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Governor Ridge Appoints 16 New Members to the Children's Partnership

Governor Tom Ridge recently appointed 16 new members to the Governor's Community Partnership for Safe Children. A total of 38 members comprises the Children's Partnership, chaired by Pennsylvania's First Lady, Michele M. Ridge. The partnership was established by Executive Order in 1995 to assist communities in reducing incidents of violence committed by and against children in Pennsylvania. This statewide violence-prevention initiative has joined with community leaders to identify risks that increase the likelihood of young people developing problem behaviors during adolescence, and to identify interventions that protect against risks. The centerpiece of these efforts is the "Communities That Care" initiative. Currently in place in 64 jurisdictions within 44 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties, CTC provides local key community leaders with a research-based and data-driven structure with which to assist in determining key risk indicators which, without intervention, will likely lead to problem behaviors within their communities. Last year, CTC programs in Blair, Cumberland, and Franklin counties received three national

awards for their local prevention planning efforts.

The new members appointed by Governor Ridge are Wendy Arnold, Guidance Counselor from the Dallastown School District; Patricia Colantoni from Sullivan County Victim Services; G. Warren Elliott, a Franklin County commissioner; Mark Greenberg of the Prevention Research Center at Penn State; Joseph Giles of the Erie County Council; Leon Haynes from Hosanna House in Wilkinsburg; the Honorable Samuel McCullough, Secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development; John Jones Jr., Chairman, PLCB, Nanette McLaughlin who is Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor; Tom King, State College Chief of Police; Paula McWilliams, Director of Public Affairs for AT&T; the Honorable Jolene Grubb Kopriva of the Blair County Court; the Reverend Anna Martinez of Neighbors Who Care; the Honorable Robert Muscalus, Physician General of Pennsylvania; Cynthia Wess, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Cambria County; and the Honorable Mark Zimmer, District Attorney of Wayne County.

At its recent meeting, the Children's Partnership heard a presentation by Dr. Delbert Elliott, Director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado. Dr. Elliott led a national review of violence-prevention programs to identify those that met a high threshold of effectiveness. These ten *Blueprints for Violence Prevention* have been determined to reduce the onset and continuation of problem behaviors when properly implemented. At the May 10, 1999, meeting, First Lady Michele Ridge announced the Governor's support for local development of these and other violence-prevention initiatives that research has determined will reduce problem behaviors among children and adolescents. The 1999-00 budget includes \$4 million for the development of these programs in existing sites which have undertaken a local collaborative process and identified risk conditions that increase the likelihood of problem behaviors.

Mullen Retires from CJJT&R



Charlie Chervank, Director of the Bureau of State Children and Youth Programs, presents Joe Mullen with a plaque recognizing his contribution to staff training in the YDC/YFC system at the annual Staff Recognition Program in April, 1999.

Joseph K Mullen, Director of Correctional Training at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research, will retire June 29, 1999, after 30 years of distinguished state service. Mullen began his career in 1968 as a cottage supervisor at the Leysville Youth Development Center. During his tenure at YDC/Leysville, he held several positions, including unit supervisor from 1970-72, Director of the Diagnostic Program, 1972-76, and Program Director from 1976 to 1980.

In February, 1980, Mullen joined the staff of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission as Director of Training. Within two years, he transformed a lackluster training program into an outstanding one that provided high-quality training opportunities for juvenile probation officers.

In 1985, Mullen became the Director of Correctional Training at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research. In this role, he guided the development

of an effective training and management system for the state-operated Youth Development Centers and Youth Forestry Camps. This training curriculum became a model for all private- and public-placement facilities operating in the Commonwealth. Mullen is a graduate of the School of Social Work at West Virginia University and Kings College. He has been active in several professional associations, including the Pennsylvania Association of Probation, Parole and Corrections, serving as president in 1983, Correctional Education Association, Juvenile Justice Trainers Association, serving as the program chairman in 1987, and the West Perry School District Advisory Committee.

In addition to his public life, Mullen has his own consulting firm, JKM Training. He plans to devote more time to this enterprise. His dedication and creativity will be missed by all. His many friends and colleagues wish Joe the very best.

National Crime Prevention Council Web Site

McGruff the crime dog is the host of the NCP's web site which can be found at www.weprevent.org. This site offers information for adults, communities, youth workers, teenagers and children on how to make their neighborhoods safer.

The "teenagers" section offers suggestions to help teens prevent crime in their communities, as well as examples of things that teenagers across the nation have done to help reduce crime where they live. This section provides teenagers with "5 steps" to getting involved, as well as a "links" section which lists web sites devoted to helping teenagers prevent crime.

The "kids" section is aimed at younger children. This section (hosted by Scruff, McGruff's nephew) has 13 interactive games like the "Stay Safe Crossword Puzzle," the "What If Game," and "What's Wrong with This Picture," which asks the player to distinguish between safe and dangerous items on a playground. These games mix basic skill-development (math and English) with fun and a positive message.

For youth workers there are three sections that are valuable. The "10 Things You Can Do" and "10 Things Your Community Can Do" offer helpful hints for energizing a community to get involved with crime prevention. There is also an on-line resource center which features articles about, and links to, other crime-prevention web sites.



Jim Boylan Retires

James P. Boylan retired on June 18, 1999, after 29 years of service with the Commonwealth. Boylan worked for several state agencies throughout his career; he began by working for the Bureau of Management Services and the Bureau of Information Systems in the Executive Offices for three years. He then transferred to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (then known as the Governor's Justice Commission) for four years, and has worked for the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission as its Administrative Officer for the past 22 years.

Boylan worked closely with chief juvenile probation officers and their administrative staffs on various fiscal and programmatic issues throughout his tenure with the JCJC. He is a Navy veteran, and a graduate of Penn State, with a degree in Business Administration. Boylan has been married to his wife, Ethel, for 30 years and has three children and two grandchildren.

He plans to play a "significant" amount of golf, exercise, travel and spend time with his grandchildren during retirement. Congratulations, Jim!

Restorative Justice Signposts

You are doing justice restoratively when you...

- ✓ focus on the harms of crime rather than the rules that have been broken,
- ✓ show equal concern and commitment to victims and offenders, involving both in the process of justice,
- ✓ work toward the restoration of victims, empowering them and responding to their needs as they see them,
- ✓ support offenders while encouraging them to understand, accept, and carry out their obligations,
- ✓ recognize that while obligations may be difficult for offenders, they should not be intended as harms and they must be achievable,
- ✓ provide opportunities for dialogue, direct or indirect, between victim and offender as appropriate,
- ✓ find meaningful ways to involve the community and to respond to community bases of crime,
- ✓ encourage collaboration and reintegration rather than coercion and isolation,
- ✓ give attention to the unintended consequences of your actions and programs,
- ✓ show respect to all parties - victims, offenders, justice colleagues.

Crime wounds...justice heals

Harry Mika and Howard Zehr

VOMA International Training Institute and Conference

The 16th Annual International Training Institute and Conference of the Victim Offender Mediation Association will be held at the Harrisburg East, Holiday Inn from September 14 -18, 1999. The Training Institute from Tuesday, September 14 through Thursday, September 16, will include victim offender mediation skills training at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels, group conferencing, circle process and sentencing and much more.

The Annual Conference on Friday, September 15 and Saturday September 16 will feature workshops on innovative practices in restorative justice and will address a multitude of issues relating to victims, community mobilization, cross-cultural processes, research and evaluation and transforming systems.

For more information contact Victim Offender Mediation Association
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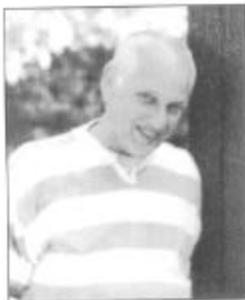
Computer Training Available for Juvenile Justice Personnel

The Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission has released its Computer Learning Center's schedule for software training programs being held in the third quarter of 1999. 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 the PC, 7/6/99 & 8/5/99; Introduction to Windows 95, on 7/13/99, 8/4/99 & 9/2/99; Introduction to Wordprocessing-Word 97 on 7/28/99 & 9/1/99; Word 97-Intermediate, 8/3/99; Introduction to Database-Microsoft Access

97, 7/27/99; Introduction to Spreadsheets-Excel 97, 8/31/99 & 9/28/99; Introduction to the Internet on 7/29/99 & 8/24/99; Introduction to Presentations-Powerpoint 97, on 7/7/99, 7/14/99, 7/15/99 & 8/12/99; Powerpoint Intermediate, 7/14-15/99 and several other specialized law-enforcement computer-related topics. The programs are held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during most weeks of the year. The computer lab is located on the grounds of the Municipal Police Officers' Training Academy at 75 East Derry Road in Hershey.

Class size is limited. Each student learns through guided

hands-on instruction, and is assigned a PC. The Computer Learning Center's training is free to all law enforcement personnel and classes fill quickly. Early registration is encouraged. While facilities at the Academy are being renovated, there is no lodging on grounds and participants are on their own for lunch. For participants from outside a commutable distance, two recommendations for lodging follow: The Milton Motel, 1733 E. Chocolate Avenue (within about a mile of the Academy), \$55-\$60 + tax; phone 717-533-4533; or, the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East, 4751 Lindle Road (exit #1 off I-283), about 10 minutes from Hershey) \$55 +tax, phone 717-939-7841.



Perry County Chief Retires

Luther Seibert retired as Perry County Chief Probation Officer at the end of December, 1998. He had been appointed the first full-time juvenile and adult probation officer in January, 1971. In addition to a chief, Perry county now has two juvenile probation

officers, one school-based juvenile probation officer, and three adult probation officers, plus two secretaries.

Seibert continues to serve as Perry County's DUI coordinator, DUI CRN evaluator, and DUI class instructor. He appreciates the excellent assistance he has received over the years from the probation officers in neighboring counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, and Juniata counties, as well as the Adult and Juvenile State Chief Associations, the PA Board of Probation and Parole, and the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. Perry County President Judge, Keith B. Quigley, was an excellent man with whom to work, Seibert says. He was always realistic and maintained a keen sense of humor. The Judge met Seibert's identical twin brother at Chicago's O'Hare Airport last

year in one of those "small world" occurrences.

During his retirement, Seibert and his wife, Deanna, plan to travel, spend time with their six grandchildren, and divide their time between their county homestead and their home on the ocean in Beverly, MA (an escape from the ugly summer humidity in Perry County). Seibert's older son, Jay, is an attorney in Boston. Vin is a computer nerd in Chevy Chase, MD, who lifts weights and looks like "the Incredible Hulk", and daughter, Tara, is a psychology major who lives in Boiling Springs, and psychoanalyzes her parents. Seibert's wife has taught first grade in Perry County for 28 years, and will retire next year.

Robert A. Shull is Perry County's New Chief

Robert A. Shull has recently been named as Perry County's new Chief Juvenile and Adult Probation Officer. He replaces Luther Seibert, who retired in December after 28 years. Shull was appointed to the position on January 1, 1999. He holds a BA from Mansfield University in Criminal Justice Administration/Government Politics.

Shull was a borough police officer in Lewistown for three years, then moved into Mifflin County's probation office. In 1983, he relocated to Perry County and took an appointment as a probation/parole officer. Shull was appointed director of Perry County Domestic Relations Office in 1987. He was hired as the warden of the new Perry County Prison in 1990, a position he held for approximately two years, at which time he took over his father's business for five years.

Shull was in the process of closing that business in March, 1998 when Luther Seibert and President Judge Keith B. Quigley approached him with the position of Interim Deputy Chief Probation Officer. He has always enjoyed his working relationship with the various Perry County Court officials and is happy to be back in their employ. He plans to provide the same level of professionalism and dedication to which the county has become accustomed.



Arlene Prentice Receives CASSP Cultural Competence Award

Arlene L. Prentice, a Juvenile Court Consultant for the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, was recently recognized with the second annual CASSP Cultural Competence Award. Prentice was presented with this award at the 13th Annual Children's Inter-agency Conference held in State College, April 6-9, 1999.

This notable award is presented to an individual, agency, committee or task force that has actively

promoted cultural competence at either the systems or individual child and family level.

In her capacity as a Juvenile Court Consultant, Prentice has demonstrated a constant commitment to addressing the over-representation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system. Her involvement in policy and program development issues that address cultural competence on a statewide level has helped to provide a positive outlook for many youth and families throughout the Commonwealth. She has often extended herself to find culturally competent community resources for youth, and has worked to promote the expansion of many community-based organizations to serve youth in a culturally competent environment.

Prentice is an active member of the CASSP Advisory Committee and its Cultural Competence Subcommittee. She also serves on the CASSP Institute Advisory Committee, with two terms as chair of the group, and is co-chair of the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) Cultural Competence Statewide Advisory Committee, and the OMHSAS planning council.

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National Youth Gang Symposium
Youth Gangs and Violence:
A Balanced Approach for the Future
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July 27-30, 1999