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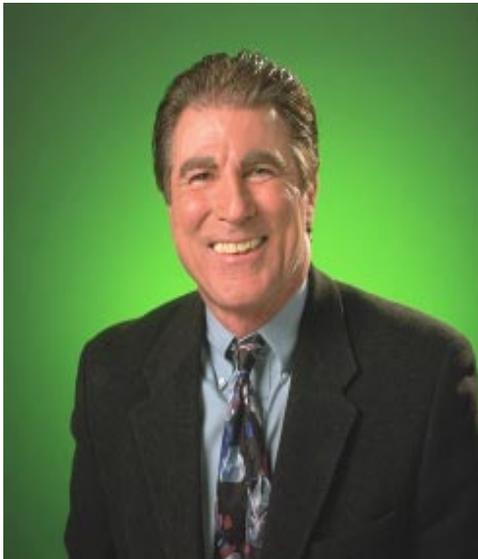
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Vince Papale to Serve as Featured Speaker at 2006 Youth Awards Program and Dinner

On November 1, 2006, Vince Papale will serve as the featured speaker at the Youth Awards Program and Dinner, held in conjunction with the 2006 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice. In 1976, at the age of 30, Vince Papale was working as a school teacher when the head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, Dick Vermeil, held a press conference and invited some locals to a workout. Vince tried out for the team, and overcame tremendous odds to become the oldest rookie in the history of the NFL - a record he still holds today. After retiring from the Eagles after the 1979 season, Vince became a television and radio broadcaster. After that, he entered the world of commercial mortgage banking, which led to his present position as the Marketing Executive and Special Projects Director for Sallie Mae, a student financial aid company. Come hear about Vince's inspirational journey from humble working class beginnings and troubled home life to successful professional athlete and businessman. Don't miss the Disney movie "*Invincible*," scheduled for release in theaters on August 25th, which was inspired by Vince's life!

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The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission will cease printing and mailing hard copies of *Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice* in October, 2006. Please visit the JCJC website, at www.jcjc.state.pa.us, to register to automatically receive the free on-line version of our newsletter. Please contact Greg Young, at gyoung@state.pa.us, or 717-477-1797, if you have any questions.

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PAJCMS Web Application Demonstration

On August 29th 2006, staff from the Information and Technology Division of the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research conducted a demonstration/unveiling of the new Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System Web Application (PAJCMS Web). A total of 185 county personnel from 60 counties were represented.

The demonstration provided participants with a preview of the appearance and functionality of the new PAJCMS Web application scheduled for deployment beginning the fall of 2006 through December, 2007.

A few of the new functions include the ability to enter a diagnosis, prescription drug information, as well as a module to enter competency development activities.

In addition, there was discussion regarding how counties could lay the groundwork for the deployment of the PAJCMS Web in their jurisdictions. It is hoped that with advance preparation, the transition from the current JCMS application to the new PAJCMS Web application will take place with limited delays.

Anyone having questions about the new application can contact one of the following Help Desk Consultants at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research: Sharon Chamberlin, 717-477-1488; Christy Nailor, 717-477-1385; or Tim Wright, 717-477-1912.

This publication is produced monthly at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research at Shippensburg University.

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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Staff Development News

The fall staff development schedule has begun and several programs are at, or near, capacity. However, several workshops remain open to registration.

“Motivating Performance in Changing Times” scheduled for October 19-20 at the Days Inn Penn State still has limited space for additional registrants. This program, designed for our system’s supervisors and managers, will be led by Dale McCoy. Dale is a Missouri-based trainer and consultant with over 25 years of experience who regularly teaches for the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges and the National Juvenile Court Services Association. He served as an original member of the steering committee that designed their Administrative Certification Program.

The following week, October 26-27, the Center will sponsor “Delivering Justice through the Development of Teen Court Programs” in Mechanicsburg. This is an opportunity to learn how teen courts (also called youth, peer, and student courts) are operated, and about strategies for developing and implementing a teen court in your area. This session will be led by Tracy Godwin Mullins, a Senior Research Associate with the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) in Lexington, Kentucky.

In November, additional programs that have space remaining for registration include “Handling Difficult Situations in the Workplace,” November 8-9 at the Days Inn Penn State. This program will be led by Renée Verbanic, a trainer and consultant from West Virginia who has led other Center-sponsored workshops and received very positive evaluation feedback.

November 14-16 the Center is hosting a 2½-day core curriculum program on “Group Dynamics: Basic Development Stages and Skill Development,” led by Dr. Darla Henry. This training program is an introduction to the group work process. Information learned can be applied when facilitating a variety of adolescent or family group programs.

Further details on these programs can be found in the Fall 2006 Staff Development booklet, or online at: www.jcjc.state.pa.us. You may also contact either Stephen Bishop at 717 477-1294 or John Herb at 717-477-1185 ext. 3, if you have any questions or desire additional information.

Balanced and Restorative Justice Committee Meets to Celebrate... and Plan



Ten years have passed since balanced and restorative justice became the focus of the Pennsylvania juvenile justice system. On August 16 and 17, 2006, the Balanced and Restorative Justice Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers met to review the accomplishments of the past ten years, and to begin to develop a strategic plan for the next ten years.

James Rieland, Chair of the Committee and Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, welcomed the diverse group of committee members and laid out our basic charge. Doug Thomas, Research Associate from the National Center for Juvenile Justice and Susan Blackburn, Balanced and Restorative Justice Specialist of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, facilitated the remainder of the planning session.

Prior to arrival, members of the committee had responded to a survey seeking individual assessments of the progress which has been made toward achievement of the strategic and practice goals which were developed in 2001. As anticipated, survey results revealed a consensus that, while much has been accomplished, much remains to be done to move the initiative further.

The group reaffirmed the basic charge of the Committee which is: ***to implement the values and principles of balanced and restorative justice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.***

The facilitators then led the group through a process of re-examining and re-assessing the goals of the strategic plan developed in 2001, and focusing on areas where further enhancement is needed to advance the goals and principles.

Many issues were discussed which outlined the Committee's vision for the future. These issues were consolidated into goal statements which included the following: enhance efforts toward measuring outcomes; engage, participate in, and support all activities directed toward establishing restorative communities; develop a family focus within the model; continue to provide education, training and technical assistance throughout the Commonwealth; and continue to increase the involvement of crime victims.

The next assignment for the Committee includes defining objectives and determining the action steps necessary to achieve the aforementioned goals. The Committee has its next meeting scheduled for December 6, 2006, to continue work on the revised strategic plan.

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Complete CONFERENCE PACKAGE (Nov. 1 - 3) \$240* (\$280)**
 Includes: Professional Caucuses and Youth Awards Program & Dinner (Nov. 1); Continental Breakfast, Morning & Afternoon Plenary Sessions, Lunch, Workshops, Reception, and Awards Program & Dinner (Nov. 2); Continental Breakfast & Resource Day (Nov. 3)

NOTE: Full conference attendance constitutes 9 Pa. Certification Board Credits.

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* Registration forms must be postmarked on or before **OCTOBER 6, 2006**
 ** Registration forms postmarked on or after **OCTOBER 7, 2006**

Make checks payable to: Pa. Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers (Federal ID# 23-2498588)

Registration form and payment should be mailed to: Juvenile Court Judges' Commission
 401 Finance Building
 Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

Agencies may submit one check for all staff attending.
 Indicate if payment is enclosed or will be sent separately.

Payment Enclosed *(Please include a list of names & agency affiliation with check.)*
 Payment will be sent separately

⚙ Lodging reservations at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers must be made by **10/1/06** to receive the negotiated group rate of \$99 a night (single/double/triple/quad). Call 717-233-6000 and identify yourself with the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Conference. The hotel will confirm your reservation. Check-in time is 3 p.m.; check-out is noon. After **10/1/06**, reservations will be accepted on a room-availability basis at the prevailing rate. Conference overflow hotels are the Crowne Plaza on Market Square (\$96) 717-234-5021 and the Radisson Penn Harris in Camp Hill (\$101) 717-763-7117 (identify yourself with the JCJC Conference).

Requests for registration fee refunds for all or part of the Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice must be sent in writing to the JCJC at the above address and be postmarked by **10/20/06**. Conference "no-shows" who have not prepaid will be invoiced.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION: (717) 787-6910

Aftercare Project to Survey Residential Facilities

One of the initial activities of the Aftercare component of Pennsylvania's *Models for Change* initiative involved gathering information from all sixty-seven juvenile probation departments regarding their aftercare practices and procedures. During this process, it became clear that related information from residential facilities that serve delinquent youth would be an invaluable companion piece of data. After much discussion and consideration, it was decided that a survey would be the best tool to accomplish this task.

Over the past several months, the Residential Facility Aftercare Survey has been in development as a joint effort by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, in consultation with the five model aftercare counties and staff from the Juvenile Law Center, National Center for Juvenile Justice, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and other entities close to the project.

The web-based survey instrument will be distributed via e-mail to all licensed residential facilities serving delinquent youth in Pennsylvania. The Department of Public Welfare is assisting with the project by identifying the various programs that provide residential services to delinquent youth. Providers will be asked to complete the survey for each licensed program under their direction, thus allowing for information to be collected that is specific to the type of service offered. Information regarding referral / acceptance activities, strengths / needs risk assessment, supervision plan development practices, educational and vocational activities, family involvement strategies, reintegration planning, use of home passes, post-release activities, and other information will be gathered. The "Joint Position on Aftercare", issued in January of 2005, serves as the basis for the body of the survey.

It is expected that the survey will be distributed in October of this year. The anticipated support by residential service providers is greatly appreciated.

For additional information regarding this, or other activities of the Aftercare Project, please contact Rick Steele, JCJC Aftercare Specialist (c-rsteele@state.pa.us) or Kelly Franklin, Aftercare Specialist of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers (kfranklin@epix.net). Additional resources relating to the Models for Change Project activities can also be accessed at the Juvenile Law Center's web site (www.jlc.org).

Part-Time Statewide Mental Health/ Juvenile Justice Consultant Position Available

A statewide Mental Health/Juvenile Justice working group seeks a part-time consultant to serve as Statewide Mental Health/Juvenile Justice (MH/JJ) Coordinator in conjunction with Pennsylvania's *Models for Change* initiative. Duties include providing technical assistance and logistical support for the statewide MH/JJ Workgroup; conducting literature reviews regarding best practices; working with researchers to assist in the design and evaluation of the initiative; documenting activities of pilot counties and MH/JJ committees; and communicating with pilot counties to identify and resolve issues. The position requires a Bachelors Degree with at least eighteen credits in a social science and four years experience in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice, children's mental health, or children and youth system. This is a part-time consultant position. As such, the favored applicant will be expected to work from home, but be available for some statewide travel. Benefits and taxes will be the responsibility of the applicant. For additional information about Models for Change, see www.JLC.org/MfC. Send cover letter and resume **postmarked by October 20, 2006** to Keith Snyder, Deputy Director, Juvenile Court Judges Commission, 401 Finance Building Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018, or email ksnyder@state.pa.us.



Saying Thanks to Our Mentors

On June 16, 2006, mentors from various agencies in and surrounding Lackawanna County gathered for an appreciation luncheon at the Radisson at Lackawanna Station Hotel Scranton. Nearly 50 individuals from the local mentoring consortium attended the program. The consortium includes Bethesda Day Treatment, Inc., Marywood University, Employment Opportunity & Training Center (EOTC) of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the University of Scranton, West Scranton High School, and Voluntary Action Center.

The luncheon proved to be an excellent opportunity to learn of the lifelong relationships established as a result of mentoring. Julie Derwin of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Rachel Gething and Rachel Holmes of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Women in Transition Program, shared stories of the impact their mentoring relationships had, not only on the life of the person they mentored, but on their own lives. Others in attendance shared photos and stories about the challenges and rewards of mentoring. Elaine Donly, of EOTC, was quoted in the July 12, 2006, edition of the *Scranton Times-Tribune* as saying, "Our primary purpose in life is reaching out to others, and there's no better way to do that than to be a mentor."

If you have any questions about the Mentoring Consortium or the Employment Opportunity and Training Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania, please feel free to contact Elaine Donly at the Scranton Area Family Center by phone at 570-348-6493 or 570-348-6484 or via E-mail at edonly-eotc@verizon.net

PDE Releases Basic Education Circular on Truancy

The Pennsylvania Department of Education Released a Basic Education Circular (BEC) regarding its Compulsory Attendance and Truancy Elimination Plan on August 8, 2006. The BEC is the result of the work of the Statewide Task Force on School Attendance and Truancy Reduction, and is intended to facilitate a consistent statewide response to truancy and absenteeism.

The Department of Education is also in the final stages of developing a "Truancy Tool Kit" which will likely note that President Judges/Juvenile Court Administrative Judges are uniquely positioned to convene local initiatives to develop consistent, county-wide policies and procedures regarding truancy issues.

The Department of Education's BEC regarding its Compulsory Attendance and Truancy Elimination Plan can be found at: <http://www.pde.state.pa.us/k12/cwp/view.asp?A=11&Q=121159>.

