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Stoneleigh Foundation Hosts Annual Spring Forum

On May 4th, the Stoneleigh Foundation, a Philadelphia-based foundation devoted to improving the life outcomes of the region's most vulnerable youth, gathered nearly 200 nonprofit and government leaders for its annual Spring Forum.

This year, the Foundation focused the conversation on how systems at the national, state, and local level are implementing reforms that change the ways they respond to youth's negative behaviors based on the growing consensus that young people's brains differ fundamentally from those of adults. Decades of developmental research indicate that children and adolescents are both less likely to fully comprehend the long-term consequences of their actions and more susceptible to pressure from their peers. In response to these findings, leaders in the juvenile justice system are moving away from punishing kids for minor infractions and acknowledging that mistakes are part of young people's development. In addition, as courts and law enforcement begin to reimagine their involvement in young people's lives, other youth-serving systems – such as education, human services, and behavioral health – are stepping forward in new ways to meet their needs.

US Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Administrator **Robert Listenbee** delivered the keynote address, in which he discussed OJJDP's national agenda to ensure that young people's contact with the system is "rare, fair, and beneficial to them." He also noted how critical OJJDP's work with the National Academy of Sciences has been to incorporating research on adolescent brain development into the agency's road map for reforming juvenile justice. In addition, he stressed the importance of implementing trauma-informed approaches across the juvenile justice system – shifting the focus



Above: Eva Gladstein, Naomi Goldstein, Robert Listenbee, Kevin Bethel, Robert Schwartz



JLC Youth Advocate Crystal Arim answers questions from the crowd.

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Fellows Kevin Bethel and Naomi Goldstein share a moment of laughter as Fellow Bob Schwartz answers a question.



Stoneleigh Board Chair Carole Haas Gravagno shares her perspective.



Forum attendees discuss their thoughts at the reception.



Stoneleigh Foundation Executive Director Ronnie L. Bloom commences the Forum.

of the system from asking youth “What’s wrong with you?” to “What happened to you?”

Crystal Arim, a Youth Advocate from Juvenile Law Center’s Youth Speakers Bureau, followed Administrator Listenbee’s speech by describing her own experience with the juvenile justice system and her thoughts on its reform. Crystal concluded her remarks with the following call to action for system leaders: “The mission of the juvenile justice system is to rehabilitate youth — not punish them. To accomplish this mission, we need more individualized service plans for youth. We need community programs and support systems that take youth as they are and prepare them for where they want to go.”

Following her remarks, the audience heard about the work of two Stoneleigh Fellows, Drexel University’s **Dr. Naomi Goldstein** and former Philadelphia Deputy Police Commissioner **Kevin Bethel**. Mr. Bethel spoke about his nationally recognized Police School Diversion Program, which provides services – not sanctions – to hundreds of youth who have committed first-time, low-level offenses in schools. Dr. Goldstein, highlighted her work with Philadelphia’s Juvenile Probation Department and other system leaders to create and implement a new graduated response system designed to help more youth successfully complete probation.

Following these remarks, Stoneleigh’s first Visiting Fellow, Juvenile Law Center co-founder **Robert Schwartz**, moderated a lively panel discussion focusing on the work Dr. Goldstein and Mr. Bethel are doing to scale their approaches at the state level in Pennsylvania and how each of them plan to tackle sustainability challenges.

The final speaker of the afternoon was **Eva Gladstein**, the City’s new Deputy Managing Director for Health and Human Services, who offered her reflections, as the Philadelphia Mayor Kenney’s administration begins to develop its own agenda to address the issues facing the City’s most vulnerable youth.

In all, the event highlighted the momentum generated in Philadelphia to implement new approaches to the way we think about addressing young people’s behavior. The Foundation and its Fellows look forward to continuing to partner with public sector leaders to help ensure that fewer youth are referred to the justice system and that those who are involved in the system benefit from their involvement.

About the Stoneleigh Foundation

The Stoneleigh Foundation was founded by John and Chara Haas to improve the life outcomes of Greater Philadelphia’s most vulnerable children and youth. The Foundation meets this mission by awarding Fellowships to leading practitioners, researchers, and policymakers working to advance reforms in the systems that serve these young people, such as juvenile justice, child welfare, education, and health. Over the past ten years, our Fellows have developed new approaches to program design and delivery, changed how systems work together to better meet the needs of youth, and generated new knowledge through action-oriented research. To learn more about the Foundation and its Fellows, please visit www.StoneleighFoundation.org.

2016 Youth Awards Speaker Announced

Joseph Gonzales will be the featured speaker at the Youth Awards Program during the 2016 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, being held November 2-4, 2016, at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers.

From adolescence to adulthood, Mr. Gonzales provides a compelling message of inspiration and encouragement from his personal story. He experienced the adversity of hardship from those close to him. Readily sharing a poignant story of hope and survival from the ashes of tragedy of an individual that he has grown exceptionally close with over the years, to mentoring youth to recognize needed change and developing a roadmap to maximize their abilities and achieve success, he offers pivotal insight that will facilitate the rebuilding of a solid foundation and overall adaption for those who are willing to make the necessary steps.

As a business entrepreneur, Mr. Gonzales is in a position to offer a mentoring role in a variety of capacities that aides in the continued development of our youth. He has been fortunate to work collaboratively with the Honorable Judge Mark Tranquilli, Juvenile Court Judge for Allegheny County, and Russell Carlino, Director of Juvenile Probation for Allegheny County. Mr. Gonzales values these and other relationships as they contribute to positive initiatives within the court system as well as the community.

In addition, Mr. Gonzales serves as an advocate for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole where he has the opportunity to help influence system-involved persons overcome obstacles and make positive changes.



- SAVE THE DATE -

The 2016 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

November 2-4, 2016 at the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers

Youth Awards Program & Dinner

Wednesday, November 2

Annual Training & Awards Program

Thursday, November 3

Resource Day 2016

Friday, November 4

The 2016 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice will conclude with Resource Day, during which representatives from residential and community based programs, along with other service providers and vendors, 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.

Conference Registration Opens in August!

www.jcjc.pa.gov

Crime Victims Speak at the 24th Annual Crime Victims' Rights Rally

The 24th Annual Crime Victims' Rights Rally was held on Monday, April 11, 2016 in the Capitol Rotunda. This year's theme was "Serving Victims, Building Trust and Restoring Hope." The Rally, organized by Crime Victims Alliance of Pennsylvania (CVAP), was held to commemorate Pennsylvania's progress in victim rights by honoring victim survivors and the advocates who work with them. National Crime Victim Rights week was commemorated April 10-16, 2016. Participants were able to hear from a number of speakers. Monica Iskrac, Chair of the Crime Victims' Rights Rally Committee provided the opening and closing remarks. Additional speakers included Jennifer Storm from the PA Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA), and the Honorable David J. Arnold, Jr., Lebanon County District Attorney.

Additionally, Susan Curley Grady shared with the group how her brother, Robert Curley, was murdered 25 years ago by his wife, and the anguish it caused for Susan and her family. Susan worked tirelessly with OVA to form an advisory group to make a change in the parole process to allow victim's and survivor's needs to be heard. Subsequently, in 2013, HB 492 was signed into law which allows victims the opportunity to meet face-to-face with parole board members regarding the case. Representative Mark Rozzi (D-Berks County), a survivor of clergy sex abuse, was introduced as the face of statute of limitations reform. Angela Quarles, who lost her goddaughter to homicide by her husband of 6 years, described her experience. Carla Christopher, a poet activist from York County, read a moving poem written by high school students who are currently trying to build a safe identity for themselves. The Rally Committee was pleased to have a great representation from Blair County and surrounding counties. Michele Gonsman, a victim herself, coordi-



nated 23 victims and victim supporters to participate in the rally to influence the legislators and the public on the need to enhance the statute of limitations in cases of child sexual abuse.

Seventeen victim service/advocacy organizations participated in the rally by offering information on their agencies and the services they provide. The Silent Witness Project displayed powerful images regarding victimization. Youth from Loysville Youth Development Center and Alternative Rehabilitation Communities (ARC) 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 while also learning more about the impact of crime. After the Crime Victims' Rights Rally, OVA provided an overview of their partnership with the PA State Police (PSP) to provide timely and sensitive notification to crime victims when a sexually violent predator is identified by the courts and falls under the Adam Walsh Act.

The annual Victims' Rights Rally is a key example of the unique partnerships that can be, and have been, developed uniting victim assistance stakeholders with justice professionals to support victims/survivors of crime in our Commonwealth and our communities.

The Silent Witness Project

The Silent Witnesses 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 original 26 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 27th 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 the 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 Iskric for more information at msiskr@ship.edu.

Montgomery County Initiates New Quality Assurance Unit

Andrew Backlund, Montgomery County

On May 2, 2016, the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department started a new Quality Assurance Unit. This new unit was introduced to the department under the direction of Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Francis Snow. Currently, the unit consists of three Probation Officers and one Supervisor. With the introduction of JJSES to Pennsylvania juvenile probation departments, YLS assessments, case plans, and evidence-based protocols, there is no better time for Montgomery County to begin this new unit.

Many providers, both residential and in-home, have been established throughout the state and are offering our youth a variety of programs to educate, train and treat them. The question for Montgomery County is "are these programs efficient, sustainable, and able to produce positive results for our young people?" The Quality Assurance Unit is responsible for many different aspects including checking that the program referral information packet is complete and given to the provider, visiting residents at placement, tracking data from in-home and residential programs, and ensuring the services and programs offered are effective in the pursuit of reducing crime and recidivism in Montgomery County.

One of the main responsibilities of the unit is ensuring our youth are receiving the necessary treatment and skills needed to become productive citizens in society. With this in mind, the officers are tasked with making bi-monthly placement visits with all of our youth placed in residential settings. These on-site visits include spending time with our juveniles, observing their daily interactions with educators and therapists and ensuring that the proper services are matched with the individual's needs. While on campus these probation officers also conduct a review of files to ensure the proper court orders, YLS/case plans and reports are completed and being followed.

Along with monitoring the juveniles in placement, the officers are responsible for bi-weekly contact with the department's aftercare and in-home providers. These contacts are used to ensure our juveniles are receiving the proper dosage of services being offered in the community. This is a relationship that is important to track the progress of the juveniles while under supervision.

Finally, it is the responsibility of the unit to ensure the department is keeping with the BARJ and JJSES principles, including MI coaching and coding, tracking YLS and case plan compliance, and overall quality of work put forth for the court by the department.

Building the new unit has been an opportunity for the department to learn from past mistakes, gain insight into what our youth are experiencing, and moving the department and youth we serve into a new era of high quality treatment, supervision, and rehabilitation.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

COMMENCEMENT HELD FOR CLASS OF 2016

Congratulations to the Class of 2016 of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University! Commencement was held at Shippensburg University's H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center on Friday, May, 6 2016. Prior to the commencement ceremony, the JCJC graduates were recognized with a reception, hosted at the Shippensburg University Foundation Conference Center. In attendance at the reception were several members of the JCJC, the staff of the JCJC and the CJJT&R, several University administrators, faculty of the Criminal Justice Department, as well as family and friends of the graduates.

Molly Wink was named the Graduate Student of the Year. She will receive the Dr. Anthony F. Ceddia Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Juvenile Justice at the James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice on November 3, 2016. On behalf of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and Shippensburg University, we offer our congratulations on these students' outstanding achievements and wish them all the very best in their future endeavors.



Above: Director of Training and Graduate Education, Kelly Waltman-Spreha with Graduate Student of the year, Molly Wink, Blair County.



The graduates of the Class of 2016 are seated from left to right: Sarah Collins (Dauphin), Sarah Foley (Bucks), Molly Wink (Blair) and standing from left to right: Danielle Salisbury (York), Shane Clark (Schuylkill), Angela Conte (Dauphin), Ian Murray (Dauphin), Paul Moore (Philadelphia), Brett Pforter (Philadelphia), Rob Parthemore (Dauphin), Thomas Shepherd (Somerset), Katrina Harley (Philadelphia), Jason Kehm (Lehigh).

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

- 21-22 Ten Steps to Recidivism Reduction
- 23-24 Advanced Reading Workshop
- 28-29 Motivational Interviewing 101

August

- 22-26 Orientation For The New Juvenile Probation Professional - Session I

September

- 7-8 Mood Disorders
- 19-23 Orientation For The New Juvenile Probation Professional - Session II
- 28 Supervisor's EBP BriefCASE
- 28-29 Refusal Skills in a Relapse Perspective

October

- 4-5 Sexting and the Dangers of Technology
- 12-13 Youth Level of Service (YLS) Master Trainer Certification
- 13-14 Ten Steps to Recidivism Reduction
- 19 Taking Care of Yourself

November

- 2-4 2016 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice
- 30 Supervisor's EBP BriefCASE

Information and registration details of sponsored workshops may be reviewed at any time by visiting www.jcjcems.state.pa.us for regular updates to the schedule.

Announcing a Unique Learning Opportunity for Probation and Parole Professionals

The 2nd Annual Juvenile Probation Reform Academy (JPRA), developed exclusively for juvenile probation and parole professionals, will be held August 29-30, 2016 in Cleveland, OH. The JPRA is designed to instruct probation and parole directors and managers on the core principles demonstrated by research to reduce recidivism and improve other outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system. Participants will develop strategies for applying this research to their own agencies and will learn how to conduct a systematic review of agency policies, practices, and performance, and implement agency-wide reforms. The JPRA is developed in partnership by the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) and the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center.

Now Accepting Applications!

Juvenile Probation Reform Academy

**Hosted by the American Probation and Parole Association's
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August 29-30, 2016 + Cleveland, Ohio



To learn more about the 2nd Annual Juvenile Probation Reform Academy, please visit: <http://rfknrcjj.org/events/jpra-aug2016/>

Federally Funded Study on Juvenile Probation Officers' Use of the YLS/CMI in Pennsylvania

Professors Joel Miller (Rutgers University) and Carrie Maloney (East Stroudsburg University) have recently begun a National Institute of Justice funded research study to examine how juvenile probation officers use the Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI) in Pennsylvania counties. The study builds on an earlier survey of juvenile probation officers that they conducted within the state in 2015, as well as national research highlighting shortcomings in how practitioners use risk/needs assessment tools in their decision-making.

The research will assess how YLS/CMI policies vary across counties, how much probation officers follow policies, and what local practices and circumstances promote practitioners' use of the YLS/CMI in line with evidence-based principles. A key outcome of the study will be the identification of strategies that seem to promote the effective use of the YLS/CMI, as well as factors that may undermine it. These insights may relate, for example, to training, supervision, written policies, or partnerships with other juvenile justice stakeholders.

The study involves in-depth research within the probation departments of five diverse counties. Local research will include detailed interviews with frontline juvenile probation staff, as well as observations of juvenile probation officer practice, for example when conducting intake or making supervision contacts with clients. Additionally, a follow-up survey of probation officers will be conducted in which probation officers across all Pennsylvania counties will be invited to participate.

It is expected that the research will make an important contribution to research and policy on how practitioners use risk/needs assessment tools, and the characteristics of best practice. In addition to published research, the study will be used to produce a policy brief and a webinar for practitioners in Pennsylvania and nationwide. Findings may also be used to inform state policies and training strategies focused on the YLS/CMI.

Pennsylvania 2016 Family Group Decision Making Statewide Conference

The Pennsylvania FGDM Leadership Team hosted the Pennsylvania 2016 Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) Statewide Conference “**Coloring Outside the Lines...**” April 26 – 27, 2016 at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey, PA. Over 350 cross-system professionals and community members including Juvenile Justice system and child welfare direct service staff, treatment professionals, attorneys, Judges, administrators, and community members attended the conference, which showcased an array of speakers and workshops with ample time for networking and meeting new colleagues.

FGDM is a strength-based empowerment model designed to join the wider family group, including relatives, friends, community members, and others, to collectively make decisions to resolve an identified concern. Currently, over 98% of Pennsylvania’s counties are utilizing FGDM to engage families in planning and service delivery.

Coleen Cox, MSW/LSW, the current chair for the FGDM Statewide Leadership Team and a Family Engagement Specialist with Delaware County Children and Youth Services greeted the participants on behalf of the Leadership Team. The Welcome and opening remarks presented by the Honorable Max Baer, Justice, Pennsylvania Supreme Court and Cathy Utz, Deputy Secretary, Office of Children, Youth and Families served to energize the group for the conference’s learning experience.



The Conference keynote speaker, Michael Nerney, provided a number of ways practitioners can establish trusting relationships with adolescents and shared his expertise on ways practitioners can better understand how and why FGDM can be a successful practice for substance abusers and families of at-risk and delinquent youth.

The Honorable William A. Thorne, Jr. (ret.), a Pomo/Coast Miwok Indian from northern California engaged the audience with his presentation during the Tuesday evening dinner. Judge Thorne served for over 34 years as a tribal court judge in Utah, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona,

Wisconsin, South Dakota, Nevada, California, Nebraska, and Michigan.

Twenty-one workshops covering a collection of topics on the principles and practice of family group decision making in Pennsylvania were available to the participants. Presenters representing the judiciary, practitioners, service providers and many others, delivered information on the countless ways FGDM is used throughout the Commonwealth, from basic case practice to transition planning for delinquent youth returning to their communities. Motivational interviewing, FGDM and Restorative Practices, as well as recent evaluative research, practices on trauma responses, the Creation of a Trauma Informed Court, and other best practices were well received by those attending.

Keith Snyder, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission, moderated the Family Panel which closed the 1 ½ day event.

The Pennsylvania 2016 Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) Statewide Conference is held biennially and is sponsored by the Family Group Decision Making Leadership Team of Pennsylvania.

For additional information about the practice of FGDM and the Pennsylvania Family Group Decision Making Leadership Team please visit the website of the Office of Children Youth and Families at <http://www.ocfcpacourts.us/children/family-group-decision-making> or the Child Welfare Resource Center website at <http://www.pacwrc.pitt.edu/FGDM.htm>.

2014 Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Dispositions

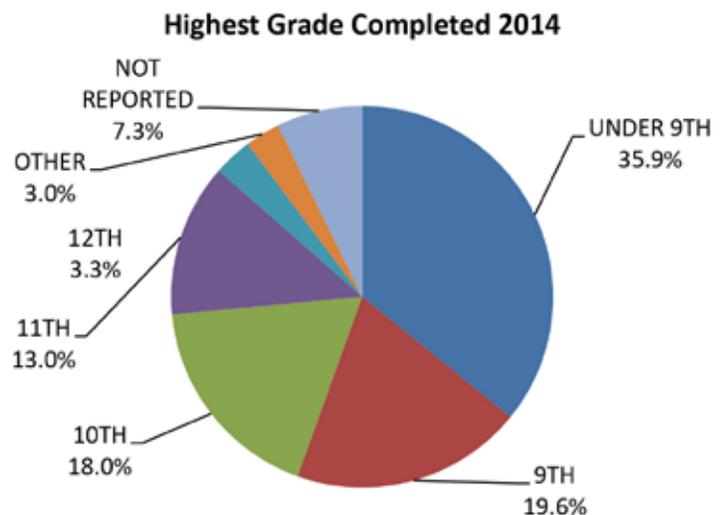
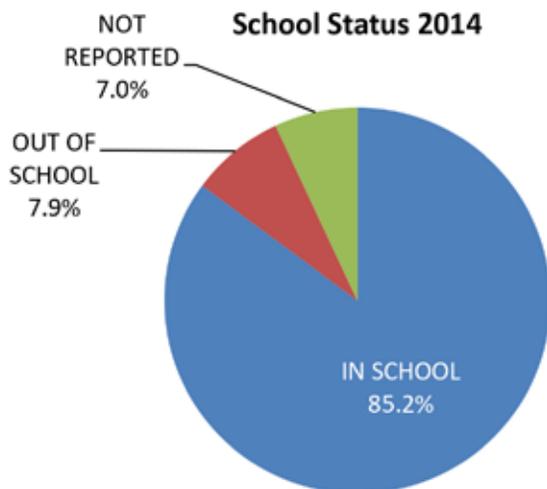
Juvenile Demographics—Gender, Age and Educational Status

As we continue with the series of newsletter highlights on the [2014 Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Dispositions report](#), this issue examines the gender, age and educational status of juveniles active with Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice in 2014.

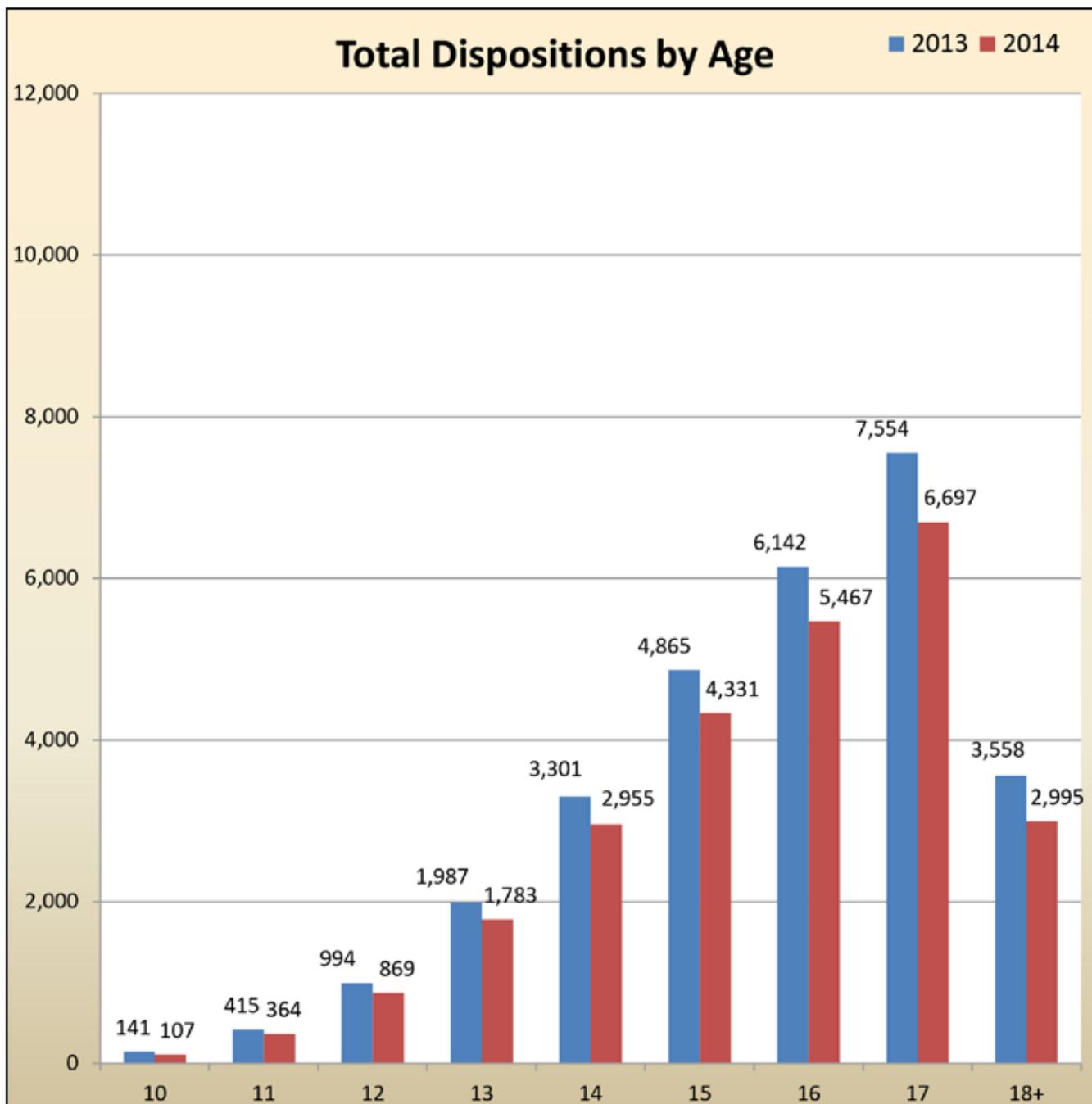
Juvenile Court dispositions in Pennsylvania continue to primarily involve males. While the number of total dispositions decreased from 2013 to 2014, in both years the distribution of dispositions by gender was relatively consistent, 74.5% males and 25.5% females in 2014, compared to 74.3% males and 25.7% females in 2013. As reflected in the chart below, the proportion of males receiving delinquency dispositions related to new allegations of delinquency, increases as a case penetrates through the juvenile justice system.

Selected Dispositions	Total	Male %	Female %
ALL DISPOSITIONS	25,568	74.5%	25.5%
INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT	3,893	67.4%	32.6%
CONSENT DECREE	5,395	74.3%	25.7%
PROBATION	4,457	81.8%	18.2%
PLACEMENTS	1,913	89.1%	10.9%
TRANSFERRED TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS	98	94.9%	5.1%

The vast majority (85.2%) of delinquency dispositions in 2014 reflected youth who were reported as “In School” at the time of disposition. Fifty-seven percent of youth were reported as having completed grades 9, 10, 11, or 12, or as being in an “Other” educational program.



Seventeen-year olds accounted for 6,697 (26.2%) of all juvenile delinquency dispositions in 2014, representing the most dispositions for any age group. Juveniles who were 16 accounted for 5,467 (21.4%), while juveniles who were age 15 accounted for 4,331 (16.9%) of the dispositions. This data remains consistent with that of 2013, in which seventeen-year olds accounted for 26.1%, sixteen-year olds accounted for 21.2% and fifteen-year olds accounted for 16.8% of juvenile delinquency dispositions. All age groups decreased in the number of dispositions from 2013 to 2014.



County-specific data on juvenile demographics are contained within the appendices of the [2014 Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Disposition report](#).

July 27th-29th
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Anna Salter, Keynote Speaker

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www.sapen.org

Registration can be completed by mail or online, and includes Networking Hour at Mad Mex on Wednesday from 5pm-7pm, and breakfast Thursday and Friday

Workshops:

- Wednesday PM: Anna Salter
- Thursday AM: Michael Miner, PhD - Risk Assessments
- Thursday PM: Tyffani Monford Dent, PsyD - Vicarious Trauma: Staying Healthy in an Unhealthy Environment
- Friday AM: Victim Trauma - Andrea Pottgen, MEd, and Megan Schroeder, LSW, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape





National Juvenile Justice Announcements

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

OJJDP ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

OJJDP has announced the following fiscal year 2016 funding opportunity:



[Reducing Reliance on Confinement and Improving Community-Based Responses for Girls](#)

[At Risk of Entering the Juvenile Justice System](#). Applications are due by June 20, 2016.

[Practitioner-Researcher Partnership in Cognitive Behavioral Mentoring Program](#). Applications are due by June 13, 2016.

[Safe and Thriving Communities: Uniting and Enhancing Community-Based Violence Prevention, Defending Childhood, and National Forum Approaches](#). Applications are due by June 21, 2016.

[Studies Program on Trauma and Justice-Involved Youth](#). Applications are due by June 23, 2016.

[Defending Childhood American Indian/Alaska Native Policy Initiative: Supporting Trauma-Informed Juvenile Justice Systems for Tribes](#). Applications are due by July 6, 2016.

Resources:

Visit the [funding page](#) for details about these and other OJJDP funding opportunities.

OJJDP'S MODEL PROGRAMS GUIDE LAUNCHES iGUIDES

OJJDP's [Model Programs Guide](#) (MPG), an online resource of evidence-based juvenile justice and youth prevention, intervention, and reentry programs, has launched [iGuides](#) (Implementation Guides). The new iGuides provide users with 10 steps they should take before they identify or implement an evidence-based program or practice. OJJDP, through a cooperative agreement with [Development Services Group Inc.](#), developed the 10 steps from research on implementation science and interviews and focus groups with practitioners who have implemented a program in the field. The first MPG iGuide is focused on the issue of school-based bullying.



Resources:

On July 19, 2016, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. ET, OJJDP's [National Training and Technical Assistance Center](#) will host "[The Model Programs Guide iGuides](#)." This webinar will provide an overview of MPG, the development of the MPG iGuides, and how communities can use them to address problems. [Register](#) for this free webinar.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT RELEASES PROTOCOL FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS

On April 28, 2016, the Department of Justice's [Office on Violence Against Women](#) (OVW) released "[A National Protocol for Sexual Abuse Medical Forensic Examinations—Pediatric](#)" (Pediatric SAFE Protocol). In 2004, OVW partnered with the International Association of Forensic Nurses to release a national protocol on responding to the immediate needs of adult and adolescent sexual assault victims. The new Pediatric SAFE Protocol provides evidence-based, trauma-informed recommendations for health care providers who conduct sexual abuse medical forensic examinations of children. It offers guidance for professionals and agencies—including law enforcement, prosecutors, crime lab personnel, victim advocates, and child advocacy centers—for facilitating medical forensic care when working with health care providers in cases of sexual abuse of children. Assistant Attorney General Karol V. Mason for the Office of Justice Programs and OVW Principal Deputy Director Bea Hanson have co-authored a [blog post](#) on the importance of the Pediatric SAFE Protocol.

Resources:

Read the [press release](#) about the Pediatric SAFE Protocol.

BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS/OJJDP ANNOUNCE NATIONAL SURVEY OF CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The [Bureau of Justice Statistics](#), in partnership with [OJJDP](#), has announced the funding opportunity "[Methodological Research To Support the National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence](#)." The two agencies are seeking applications to conduct methodological work to inform a future survey on children's exposure to violence. The applicant will develop improved strategies to produce national estimates of children's exposure to violence, which involves reviewing and assessing the recent administrations of OJJDP's National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence and making recommendations. Apply by June 24, 2016.

Resources:

Access OJJDP's National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence [publications](#).

Learn more about the Attorney General's [Defending Childhood Initiative](#).

Visit the Bureau of Justice Statistics [funding](#) page for information about other current funding opportunities.

FBI ONLINE RELEASE DETAILS IMPACT OF SEXTORTION ON YOUTH, OFFERS APPROPRIATE RESPONSES

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has issued the public service announcement “[Sextortion Affecting Thousands of U.S. Children](#).” This release is designed for parents, educators, caregivers, and children and warns about the dangers of sextortion. It further explains the threat of sextortion, outlines measures adults can take to help educate and prevent children from becoming victims of sextortion, and provides resources for victims.

Resources:

View the Department of Justice [public service announcements](#) on sextortion.

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR SECOND ROUND OF PILOT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT DISCONNECTED YOUTH

The Departments of [Education](#), [Labor](#), [Health and Human Services](#), and [Justice](#), in partnership with the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) and the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#), have announced a second call for proposals for the [Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth](#) program. This initiative enables pilot sites to use discretionary federal funding to test innovative strategies to achieve significant improvements in educational, employment, and other key outcomes for disconnected youth. Deadline for notice of intent is May 26, 2016. [Apply](#) by June 27, 2016.

Resources:

[Learn more](#) about Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth.

BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS RELEASES 2015 SCHOOL CRIME AND SAFETY REPORT

The [Bureau of Justice Statistics](#), in collaboration with the [National Center for Education Statistics](#) (NCES), has released “[Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2015](#).” This annual report provides the most recent data on school crime and student safety. The indicators in this report are based on a variety of data sources, including national surveys of students, teachers, principals, and postsecondary institutions.

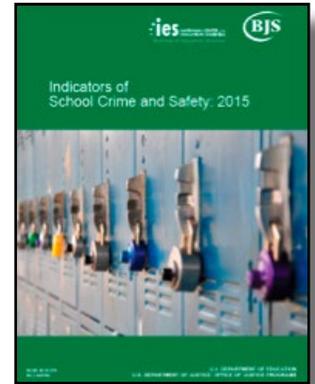
Topics covered include victimization at school, teacher injury, bullying and cyberbullying, school conditions, fights, weapons, availability and student use of drugs and alcohol, student perceptions of personal safety at school, and crime at postsecondary institutions. This year’s report also includes a spotlight section on juveniles in residential placement facilities based on data collected by OJJDP.

Resources:

[View and download](#) the report.

Read [spotlight](#) on juveniles in residential placement.

Read the NCES [blog](#) on juveniles in residential placement.



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