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Opinion analysis: Further limit on life sentences for youthful criminals

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No juvenile who commits murder or another serious crime can be sentenced to life without parole unless it is clear that the youth is doomed to a life of crime — that is, is so “corrupt” as to lack any capacity for reform, the Supreme Court ruled by a six-to-three vote on Monday. The decision in [Montgomery v. Louisiana](#), expanding on a major ruling four years ago, will also provide a chance for early release of a thousand or more inmates whose life sentences are now unconstitutional but were valid when imposed years earlier.

The ruling invites states not to spend time figuring out a new sentence to replace those now struck down, but rather to consider granting parole — release from prison but with conditions on future behavior.

But the ruling also allows states to avoid having to obey the new ruling for closed cases by simply removing from inmates the legal right to use federal law in state courts to attack life without parole sentences, once their convictions have become final in state courts. If states take that option, the impact of Monday’s ruling would fall on federal courts and the habeas process in those courts for reviewing convictions that are final.

In a way, the ruling was technically only about whether the Court would apply retroactively its 2012 decision in [Miller v. Alabama](#), declaring that life without parole should be an “uncommon,” even “rare,” sentence for an individual who was under the age of eighteen at the time of the crime. Making a decision retroactive means that inmates whose convictions have become final can begin anew their challenges, to take advantage of the new decision.

The new decision does make *Miller* retroactive to cases that were final before the date of that ruling — June 25, 2012. But it also appears to go beyond the actual scope of the *Miller* ruling, by strengthening the chance that a newly convicted juvenile will be able to show, at the time of sentencing, that he is not beyond rehabilitation to become a law-abiding individual. Life without parole, the Court declared, is always unconstitutional for a juvenile unless he or she is found to be “irreparably corrupt” or “permanently incorrigible.”

For inmates who as youths many years ago were sentenced to life without parole, the ruling gives them a chance to reopen their sentence with an attempt to

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show that, at that time, they were not beyond rehabilitation — a point that they apparently can try to prove by offering evidence of their good behavior as prisoners in the years since.

Those aspects of the ruling appeared to go beyond what the Court had decided in the *Miller* case itself, which required judges who sentence defendants under the age of eighteen to take their youth into account, to make sure the punishment was appropriate for each individual. Monday's dissenting Justices, in fact, complained that the new decision had “distorted” the meaning of the *Miller* decision and will force sentencing judges to try to figure out “a knotty legal question” — what were the prospects for rehabilitation at the time of sentencing?

The *Miller* ruling only applied in 2012 to sentences that had not yet become final. That left open the question whether the ruling would apply to cases that had been completed before, perhaps long before, the *Miller* ruling was issued. That is the fundamental constitutional question the Court has now answered, making its bar on mandatory life-without-parole sentences applicable to already closed cases — in federal trial courts, and also in state trial courts — if the state courts have (and retain, in the future) the authority to hear challenges based on federal law as it applies to sentencing.

Because the new case reached the Court from a state Supreme Court, in Louisiana, the Justices had to first decide that they had the authority to review the state court's refusal to make *Miller* retroactive to the case of Henry Montgomery, and other Louisiana inmates sentenced as youths to life without parole. Montgomery was given that sentence for murdering a deputy sheriff in 1963, when Montgomery was just two weeks past his seventeenth birthday.

Montgomery, now 69, has spent most of his life in prison under a sentence that now turns out to be unconstitutional. He has claimed that he has turned his life around in prison, which the Court noted but did not rule on. It left it up to state courts to decide whether to release Montgomery outright, release him on parole, or impose a new sentence for the murder. While Montgomery seems very likely to be able to benefit from the ruling, others in his position who have not yet brought a challenge like his may lose that option if Louisiana now opts to take away post-conviction review of sentences based on claims under federal, rather than state, law.

Right now, Louisiana permits such challenges — as in Montgomery's case and a few others.

The process that the Court uses to decide whether to make one of its criminal law rulings retroactive, to closed cases, dates from its 1989 ruling in [Teague v. Lane](#), which requires new rulings by the Justices to apply retroactively when they declare a new rule of “substantive” law. Confronting that issue on Monday, the Court ruled that *Miller* did establish such a rule, and thus it had to be made retroactive to closed cases.

But the ruling's clarification — or, apparently, its expansion — of *Miller* will now rule out all future life-without-parole sentences for juveniles who commit crimes before age of eighteen, unless prosecutors can prove to a judge that a particular youth is beyond saving as a reformed person.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, who has written the Court's major opinions in recent years giving juveniles greater protection in the criminal justice system, wrote today's decision. The opinion was joined in full by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., and by Justices Stephen G. Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, and Sonia Sotomayor.

Justices Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Antonin Scalia, and Clarence Thomas joined in a dissenting opinion written by Scalia, and Thomas wrote a separate dissenting opinion for himself.

Restitution Tip:

Be sure to make contact with your probationer during the beginning of the year (tax return season) to discuss the importance of paying his/her court ordered obligations for repair of harm to the crime victim(s).

Ted J. Rice Replaces Retired Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Robert J. Stanzione in Bucks County

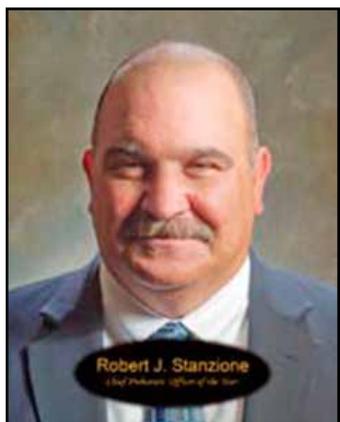


Ted J. Rice has been appointed to the position of Chief Juvenile Probation Officer following the retirement of Bob Stanzione. Ted began working with delinquent youth in September of 1994 as a Secure Detention Counselor in Montgomery County. Ted was hired at the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department in September of 1995, as a school based probation officer. He returned to the Montgomery County Detention Center in February of 2000 after being named Deputy Director. Ted was promoted to the Director of the Bucks County Youth Center in July of 2008.

Ted received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Kutztown University in 1993. In 1998, he obtained a Master's Degree in Juvenile Justice Administration at Shippensburg University through the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's Graduate Program.

Ted is very appreciative of all the support and guidance he received from Chief Stanzione and Deputy Chief Bill Rufe during his time as the Director of the Bucks County Youth Center. Bucks County is the only detention center supervised by the County Courts in Pennsylvania. This unique situation allowed Ted to stay informed on current juvenile justice initiatives taking place within the system and work with the Juvenile Probation Department to provide the best services possible for the Bucks County kids.

In his spare time, Ted enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, bike riding, reading, watching the Phillies, and all things Bruce Springsteen.



December 4, 2015 is the day that Bob Stanzione, Chief JPO of Bucks County Juvenile Probation Department officially hung the sign "Gone Fishing" on his office door and it was for real. After 40 years in the juvenile justice system, Bob has moved on to the next stage of his life, where every night is Friday night and every day is Saturday.

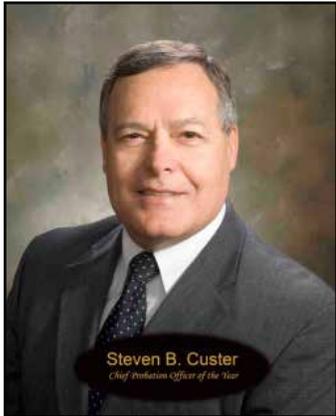
Following his graduation from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law Enforcement and Corrections in 1975, Bob was hired as a child care worker at the Bucks County Youth Center and as a case worker for a community based provider. It was a short stepping stone that led to his hiring in 1976 as a JPO in Bucks County. While working as a JPO, he also worked as a live-in house parent at one of the county run group homes where he met his wife Kathy. In 1979, he was lured away from Bucks County to take the position of Director of Training at the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC). He returned to Bucks County Juvenile Probation in 1981

where he remained until his retirement serving as a line probation officer, intake officer, supervisor, deputy chief, and for the past 11 years as chief of the department. Additionally, Bob was a member of the first graduating class of students to go through the Master's Degree program at Shippensburg University offered through the JCJC.

During his career, Bob was an active and valuable contributor to the juvenile justice system in both Bucks County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As a member of the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, he was a member of the executive committee and leadership team serving as President, Treasurer, and chair of the Grants Management, Planning, and DHS Committees. He was known statewide as an expert on the Needs Based Budget and advocated and encouraged juvenile probation departments to take an active role in the Needs Based Budget preparation to maximize JPO's rightful share of Act 148 funding. He was an active participant during the Interbranch Commission hearings on juvenile justice reform and in 2009 was awarded "Chief of the Year" at the PA Conference on Juvenile Justice. Bob was integral, like many other juvenile justice leaders in PA, to the development and implementation of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy.

Bob is a longsuffering, but loyal Eagles fan and obviously, based on the "Gone Fishing" sign, an avid salt water fisherman. Congratulations and best wishes to Bob on a well-deserved retirement.

Francis J. Snow Replaces Retired Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Steve Custer in Montgomery County



On December 31, 2015, Steve Custer retired from Montgomery County as the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer following 44 years of service to the department. Mr. Custer began his career in Montgomery County Probation Department as a line probation officer in 1971. He was appointed Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in March 2000. During his tenure in Montgomery County, Steve worked in various capacities within the department, including line probation officer, intake officer and supervisor. Steve was President of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers from 2006-2007. He was recognized as Chief of the Year by the Juvenile Court Judge's Commission in 2008.

Mr. Custer received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Ursinus College in 1971, and a Master of Arts degree in Education and Secondary Counseling from Villanova University in 1975.

Mr. Francis J. Snow was appointed to the position of Chief Juvenile Probation Officer following the retirement of Mr. Custer. Frank began his tenure in the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department in 1975 as a student intern. He was hired as a probation officer in 1976.

His first position with the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department was as a line probation officer in 1976. After excelling as a line probation officer, Frank was assigned to the Intake Department. He was promoted to PO II in 1981. As a PO II, Frank wrote a grant to develop the county's first In-Home Detention Unit. At the same time, he also served as the office manager. In 1986, Frank was promoted to supervisor. He supervised 6 probation officers, assigned all cases and was responsible for training of all new hires. In 2000, Frank was promoted to Deputy Chief, and was responsible for the successful implementation of all aspects of JJSES during his tenure. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Chiefs Council since 2006.



Mr. Snow received his Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement/Corrections from Penn State University in 1976. In 1979, he obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Penn State University.

Frank attributes his success to a "supportive family, Judge's whom have faith in his vision, and a hard-working, knowledgeable staff."

OJJDP Announces Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems Funding Opportunity

OJJDP has announced the following fiscal year 2016 funding opportunities:

[Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems Program](#). This solicitation has two parts. Category 1 (program sites) will provide funding to as many as three sites that use a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to provide intervention and supervision services for youth with sexual behavior problems and treatment services for their child victims and families. Category 2 (support, training, and technical assistance) will fund one awardee to provide support and technical assistance to the program sites selected under Category 1. Applications are due by April 4, 2016.

Resources:

Visit [OJJDP's funding](#) page for more information about this funding opportunity.

[Faith and Community-Based Youth Violence Prevention Training and Technical Assistance Initiative](#). OJJDP seeks proposals to broker, coordinate, and provide relevant training and technical assistance to organizations representing various faith traditions and community-based organizations that are engaged with or seek to engage with OJJDP's three youth violence prevention initiatives—Defending Childhood, National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention, and Community-Based Violence Prevention Program. Applications are due by April 12, 2016.

Resources:

Visit [OJJDP's funding](#) page for more information about this funding opportunity.

A Handbook for Juvenile Justice Professionals and Victim Service Providers



This past month, the Victim Services Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers in collaboration with the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission released "Pennsylvania's Crime Victims' Rights and Corresponding Rules of Juvenile Court Procedures: A Handbook for Juvenile Justice Professionals and Victim Service Providers" The publication is intended to raise awareness of the importance of rights for crime victims and the responsibility of the juvenile justice system to deliver those rights.

Included in the publication are:

- An overview of the rights of crime victims into three primary categories: the right to be notified, the right to be present, and the right to be heard.
- A discussion of the importance of these rights and their influence on the well-being of victim as well as an emphasis on victim cooperation and participation in the juvenile justice system.
- A presentation and alignment of two sources of authority that govern the implementation of victim rights in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. Those authorities are: Pennsylvania Crime Victims Act (Title 18 P.S. 11.101), and the Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure.

Pennsylvania law requires the automatic delivery of most rights by juvenile probation, prosecutors, police and other actors within the system. However, some rights are framed in the law as "upon the request of the victim." Often referred to as "opted in" rights, these require the system to notify the victim of their right and responsibility to make their request for information and notification known.

The passage of Act 33 of 1995 amended the purpose clause of the Juvenile Act and effectively changed the mission of the Juvenile Court to provide balanced attention to community protection, accountability for offenses committed and competency development. Passage of this landmark legislation gave priority to repairing the harm done to crime victims, leading to new engagement between juvenile justice practitioners and the victim service community. This engagement resulted in a successful advocacy effort to draft, introduce, and amend the Crime Victims Act to extend rights to victims of juvenile offenders (Act 86, 2000).

The handbook will assist juvenile justice practitioners and advocates for victims of juvenile offenders by providing a greater understanding of how the rights of crime victims align with the mission of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system to provide for community protection, accountability and competency development. The publication was made possible through funding awarded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).

For more information or copies of this publication, contact the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research, Susan Blackburn, (717) 477-1411 or or by email at sblackburn@pa.gov. The Handbook is also located on the following websites: www.pachiefprobationofficers.org and www.jcjc.pa.gov.

24th Annual Crime Victims' Rights Rally

The Crime Victims Alliance of PA will be holding a rally to honor victims and raise awareness of the rights and interests of crime victims on Monday April 11, at the State Capitol in Harrisburg. This rally's theme is "Serving Victims. Building Trust. Restoring Hope."

The event will be held at 11AM in the Capitol Rotunda. Attendees will hear from victims, survivors, a District Attorney, Pennsylvania's Victim Advocate and others. The rally is being held in conjunction with Crime Victim's Week which is being recognized April 10-16. The event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Tables will be set up with information from state agencies that provide assistance to victims. If you are an agency that works with victims and would like a table at this year's Rally, please contact Monica Iskrick at msiskr@ship.edu by March 25th.



Pennsylvania 2016 Family Group Decision Making Statewide Conference “Coloring Outside the Lines...”

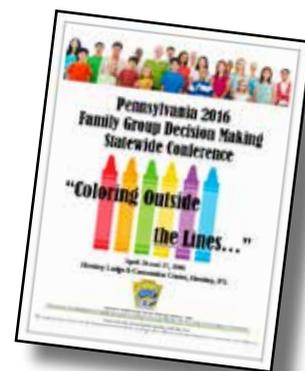
Tuesday, April 26, 2016

- 1:00 – 1:30 Welcome, Opening Remarks
Honorable Max Baer, Justice,
Pennsylvania Supreme Court;
Cathy Utz, Deputy Secretary,
Office of Children, Youth and
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- 1:30 – 3:00 Keynote Presentation
Michael Nerney
- 3:00 – 3:15 Break
- 3:15 – 4:45 Keynote Presentation (continued)
- 6:30 – until Dinner
Honorable William A. Thorne, Jr.
(ret.)

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

- 7:30 – 8:45 Breakfast (continental)
- 9:00 – 10:30 Breakout Session A
- 10:45 – 12:15 Breakout Session B
- 12:15 – 1:15 Lunch
- 1:15 – 2:45 Breakout Session C
- 3:00 – 4:15 Family Panel
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- FGDM & Family Finding - Making the Connection
- Domestic Violence Part I: The Positive Impact of FGDM for Families Experiencing Domestic Violence
- The Adolescent Brain and the Role of Trust in Planning and Decision Making
- Engaging Individuals with Mental Health Concerns in the FGDM Process
- Merging FGDM and Juvenile Justice in Restorative Reporting Centers: A Creative Approach to Engaging Families
- Leadership and the Parallel Process: Using FGDM to Engage Staff in Decision Making
- Creating a Trauma Informed Court through Servant Leadership: The Role of the Judge in Fostering FGDM and Other Family Driven Practices

Workshop Session B 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

- Using the FGDM Model to Decrease and Eliminate Truancy
- Completing the Circle: Concurrent Planning Using Family Finding, Blended Perspectives Meetings and FGDM as Best Practice
- Domestic Violence Part II: Planning for a Safe Conference
- The Use of Motivational Interviewing to Improve Engagement and Outcomes
- Values, Roles and Responsibilities that Impact Father Engagement in FGDM
- Reducing Implicit Bias: Improving Family Engagement
- Family Engagement...What Have We Learned?

Workshop Session C 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

- Using FGDM Model to Enhance Youth Transition Plans
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- Engaging Families in their Work Using the 3-5-7 Model© Guided Practice Approach
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RESEARCH IN BRIEF

Part 24 in a series

Source Document: Labrecque, R. and P. Smith (2015). "Does Training and Coaching Matter? An 18-Month Evaluation of a Community Supervision Model." *Victims and Offenders* 00: 1-20.

The body of scientific knowledge related to the field of juvenile justice is growing at an exponential rate. With this knowledge, new processes leading to improved outcomes are routinely generated. The need to have access to understand scientific information is critical. Unfortunately, practitioners often do not have the time to sort through the literature. With this issue in mind, in 2006, *the Colorado Division of Probation Services* began to publish **Research in Briefs (RIB's)**. These documents are intended to summarize potentially helpful research related to effective practices, as well as provide ideas for practical applications of the information. More information on **RIB's** can be found here: http://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Administration/Probation/ResearchInBriefs/RIB_Summary1213.pdf

Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) rests on two interlinked foundations: the best empirical research available in the field of juvenile justice and a set of core beliefs about how to integrate this research into practice. With this in mind, as an ongoing feature of *Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice*, "**Research In Brief (RIBs)**" will provide summaries of published research related to various aspects of the JJSES. The **RIBs** will convey how various scientific studies support the JJSES Statement of Purpose.

Using Coaching for Skill Building Over Time

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Does Training and Coaching Matter? An 18-month Evaluation of a Community Supervision Model.

Retrieved from: https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Administration/Probation/ResearchInBriefs/RIB_Train%20Coach_Feb_16.pdf

This study sought to determine the role that training and coaching plays in core correctional skill use over an 18-month period following training. Researchers assigned 43 probation and parole officers to either a control or experimental condition. The experimental group of officers received training and coaching, while the control group was untrained and received no coaching for 18-months. From coded audiotapes researchers discovered that officers in the experimental group scored significantly higher in six Core Correctional Practices. Additionally the officers in the trained and coached group showed greater improvement over time.

As organizations are becoming increasingly interested in achieving improved outcomes, training and coaching are receiving more interest from researchers. The current study examines the impact of training and coaching on core correctional practices. Researchers randomly assigned 43 probation and parole officers to an experimental (28) or control group (15). In the experimental group, officers attended a 3-day supervision

program training, submitted follow-up audiotapes, and were coached for 18-months following training. Officers in the control condition did not receive training or coaching but also submitted audiotapes for 18-months.

Trained researchers reviewed submitted audiotapes to determine officer skill use. The researchers were specifically listening for Core Correctional Practices. Core Correctional Practices are anti-criminal modeling, effective reinforcement, effective disapproval, problem solving, structured learning, effective use of authority, cognitive restructuring, and relationship skills. Each skill was rated 0 if no skill was used, 0.5 if the skill was used but there were major steps missing, and 1 if an officer used a skill.

The trained and coached group submitted more tapes and rated significantly higher adherence to the 6 of the 8 Core Correctional Practices. Effective disapproval, anti-criminal modeling, and problem solving were the lowest scored skills for both groups. The trained group

gained 12 points on their total skill use 12 months after training. Both effective reinforcement and effective use of authority did not change for either group during the 18-month follow up.

Practical Applications

- ✓ Ask a supervisor or colleague for coaching when trying out a new skill following training.
- ✓ Consider implementing the use of the Supervisor's EBP briefcase.
- ✓ Consider the scheduling of coaching after staff attend training. Officers in the study continued to improve 12-months following training.
- ✓ When coaching, look for officers challenging criminal thinking, demonstrating effective disapproval, and helping probationers develop problem solving skills.
- ✓ Use strength-based coaching to not only provide areas of improvement but to also affirm the good work staff are already doing.
- ✓ Attend trainings to develop Core Correctional Practice skills.

Limitations of Information

The study did not differentiate between the training and coaching, so the impact from just training or just coaching cannot be determined. The outcome measure in the study utilized metrics covered in the training. Thus, trained officers likely scored higher than un-trained officers. It is unclear if officers in the study participated in any additional practice outside of the coaching sessions they received.

***Caveat:** The information presented here is intended to summarize and inform readers of research and information relevant to probation work. It can provide a framework for carrying out the business of probation as well as suggestions for practical application of the material. While it may, in some instances, lead to further exploration and result in future decisions, it is not intended to prescribe policy and is not necessarily conclusive in its findings. Some of its limitations are described above.*

JJSES Statement of Purpose

We dedicate ourselves to working 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.

Readers are encouraged to submit ideas and suggestions related to the JJSES they would like to have addressed. Ideas and suggestions may be submitted to: Leo J. Lutz at LeLutz@pa.gov.

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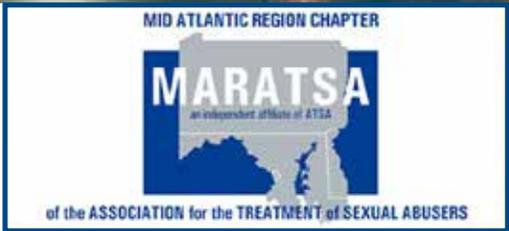
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Reservations can be made by calling The Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel at 1-814-454-2005, no later than April 15th, 2016 to ensure the discounted rate.

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National Juvenile Justice Announcements

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

Administrator Listenbee Honors National Mentoring Month

In a new blog post on the Department of Justice website, OJJDP Administrator Robert L. Listenbee, in recognition of January as National Mentoring Month, discusses the importance of youth mentoring programs and how OJJDP is advancing these programs nationwide. “OJJDP has long been a strong champion of mentoring programs and I am proud of the commitment that we have shown in this field,” Listenbee writes. Listenbee details how OJJDP supports mentoring programs, including:

Awarding nearly \$80 million in mentoring grants in 2015 focusing on a range of targeted youth populations, including American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

Partnering with MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership to launch the OJJDP National Mentoring Resource Center.

Funding mentoring research to continue to move the field toward evidence-based and effective practices for youth mentoring.

Listenbee also noted OJJDP’s partnership with MENTOR to host the 6th annual National Mentoring Summit, which was held January 27-29, 2016, in Washington, DC.

Resources:

Learn more about National Mentoring Month.

Access mentoring resources from OJJDP and OJJDP’s National Mentoring Resource Center.



Office for Victims of Crime Video Series Addresses Human Trafficking

The [Office for Victims of Crime](#) has released the “[Faces of Human Trafficking](#).” This nine-part video series is designed to help service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, and communities raise awareness of human trafficking. The series addresses sex and labor trafficking, multidisciplinary approaches to serving victims of human trafficking, juvenile victims of human trafficking, effective victim services, victims’ legal needs, and voices of survivors. A discussion guide, fact sheets, and posters accompany the video series.

Resources:

Download the accompanying [discussion guide](#) to this series.

Read the accompanying fact sheets, including an [introduction to human trafficking in the United States, the legal rights and needs of human trafficking victims](#), [special considerations and needs of youth victims](#), and [building effective collaborations to address human trafficking](#).

[Learn more](#) about OJJDP’s programs and resources addressing commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Register To Attend Dual Status Youth and Probation System Reform Symposiums

The [Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice](#), led by Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps, is hosting two upcoming events in Boston, MA:

On April 5–6, 2016, the inaugural “[Dual Status Youth Symposium: Working Together for Our Children](#)” will provide an opportunity for multi-disciplinary, youth-serving professionals to learn, network, and become part of the nationwide movement to improve outcomes for dual status youth.

On April 7–8, 2016, “[Probation System Reform Symposium: Advancing Practice, Changing Lives](#)” will focus on improving probation system performance and outcomes for youth managed and overseen by our juvenile probation departments and court systems.

Resources:

[Register](#) online for “Dual Status Youth Symposium: *Working Together for Our Children*.”

[Register](#) online for “Probation System Reform Symposium: *Advancing Practice, Changing Lives*.”

For more information, contact [Sorrel Dilanian](#).

Bureau of Justice Statistics Releases Reports on Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities

The [Bureau of Justice Statistics](#) has released two companion reports on allegations of sexual victimization at juvenile correctional facilities:

“[Sexual Victimization Reported by Juvenile Correctional Authorities, 2007-12](#)” presents national estimates of sexual victimization that correctional authorities in state juvenile correctional systems and local and private juvenile correctional facilities reported from 2007 to 2012.

“[Survey of Sexual Violence in Juvenile Correctional Facilities, 2007-12-Statistical Tables](#)” presents unweighted jurisdiction and facility counts of allegations and substantiated incidents of sexual victimization that juvenile correctional authorities reported from 2007 to 2012. Facilities include state juvenile systems, juvenile facilities in Indian country, and sampled locally and privately operated juvenile correctional facilities.

Resources:

View and download “[Sexual Victimization Reported by Juvenile Correctional Authorities, 2007-12](#).”

View and download “[Survey of Sexual Violence in Juvenile Correctional Facilities, 2007-12-Statistical Tables](#).”

Read the related Justice Department [press release](#) on allegations of sexual victimization at juvenile correctional facilities.

Blog Discusses LGBTQ Youth and Law Enforcement Responses

The [OJP Diagnostic Center](#) has posted a [blog](#) from Dr. Meredith Dank of the Urban Institute discussing the OJJDP-funded report “[Locked In: Interactions with the Criminal Justice and Child Welfare Systems for LGBTQ Youth, YMSM, and YWSW Who Engage in Survival Sex](#).” The report describes the cycle of involvement in the juvenile justice, criminal justice, and child welfare systems affecting youth who engaged in survival sex and are self-identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ) youth; young men who have sex with men (YMSM); and young women who have sex with women (YWSW). The report found that more than 70 percent of LGBTQ youth had been arrested at least once, with some experiencing violence, abuse, and disrespect when interacting with law enforcement and system stakeholders. The blog calls for law enforcement to improve responses to LGBTQ youth through trauma-informed support, specific protocols for victims of trafficking, safe and supportive arrests, and proper shelter options. In addition, the blog details recommendations from study participants on how law enforcement, courts, and child welfare can better interact with LGBTQ youth, including LGBTQ sensitivity and cultural competency training.

Resources:

[Access](#) the OJP Diagnostic Center’s technical assistance.

[Subscribe](#) to the OJP Diagnostic Center newsletter.

Applications for Youth in Custody Certificate Program Being Accepted

The [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform](#) (CJJR) at [Georgetown University’s McCourt School of Public Policy](#) is accepting applications for its [Youth in Custody Certificate Program](#), to be held May 9–13, 2016, in Washington, DC. Leaders working in juvenile justice, child welfare, mental health, substance abuse, education, and other related systems that serve youth in the custody of the juvenile justice system are invited to apply. The Youth in Custody Certificate Program is conducted in part with support from OJJDP’s Center for Coordinated Assistance to States.

The [application](#) deadline is March 18, 2016.

Resources:

Learn about all of [CJJR’s certificate programs](#).

Email questions to jjreform@georgetown.edu.

Learn more about [OJJDP’s Center for Coordinated Assistance to States](#)



Upcoming Staff Development Opportunities:

Be sure to check out the JCJC/CJJT&R Staff Development schedule each month as it will be updated with workshops.



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Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center
Patricia Cambri
3/15-16

ULTIMATE EDUCATOR

Best Western Premier
Anne Seymour
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MI Committee Members
4/6-7

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Marilyn Stein
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Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center
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Susan Brotherton, Arielle Curry
and Shea Rhodes
5/24-25

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Shippensburg University
Doug McGuire
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Barbara Orr
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Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center
Barbara Orr
10/19

All the details on these and other sponsored workshops may be reviewed at any time by visiting www.jcjcems.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.

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