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## McCalpin succeeds Yeager as CJJT&R Director



Michael W. McCalpin, Acting Director, CJJT&R



Clay R. Yeager, Executive Director, Children's Partnership

One of the most significant staff transitions in the history of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) was set into motion on August 25, 2001, when the position of Executive Director of the Governor's Community Partnership for Safe Children (Children's Partnership), held by Clay Yeager, was transferred from the staff complement of the JCJC to the complement of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). This action followed the passage of Act 30 of 2001, which ensures that the highly successful violence and delinquency prevention work of the Children's Partnership is a permanent responsibility of state government by expanding the powers and duties of the PCCD and its Juvenile Advisory Committee (JAC). In recognition of its expanded duties, Act 30 re-named the JAC as the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee.

The JCJC has been actively involved in the work

of the Partnership since its inception in 1995, and in February of 1997, Governor Tom Ridge requested the JCJC to consider assuming primary responsibility for coordinating the staffing of the Children's Partnership and assigning Clay Yeager, in his role as Director of the JCJC's Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) at Shippensburg University, to function as Executive Director of the Children's Partnership. The Commission readily agreed to the Governor's request, and Mr. Yeager was named Executive Director of the Partnership by Governor Ridge in March of 1997. Yeager performed his Children's Partnership duties while retaining his position of CJJT&R Director until March of 2000, when he was officially promoted to the newly created position of Executive Director, Governor's Community Partnership for Safe Children, in recognition of the ever-increasing responsi-

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## Governor appoints three Judges to the Commission

**O**n August 21, 2001, Governor Ridge reappointed Judges Isaac S. Garb and John B. Leete as members of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and appointed Judge Abram Frank Reynolds to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Judge Gwendolyn Bright. Judge Bright, who is now assigned to the Criminal Division of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, had served as member of the Commission since 1998.

Judge Garb, a Bucks County Senior Judge, has served as a member of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission since 1986 and completed a six year term as Chairman of the Commission in July of 2000. Judge Leete, the President Judge in Potter County, has served as a member since 1995. Judge Reynolds, of the Philadelphia Family Court, previously served as a member of the Commission from 1988-1995.

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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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bilities relating to the work of the Children's Partnership.

Yeager began his career in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system in 1974 as a juvenile probation officer in Columbia County. He was appointed Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for Columbia County in 1976, and remained in that position until March of 1984. From 1981-1983, he served as President of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers.

Mr. Yeager joined the staff of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission in 1984 as its first Director of Correctional Training at the CJJT&R. In 1985, he was appointed Director of Training, and in 1986, he was appointed Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research.

Concurrent with Yeager's transfer to PCCD, JCJC Executive Director James Anderson appointed Michael W. McCalpin as Acting Director of the Center of Juvenile Justice Training & Research. McCalpin joined the CJJT&R as the Secure Detention Monitoring and Mental Health Services Project Director in June, 2000, and he joined the staff of the JCJC in April, 2001, as Assistant Director of Training.

Prior to joining the CJJT&R, McCalpin served as Blair County's Administrator of Juvenile Probation, Children and Youth, and Costs and Fines. He began his career in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system in December, 1973, as a Blair County juvenile probation officer. He was appointed Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in 1982, assumed additional duties as the Costs and Fines Director in 1987, and saw his duties expand again when he also assumed the position of Children and Youth Administrator in 1995. McCalpin is a past President of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, and was recognized as the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year in 1986. He is currently a gubernatorial appointee to PCCD's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee.

The expansion of Mr. Yeager's duties related to the Children's Partnership, coupled with the growth of the Center, necessitated that CJJT&R Deputy Director, Paul Ward, assume primary responsibility for managing CJJT&R operations in recent years. The JCJC is pleased that Mr. Ward will continue in his role as Deputy Director of CJJT&R.



## Elizabeth Cauffman to deliver Conference Keynote

The Keynote address at the 2001 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice will be delivered by Dr. Elizabeth Cauffman, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry in the Law and Psychiatry Research Program at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Cauffman received her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology at Temple University and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center on Adolescence at Stanford University. Her current research efforts involve the assessment of mental health and psychosocial maturity among juvenile offenders, the exploration of factors associated with juvenile delinquency in adolescent girls, and the study of maturity of judgment as it develops during the course of adolescence. Dr. Cauffman is currently serving as the primary research consultant for the Juvenile Detention Centers' Association of Pennsylvania (JDCAP) Mental Health Initiative funded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), and also serves as a member of the MacArthur Foundation's Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice. She has also recently begun research to determine whether psychopathy, as assessed by the Psychopathy Checklist (PCL) mea-

asures, is a valid, stable and useful personality construct when applied to adolescent offenders.

The mental health initiative of JDCAP has resulted in the implementation of the automated Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument: Version 2 (MAYSI~2) in ten pilot sites in detention centers in the counties of Allegheny, Bucks, Erie, Lancaster, Luzerne, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Westmoreland and York, in addition to the detention facility at Northwestern Academy. The project has resulted in the development of a desk reference manual on legal and regulatory information regarding mental health services including protocols and best practices information and potential resources relative to the mental health needs of youth in detention. This project began a new PCCD funding cycle in July in an effort to promote greater understanding of the general mental health needs of youth in detention, to obtain a reliable system of mental health and juvenile justice data regarding youth in Pennsylvania's detention centers and, ultimately, to increase the competency of juvenile detention staff to work with juveniles in need of mental health services. This fall, Youth Development Centers (YDCs) will also begin administering the MAYSI~2 to all youth entering these programs.

A primary focus of Dr. Cauffman's work with the MacArthur Foundation is the research network on-going "Pathways to Desistance" study, which is a major initiative seeking to identify distinct pathways out of juvenile justice system involvement for serious juvenile offenders, and the characteristics of the adolescents who progress along each of these pathways. The project is also seeking to describe the role of social context and developmental changes in promoting desistance or continuation of antisocial behavior and to compare the effects of sanctions and other interventions in altering progression along pathways out of juvenile justice system involvement. This study will follow 1,200 serious adolescent offenders, aged 14 to 17 (600 from Philadelphia and 600 from Phoenix), for three years after court involvement. Data collection began in November of 2000. At its meeting on August 9, 2001, PCCD's Juvenile Advisory Committee voted to authorize funding of up to \$150,000 per year for a two-year period to support this research initiative.

Dr. Cauffman's study involving the Psychopathy  
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## Jayne M. Smail appointed Chief in Clarion County

**O**n September 4, 2001, the Honorable James G. Arner, President Judge, appointed Jayne Smail as the new Director of Probation Services in Clarion County. She will oversee both adult and juvenile probation.

Mrs. Smail is a graduate of Gannon University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Prior to her appointment as the Chief Probation Officer in Clarion County, she was employed by the Forest County Probation Office for eight years. She began her career as an adult/juvenile probation officer, and in 1999 was promoted to Line Supervisor.

Smail lives in Tionesta with her husband and their two sons, ages 7 and 3. She is looking forward to working with new colleagues, as well as the challenges and responsibilities that await her in her new position.

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Checklist will seek to compare adolescents and adults on measures of psychopathy in light of their developmental maturity. The study will also compare adolescents and adults on the relation between psychopathy and particular types of violence, and seek to describe the stability of psychopathy over time in adolescents and adults. The study will include juveniles in placement at the New Castle YDC, young adult offenders from SCI Pine Grove, and adult inmates from SCI Pittsburgh.

Dr. Cauffman's presentation, "Kids Are Different: Understanding Adolescents in the Juvenile Justice System" will begin at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, November 1, at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers.

