PACTT: Implementing Program Improvements to Enhance Academic and Career Technical Training
Presentation Overview

- Brief History
- Foundations of PACTT
- PACTT: General Focus
- Hear from our Affiliates
Brief History

- Initiative started by the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers in 2008

- The stated mission of the PACTT Alliance was to ensure that youths in correctional institutions:
  
  - Receive rigorous, relevant and high-quality education
  - Seamless transition for education and employment once student leaves
  - Identify and address barriers between youth in placement and a successful transition
Foundations of PACTT

• Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Act
  – Development of competencies

• National Center for Juvenile Justice’s *Advancing Competency Development: A White Paper for Pennsylvania*
  – Academic Skills
  – Competency Development
  – Workforce Development Skills and Job Training
PACTT: General Focus

- Employability and Soft Skills competency development
- Basic and/or entry-level certificates
- Integrate CTE learning and academics
- Academic reform
- Address systemic barriers impacting these areas
- Collect and assess data
PACTT Basics

- Pro-Social Skills
- Moral Reasoning Skills
- Academic Skills
- Workforce Development Skills
- Independent Living Skills
Youth Level of Service (YLS)

**Employment and Education:**

Building on academic and/or employment related competencies by encouraging the youth to continue advancement in school and/or areas of employability to achieve the highest possible level of achievement.
PACTT’s Services

Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy

- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Case Plan Development: Employment and Education
- Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) assistance
- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Policy Alignment - *Joint Position Statement on Supporting System-Involved Youth through Academic & Career/Technical Training*
PACTT’s Services

- Consulting support to our affiliates in academics & CTE’s
- Community Resources
- Writing Curriculum
- Trainings
- Job Information
- Affiliate website (*coming soon*)
PACTT Initiatives

- Mini-Grants
- Website
- Partnership with Research for Action (RFA)
  - Database Development and Implementation
- Employability Soft Skills Manual Revision
- A to B Project with Employers
PACTT Mini-Grants

- $25,000 per affiliate
  - Equipment
  - Certificates
  - Advanced Technology
  - Train the trainer

- Impact on facilities
  - Expansion of programs
  - New training opportunities
Essential PACTT Strategy: Training for Immediate Employment

- Examples:
  - Culinary Arts/Food Service
  - Building Trades: Indoor/Outdoor Maintenance
  - Auto Mechanics
  - Computer Technology
  - Auto Detailing
  - Welding

- Explore ways to use existing facility to build a basic POS

(www.pacareerzone.org)
Essential PACTT Strategy: Basic certificates

- These certificates should be available to all youth, and are easily taught
- Integrate Academics with job training
- Provide work experience
- Link community service with CTE training
Offered Certificates

- ServSafe Food Handler
- ServSafe Manager
- OSHA 10
- OSHA 30
- OSHA 40 (HAZWOPER)
- First Aid/CPR
- Commit 2 Clean
- ICDL (International Computer Driving License)
- Flagger
- Forklift
- MOS (Microsoft Office)
- Valvoline Basic Oil Change
• CISP (Community Intensive Supervision Program)  
  (Probation Department)

• PA Child Care  
  (Secure Juvenile Facility)
Conversation with PACTT Affiliates

Please share……

• Why did you join PACTT?
• How has PACTT standards impacted your facility programming?
• How did you use the PACTT mini-grant to improve your program(s)?
• How has it impacted the youth?
• Future plans?
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