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## Rural Summit II Held in McKean County

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*Submitted by: Teresa Wilcox, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, McKean County*

Forty-four Juvenile Justice Professionals from 19 rural counties met on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at the Pennhills Club in McKean County to discuss implementation successes and challenges of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) over the last three years. The Rural Summit II was hosted by McKean County and facilitated by Mark Carey of the Carey Group.



The first Rural Summit was held in October 2013 in McKean County to focus on identifying, discussing, and developing potential solutions to rural county challenges in implementing evidence-based practices (EBP). Three years later, the Rural Summit II was held to celebrate the successes in rural county

implementation and to discuss remaining challenges and potential solutions to lingering implementation barriers. Rural counties were sent a survey to identify what key risk reduction topics were found to be challenging to implement in rural counties. The top items that were selected were Graduated Responses, Quality Assurance, Trauma Informed Services, One-on-One Interventions, and Case Planning. As a result of the survey, the agenda for the Rural Summit II was developed and included guided discussion on how to implement Graduated Responses and Quality Assurance Practices within rural counties. In addition to the guided discussion, four rural counties presented on topics of Trauma, One-on-One Interventions, and Case Planning.

During the morning, Crawford and Venango counties presented on the trauma screening and assessment tools being used within their departments. Crawford County is utilizing the Adverse Childhood Experiences screening tool (ACEs). Venango County is utilizing the UCLA PTSD Reaction Index for Children/Adolescents – DSM - 5<sup>®</sup>. Both counties (along with Allegheny County) will be working with Dr. Keith Cruise in the near future on a trauma research project and will share key findings at a later date. Mercer County presented on skill transfer sheets, which they developed to assist probation officers with guided discussion during one-on-one interventions. McKean and Blair counties presented on effective case plans and implementing quality assurance related to case planning in rural counties.

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**There is still time to register!**

## The 2016 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

November 2-4, 2016 at Harrisburg

Hilton & Towers

Registration will re-open  
Wednesday at the Hilton!

In the afternoon, participants were then broken into small groups to discuss the following questions: 1) What do you see as the benefits to implementing a quality assurance plan around risk reduction activities? 2) As you think about the logistics of implementing this quality assurance plan, what do you foresee as the primary obstacles or impediments? 3) What do you need from JJSES to help overcome those obstacles or impediments?

Key points that were brought back after the discussion of breakout groups highlighted the need for quality assurance plans to provide clear and consistent expectations in order to achieve the desired outcome of risk reduction. The primary obstacles or impediments in rural counties discussed included a lack of resources (small staff size along with staff that are not devoted 100% to juvenile, time and money), “buy-in” from stakeholders, and confidentiality barriers when working with referral providers. Finally, participants determined that they need regional trainings, more regional coaches or master trainers to sustain risk reduction practices, examples of rural county policies to be shared when rolling out practices statewide, checklists to ensure all key points are included in future practices, and most importantly, clear and direct expectations from the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission and the JJSES Leadership Team moving forward.

To conclude the summit, Teresa Wilcox, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in McKean County, and Robert Tomassini, Deputy Director of the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission, summarized the eight goals of the three year JJSES strategic plan that will address several of the benefits, obstacles, and needs identified by those in attendance at the summit. For more information on the topics discussed during the Rural Summit II, please contact Teresa Wilcox, [tawilcox@mckeancountypa.org](mailto:tawilcox@mckeancountypa.org) or Robert Tomassini, [rtomassini@pa.gov](mailto:rtomassini@pa.gov).

## ***RESPONDING TO THE DANGERS OF TEEN SEXTING***

A recently published report entitled “Considerations in Response to Pennsylvania’s Sexting Statute” (Act 198 of 2012) has been released in electronic format on the websites of both the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission [www.jcjc.pa.gov](http://www.jcjc.pa.gov) and the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers [www.pachieffprobationofficers.org](http://www.pachieffprobationofficers.org). This technical assistance document was prepared for the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission to provide an overview of the relevant research, educational materials, data, and resources available around the issue of teen sexting. Teen sexting is the term used to describe the practice of taking and sending nude or semi-nude photos using cell phones.

The report highlights the many potential harms and consequences to teens who engage in this behavior. The publication also provides courts and juvenile justice professionals with an array of information to assist them as they deal referrals for teen sexting behavior. More specifically, the report includes a review of the academic research, recent Pennsylvania data related to teen sexting behavior, and resources available to courts, parents, and the general public. The report also provides links and references to diversion and education programs for juveniles, an easy-to-read fact sheet that can be utilized for educational purposes, and a discussion of the potential concerns regarding the implementation of interventions.

Of particular note, the report also includes a link to the “Guide for Judges and Other Professionals: Effective Responses to Teen Sexting,” published by *Futures Without Violence*. This report includes a helpful checklist to use when considering teen sexting cases, and can be accessed at the link below:

<https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/effective-responses-to-teen-sexting-a-guide-for-judges-and-other-professionals/>

Several juvenile probation departments in Pennsylvania have established education and intervention programs to address teen sexting. These counties include: Westmoreland, Franklin, and Northumberland. Additionally, your local victim service agency may also have information and educational programs that would be helpful.

The report was supported by a grant through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

# Juvenile Justice Week Activities

## Allegheny County

*Submitted by: Michelle Wright, Allegheny County*

Since Balance and Restorative Justice (BARJ) principles became law on March 26, 1996, Allegheny County Juvenile Probation has continually implemented programs to ensure those principles are followed. Each of the BARJ principles: victim restoration, youth competencies, and community protection are enacted every day by juvenile probation staff and judges. Juvenile Justice Week gives those who are not involved with the court the opportunity to experience the BARJ principles firsthand by having events that incorporate those principles.

Before the official beginning of Juvenile Justice Week in Allegheny County, juvenile probation preceded the week with “Dollars for Restitution Day” on September 30, 2016. Staff donated \$5 in exchange for wearing jeans that day and donated a total of \$135 towards providing money to the victim’s owed restitution.

Since 2004, juvenile probation has participated in the AIDS walk and this year was no different. On October 1, 2016, the 16<sup>th</sup> annual walk was held in McKeesport, PA. The walk provided the opportunity for juvenile staff, supervised juveniles, other agencies, and the community as a whole, to participate in a worthy cause. Juvenile probation staff had previously had the most participants in the past two years; however, we lost out on the trophy this year. Nonetheless, there were still an amazing 70 walkers to represent our organization. Next year, we will regain the number one spot!

Here is a breakdown of Juvenile Justice Week’s activities:

### Monday:

The official start of Juvenile Justice Week began with the Take the BARJ pledge. The Honorable Kim Berkeley Clark, Family Division Administrative Judge; Russell Carlino, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer; and the Assistant Chief Juvenile Probation Officers signed the pledge banner. There was a table in the rotunda area of the courthouse and anyone who walked past was encouraged to take the pledge regarding the principles. There was information at the table for anyone entering the Family Division building regarding everything pertaining to the juvenile justice system. Most people were unfamiliar

with BARJ; however, after finding out the principles, they were pleased to sign the banner.

### Tuesday:

There were 3 providers: Outside In, Taylor Diversion, and Abraxas Workbridge who were invited to set up informational tables regarding their programs. In addition to the provider tables, staff attended trainings on Interstate Compact, D & A Tests/Equipment, and the Warrant Unit provided information on gangs.

### Wednesday:

There were 70+ students from the Student Achievement Center, Quaker Valley High School, Chartier’s Valley High School, and North Allegheny Intermediate High School who were invited to “Open House.” During “Open House”, the students enjoyed workshops on D & A, Collateral Consequences, Probation Training, and a Sheriff’s Tour. The students ate lunch provided by Chick-Fil-A, who received an honorable mention for their generous donation.

### Thursday:

This is always considered the biggest day of Juvenile Justice Week. During the afternoon, there was a celebration with cake for newly sworn in probation officers Makeida Thompson, Melissa Whitenight, and Neal McFarland. The evening included a check presentation and awards ceremony. The evening ceremony began with Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Russell Carlino welcoming guests, followed by Family Division Administrative Judge Kim Berkeley Clark introducing honorary judges who were in attendance. There were roughly 250 guests who came out for this event. PA State Trooper Robyn Mungo was the guest speaker and gave a speech about knowing “Who You Are.” Trooper Mungo spoke about her past as a youth and some mistakes she had made. She encouraged the juveniles to be leaders and not engage in bad behaviors by being responsible for their choices. Her message was that at the end of the day, we all should know “Who We Are.”

Since 1999, Community Intensive Supervision Program (CISP), a court operated program for supervised males, has held an annual car wash to raise money for victims.

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In 1999, the juveniles raised \$857 for victims. This year, the 6 CISP centers held their 17<sup>th</sup> annual car wash and presented the Allegheny County Center for Victims with a check for \$1511.20. One of the Center for Victims employees praised the juveniles for an outstanding job they did on her car.

The evening ended with an awards ceremony for Creative Expression, Parent of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Person on the Go. There were two categories of creative expression for juveniles, which was 15 and under and 16 and over. The 15-year-old winner was Kalvaughn Jones and the 16-year-old winner was Yancey Felder. The Parent of the Year Award was given to Paul and Janice Studt, whose son is no longer active with juvenile probation, but they are still involved with helping juveniles in any way they can. There were four rookie juvenile probation staff honored for their work ethic. The probation Rookie of the Year Awards went to the following employees: Sydnie Martin (Probation Officer); Brad McFarland (CISP staff); and Stewart Skeel (Support Staff). The Person on the Go Award went to Alicia Marsh.

## Friday:

There was a workshop for probation officers involving trainings, lunch, team building activities, and an overall good time to end Juvenile Justice Week.

Special mention to the Community Education Initiative Committee for doing such a terrific job with the planning, and a special mention to all employees who volunteered for Juvenile Justice Week!

## Philadelphia County

*Submitted by: Maggie Joyce, Philadelphia County*

### 3rd Annual Fall Classic All-Star Basketball Game - Monday, October 3rd

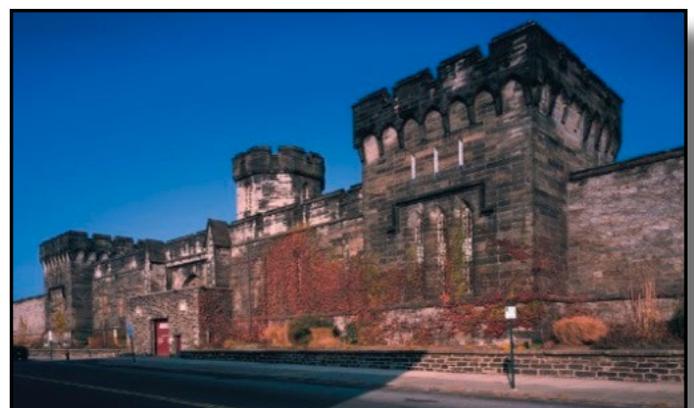
The Annual Fall Classic All Star Basketball game was held featuring Philadelphia Juvenile Probation Officers against Philadelphia Providers' League Youth All Stars. The event was held at the Martin Luther King Recreation Center. The event also served as a Halloween candy drive for the local community. Several of the lo-

cal universities donated tickets and university apparel for youth attending the event. The donations really helped the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Basketball Game truly become a special event. At halftime, the Drum Line and Cheerleaders performed for the crowd. The final score was 52-49 with the Philadelphia Providers' League taking the win over the Probation Officers.



### Tour of Eastern State Penitentiary - Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Probation staff were invited to tour Eastern State Penitentiary, the world's first true "penitentiary." With this tour, staff were able to walk through cellblocks, step inside recreated cells, discuss the Pennsylvania System of separate confinement, and hear true escape stories. After the guided tour, the group explored the exhibit *Prisons Today: Questions in the Age of Mass Incarceration*.



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## Cradles to Crayons - Wednesday, October 5, 2016

The Philadelphia Juvenile Probation Department participated in a volunteer event at Cradles to Crayons warehouse. The agency provides children from birth to age 12, living in low-income and homeless situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. Staff worked together sorting and processing donated children’s items to make customized “kid packs” that help disadvantaged children around the Greater Philadelphia region.



## State of Probation and Award Ceremony - Thursday, October 6, 2016

The State of Probation and Award Ceremony was held at Philadelphia Family Court. Administrative Judge Margaret T. Murphy and Supervising Judge Walter Olzowski addressed probation staff on successes of the last year, future initiatives and the impact that probation officers have on youth and families. In addition to awards for Probation Officer of the Year, Supervisor of the Year, and Merit Award, the ceremony included swearing in three new Probation Officers.



## Chester County

### Juvenile Probation Office Awards ‘Good Choices’

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The proverb says that virtue is its own reward. But sometimes a little recognition for being good can be nice. This week, two young men who found themselves in trouble with the law and then climbed out of the hole they had dug for themselves were honored by officials from the Chester County Juvenile Probation Office for their success at turning their lives around.

The pair — whose names are not being published by the Daily Local News for confidentiality reasons — were given the first ever “Good Choices” awards at the department’s annual award ceremony, at which longtime probation supervisor Tricia Ushler was given the 2016 George M. Bratcher III Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year Award. The ceremony was held Wednesday in Courtroom One of the county’s Justice Center.

The choice award winners, C.O. and S.C., came into the juvenile justice system as teenagers and eventually found themselves in residential placement. However, working with the juvenile probation staff and involving themselves in programs offered by the department, they were discharged from supervision successfully. C.O. is working his way through the McDonald’s corporation as a store manager, while S.C. works, attends college, and hopes to be an architect. “Both of these young men experienced significant challenges and obstacles very early in life,” said Don Corry, the county’s chief juvenile probation officer. “Rather than have those experiences define the rest of their lives, both worked hard to make the internal changes that have led them to their current positive and productive path.”

Said his probation officer, Chris Bernard, “C.O. serves as a role model for all youth within the juvenile justice system, who are inundated with problematic circumstances and barriers that may impede or thwart successful outcomes. C.O. overcame seemingly insurmountable odds and achieved true positive change through his ability to maintain focus on his goals, despite his struggles

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and a few poor decisions throughout his journey.” He did not attend the ceremony because of work duties.

In introducing S.C, who was able to attend, probation officer Melissa Creedon said he had experienced a very abusive childhood and came into the system at 15, “with very little insight as to how his negative behaviors impacted those around him.”

“S.C. has been able to take a very difficult childhood and make changes for himself that are helping him become a more positive member of society,” said Creedon in her remarks to those at the ceremony. “Individuals he worked with, as well as his counselors, say that S.C. is an amazing young man. He is a role model who demonstrates that people can change despite some of the unfavorable conditions they were put in at any stage of their life.”

The Good Choices Award was created this year in honor of Mothers Against Drunk Driving volunteer Cheryl Nichols, who dedicated 20 years to presenting the “Choices” program to over 2,000 youth involved with the Juvenile Court.

Tricia Ushler, the Probation Officer of the Year, is one of the office’s most experienced staff members, celebrating 15 years on staff. In her current role as a diversion specialist, Tricia has worked to increase awareness of the collateral consequences of delinquency adjudications for youth, as well as how to most effectively address victim restoration and skill deficits in the county’s lowest-risk

offenders, according to a citation issued by the county commissioners. She works effectively with the District Attorney’s Office, Public Defenders Office, private attorneys and many community-based child-serving organizations.

“Her experience, hard work and positive demeanor have

contributed greatly to receiving this award, and have earned the ongoing respect of her peers,” according to the citation.

Said Corry: “Tricia Ushler has been an exceptional juvenile probation officer and is very deserving of this award.” Her ability to effectively balance the multiple roles probation officers take on (coach, mentor, authority figure, officer of the court) makes her an excellent role model for new juvenile probation officers.”

Ushler majored in Criminal Justice at Shippensburg University and also obtained her Master’s in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg. She lives in Wilmington, Delaware with her family.

## Westmoreland County

*Submitted by: Addie Beighley, Westmorland County*

### Juvenile Probation Celebrates 35 Years of Juvenile Court Week



As the wind blows and the leaves begin to fall, the employees at the Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation Office routinely make preparations to set aside their busy schedules to pause and educate. Its humble beginning, in 1982, involved middle school students, from a few area schools, visiting the Juvenile Office for a tour and a play/mock trial. In the years to come, this annual week became a beloved tradition for the juvenile staff. The week grew to include all seventeen county school districts and parochial schools. Not only were there tours of the detention facility, but also, incarcerated adult



Chester County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Don Corry, with Tricia Ushler the 2016 Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year,

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prisoners were invited to educate the students, along with juveniles in placement telling their stories. The staff would become actors for the week, to depict the lives of teenagers committing crimes that ended in a portrayal of a “mock trial.” This was to educate the youth as to what would actually occur should they decide to break the law. The schools loved it and it became tradition.



in an even bigger way! This year, we invited additional community resources and added family friendly activities - all in an effort to promote health and well-being in our communities.

Along with over 32 community providers, we had a D.U.I. Simulator, a fire truck from a local department, the Young Marines, and an agency that weighed students’ backpack to promote spine health. Additionally, a park police officer brought his police dog and a blood hound team. Children were not forgotten as there was face and pumpkin painting and balloon animals created. All visitors had the opportunity to win one of 37 gift baskets provided by our generous local businesses. If folks were feeling hungry, there were complementary snacks to enjoy.

We took this opportunity to promote membership for our local Youth Commission Program and educate the public on the juvenile system and valuable community resource for youth and families. This was once again a huge undertaking that can only be successful with the help and teamwork of all staff and we are fortunate to have that in Westmoreland.

We are hoping to see everyone next October for our 36th consecutive year.



In 2010, with the construction of our new office in the lower level of the building, Juvenile Court Week did an “about face.” No longer were tours for the school students possible. There was not enough room to bring so many schools together. The probation staff had to brainstorm another way to educate the public about the juvenile system in Westmoreland County. The week-long celebration changed.



We chose to host a Fall Family Funfest for the community! This year, we were proud to celebrate 35 years of Juvenile Court Week in Westmoreland County. This is a monumental accomplishment! Last year’s community event was so successful that we decided to repeat it but



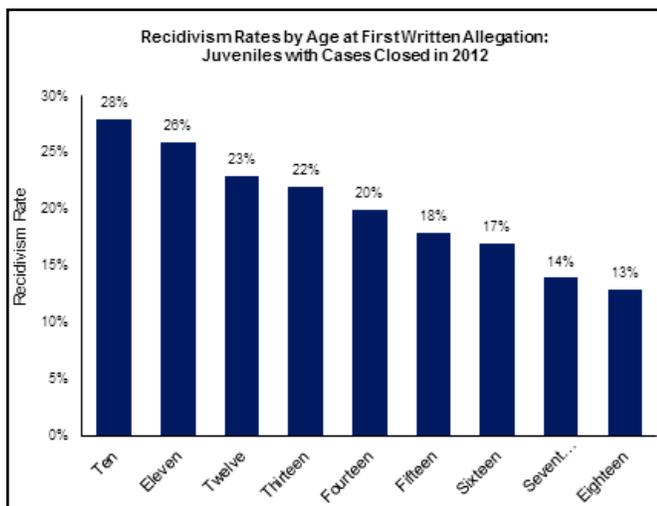
# The Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Recidivism Report: Juveniles with Cases Closed 2007-2012

Part 2 of a 4 part series

In September 2016, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) published its fourth recidivism report, entitled: "The Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Recidivism Report: Juveniles with Cases Closed 2007-2012." Since 2011, JCJC has undertaken the task of monitoring the annual statewide recidivism rates of juvenile offenders who had a case closed from a Pennsylvania juvenile probation department. Initially conducted to determine the relationships that existed between certain juvenile and system-level variables, the current report serves to highlight how juvenile offender characteristics and juvenile recidivism trends have changed over time in Pennsylvania. Recidivism is defined as: within two years of case closure, a subsequent adjudication of delinquency occurs in juvenile court or conviction in criminal court for a felony or misdemeanor offense. Analyses for the current study were based on data collected from youth with cases closed from Pennsylvania juvenile probation departments between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2012. The outcomes presented in this report are reflective of 110,881 youth with cases closed in this time period. Data for this project was compiled from the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS) and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Court's (AOPC) Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS).

The following article is Part 2 of a four-part series meant to disseminate the results of this comprehensive work. It will focus on demographic variables. Parts 3 and 4 will be published in forthcoming issues. To review a full copy of the report or the Research Brief, please visit: [www.jcjc.pa.gov](http://www.jcjc.pa.gov).

- In general, as age at the time of the youth's first written allegation to a juvenile probation department increased, the likelihood of recidivism decreased, indicating an inverse relationship between the two variables.

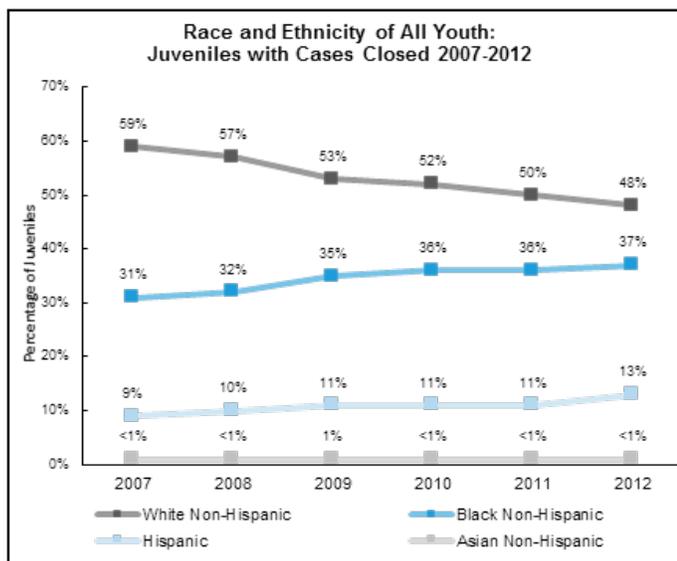


- The younger a juvenile was at the time of his or her first adjudication of delinquency, the more likely he or she was to recidivate. Conversely, the older the juvenile was at the time of his or

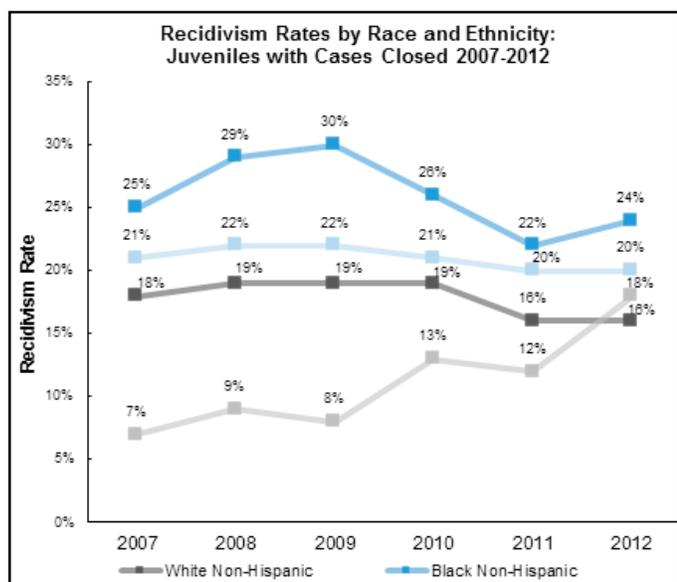
her first adjudication of delinquency, the less likely he or she was to recidivate.

- Among all juveniles with a case closed between 2007 and 2012, as age at the time of the youth's case closure increased, so did the likelihood of recidivism.
- Among all juveniles with a case closed between 2007 and 2012, males recidivated at a rate about 2.5 times higher than females. The recidivism rates of males ranged from a low of 22% in 2011 to a high of 27% in 2009. The recidivism rates of females ranged from a low of 8% in 2011 to a high of 11% in 2008 and 2009.
- There was a substantial shift in the race and ethnicity of juveniles who had cases closed from Pennsylvania juvenile probation departments in the six-year time period examined. From 2007-2012, the percentage of White Non-Hispanic youth with a case closure decreased 19% (or eleven percentage points), from 59% to 48%. The percentage of Black Non-Hispanic youth increased approximately 20% (or six percentage points), from 31% to 37%.

The percentage of Hispanic youth with a case closure increased approximately 45% (or three percentage points), from 9% to 13%.



- While recidivism rates for each race and ethnicity groups declined between 2007 and 2012 (with the exception of Asian Non-Hispanic juveniles), Black Non-Hispanic juveniles consistently had the highest recidivism rates, followed by Hispanic juveniles and White Non-Hispanic juveniles. Asian Non-Hispanic juveniles consistently had the lowest recidivism rates, with the exception of the year 2012. Between 2011 and 2012, the recidivism rates of Asian Non-Hispanic juveniles increased 50% (or six percentage points), from 12% to 18%.



- The percentage of White Non-Hispanic males with cases closed decreased 20% (nine percentage points) between 2007 and 2012, from 45% to 36%. The percentage of Black Non-Hispanic males increased 17% (or four percentage points) in this six-year time period, from 23% to 27%. Among the remaining race/ethnicity and gender groups, there were not substantial changes in the percentage of youth with cases closed.

- While recidivism rates for each of the race/ethnicity and gender groups generally declined between 2007 and 2012 (with the exception of Asian Non-Hispanic males), Black Non-Hispanic males consistently had the highest recidivism rates, followed by Hispanic males, and White Non-Hispanic males. Black Non-Hispanic females, White Non-Hispanic females, and Hispanic females consistently had the lowest recidivism rates.

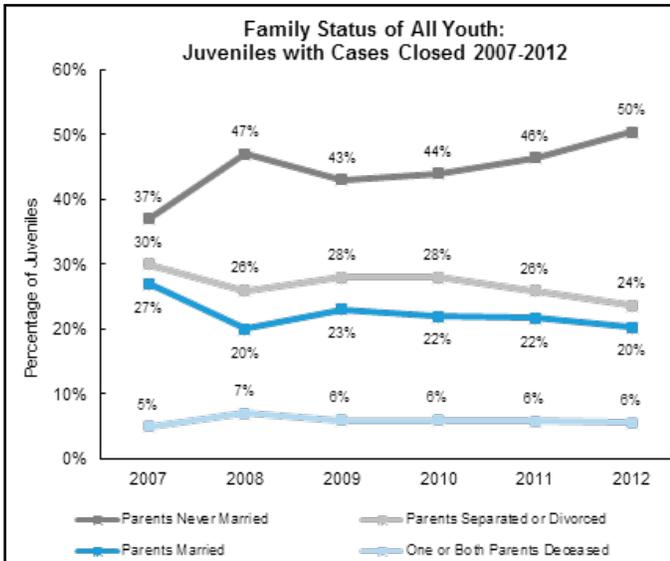
- Across the six years examined, juveniles with one or both parents deceased and juveniles with parents never married had the highest recidivism rates. Juveniles whose parents were married had the lowest recidivism rates.

- Across the six years examined, the proportion of juveniles with a case closure whose parents were never married increased approximately 35% (or thirteen percentage points), from 37% in 2007 to 50% in 2012. Conversely, the proportion of juveniles with a case closure whose parents were married decreased approximately 25% (or seven percentage points), from 27% in 2007 to 20% in 2012. Similarly, the proportion of juveniles with a case closure whose parents were separated or divorced decreased approximately 20% (or six percentage points), from 30% in 2007 to 24% in 2012. The proportion of juveniles with a case closure with one or both parents deceased did not change substantially between 2007 and 2012.

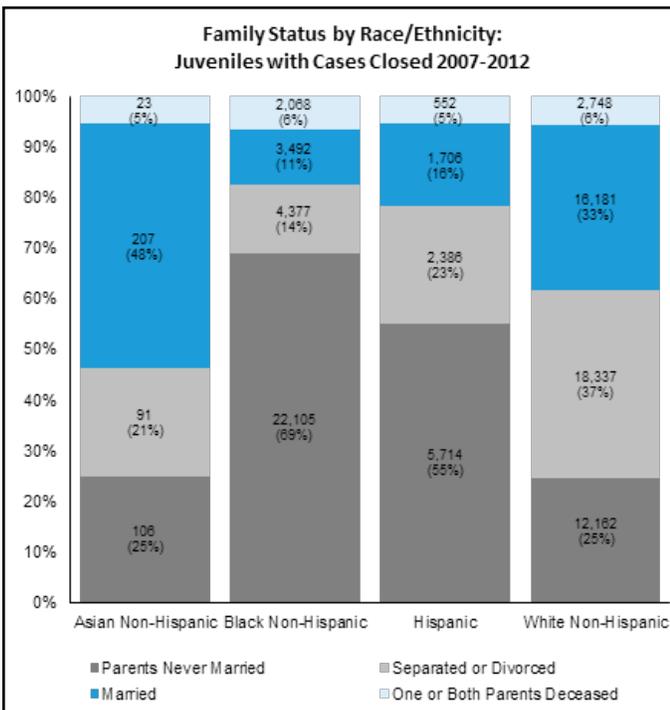
# Case Plan Forum Held in State College

On September 15th, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers sponsored a **Case Plan Forum**. Approximately 135 participants, representing 53 counties, attended the event. The forum's intended audience was chiefs, deputy chiefs, and key staff responsible for implementing the Case Plan within their department.

The event, which was facilitated by members of the Chiefs Council Case Plan Workgroup, focused on practical strategies for the implementation and use of a case plan in a juvenile probation department. Facilitators discussed the current research supporting the practice of case planning, case plan policy development, effective case plan skills, and training related to case planning. Various tools to support counties in their case plan work were also introduced, including a Best Practices Recommendations Document, a Policy Development Checklist, and a booster training case.



- Across the six years examined, Asian Non-Hispanic juveniles were most likely to have a family status of parents married, Black Non-Hispanic juveniles were most likely to have a family status of parents never married, Hispanic juveniles were most likely to have a family status of parents never married, and White Non-Hispanic juveniles were most likely to have a family status of parents separated or divorced.



## SAVE THE DATE

### Initial Training Program per JCPR 182 and 1182

**June 6, 2017**  
(Dependency)

**June 7, 2017**  
(Delinquency)

Location: Child Welfare Resource Center, 403 East Winding Hill Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Per JCPR 182 and 1182, this is a mandatory session  
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# RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE TRAINING CONFERENCE

## Hosted by: County Commissioners Association of PA

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The RTR Training Program will help minimize or eliminate injury to juvenile staff members and juveniles themselves while mitigating an agency's liability. This program is simple and easy for staff to learn while being effective for retaining and recalling.



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- REDUCING / MINIMIZING LIABILITY
- DUTY OF THE CONTACT / COVER COUNSELOR
- ARTICULATION & JUSTIFICATION OF ACTION
- SETTING STANDARDS FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS
- MANUAL & LESSON PLAN DEVELOPMENT
- REPORT WRITING
- TIME LINE DOCUMENTATION
- PRIVITIZED CORRECTIONS
- VIDEO ANALYSIS
- WARNING SIGNS OF INTENT
- RECOGNITION & PREVENTION OF POSITIONAL ASPHYXIA
- SITUATIONAL AWARENESS
- ENVIRONMENT CONTROL
- ESCORTING RESIDENTS
- VERBAL DE-ESCALATION
- PHYSICAL INTERVENTION
- LEAD HAND SELF DEFENSE
- BODY DRILLS
- TEAM TACTICS
- GROUND DEFENSE
- SEPARATING TWO (2) OR MORE RESIDENTS
- EDGE WEAPON DEFENSE
- RESOLUTIONS
- ROOM EXTRACTION
- USE OF FORCE

### TRAINING DETAILS

#### TRAINING LOCATION

CCAP Office Bld.  
2789 Old Post Rd  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

#### TRAINING DATE / TIME

November 14 - 18, 2016  
8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

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# National Juvenile Justice Announcements

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## SOLICITATION SEEKS JURISDICTIONS FOR MULTI-SYSTEM COLLABORATION TRAINING PROGRAM

The [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform \(CJJR\)](#), in partnership with OJJDP's [Center for Coordinated Assistance to the States](#), has issued a request for applications from jurisdictions seeking to engage in multi-system improvement efforts.

The [Multi-System Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) supports jurisdictions that are interested in developing a sound infrastructure to promote multi-system approaches to serving at-risk and justice-involved youth and their families. CJJR will provide distance learning training and technical assistance to as many as six jurisdictions—at no cost to the sites—to help them identify gaps in policy and practice, enhance information sharing capacities, explore how key decision points impact the trajectory of the youth they currently serve, understand the use of logic models to develop youth- and system-level outcome measures, and support culture change through leadership development. [Apply](#) by November 11, 2016.

## FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBERS

OJJDP Administrator Robert L. Listenbee recently appointed 14 new members to serve on the 2016–2017 [Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice \(FACJJ\)](#). OJJDP received, reviewed, and evaluated applications from across the nation. Newly appointed members represent a range of education, backgrounds, and experience.



Composed of members of state advisory groups on juvenile justice, the FACJJ advises the President and Congress on matters related to juvenile justice, evaluates the progress and accomplishments of juvenile justice activities and projects, and advises the OJJDP Administrator on the work of OJJDP.

Resources:

View [short biographies of the newly appointed members](#).

## DOJ, HUD AWARD GRANTS TO EXPAND JUVENILE REENTRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have [awarded an additional \\$300,000](#) in [Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program](#) grants to advance housing, jobs, and educational opportunities for justice-involved youth. The grants, which were funded through DOJ's [Second Chance Act](#) program, were awarded to four public housing authorities in New

Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Ohio in partnership with local nonprofits experienced in providing legal services to youth. In April, DOJ and HUD [awarded \\$1.75 million](#) to 18 public housing authorities and their partners to help justice-involved youth overcome barriers and secure education, jobs, and housing.

Resources:

Visit the [National Reentry Resource Center](#).

Read about [Second Chance Act](#) initiatives to facilitate successful juvenile reentry.

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARDS MORE THAN \$49 MILLION TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On September 29, 2016, the Department of Justice (DOJ) [awarded more than \\$49 million in grants](#) to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions, law enforcement agencies, and victim service providers to combat human trafficking nationwide. The grants will provide services for human trafficking victims, support task forces that investigate and prosecute human trafficking cases, assist child victims of sex trafficking, and support research and develop best practices to prevent and respond to such crimes.

The grants include:

A total of \$15.8 million to 22 law enforcement agencies and victim service providers to operate task forces and provide services to trafficking victims.

More than \$20 million to 34 victim service providers, including developmentally-appropriate and trauma-informed services.

A total of \$4.75 million to two states to improve outcomes for child and youth trafficking victims.

A total of \$1.2 million to three organizations to increase services for urban American Indian and Alaska Native victims of sex trafficking.

More than \$2.6 million to six nonprofit and faith-based organizations to provide mentoring to youth victimized by or at risk of domestic sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

In addition to OJJDP, the grants will be funded and administered by the Office of Justice Programs' Office for Victims of Crime, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and National Institute of Justice, and DOJ's Office on Violence Against Women.

Resources:

Visit OJJDP's new [Human Trafficking – Services for Survivors webpage](#).

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR TRAINING ON EVALUATING TRUANCY AND ATTENDANCE PROGRAMS

The [National Center for School Engagement](#) is offering “[Evaluating Your Truancy and Attendance Program](#)” on February 2, 2017, in Denver, CO. This interactive training is designed for managers who want to evaluate their truancy reduction programs or need to report program effectiveness to funders. Presenters will discuss how to decide what data to collect, what data collection methods to use, and how to assure the highest quality data for drawing accurate conclusions about truancy reduction programs.

Resources:

[Register](#) to attend.

## COORDINATING COUNCIL TO ADDRESS CROSS-AGENCY PROGRAMS SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH

On November 15, 2016, from 3 to 5 p.m. ET, the [Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) will convene in Washington, DC. The proposed agenda will include presentations and discussion on the sustainability of programs and activities that support cross-agency efforts affecting youth involved with the justice system. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch will chair the meeting. The deadline to [register](#) is November 12, 2016.



Resources:

Visit the [council's website](#) for information regarding meeting logistics.

Email questions to [Jeff Slowikowski](#) or [Melissa Kanaya](#).

## CENTER FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM ENDOWMENT HONORS FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO

The [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform](#) at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy has established the Janet Reno Endowment to honor and promote her legacy as America's first woman Attorney General and lifelong advocate for children and youth. The endowment will sustain programs and activities focused on the issues to which Janet Reno devoted her career. The endowment will fund efforts that enhance the ability of individuals and communities to develop child and youth-serving system reforms, foster cross-system collaboration, and honor exceptional women leaders.

The Janet Reno Endowment will include:

**Women's Leadership Award** recognizing extraordinary women leaders who champion the causes to which Janet Reno dedicated her career.

**Janet Reno Forums** to discuss practices, research, and policy reform in juvenile justice, child welfare, and child and youth development.

**Janet Reno Leadership Fund** to support at-risk children and youth.

**Future Policy Leaders** to assist McCourt School of Public Policy students on issues related to child- and youth-serving systems reform.

The endowment is also guided by a Distinguished Advisory Committee comprising leaders such as former Attorney General Eric Holder, former Governor and Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, former Governor Deval Patrick, and others.

Resources:

Learn more about [Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy](#).

## National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS



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