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2001 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

**Nancy B. Williams, of Blair County,
is Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of
the Year.**

**Photos of all award winners are on
pages 2 and 3.**

The 2001 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice held at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers October 31 though November 2 drew nearly 1,100 participants. On Wednesday, professional caucuses met in the afternoon to discuss issues of concern and interest. In the evening, young people from within Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system were recognized for their individual achievements at the Youth Awards Program and Dinner. This program highlighted the importance of that system and the judges, administrators, probation officers, state and private providers, and other dedicated people working in the best interests of young people.

This year's speaker was Herman Boone, who faced the challenge of a lifetime when, in 1971, he was named head football coach of the newly integrated T. C. Williams High School. This was a period when racial tensions ran high in Alexandria, Virginia. Boone's remarkable story of unifying a team and a community torn by racial tension was captured in the Disney film "Remember the Titans," starring Academy-award winner Denzel Washington. Coach Boone spoke from the heart to young and old alike; at the end of his speech he received a well-deserved standing ovation.

Thursday morning, the conference featured Elizabeth Cauffman, Ph.D, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh. Her informative presentation examined fundamental features of adolescent development and their relevance to understanding the behavior of those adolescents who come to the attention of the juvenile court.

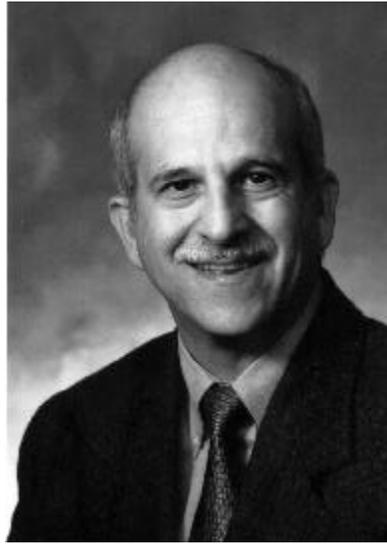
Following Dr. Cauffman's keynote address, the conference featured 28 workshops detailing innovative and diverse juvenile justice programs. The evaluations completed on those workshops were helpful in determining the need for information on specific topics in juvenile justice.

The Annual Awards Dinner and Program was the featured event on Thursday evening. This program is an opportunity for Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system to show its appreciation by honoring those who work hard to make a difference in the lives

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Nancy B. Williams
Blair County
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer
of the Year



Louis J. Guardino
Allegheny County
Juvenile Probation Supervisor
of the Year



Leslie J. Stevenson
Montgomery County
Juvenile Probation Officer
of the Year

Barry D. Rector
Dauphin County
Meritorious Service Award



Blennie A. Saylor
Wyoming County
Juvenile Court Support Service

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Guest articles are always welcome; please submit them by email or on a disk. We particularly enjoy your photographs, but we ask that these be mailed - we will be happy to return them to you.

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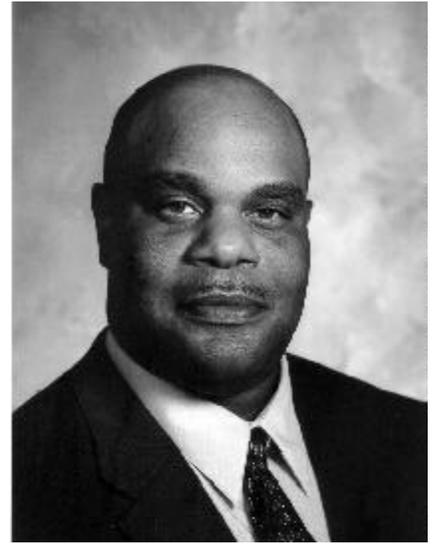
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Kassi L. Morgart
Shippensburg University
Undergraduate Scholarship



Michael C. Rose
Outstanding Scholarship
in Juvenile Justice



Colonel Lenward E. Nealy
Chief Administrator
Residential Program of the Year



Kathleen A. McGrath
Franklin County
Court-Operated Program
of the Year



Daniel A. Zarecky
Program Director
Community-based Program
of the Year

Staff Development News

The Center for Juvenile Justice Training & Research 2002 Staff Development Schedule is nearly finalized. As in previous years, we anticipate distribution in late-December, with registrations due to be returned by January 25. Last year, for the first time ever, a separate selection of summer workshops was developed. It was determined that this year's program announcement would combine the spring and summer offerings to include approximately 27 programs scheduled from February through August. The schedule will commence with "Orientation for New Probation Officers" that will begin on February 5-8 and continue on March 6-8.

We hope to have the schedule released before the Christmas holiday. If by January 2 you have not yet received a copy and would like to review the offerings, please call John Herb 717-477-1185 at the Center.

Beginning in 2002, Center-sponsored training in the Harrisburg area will return to the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East, based on popular demand. Beginning in February we will utilize this hotel again, which was our training site in Harrisburg in 1997-1999. This hotel is located just off exit #1 of Route 283.

Highlights of just a few of next season's workshops include the 3½-day "Victim-Offender Mediation Conferencing" workshop on February 19-22 in Harrisburg that will be led by Lorraine Stutzman-Amstutz. Then on March 12-15 the Center will sponsor "Peacemaking Circle Training," also in Harrisburg. This program will be led by Kay Pranis, a Minnesota DOC Restorative Justice Planner who is nationally recognized for her writings, training and consulting work on this model.

We are continuing to experiment with regional workshop opportunities--offering two programs in the Allentown vicinity and two programs outside Pittsburgh again this fall. The regional topics for next year include "The Substance Abuse of Generation X" presented by Maxim W. Furek, and "Building on Adolescent Resiliency" which will be led by Phil Washington.

By popular demand, we have arranged for Stan Walters to present "Advanced Kinesic Interviewing—Level 3" on March 24-26. The program will be held in Harrisburg and will be open only to those

individuals who have completed Levels 1 and 2 workshops. For the first time in two years we will also be sponsoring an open "Phase II Staff Safety" workshop that will be held on the grounds of Shippensburg University on May 14-17. This program will be led by Greg Young and Michele Ambruch, staff of the JCJC & CJJT&R.

With programs being held at five separate locations, and because of some confusion created during the fall training season, we are again encouraging individuals to make note of the details related to times, dates, locations, costs etc. when registering for a program. Providing registrants with a photocopy of the program description page is probably the simplest means to confirm when and where they need to be to attend training. All the needed information is included in the training booklet. We are also urging that the registration form be legibly completed using individual's full name, as they would like their name to appear on the certificates of completion.

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of the young people who have been entrusted to their care. The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, takes great pride in honoring outstanding individuals and exemplary programs from across the Commonwealth.

The conference concluded on Friday morning with *Resource Day-2001*, an annual event offering participants an opportunity to meet with representatives from public and private residential service providers, informational services, and others whose products and services play an important role in the Pennsylvania juvenile justice system.

JCJC and CJJT&R staff will soon begin planning for the 2002 conference. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Amy Zarefoss is new Director of CTC Project

Amy Zarefoss was promoted to Director of the “Communities That Care” (CTC) Project effective November 5, 2001. Originally from Somerset, Pennsylvania, Ms. Zarefoss moved to the Shippensburg area in 1999 to take a job as the CTC Project Coordinator. In May of this year, she became the acting director of the project.

Zarefoss has a B.S. in Journalism from West Virginia University and an MBA from Frostburg State University in Maryland. Her work experiences include that of a newspaper reporter, caseworker and supervisor at the Somerset County Children and Youth Services, and community mobilizer for the Somerset County CTC project.

She has demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of the CTC process and the ability to transfer practical applications to both community leaders and her colleagues. We are pleased that she accepted the challenge of directing the CTC Project and we wish her the best. Ms. Zarefoss can be reached at 717-477-1149.

Stanley L. Gilbert appointed Acting Chief in Lackawanna County

On September 4, 2001, Stanley L. Gilbert was appointed Acting Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Lackawanna County. Gilbert began his career with the Lackawanna County Family Court in 1996, after being appointed the Family Court Coordinator where he performed community liaison duties. In 1999, he was transferred to the Juvenile Probation Department where he has worked as the community-based liaison for the juvenile probation office. It was this position that greatly influenced his philosophy on the mission of the Juvenile Probation Department, and how the principles of balanced and restorative justice should be applied to the juvenile justice system in Lackawanna County.

Mr. Gilbert holds a Bachelors Degree from Moravian College and a Paralegal Certificate from Marywood University.

Diane Miller retires as Warren County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Diane Miller recently retired as Warren County’s Chief Juvenile Probation Officer after 27 years of service. During her career, Miller instituted various new programs and services within the department including intensive probation, community service, aftercare, school-based probation, and specialized probation services for youth with drug and/or alcohol problems. She also created a position to provide services to victims of juvenile crime, and obtained a grant to develop an employment program to help youth find and retain employment.

Ms. Miller was very active with the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, having served as Chair of the the By-Laws Committee, Chair of the Nominations Committee, and Chair of the Standards Committee where she worked with staff from the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission over the past four years to comprehensively review and revise all Juvenile Court Standards. She also served on various committees established by the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission to develop statewide policy, including detention procedures, home pass guidelines, and the development of a juvenile probation handbook for juvenile probation officers.

Miller was very active in her community, having served on numerous local committees and task forces. She continues to serve on the local Human Services Advisory Commission, the Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth Advisory Board, and also volunteers for the Warren General Hospital. We wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavours.

C.A.P. Program: Leading our youth into the future!

by Tony Clark, Greene County Juvenile Probation Officer

The C.A.P. (Community Protection, Accountability, and Proficiency Development) Program is a new program in Greene County designed to instill leadership qualities in troubled youth. The goals of the C.A.P. Program are the same as the goals of Balanced and Restorative Justice: Community Protection, Accountability, and Proficiency Development. This is an eight-week program running from 4-8:15 p.m.

C.A.P. is a referral program for juveniles 16-18 years of age, which operates within a military structure. Based at the Pennsylvania National Guard Armory in Waynesburg, it is coordinated by the Greene County Juvenile Probation Department. Each week a guest speaker covers topics such as substance abuse, self-esteem, academics, community responsibility, physical wellness, and career options. The program begins and ends with physical fitness drills under the auspices of the National Guard. Each juvenile is required to complete six hours of community service while in the program.

A written examination is given at the end of the eight weeks covering all of the information from the program, with special emphasis on the guest speakers. Each juvenile must pass the test with a score of at least 70 percent; juveniles who fail must repeat the program. C.A.P. is based primarily on motivating juveniles to think about possible repercussions of their actions *before* they make decisions that will lead them down the path toward delinquency.

For more information regarding The C.A.P. Program, please contact Tony Clark at 724-852-5250.

Save these dates

From January 28 through February 2, 2002, there will be a week-long, 32-hour training program sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). *Restorative Justice: Principles, Practices and Implementation* is a live satellite/internet distance-learning program which will help participants:

- Understand restorative justice concepts, principles, and values;
- Recognize the impact of crime on victims, communities, and offenders and identify ways to respond to the needs and interests of crime victims;
- Understand the types, methods, and potential uses of various restorative practices and measure their effectiveness;
- Identify several practical strategies for developing partnerships to implement programs within the community;
- Promote personal, interpersonal, and organizational changes and prepare strategies for addressing responses to these changes; and,
- Develop the first steps of an action plan.

The training sites have yet to be determined but should appear in the next issue of *Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice*. For more information, please contact Susan Blackburn, Pennsylvania's Balanced and Restorative Justice Coordinator, at 717-705-2290, or sblackburn@state.pa.us

