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## Communities That Care Recognizes General Colin Powell, National and State Award Winners

Nearly 600 people were on hand in Hershey in October as General Colin Powell, USA (Retired), gave the keynote address to the National Communities That Care Conference. General Powell spoke to the group about the potential impact individual neighborhoods may have on young people's lives. General Powell is the founder of America's Promise, the Alliance for Youth. Governor Tom Ridge and Pennsylvania First Lady Michele Ridge presented him with a special Pennsylvania Communities That Care award for his work with youth.

The conference, sponsored by Developmental Research Programs, of Seattle, WA, and the Pennsylvania Governor's Community Partnership for Safe Children, honored outstanding Communities That Care (CTC) projects nationally and statewide. An article detailing the conference and state award-winning programs appeared in the October issue of this newsletter. Photos of the award winners appear on the next three pages of this issue.

Philadelphia's Communities That Care (CTC) received the award for Best Co-Collaboration. Carlton Hall, CTC Project Director from

the Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Community Service, accepted the award on behalf of the team.

Philadelphia's CTC is a coordination of three separate community efforts in assessing and planning for the reduction of problem behaviors. Prevention Policy Teams (PPTs) lead the efforts in each of the three city Empowerment Zones (EZ). These areas represent three of the most impoverished, depressed neighborhoods in Philadelphia. The PPTs meet at least monthly. A

coordinating committee of members from each PPT, various city agencies, Empowerment Zone staff and CTC staff monitor adherence to the process, share information, offer solutions and coordinate resource requests. A third group in the structure is the Resource and Advisory Group, an independent group of key leaders advising the Coordinating Council of citywide linkages that CTC can leverage to coordinate services for youth and families.



General Colin L. Powell receives a special Communities That Care recognition award from Governor Tom Ridge and Pennsylvania's First Lady Michele Ridge at the Communities That Care National Conference held in Hershey in October.



Dr. Richard Catalano, Jr. of Developmental Research and Programs of Seattle, WA, co-founder of Communities That Care, presents a National CTC Recognition to Carlton Hall representing the Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Community Service. The Philadelphia project received an award for Best Co-Collaboration.

The PPTs have developed juvenile delinquency prevention programs that specifically address the risk factors that were identified as most pressing. American Street has implemented a program to address academic failure. North Central's JOBSTART program seeks to engage youth in employment training with education, job placement and individual supports. West Philadelphia connects school resources with an on-site family center to increase student's attachment to school.

Philadelphia's CTC, in collaboration with the Philadelphia Empowerment Zone, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Police District, and several other agencies and organizations developed an ambitious plan called Operation Makeover to clean up drug-filled corridors of the city. The community purchased a police mobile mini-station and developed a plan focused on dramatically reducing drug trafficking in target areas.

The first part of the three-phase

plan began in August 1999 with police rolling through the 15<sup>th</sup> and Stiles area and shutting down the open-air drug market. To date, over 100 drug dealers have been arrested and over \$20,000 in drugs and profit have been confiscated.

Phase Two of Operation Makeover involved the physical cleanup of the area. Philadelphians pulled together with no additional funding dollars to clean up the area. The team painted over graffiti, removed abandoned cars, cleaned and sealed dangerous buildings and removed trash from vacant lots.

The community is now sustaining the initiative in Phase Three. More neighbors are involved in town watch organizations, graffiti has not returned and buildings remain sealed. Church groups are hosting meetings in vacant lots and children are playing in streets once dominated by drug dealers.

After one year, the results of Operation Makeover have been



Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner Col. Paul Evanko, representing Governor Tom Ridge, presents Joe Markowitz of Erie County with the Pennsylvania Communities That Care Award for Best Long Term Key Leader Involvement.

exemplary. Evaluation findings showed that participants in the program experienced an increased awareness of the program and a belief in their ability to affect change in their neighborhoods. Recent police reports suggest that when compared to the entire police district, the Makeover area has the greatest amount of police presence and arrests because the community is organized, motivated and trained to provide the greatest amount of information.

Operation Makeover has received both local and national recognition. The Police Commissioner and the President of the City Council have praised the initiative for its effectiveness and inclusiveness. A nationally published 1999 report, commissioned by Vice President Al Gore entitled "What Works in the Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities" identified Operation Makeover as an excellent example of fostering empowerment through strategic vision, broad based participation and innovative leadership.



Dorothy Armond accepts the Unsung Hero Award from State Police Commissioner Evanko. Armond is the project director of the Bloomsdale-Fleetwing CTC project in Bucks County.



Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner Col. Paul Evanko with members of the Delaware County Communities That Care Team. Delaware County was presented the co-award for Best Community Plan to Leverage Resources.



Col. Evanko with members of the McKean County Communities That Care Team. McKean County won two state awards—one for Best Authentic Youth Involvement, the other for Best Outcome Based Planning.



Col. Evanko presents Andy Angell and Leslie Kio of McKean County with the award for Best Authentic Youth Involvement.



Lois Buhman of Developmental Research and Programs of Seattle, Washington accepts a special appreciation award from Col. Evanko. Buhman is DRP's training advisor assigned to assist in the training of Pennsylvania communities.



Commissioner Evanko presents the Outstanding Volunteer Award to Marvin Smith of Clearfield County.



Col. Paul Evanko presents the co-award for Best Community Plan to Leverage Resources to Clearfield County representatives Judée Guth and Commissioner Gerald Hatcher.



Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner Col. Paul Evanko with Outstanding Youth Award Winner Joanna Belcher of Cumberland County. She was active in Cumberland County's Youth Advisory Committee, serving as its president and the organizer of many community service projects.



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## Philadelphia Family Court Celebrates the Juvenile Court Centennial



Judge Paul P. Panepinto, center, Administrative Judge of the Philadelphia Family Court, with two former Administrative Judges, Hon. Frank J. Montemuro, left, and Hon. Jerome A. Zaleski.

On October 7, during Juvenile Court Week in Pennsylvania, judges and staff of the Family Court in Philadelphia devoted the entire day to celebrating the Centennial of the Juvenile Court in America and to reflecting on the legacy and traditions of the Juvenile Court in Philadelphia. The first Juvenile Court was opened in Chicago in July, 1899. The Philadelphia Juvenile Court was established as a completely separate court in 1914. Administrative Judge Paul P. Panepinto closed the delinquency and dependency courts for the day to give everyone a chance to appreciate the work of the court over the years.

A continental breakfast was served in the foyer of the Courthouse at 1801 Vine Street. In the middle of the foyer stands a statue of the first President Judge of the Family Court, Judge Charles Brown, who served from 1914 to 1940. On the statue is an inscription that affirms the dedication of the Court to the

welfare of children and the preservation of the family.

Breakfast was followed by the 1999 Family Court Employee Awards Ceremony that honored employees for outstanding service, 25 years of service, or perfect attendance. Both Juvenile Court and Domestic Relations Court employees were honored. Several court programs also were recognized for their achievements.

A luncheon in honor of the Centennial was held at the Independence Blue Cross Building in Philadelphia. The luncheon brought together judges and court officials, juvenile service providers, and various stakeholders in the Juvenile Justice System. Governor Ridge sent a message of greetings and well wishes to the gathering.

In the afternoon, an assembly of several hundred people heard Judge Panepinto and his predecessors as Administrative Judge reminisce about developments at

the Court during their watches. All of the Administrative Judges who had served since the 1969 creation of the current Family Division were there: Judges Montemuro, Cipriani, Zaleski, Sylvester, and Panepinto. Judge Cipriani, who is 80 years of age and still active in the court, talked about the construction of the Family Court Courthouse in the late 1930s. He explained the symbolism of the murals, stained glass windows, and other art work in terms of the juvenile and family issues prevalent at the time.

A choir of young people performed after the historical presentations. Awards were then presented to a number of juveniles for their accomplishments. After the ceremony, guided tours of the building were provided for family members and guests. Probation units and other court offices were open and ready for visitors. Banners were hung throughout the building proclaiming the Centennial of the Juvenile Court. A number of provider agencies staffed booths to describe the services they provide to juveniles committed by the court.

The Centennial Celebration concluded with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the foyer. The participants enjoyed the day and came to appreciate the ideas and traditions of the Juvenile Court. Some left hoping that another generation of court people will come together to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Juvenile Court on a day in 2099.

# HB 1801 Provides for Guardians ad litem in Dependency Proceedings

**H**ouse Bill 1801(2207) amends The Juvenile Act by creating a new 42 Pa.C.S. §6711 “Guardian ad litem for child in court proceedings”. This section provides that when a proceeding has been initiated under The Juvenile Act alleging a child to be dependent under paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), or (10), of the definition of “dependent child” in §6302, the Court must appoint a guardian ad litem for the child. In addition, §6337 “Right to counsel” is amended to clarify that, in a dependency proceeding where a child is alleged to be dependent under the clauses previously set forth, the court is to appoint the child’s legal counsel as a guardian ad litem to represent the best interests of the child.

The proposed §6311 provides that the guardian ad litem must be an attorney at law and shall be charged with representation of the child at every stage of the proceedings. This legislation sets forth the following responsibilities for a guardian ad litem.

- Meet with the child as soon as possible following appointment and on a regular basis thereafter, in a manner appropriate to the child’s age and maturity.
- On a timely basis, be given access to relevant court and county agency records; reports of examination of the parents or other custodian of the child pursuant to The Juvenile Act; and medical, psychological and school records.
- Participate in all court and administrative hearings and reviews to the degree necessary to adequately represent the child.
- Conduct such further investigation necessary to ascertain the facts.

- Interview potential witnesses, including the child’s parents, caretakers and foster parents; examine and cross-examine witnesses; and present witnesses and evidence necessary to protect the best interests of the child.

- At the earliest possible date, be advised by the county agency having legal custody of the child of any plan to relocate the child or modify custody or visitation arrangements, including the reasons therefor, prior to the relocation or change in custody or visitation; and, any proceeding, investigation or hearing under Title 23 or The Juvenile Act directly affecting the child.

- Make specific recommendations to the court relating to the appropriateness and safety of the child’s placement and services necessary to address the child’s needs and safety.

- Explain the proceedings to the child, to the extent appropriate given the child’s age, mental and emotional condition.

- Advise the court of the child’s wishes, to the extent that they can be ascertained, and present to the court whatever evidence exists to support the child’s wishes.

- When appropriate because of the age or mental and emotional condition of the child, determine, to the fullest extent possible, the wishes of the child and communicate this information to the court.

HB 1801 specifically provides that a difference between the child’s wishes and the recommendations to the court made by the guardian ad litem shall not be considered a conflict of interest for the guardian ad litem. HB 1801(2207) received first consid-

eration in the House of Representatives on October 25, 1999, after having been reported from the House Judiciary Committee on that date. The bill is currently tabled in the House. This legislation has been endorsed by the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission.

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## Computer Training Available

**T**he Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) has released its Computer Learning Center’s schedule for software training programs being held in the first quarter of 2000. All Commonwealth law enforcement personnel, which includes juvenile probation department staff, are welcome to attend. The computer lab training facility offers an on-going series of mostly one-day programs held on the following dates: Introduction to Personal Computers Jan. 6 and Feb. 23; Introduction to Windows 95 held on Feb. 1 and Mar. 8; Introduction to Wordprocessing-Word 97 held on Jan. 5, Feb. 3, and Mar. 7; Word 97-Intermediate Jan. 11 and Feb. 9; Introduction to Wordprocessing-Word 97-Advanced Feb. 22; Introduction to Database-Microsoft Access 97 held on Jan. 24 and Mar. 1; Access Intermediate Feb. 2; Access Advanced Mar. 29; Introduction to Spreadsheets-Excel 97 held on Jan. 13, Feb. 8, and Mar. 2; Introduction to the Internet on Jan. 12, Feb. 24 and Mar. 28; Introduction to Presentations-Powerpoint 97 on Jan. 4 and Feb. 10; Powerpoint Intermediate Jan. 25-26 and Feb. 28-29; Advanced

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## Thomas P. Green Joins JCJC Staff

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission is pleased to announce that Thomas P. Green joined its staff on December 6, 1999 as the Director of Administration and Grant Programs.

Green has more than 26 years of experience in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. He began his career in juvenile justice in 1973, as a juvenile probation officer in Schuylkill County. He was promoted to Deputy Chief in 1978, and served as the Schuylkill County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer since 1984.

Green has been very active with the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. He has chaired numerous committees of the Council including the Personnel Committee, Legislative Committee, and most recently its Grants Management / Council Employees Committee. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Labor Management Relations from Pennsylvania State University (1972) and a Masters Degree in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University (1984). Green can be reached at 717-705-6596, or through e-mail at tgreen@state.pa.us

## HB 877 Reported from Senate Judiciary Committee

House Bill 877 (2770) was reported from the Senate Judiciary Committee on December 7, 1999 after having been previously passed by the House of Representatives.

This legislation, sponsored by Rep. Brett Feese (R-Lycoming), would amend The Juvenile Act to clarify the responsibilities, respectively, of the Pennsylvania State Police and the Juvenile Court Judge's Commission regarding the reporting and maintenance of juvenile delinquency disposition information. Of particular significance is the expansion of the definition of "juvenile history record information" at 42 Pa.C.S. §6309 to include information regarding both alleged and adjudicated delinquents whose fingerprints and photographs have been taken pursuant to §6308(c) and the last known location and juvenile court jurisdiction status of each adjudicated delinquent. The addition of this information is necessary to the development of the statewide "Juvenile Tracking System" being developed in conjunction with the Commonwealth JNET initiative.

Other key elements of this legislation are as follows:

- 42 Pa. C. S. §6309(d) is amended to clarify that the Central Repository maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police include fingerprints, photographs and juvenile history record information of both alleged and adjudicated delinquents.
- 42 Pa. C. S. §6309(c) is amended to clarify that arresting authorities are to ensure that the fingerprints and photographs of

all alleged and adjudicated delinquents whose fingerprints and photographs have been taken by the arresting authority are forwarded to the Central Repository as required by the Pennsylvania State Police.

- §6309(d) is amended to clarify that courts shall collect and submit to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission the disposition of cases where a child has been alleged to be delinquent, including the disposition of cases resulting in adjudication of delinquency which shall be submitted for inclusion in the Central Repository within 90 days of an adjudication of delinquency as required by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.

HB 877(2770) was referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations on December 7, 1999.

### Position Available

#### Clinical Director

Abraxas I, a 248-bed residential facility, located in Marienville, is looking for a Clinical Director. Responsibilities include supervision and guidance of clinical-direct care staff, development, review, and evaluation of clinical treatment program directed toward the therapeutic care and rehabilitation of adolescent or delinquent substance abusers. Minimum requirements include a BA/BS, plus 5 years of experience. A masters degree is preferred. Send resume to Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 59, Blue Jay Village, Marienville, PA 16239

Powerpoint Mar. 22-23; Introduction to Windows NT Workstation 4.0 held on Mar. 21 and, several other specialized law enforcement computer-related topics.

The programs are held usually from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The computer lab is located on the grounds of the Municipal Police Officers' Training Academy at 75 East Derry Road in Hershey. For course descriptions prospective participants are encouraged to visit the MPOETC's website at: [www.mpoetc.org](http://www.mpoetc.org)

Class size is limited, since each student learns through guided hands-on instruction with a PC they are using. The Computer Learning Center's training is free to all law enforcement personnel and classes fill quickly. Early registration is encouraged. For those individual attending outside a commutable distance, two recommendations for lodging are: The Milton Motel, 1733 E. Chocolate Avenue, (within about a mile of the Academy) \$55-\$60 + tax @ 717- 533-4533; or, the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East, 4751 Lindle Road, (exit #1 off I-283-about 10 minutes from Hershey) \$55 +tax @ 717- 939-7841.

Registration information or questions should be directed to Ms. Julie Weitzel at 717- 533-5987, extension 222, or e-mail at [jweitzel@psp.state.pa.us](mailto:jweitzel@psp.state.pa.us) Dave Davis is the manager of the Computer Lab Training facility. He can be reached at extension 210 at the same number. Registrations should be faxed to 717-787-1650.

## Staff Development News

The CJJT&R Spring 2000 Staff Development Schedule has been mailed. Registrations should be returned by January 24, 2000. The Center will continue to accept registrations on a *space-available basis* until the day prior to each program. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and many programs are expected to reach capacity on or before the January 24 due date. The early return of registration materials is strongly encouraged -- every season programs fill as much as a week before the registration deadline. Payment of registration fees may follow later.

A total of 22 programs are being sponsored this spring. Several new topics, are included in this season's schedule. "Effective Employee Discipline," for the system's supervisors and managers, will be held in State College on March 22-23. This program will be led by Richard Cipoletti, a management consultant and trainer in the Allentown area. The program was developed expressly in response to suggestions of Chief Juvenile Officers who are struggling with these difficult issues.

On March 29-31, the Center will sponsor "Presentation Skills for Juvenile Probation Officers." This program will be held in the Harrisburg area and will be presented by David Steenson, a 35-year veteran juvenile probation officer from Minneapolis, Minnesota, who is a nationally recognized trainer and has presented similar programs for the NCJFCJ and NIC. As we are increasingly called upon to make public presentations, this two and one-half day workshop is

designed to give participants a solid theoretical and experiential background to increase their "comfortability quotient" in public speaking situations. This program would be ideally suited to BARJ coordinators.

A "Wellness Workshop" for juvenile justice practitioners will be presented by Rob Bresciani, a management analyst for the State of Colorado's Office of Probation Services and Walt Czapan, a victim services coordinator from Boulder, Colorado. The program will be held on April 8 in the Harrisburg area.

"Working with Girls," led by Dr. Sheila Peters and Sharon Peters, will be offered regionally this spring. The condensed one and one-half day program will be presented in the Allentown area on April 13-14 and outside Pittsburgh on April 18-19. This program was a part of the Center's staff development schedule the last two seasons and each time many prospective attendees had to be turned away as the program, which received tremendous evaluation feedback, reached its limited size quickly. This is our final attempt to satisfy your demand for this content.

Another trainer new to the CJJT&R schedule, Dr. Lois Draina, of Marywood University faculty, will lead the workshop "Leadership Strategies," designed for the system's supervisors and managers on April 26-27 in State College.

For those who raved about the several past offerings of "From Disrupter to Achiever," we have arranged for an advanced level workshop on the topic on April

27-28 in State College. This program will be presented by James Levin, Ph.D. and John Shanken-Kaye, Ph.D. and is designed for those that have attended one of the three introductory sessions over the last several years. This program is sure to fill early!

Also on April 27-28, the Center will sponsor a program for the system's support staff, "Communicating Assertively," at the Days Inn Penn State which will be led by Dr. Rosa K. Lewis. Managers are encouraged to urge their support staff to attend.

We are continuing to experiment with providing regional programs in the Allentown and Pittsburgh areas. In the fall of 1999 we moved our Allentown area programs to the Holiday Inn Conference Center, Lehigh Valley, PA. This spring we are using a new Harrisburg-area site, as well. All Harrisburg-area programs will be held at the **Holiday Inn Harrisburg West, Mechanicsburg**, located at the intersection of I-581 and US 11. Managers are encouraged to bring these changes to the attention of their staff!

We are urging agency training coordinators to provide each registrant with a photocopy of the one-page description for each program they will be attending to serve as a reminder of the program's learning objectives, dates, times and location.

If by January you have not yet received a copy of the Center's training schedule, or if you have any further questions regarding these or other staff development opportunities, please contact either Lisa Freese at 717-477-1411 or John Herb at 717-477-1185.

## The Tutor/Mentor Connection Web Site

**T**he Tutor/Mentor Connection web site is dedicated to creating an exchange of ideas and resources for a "village" of strong tutor/mentoring programs. The site is "about kids" and "mentor-rich programs where kids can connect with adults, learn skills, be safe, and find support to help them climb the ladder to a career." As part of this strategy, the Tutor/Mentor Connection is working to create a flow of resources into every neighborhood, so that all mentoring programs can be successful.

The information on the web site is divided into two categories. One is information to help build a tutor/mentor program, improve an existing program, or to help volunteers become more effective. The other category is events to build public awareness and to help activate volunteers, donors, leaders and business partners to support tutor/mentor programs. Even though the events discussed focus mainly on the Chicago area, they can be duplicated in any city in the country at "very modest rates of expense."

There are ten sections to the web site, represented by nine spokes around a wheel. The Best Practice section allows the browser to look at the Total Quality Mentoring Chart, which is a blueprint for what a comprehensive, long-term program might look like. Hot Links is a section that contains web sites throughout the world, with tutoring, mentoring, school-to-career models from which any program or community can learn.

The T/MC Kids section gives examples of tutor/mentor programs in action, and the training

section provides steps to building a tutor/mentor program and recruitment of volunteers. In the Connect with Others section visitors to the site are allowed to give their feedback, which ties in nicely with the Management section, which offers advice from people around the country who are involved with successful tutor/mentoring programs. The purpose of this section is to "learn from others," because the people at the Tutor/Mentor Connections see no reason to "reinvent the wheel."

In the Virtual Information section the goal is to gather the best minds, the most committed and experienced leaders, and the best research of what works in an ongoing discussion of how they can make every tutor/mentor program in America a "Best Practice" with positive results. To accomplish this goal the Tutor/Mentor Connection is seeking to enlist facilitators to lead on-going planning and conversations which identify and discuss different practices, needs and opportunities, and build a consensus of what works best, and what resources are most needed to help every at-risk child in America move successfully to a career.

The Tutor/Mentor Connection web site can be found at [www.tutormentorconnection.org](http://www.tutormentorconnection.org). It is a comprehensive site, full of useful information and well worth repeated visits.

# Forty Counties Hear Suggestions for Improving Their Juvenile Court Response To Victims

A statewide training conference titled, "Improving the Juvenile Court Response to Victims" was held on December 8-10, 1999, at the Holiday Inn East in Harrisburg. Forty counties were represented with over 200 participants in attendance. Counties were encouraged to attend as a team with representation from the various stakeholder groups within their local juvenile justice system.

The conference format was based on a training design developed by the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges and featured national consultants as well as in-state experts on a variety of topics. The training format provided participants with a comprehensive overview of the issues related to providing services to juvenile crime victims, as well as an opportunity to interact with their local partners in developing a collaborative plan for implementing rights and services for victims of juvenile offenders.

Mary Achilles, The Governor's Victim Advocate; Carol Lavery, Director of the Bureau of Victims' Services; Ruth Williams, Juvenile Justice Program Manager from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and their staff were available throughout the conference to provide guidance and technical assistance as requested.

Anne Seymour, a nationally recognized victims' rights and public safety consultant facilitated the 2-½ day training program. Participants heard from numerous experts from within Pennsylvania as well as nation-

ally recognized trainers who brought a diversified array of experience to the training program.

The Honorable Chet W. Vahle, from Quincy, Illinois, presented a segment titled "The Role of the Juvenile Court Judge" that addressed the needs and interests of crime victims. His reference to a disposition made by Bucks County Judge Kenneth G. Biehn which was particularly responsive to crime victims, relayed to the training participants the creativity and the progressive nature of many counties in Pennsylvania.

Dan Pompa, Court Administrator of the Lucas County Juvenile Court in Toledo, Ohio, provided a lively presentation and stimulated audience participation through his discussion on the importance of restitution to victims of juvenile crime.

A special component of this training was the participation of Jan Marino, who was herself a victim of a violent juvenile offense. Ms. Marino courageously told her story of victimization by a juvenile offender and the response she received from the system. She then related that she is very gratified to see that the juvenile justice system is changing to meet the needs of victims of crime.

Other components of the program were presented by our own experts and included "The Victim Experience" by Alberta McCargo James, Victim Services Coordinator from the Philadelphia Juvenile Probation Department, "Balanced and Restorative Justice" by James Anderson,

Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges Commission, "Rights of Victims of Juvenile Offenders" by Mary Achilles, the Governors appointed Victim Advocate, "Orientation for Victims" by Valerie Bender, Restorative Justice Consultant and national trainer, and "Victim Notification" by John Delaney, Assistant District Attorney for Philadelphia.

James Rieland, Director of Court Services in Allegheny County, moderated a panel of victim/witness service providers who represented alternative models for providing coordinated services to juvenile crime victims. As noted through the panel presentations, there are several approaches to collaborative services within local jurisdictions. Some programs are based in the Office of the District Attorney, others are based in the Juvenile Probation Department, and some are provided through partnerships with comprehensive community based victim services programs, or in combination with other agencies and programs.

Numerous judges and juvenile justice professionals participated in an interactive discussion on creative dispositions utilized in local juvenile courts. Programs such as Victim Impact Panels in Somerset County, Peer Juries in Blair County, Youth Aid Panels in York County and Victim Notification and Impact Statements used in Bucks County were some of the examples shared with the participants.

Conference participants stated they gained immeasurable knowledge through this event and the literature that was

available through this training. Time was made available for participants to meet with their own team to begin a dialog on a coordinated response to victims' services within their juvenile court. This session proved to be of great benefit to many counties struggling to provide for the rights and interests of victims of juvenile crime.

Many informational booklets and brochures were shared with the participants. Of particular note is an excellent document outlining research and recommendations for developing sensitive policies and processes regarding the submission of victim impact statements. This booklet and several other articles are listed below:

"IMPACT STATEMENTS, A Victim's Right to Speak, A Nation's Responsibility to Listen. Final Report" Sponsored by U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. \$7.50. Available through the National Center for victims of Crime, ATTN: Publications; 2111 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300; Arlington, VA 22201. (703) 276-2880

"Proposed Expansion of Pennsylvania's Victims Bill of Rights to Include Victims of Juvenile Offenders" Available through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Bureau of Victims Services (717) 783-0551.

"Victim/Witness Services in the Juvenile Justice System" Pennsylvania Progress, March 1997. Available from the National Center for Juvenile Justice, Harrisburg Office. Contact Eric Van Slander at (717) 233-3343.

"Balanced and Restorative Justice: Implementing the Philosophy" Pennsylvania

Progress, October 1997. Available from the National Center for Juvenile Justice, Harrisburg Office. Call Eric Van Slander at 717-233-3343.

"Apologies: Balancing the Needs of Victims and Offenders" Office of the Victim Advocate Newsletter, June 1999. Available at [www.ova.state.pa.us](http://www.ova.state.pa.us) or telephone 717-783-7501.

"Balanced and Restorative Justice in Pennsylvania: A New Mission and Changing Roles within the Juvenile Justice System" March 1997; Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. Call Susan Blackburn, 717-705-2290 or e-mail [sblackburn@state.pa.us](mailto:sblackburn@state.pa.us)

"Guide for Implementing the Balanced and Restorative Justice Model", OJJDP Report, December 1998. (NCJ 167887). Available through the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse at (800) 638-8736.

"Juvenile Offenders and Victims", 1999 OJJDP Report, available through the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse at 800-638-8736.

### Position Available

A program recognized three-times by OJJDP as a national model announces an open application period for a variety of positions within all intensive community-based day treatment programs throughout northeastern and central Pennsylvania. Requirements vary according to position. Benefits include medical, prescription, dental, vision, 403(b), vacation, sick time, and personal time.

Submit resume or call for more information: Collette Benner, HR Exec. Ass't., 570-568-1131  
Bethesda Day Treatment Center,  
P.O. Box 270  
West Milton, PA 17886

## Twenty-one New Communities Begin CTC Training

In late November and early December, 21 communities were represented at CTC Key Leader Orientation. This training is the first step communities and community leaders take to learn about the CTC model. In order to accommodate such a large number of communities, three training cycles (cycles 9, 10, and 11) have been arranged.

The first training cycle, cycle 9, consists of county-wide community leaders. The participating counties include Pike, Sullivan, Mifflin, Juniata, Armstrong, Lebanon, and Bedford Counties. Cycle ten is primarily made up of school district communities: Keystone School District (Clinton County); Greenville Area School District (Mercer County); Great Valley School District (Chester County); Warminster School District (Bucks County); and Middletown Area School District (Dauphin County). In addition, Middletown Township in Bucks County and Centre County are included with this group.

Cycle 11 consists of larger, more urban areas, and includes: Braddock and Duquesne in Allegheny County; Bethlehem in Lehigh County; and North Philadelphia, South Central Philadelphia, and Olney in Philadelphia County.

With the inclusion of these new communities, there are now 91 Pennsylvania communities participating in the CTC process.