic needs to reduce the likelihood of recidivism, and the importance of early interventions.

## ***Upcoming Staff Development Opportunities:***

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

- **Criminal Minds, Criminal Behavior**  
Days Inn State College, State College  
Dr. Paul Martin, D.O. - 12/5-6/2013
- **Loss, Grief, Dying, Death and Childhood/Adolescence**  
Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center,  
Mechanicsburg, PA  
Bruce Schaffer 3/26-27/2014
- **Addiction and Motivational Interviewing**  
Days Inn State College,  
State College, PA  
Marilyn Stein - 4/10-11/2014
- **Gangs**  
Days Inn State College, State College, PA  
Bruce Schaffer 6/12-13/2014



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.*



## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT Reno, NV

### Policy Analyst, Senior Juvenile and Family Law Programs Child Abuse & Neglect

**Salary Range: \$62,000 – \$72,000 per annum, 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 to achieve this mission.

A position of **Senior Policy Analyst** is currently available in the Juvenile Law's Child Abuse & Neglect program.

The minimum requirements for this position include a degree from an accredited university and at least five years of experience in child welfare, domestic violence, or juvenile/family law-related field. Preference will be given to candidates with a graduate degree in social work, public administration, law, political science, sociology, or closely related field preferred (a JD is particularly desirable). Substantial experience working with tribes and tribal courts, along with experience and knowledge of delinquency, dependency, or domestic violence systems, ICWA and VAWA are key ingredients for this position.

This position will serve as the primary staff liaison to the Tribal Court Judicial Leadership Committee and as an internal staff resource on tribal court/tribal issues. A strong emphasis is on providing public presentations and/or on-site technical assistance to tribal and state courts as well as critical thinking, analytical ability, writing policy briefs and papers, and working collaboratively with partners and system representatives. Applicants must have strong organizational skills with both a broad vision and attention to detail, comprehensive computer skills, and a willingness and ability to travel nationwide. Occasional lifting up to 50 lbs. may be required.

A detailed job description is follows or is available at [www.ncjfcj.org](http://www.ncjfcj.org).

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

- **Letter of Interest (please thoroughly describe your experience with tribes, tribal courts, ICWA, and VAWA)**
- **Résumé or CV**
- **National Council Application form (available at [www.ncjfcj.org](http://www.ncjfcj.org))**



## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Reno, NV

### Site Manager Juvenile and Family Law Programs Child Abuse and Neglect

**Salary Range: \$54,000 – \$84,000 per annum, DOE**  
**FLSA Status: Exempt**

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A position of **Site Manager** is currently available. The focus of this position is to serve as a liaison to the national Child Victims Act Model Courts and to support the development of other potential model court jurisdictions. The Site Manager will be required to build a knowledge base around projects that focus on improving court practice in child abuse and neglect cases; implement the principles of collaboration among court, agencies, and community; and have experience and knowledge in the juvenile justice and dependency systems.

The Site Manager will be responsible for guiding program activities and meeting grant deliverables under the direct supervision of the Child Abuse and Neglect Program Director. Responsibilities will include meeting planning and implementation; report writing; regular and ongoing communication with assigned model courts, including lead judges and team members; provision of assistance to assigned courts, including site visits, trainings, and response to various technical assistance requests; and work with other NCJFCJ programs' staff to coordinate project efforts and technical assistance. This position will work as a member of the broader model court team, as well as perform collaborative planning and decision-making with other staff and projects.

The minimum requirements for this position include:

- Bachelor's degree and at least four years of experience in law, psychology, sociology, social work, organizational behavior, juvenile justice, family or domestic violence, or child welfare; or an equivalent combination of education and experience in a relevant field; advanced degree is preferred
- Computer literacy
- Excellent communication skills, follow-through, diplomacy, and the ability to create and maintain efficient working relationships with co-workers, judges, child welfare professionals, community stakeholders, and allied professionals
- Evening/weekend/holiday/overtime work and extensive travel is required

The successful candidate for this position must:

- Exhibit a high degree of professionalism and skill in interacting with project principals and colleagues, as well as members of the judiciary and other professionals
- Possess independent thinking and analytical skills
- Work collaboratively with a dynamic professional team

# ***EPISCenter Announces Webinar 3 in the Series on the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP)***

## ***Classifying Service Type***

***December 13, 2013 at 11:00 am - 2:00 pm***



This webinar, presented by EPISCenter staff, will provide a basic overview of service type classification. Many programs offer more than one service, and therefore, may require “unpacking” to identify all of the services that can benefit from the SPEP.

This webinar will review how service type is determined and what services are in the three therapeutic categories:

- restorative,
- counseling and its variants,
- and skill building services.

Within these categories are five groups of services shown to have varying impact on recidivism reduction. Participants will learn what specific services fall within each group, including the duration (number of weeks) and dosage (number of hours) of each service necessary to positively impact recidivism reduction. Opportunity to ask questions will be provided following the presentation.

Check out these [one-page fact sheets](http://ow.ly/qDpvv) (<http://ow.ly/qDpvv>) on service types to get familiar with how SPEP defines service categories.

**Register now: [https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_37YbRhhVKsix7ed](https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_37YbRhhVKsix7ed)**

Preparation for a fourth webinar in January 2014 is underway. Please visit the [EPISCenter](http://www.episcenter.psu.edu/juvenile) ([www.episcenter.psu.edu/juvenile](http://www.episcenter.psu.edu/juvenile)) website for registration and additional information.

## ***Restructuring of Northumberland County Probation***

Northumberland County President Judge Robert B. Sacavage combined the Adult and Juvenile Probation Departments into one agency under the supervision of Chief Probation Officer Michael Barvitskie and two Deputy Chiefs: William Rossnock, Juvenile Deputy Chief; and Timothy Heitzman, Adult Probation Deputy Chief. This restructuring was done in an effort to save Northumberland County money and to create a more efficient system by which common services offered by both agencies could be utilized.

Chief Barvitskie has been employed as a probation officer in Northumberland County for 13 years. He began his career as a Juvenile Probation Officer, and then in 2004, he transferred to Adult Probation. As an adult officer, Mr. Barvitskie became the first Treatment Court/Drug Court Probation Officer. He served in this capacity for 5 years before being promoted to Treatment Court Probation Supervisor. He served as an Adult Probation Supervisor for the past three years before being promoted to Chief Probation Officer for Northumberland County.

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

## ***EBP Service Contracts***

Many of the services used by youths under juvenile justice supervision are delivered by not-for-profit and for-profit treatment agencies and contractors. These services range from drug treatment to mental health, from education to employment, and are usually provided according to the protocols and modalities of the relevant discipline. So, for example, substance abuse treatment specialists will focus almost exclusively on the issues of addiction and desistance, while mental health clinicians will seek to apply some type of psychotherapeutic wellness model. Each provider will in turn define success with the youth as the future absence of those factors which initially led to the problem of immediate concern.

While such “modular” forms of service provision and treatment often work with a juvenile population not involved in delinquency, interactions between criminogenic and other pathogenic needs may hinder successful outcomes in terms of normal adolescent development for young people who have run afoul of the law. Unless both pathogenic and criminogenic needs are addressed the chances of changing delinquent behavior and reducing recidivism are greatly minimized.

To ensure that service providers for delinquent youth understand the special circumstances leading to juvenile offending, they must become versed in Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) and work with juvenile probation and corrections in developing collaborative treatment methods. An important tool in achieving this goal is the EBP service contract which delineates the types of services required by youth in trouble with authorities. These contracts should include an agreement to:

- Train the managers and staff of service providers in those factors that influence juvenile delinquency and the principles of EBP designed to deal with risk, criminogenic need and responsivity factors;
- Establish with juvenile justice agencies multi-dimensional teams for conducting collaborative case management with the youth and his/her family;
- Define with the juvenile justice agency a research-based process and treatment modality that will address in tandem the pathogenic and the criminogenic needs of the juvenile;
- Delineate both process and outcome measures for determining the success of the combined efforts of both the juvenile justice agency and the service provider in assisting the youth to regain the path to normal adolescent development, thereby reducing the risk of future delinquency and recidivism; and
- Evaluate the program in terms of addressing both the pathogenic and criminogenic needs of the youth using tools such as the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol

Research is clear that when dealing with troubled and delinquent youth, segregating their adolescent and criminogenic issues into a series of discrete problems to be treated in isolation by a wide variety of professionals can only lead to confusion, ineffective outcomes, and even wasted resources.<sup>1</sup> Through the use of EBP service contracts, such pitfalls can be avoided and the juvenile treated in a holistic fashion that can better enhance the possibility of success.

<sup>1</sup> Holsinger, A. M. (1999). Opening the ‘black box’: Assessing the relationship between program integrity and recidivism. Doctoral Dissertation. University of Cincinnati; Lowenkamp, C. T. (2003). A Program Level Analysis of the Relationship Between Correctional Program Integrity and Treatment Effectiveness. Doctoral Dissertation. University of Cincinnati.

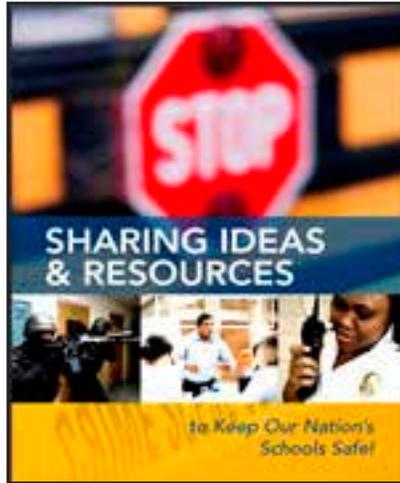


# National Juvenile Justice Announcements

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

## Technology and School Safety Report Available

The [National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center](#), a program of the [National Institute of Justice](#) (NIJ), has published “[Sharing Ideas & Resources to Keep Our Nation’s Schools Safe!](#)” This report examines new products and apps to gauge and prevent potential school crises. The report also identifies new uses for familiar, standard-bearing technologies in school settings and highlights successful safety programs in urban and rural schools nationwide.



Resources:

[Download](#) the report.

View “[Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2012](#),” a joint effort by the [Bureau of Justice Statistics](#) and the [National Center for Education Statistics](#) that provides the most current data on crime and safety in schools.

## Registration Open for National Mentoring Summit

[MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership](#), in collaboration with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#), the [Harvard School of Public Health](#), and [United Way Worldwide](#), will host the [2014 National Mentoring Summit](#) on January 30–31, 2014, in Arlington, VA. The event will focus on evidence-based mentoring practices that support academic achievement and positive social behavior for youth; workforce development and employee satisfaction and retention; and community engagement [Workshops](#) will highlight innovative program models, emerging research, and professional development.



Resources:

[Learn](#) more about the event, [register](#) to attend, and view the [agenda](#).

Access mentoring resources from [MENTOR](#) and [OJJDP](#).

## New Suicide Prevention Publications Available for Juvenile Justice Professionals

The [National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention](#) has released nine suicide prevention [publications](#) to support the work of juvenile justice professionals. These online publications address critical program areas and promote life-saving practices, including effective screening, risk assessment, and the drafting of model policies in collaboration with other child-serving agencies, particularly those addressing mental health issues.

The resources were developed by the Alliance’s [Suicide Prevention for Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System Task Force](#), co-led by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the [National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice](#). In the upcoming months, OJJDP and the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#) will host several Webinars on the contributions of these resources.

Resources:

Access these [publications](#).

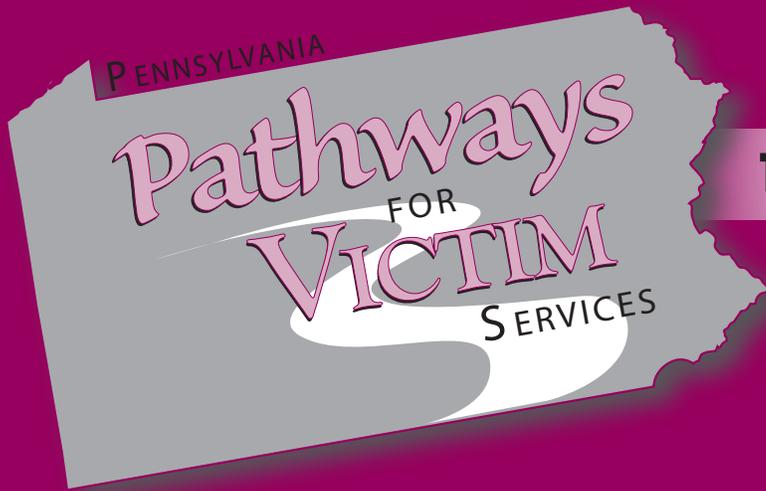
## Office of Justice Programs Awards \$6.7 Million To Improve Indigent Defense Services

On October 30, 2013, Attorney General Eric Holder [announced \\$6.7 million in grants](#) to improve criminal and civil legal defense services for the poor at the state and local levels. The grants—which the [Office of Justice Programs’](#) Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, [National Institute of Justice](#), and [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) will administer—will support training, mentoring, technical assistance, leadership development, and research to improve indigent defense practices for adult, juvenile, and tribal populations nationwide. Announcing the grant awards, Holder said, “The Department of Justice has made a commitment to improving the delivery, quality, and availability of legal services for everyone in our country, including the very poor. Today’s significant grant awards will help ensure America’s criminal justice system is fair for every defendant, regardless of wealth.”

Resources:

[Learn more](#) about the Justice Department’s Access to Justice initiative, which works to strengthen and improve legal services for disadvantaged groups.

Learn more about OJJDP’s [Juvenile Indigent Defense National Clearinghouse](#).



# June 4-6, 2014

## 13<sup>th</sup> STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

**Call for Workshop Proposals  
Deadline: January 10, 2014**

**Call for Governor's Victim Service  
Pathfinder Award Nominations  
Deadline: January 10, 2014**

**www.Pathways2014.org**

**Ramada Hotel and Conference Center  
State College, Pennsylvania**

*Tom Corbett, Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Mark R Zimmer, Chairman, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency*

Nominations are now being accepted for the Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Awards. New this year, nominations can now be submitted online!

Online Nominations must be submitted by January 10, 2014. Paper Nominations and supporting documents must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. January 10, 2014.

Visit the conference website for details and information about online and paper nomination submissions.



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### Crime Victims' Rights Rally 30 Years: Restoring the Balance of Justice

## April 7, 2014

Capitol Rotunda in Harrisburg

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 6-12, 2014.



# SAVE THE DATE

Pennsylvania  
Family Group Decision Making Conference

## April 22-23, 2014

Hershey Lodge, Hershey PA

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Office of Children & Families in the Courts



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Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center

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