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## Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers 40th Anniversary Announced

**O**n November 29, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers will celebrate its 40th anniversary at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College.

The organization began on November 14, 1967, 22 chief juvenile probation officers met in State College and agreed to form an organization that would express their views on juvenile justice issues in Pennsylvania.

Although the council has spent the past few years building a stronger partnership with the Department of Public Welfare and the Office of Children, Youth and Families, it was a perceived lack of respect from DPW that led to the creation of the council. At the time, DPW administered grants to probation departments and controlled training standards for probation officers. Strong fundamental differences in philosophy and mission, coupled with a perceived lack of adequate funding, motivated the chiefs to organize. When the chiefs learned in September 1967 that the acting OCYF commissioner proposed reorganizing probation services to fall directly under DPW's umbrella, they responded swiftly.

Following the November 14, 1967 meeting, the council announced its formation with the purpose of collectively taking a position relative to services to delinquent children, standards, training, professional status, research, and salaries. Cumberland County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Irvin Groninger was named the first president. One of the first items of business was a resolution in favor of legislation to allow the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, under the Department of Justice, to administer annual grant funding to juvenile courts and probation departments in lieu of DPW. The passage of that legislation the following year marked the beginning of an extremely close relationship the council has maintained to this day with JCJC.

For the past 40 years, the council has been in the forefront of the development of the current juvenile justice system. From the codification of the Juvenile Act in 1976, the Balanced and Restorative Justice reforms in 1995 through the Models for Change initiative of late, the council has been a strong voice.

The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will feature a number of speakers including Judge Arthur E. Grim, chairman of the Juvenile

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## Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Honoring the Council's Commitment to Excellence in Juvenile Justice: Past & Present

When: Thursday, November 29, 2007  
Reception from 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Dinner and program to follow from 7:00 – 11:00 PM

Where: Nittany Lion Inn, State College

#### Hotel Information:

Contact the Nittany Lion Inn at (800) 233-7505  
A block of rooms has been reserved at \$71.00/night  
Code: PAC 1129

<b>Registration Deadline: October 31, 2007</b>
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Cost: \$30.00 per person, includes dinner

For further information contact [Robert Williams](#), Chief Juvenile Probation Officer,  
Berks County Juvenile Probation Office at (610) 478-3237

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# Blair County holds event to educate agencies

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**B**lair County's Big Brothers Big Sisters program has been around for more than two decades and is well-known for its work of mentoring children. What many people do not know is that Big Brothers Big Sisters nationwide is considered a "blueprint model program" because of its success. A blueprint program is one that has been tested and is considered to be so effective that authorities are encouraged to implement it at the local level.

Blair County Commissioner Donna D. Gority said the idea of a blueprint program is to address serious problems faced by young people and to do something about those problems before young people end up in trouble. Gority hosted a meeting Wednesday with representatives from agencies who deal with young people to review local blueprint programs. Of 11 nationally recognized blueprint programs, Blair County has nine in operation. The purpose of Wednesday's gathering at The Casino at Lakemont Park, Gority said, was to inform local agencies and the public about those programs. Karen Kelley, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Blair

County, was one of the speakers. She said adults in the program help guide young children by meeting with them several times each month and doing activities such as going on picnics or attending a Curve baseball game or a cultural event.

Last year, the program served 180 young people countywide, Kelley said. She said studies have shown that children who spent time with a big brother, big sister or husband-and-wife team through the program develop new interests, have a better sense of where they want to go in life, get better grades and tend to avoid trouble and substance abuse. She said a big problem for her agency is finding enough volunteers.

While Big Brothers Big Sisters has been part of the Blair County scene since 1984, other blueprint programs are relatively new. For example, Functional Family Therapy, operated locally by Family Intervention Crisis Services of Hollidaysburg, provides counseling to children and their parents. The emphasis is to help the entire family, not just the child who may be heading toward trouble.

Another program — Multisystemic Therapy through Adelphoi Village — is an effort to send counselors into homes to address children and families facing more serious problems. Other programs include bullying prevention; life skills training that addresses tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse among elementary and junior high school students; and a nurse-family partnership program that provides home visits to first-time mothers. A program called The Incredible Years works with parents, teachers and children. The final two local programs include a treatment-foster care effort and Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies, or PATHS. The PATHS effort addresses social and emotional issues in an attempt to reduce aggression in children.

Gority, a commissioner who oversees the county's involvement with human services, said many programs rely on support from the schools. "We need to do a better job engaging the schools. ... I think they also want to do their part addressing family problems in the county," Gority said.

Representatives of Blair County Children and Youth Services and the county juvenile probation office, which deal with hundreds of dependent or delinquent children yearly, attended Wednesday's discussions, and they said their offices make use of the local blueprint programs.

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Guest articles, especially those with photographs, are always welcome; please submit them by email.

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CONFERENCE NAME BADGES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE AT ALL FUNCTIONS.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

REGISTRATION DESK OPENS ..... NOON

PROFESSIONAL CAUCUSES ..... 2-3:30PM

Join with colleagues from within your juvenile justice system specialty to discuss issues of concern and interest. Individual caucuses will be held for juvenile court judges and readers, chief juvenile probation officers, juvenile probation supervisors, juvenile defenders, line probation officers, residential service providers, prevention services, and victim service providers. These facilitated caucuses will be highly interactive and offer participants the opportunity to discuss critical issues and needs for the future.

CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER/SERVICE PROVIDER FORUM ..... 3:45-5:00PM

CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER FORUM ..... 3:30-5:00PM

YOUTH AWARDS PROGRAM & DINNER ..... 5:30PM



MARC LAMONT HILL

Dr. Marc Lamont Hill is an Assistant Professor of Urban Education and American Studies at Temple University. A native Philadelphian, Dr. Hill holds a Ph.D., with distinction, from the University of Pennsylvania and is currently completing several book projects, including *You Ain't Heard it From Me, Slickin', Ebony and the Police* and *Other People's Business in Hip-Hop America*. In 2005, *Ebony* Magazine named him one of America's top 30 Black leaders under 30 years old.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

REGISTRATION DESK OPENS ..... 8AM

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ..... 8AM

CONFERENCE WELCOME & KEYNOTE PRESENTATION ..... 9:00AM

### "EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE IN JUVENILE JUSTICE: WHERE WE ARE HEADED"



DR. PETER GREENWOOD

Dr. Peter Greenwood is a nationally recognized expert in the fields of juvenile justice, delinquency prevention and sentencing policy. He has served on the Advisory Board for the Blueprints Project, and is the founding Director of the RAND Corporation's Criminal Justice Program. A Fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology and recipient of the August Volmer Award from the American Society of Criminology, he currently serves as a private consultant to juvenile corrections organizations attempting to make their programs more evidence-based. His most recent book, published by the University of Chicago Press, is entitled *Changing Lives: Delinquency Prevention as Crime Control Policy*.

JUVENILE DEFENDER TRAINING ..... 8:45AM-4:45PM

(Juvenile Defenders Only)

TRAINING WORKSHOPS ..... 10:30AM-NOON & 1:30-3:00PM

10:30 - NOON:

- Assessing the Effectiveness of Specific Programs
- Short-Term Residential Placement and MST: A Model for Success
- Why Try? Innovative Interventions That Provide Hope and Motivate Youth
- The Philadelphia Reintegration Initiative
- Reporting Requirements for Child Abuse in Pennsylvania
- Female Response Programming: From Theory to Reality
- Trauma Informed Care and Juvenile Violence
- Nurse-Family Partnership: Pennsylvania's Investment
- The Northumberland County Cross-Systemic Trauma Initiative
- Reducing Delinquency and Youth Drug Use Using the CTC Model
- Informing Detention Decisions Through Risk Assessment: The Berks County Model
- Models for Change: Pa's Mental Health / Juvenile Justice Coordination Initiative
- Pathways to Possibilities: Strengths-Based, Collaborative Restorative Justice Practice
- Parenting Wisely: A Research-based, Interactive Parenting Program

BUFFET LUNCH ..... NOON-1:30PM

1:30 - 3:00PM:

- Lessons Learned from Implementing Evidence-Based Programs
- Community Education: The Allegheny County Model
- F.A.S.T. & G.R.E.A.T.: A Family-Based Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Strategy
- Teaching Pro-Social Skills to Anti-Social Youth
- Self-Injury: Why It Happens and What to Do About It
- The Berks County P.R.O.G.R.E.S.S. Program: A Model for Community Involvement
- Diversion Practices in Pennsylvania
- York Co. JUMP Court: Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Youth in the Juvenile Justice System
- The ABC's of CBT: Using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with Delinquent Youth
- Pathways to Desistance: Offending Patterns, Service Use and Re-entry in a Sample of Serious Adolescent Offenders
- Best Practices For Effective Community Coalitions
- Evidence-Based Delinquency Prevention: PCDD's Research-Based Programs Initiative
- Models for Change: Pa's Disproportionate Minority Contact Initiative
- Models for Change: Pa's Aftercare Initiative

AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION ..... 3:15-4:45PM

### PENNSYLVANIA'S MODELS FOR CHANGE INITIATIVE: OUR ROLE IN NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM



LAURIE GARDUQUE

Pennsylvania was the first state in the country chosen to participate in the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change initiative. Since then, the states of Illinois, Washington, and Louisiana have also been chosen to participate in this ground-breaking endeavor. Laurie Garduque, Director of Research for the MacArthur Foundation's Program on Human and Community Development, and key Pennsylvania leaders will provide an update and look to the future in our quest for excellence in aftercare services and supports, mental health / juvenile justice system coordination, and in addressing the disproportionate involvement of minority youth in our system.

RECEPTION ..... 5:30PM

ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM AND DINNER ..... 7PM

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers will honor both individuals and programs for outstanding work in the juvenile justice system, including the inaugural presentation of Pennsylvania's *Dennis M. Halsey Award*.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

RESOURCE DAY 2007 WITH CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ..... 8AM-NOON

MACARTHUR MODELS FOR CHANGE FORUM ..... 8:30AM-NOON

(Participation limited to invited guests of The Juvenile Law Center)

PLEASE PHOTOGRAPH THIS FORM AS NEEDED FOR EACH REGISTRANT.

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 Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE PACKAGE (Oct. 31 - Nov. 2) \$650\* (\$850\*\*)  
 Includes: Professional Caucuses and Youth Awards Program & Dinner (Oct. 31); Continental Breakfast, Morning & Afternoon Plenary Sessions, Lunch, Workshops, Reception, and Awards Program & Dinner (Nov. 1); Continental Breakfast & Resource Day (Nov. 2)

NOTE: Full conference attendance constitutes 9 Pa. Certification Board Credits. The MASH-PM will issue CE's for LSW, LCSW, PC and MP's for approved workshops.

Professional Caucuses (Oct. 31) 0 0 (\$80)\*\*  
 Youth Awards Program & Dinner (Oct. 31) 400\* 400\* (\$80)\*\*  
 Continental Breakfast, Morning & Afternoon Plenary Sessions, Lunch, and Workshops (Nov. 1) 810\* 810\* (\$120)\*\*  
 Reception and Awards Program & Dinner (Nov. 1) 400\* 400\* (\$70)\*\*  
 Continental Breakfast & Resource Day (Nov. 2) 830\* 830\* (\$40)\*\*

Juvenile Probation meals. GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Registration forms must be postmarked on or before OCTOBER 5, 2007

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Registration form and payment should be mailed to: Juvenile Court Judges' Commission  
 401 Finance Building  
 Harrisburg, PA 17120-0038

Agencies may submit JJC checks 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 10/16/07 to receive the regulated group rate of \$102 a night (single/standard/queen). Call 717-253-6000 and identify yourself with the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. The hotel will confirm your reservation. Check-in time is 3 p.m.; check-out is noon. After 10/16/07, reservations will be accepted on a room availability basis at the prevailing rate. Conference overflow hotels are the Coopers Plaza on Market Square (561) 717-234-5007 and the Redstone Penn Harris in Camp Hill (610) 717-707-7117 (identify yourself with the JJC Conference).

Requests for registration fee refunds for all or part of the Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice must be sent in writing to the JJC at the above address and be postmarked by 10/16/07. Conference "no-shows" who have not prepaid will be invoiced.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION: (717) 787-6910

## DeAngelo Departs After Long Tenure

**A**ndrew DeAngelo retired from his position as deputy chief of juvenile probation on July 13.

Andy's career began with a college internship in the summer of 1975 at the Lehigh County Juvenile Detention Home. In January 1976, Andy was hired as a childcare counselor for the detention home and in 1978, as juvenile probation officer supervising a caseload of 80 youths.

In February 1980, Andy was promoted to a supervisor's position. He earned his masters degree in the administration of justice in 1984 from Ship-pensburg University and in January of 1985, he was appointed Lehigh County's deputy chief juvenile probation officer.

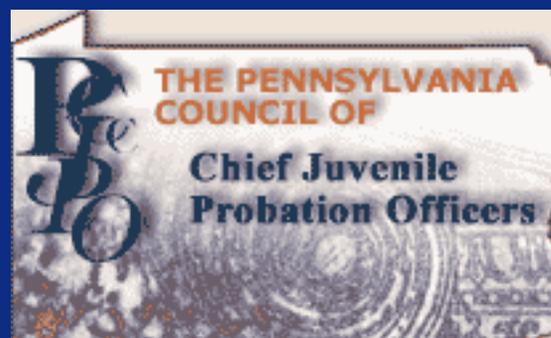
Andy obtained federal and state funding for additional probation personnel and initiated partnerships with local agencies. The development of community and aftercare services, community justice panels and the implementation and supervision of the first school-based probation program in the United States were also part of Andy's focus. He assisted in the development of the department's alcohol and drug awareness program and the special program for offenders in rehabilitation and education.

Andy has authored numerous articles on juvenile justice and served as editor for the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Special Edition and Lehigh County Community Report newsletters. Over the years, he has spoken at numerous conferences sponsored by state and national corrections and justice organizations. He co-chaired the Juvenile Justice Personnel Safety Task Force in the mid 1990's, which brought about safety training for juvenile probation officers in the office and in the field. He also served for five years as secretary for the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association and is a member of the American Probation and Parole Victims Committee.

He was the recipient of the Pennsylvania Governors Highway Safety Award, in 1990, the Middle Atlantic State Correctional Association Outstanding Service Award in 1995, and was honored with the Pennsylvania Juvenile Probation Supervisor of the Year award in 1996.

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Court Judges' Commission; James E. Anderson, executive director of JCJC and a former council president and retired Mercer County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Willis B. Brinker, who chaired the initial meeting of the council in 1967. Retired Berks County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and former council president Bruce A. Grim will serve as the master of ceremonies. Entertainment will be provided by the Williamsport High School Millionaire Strolling Strings. The festivities begin at 6:00 PM with a reception. Registration materials are included in this newsletter with a return deadline of October 31. For further information contact [Robert Williams](#), chief juvenile probation officer of Berks County and Chair of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee at 610-478-3237.

***Save this Date!***



**40th Anniversary  
Celebration**

**Thursday, November 29, 2007  
Nittany Lion Inn, State College**

## CTC Recognizes “Unsung Heroes”

Rodney Jones Receives “Man of the Year” Award



CTC Unsung Hero Award co-chairs Lisa Freeman (left) and Tami Radomski (right) share in congratulating “Man of the Year” award recipient Rodney Jones and his wife, Kim.

The Tri Boro Communities That Care community service organization honored a host of “unsung heroes” at its annual recognition dinner June 28 at the Grandview Golf Club, North Braddock.

The standing-room-only gala was co-chaired by CTC board members Tami Radomski and Lisa Freeman, who coordinated a full program of community recognition introduced by executive committee members Geraldine Walker, Rev. Arlene Walker, Robert Clanagan, Andrea Arrington, Sheila King-Briston, and Bernie Galanko.

The Turtle Creek Valley Mental Health/Mental Retardation program was the recipient of the prestigious Agency of the Year award for its “enthusiastic support” for the work of CTC. The agency was cited as “an enabler of good things and a provider of invaluable opportunities that allow youth to succeed in our community.” The award was presented to Judy Monahan-Grystar, executive director of Turtle Creek Valley MH/MR.

The keynote speaker for the evening was also the winner of the CTC “Man of the Year” award, Rodney Jones, vice president of operations, for UPMC Braddock hospital. In bestowing the award, Freeman called Mr. Jones a true “community champion, one who leads by actions, not by words, and who exemplifies the spirit of giving back to the community. Rodney Jones is a man who embodies the mission statement of CTC, “we are, so they can be!”

Jones was honored for his leadership and vision in the hospital’s Steps to a Healthy Community initia-

tive to eliminate health disparities within the community, and his commitment to supporting and expanding the free Health for Life summer camp program serving 130 children this summer.

Mr. Jones humbly accepted the award on behalf of a team of people who bring that vision and mission to life as he recognized a delegation of his Steps to a Healthy Community team, led by Mark Sevco, UPMC Braddock president. He gave the ultimate tribute to his family, his “dream team,” who traveled from as far as Virginia and Michigan to join him for the award presentation.

“I have been blessed with the love and support of my family and the privilege to work with co-workers of vision and commitment to helping people. . . . I encourage our young people to stay focused, to lead by actions and not by words alone and strive to be not people who watch things happen or people who ask ‘what happened?’ but people who make things happen.”

The CTC site also joined in recognizing a list of “unsung heroes” in various segments of community service. The awards, presented by the CTC’s Robert Clanagan, were presented to people who were nominated from within the community for their work in “encouraging young people to believe in themselves and their dreams.”

The honorees were: James Watts, Watts Memorial Chapel, business community; Brennen Hickman, AMERICORPS, community service; Jeanne Vargas, Dickson Elementary School, education; Charlotte Byrd, Children’s Hospital Family Care Connection, health care; Laura Schuchert, Turtle Creek Valley MH/MR Salvation Army Afterschool Care, social services; Nakodie Mudd, retired Rankin police chief, law enforcement; Casey Fair, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, media; Paul Sandusky, Rankin Christian Center, faith based organization; Mike and Chalise Chancey, Braddock/North Braddock Little League; youth sports; John Fetterman, mayor of Braddock, government; and Michael Langan, Turtle Creek Valley MH/MR, honorable mention.

With CTC’s focus on energizing and supporting youth throughout the community, the award celebration fittingly concluded with outstanding student recognition for 2007. Receiving the AMERICORPS youth awards were: Shamari Allen, Sandra Arthur, Antonio Cotton, Collesha Cowans, Sanabria Fitzgerald, Dennis Gibson, Misty Hamilton, Nicole Helvy, Ashley Johnson, Louletta King, Tamika Rutherford,

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# Juvenile proves justice concept has advanced

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When Shawn Tez Clemons got into trouble a few months ago, his father, Christopher said he was thinking about fighting the charges in juvenile court. But he changed his mind because he saw an opportunity. His 14-year-old son was offered a chance to participate in a community service program, which means he would work to earn money to pay off the victim of his crime, and in the end, the boy's record would be expunged.

Shawn not only completed his stint of community service, operated by the Blair County Juvenile Probation Office, but, Christopher said, his son's attitude changed. He and his son became closer, and Shawn's grades improved.

"I'm very proud of my son. It's been a long journey," Christopher said last week.

As for Shawn, he said the work he did in the community service program was not easy. He was under the supervision of probation officer Kelly Bassler planting flowers for Hollidaysburg Borough and doing work for other agencies. In the process, he learned what its like to sweat and to work outside in 85-degree heat.

Shawn made history, Blair County President Judge Jolene G. Kopriva said. He became the first juvenile to complete a new restitution program developed by the county's juvenile office.

Under the program, uncollected fines imposed by county magistrate judges on juveniles are sent to the county for collection. When collected, the money is placed in a fund used to pay juveniles like Shawn for their work. The money also is used to make restitution to victims.

Shawn was with a group of juveniles playing football when the ball landed on a porch of an empty apartment. The group was charged with entering the apartment and causing damage. Shawn was charged with criminal trespass, criminal mischief and conspiracy.

Shawn took the opportunity to make what was bad judgement into something right, and in the process, he became a leader among the children with whom he worked, Kopriva said. He also was able to pay off the \$100 he owed the victim and worked on a project to better the community.

The way his case was handled by juvenile authorities fits in with a new concept of juvenile justice that has

evolved slowly in Pennsylvania since the Ridge administration.

Nancy Williams, director of Blair County's Juvenile Probation Office, said her office is not sending juveniles to institutions but is concentrating on locally developed programs that stress safety to the community, restitution to the victims and development of "competencies" among the children. Competency is a vague term, but as Williams said, Shawn, in having to perform outdoor work, had to learn how to dress appropriately, show up on time and do a job that was not easy.

Juvenile Probation Officer Elizabeth Myers put together a "report card" on how the county's probation office and the new theory of juvenile justice is doing. Her report shows that last year, 131 out of 140 teens assigned to community service completed their assignments, performed 2,912 hours of service, returned \$25,408 to victims and an additional \$1,698 to the state's Crime Victim's Compensation Fund.

During the past three years, almost 9,000 hours of community service work has been performed by Blair juveniles and more than \$80,000 in compensation returned to victims. Blair County closed 169 juvenile files in 2006 with, 154 of those youths, 91.1 percent, completed their supervision without new charges. This is in comparison to 86.8 percent of juveniles statewide who completed their supervision without new charges.

Only 13 juveniles were sent to institutions last year, down from 23 in 2004 and 22 in 2005. The program is a cost saver for the county because it can cost up to \$346 per day to place a juvenile in an institution, Williams said. She said treating the kids in the community is a major change from the past when a 100 or more juveniles were sent to institutions annually. As of last week, the county office had only 10 teens in institutions.

The county office contracts with two agencies, Family Intervention Crisis Services and Adelphoi Village to counsel juveniles and their families. "We're not just fixing the juvenile. We're trying to help his family as well," Williams said.

The report card also shows there is additional work to be done. "The report card helps us stay focused on our goal. We're here to protect the community, develop competency and restore the victim," Myers

## Susquehanna Township's Officer Receives 2007 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's "Chief Of Police Crime Prevention Award"



The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency is pleased to announce that Chief Robert A. Martin is the recipient of the 2007 "Chief of Police Crime Prevention Award." He has demonstrated a strong commitment to crime prevention by actively participating in prevention strategies or by supporting opportunity reduction programs through the resources of their agency.

Robert A. Martin was appointed Susquehanna Township chief of police in 1998. He implemented the following programs over the past four years that have contributed to a over 40 percent reduction in crime a six year period in his jurisdiction: permanent beat assignment, anonymous tip line, mandatory foot patrols, school resource office and school foot patrols, volunteers in police service program, citizens police academy, operation red zone, community technical services unit, creation of mission Statement and planning guidance.

As a part of a continuing effort to promote crime prevention throughout the law enforcement community, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association presents an annual award to a municipal chief of police who has demonstrated a strong commitment to crime prevention by actively participating in crime prevention initiatives, or by supporting crime deterrence strategies through the resources of the police agency.

Although community crime prevention programming is primarily a civic effort, experience has shown that most programs will not succeed with the enthusiastic support of the local police executive. It is normally the chief of police who sets the tone for crime

prevention in the community, and then goes on to foster and to nourish local programs from infancy to fruition.

To strengthen the bond with the community, Chief Martin coordinates an annual National Night Out-Against Crime event which is held at the Susquehanna Township Veterans Memorial Park. In addition, Chief Martin serves on the Pennsylvania Commission and Crime and Delinquency's Harrisburg Regional Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) sub-committee.

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said. Problems with kids don't start with armed robberies, burglary, drug dealing or other serious crimes, Kopriva said last week. "It always starts with little things," she said.

Kids might stop doing their homework then maybe they begin skipping school. Then they might try drinking, smoking marijuana and possibly advance to cocaine.

"It's just a snowball effect," she said. What Blair County is trying to do is get to the kids early, before problems snowball, Kopriva said. In talking to Shawn, Kopriva said, "You are one of the those lucky kids who had a dad who stepped in and said 'enough.'"

## Camp Ophelia brings schools together

By Press And Journal Staff : 7/4/2007

It's a great thing when girls get along.



**T**he Camp Ophelia program at the Lower Dauphin Middle School brought in groups of girls ages 10 to 17, engaging in workshops, projects, and role playing to help them identify and handle what psychologists refer to as relational aggression. The girls learned not to be mean and how to make some new friends.

Over five days in June, 23 girls and eight mentors got together in a dual school conference with attendees from Lower Dauphin and Middletown schools. Throughout the week the girls were involved in workshops, projects and role-playing while working with their mentors, 15 through 17-year-old girls.

Relational aggression is a form of bullying, a psychological type of abuse in relationships. It can sometimes be as simple as saying "You can't come to my birthday party," or as damaging as spreading false rumors about a victim around school. Rumors can be very damaging to girls at the middle school and high school age.

Throughout the week the girls and their mentors have interviewed and made posters about each other; potted flowers in self-decorated pots, and dressed up for "altered" fairy tales.

The fairy tales are always the main feature of the week, performed for friends and relatives on the last day of camp. The tales have been changed by the girls, so the female characters are unique, independent, and self-reliant; one of the goals of the Ophelia program is to help girls gain confidence in themselves.

The mentors in the Club Ophelia program play key roles in the club and camp. Their biggest function is to serve as role models and influence the younger girls in the way they cooperate with advisors, solve problems and handle pressure. They older girls also set an example in the way they manage their peers and other influences of society.

"The girls are also looked upon as leaders," said Anne Einhorn, director of the Middletown program. "They are responsible for the way their girls interact with each other."

Ophelia mentors bond with their group of girls and the girls have the opportunity to talk with their mentor one-on-one about program-relevant issues they may have. Problems that arise that are too big to be handled

*Camp Ophelia Cont'd on the Back page*

# Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice: Where Do We Stand?

Patricia Torbet, National Center for Juvenile Justice

Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system is built on a solid foundation. Its goals for delinquent youth are established by statute and its outcomes are clearly defined.

All interventions and all decisions, from intake to aftercare, are to be aimed at achieving the juvenile justice system's goals. Every youth who passes through the juvenile justice system should leave the system better than when they entered it—more capable of being productive, connected and law-abiding.

To advance these goals and secure these outcomes, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee\* commissioned and sanctioned a series of White Papers that have served to "plant a flag" on where we stand on each goal.

Each White Paper was developed on the basis of delinquency-related research and balanced and restorative justice principles and on the advice and consensus of a carefully selected broad-based focus group of juvenile justice and related constituents. Each paper takes a position on what the goal means, why it's important, and how it's done.

## Accountability Flag:

**Definition:** The process of helping offenders understand and acknowledge the wrongfulness of their behavior and the impact on the crime victim and community together with the obligation to take action to repair the harm.

**Best responses:** Victim awareness curriculum, restitution, meaningful community service, and other restorative practices.

## Competency Development Flag:

**Definition:** The process of helping offenders acquire knowledge and skills in the domains most closely associated with their offending behavior together with opportunities to practice skills and establish positive relationships and ties.

**Best responses:** Skill training curricula in relevant domains: Pro-Social, Moral Reasoning, Academic, Workforce Development, and Independent Living. [Please note that clinical treatment for mental illness, substance abuse, violence, and sexual aggression is a different but related response that fits under this goal.]

### Juvenile Justice Goals

Community Protection  
Offender Accountability  
Competency Development

### Juvenile Justice Outcomes

Law-Abiding  
Productive  
Connected Members of Their Communities

## Community Protection Flag:

**Definition:** The process of contributing to safe communities—with particular emphasis on known juvenile offenders—through prevention, supervision and control. [Please note, this is the working definition; the official one will appear in the published White Paper available in early 2008.]

**Best responses:** Timely investigation and processing, range of diversion, supervision, control, and placement options to respond to risk level, general deterrence and prevention activities, and partnerships with communities.

Each White Paper acknowledges that it is not the last word, but the start of an extended discussion. Rest assured that the JJJPC continues to actively and collaboratively refine a common vision. Moreover, Pennsylvania's ongoing, comprehensive initiative on Aftercare is providing real guidance to probation departments around best practices that are aligned with system goals. Contact Rick Steele, Juvenile Court Judges' Commission at [c-rsteele@state.pa.us](mailto:c-rsteele@state.pa.us) or Kelly Franklin, Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers at [kfranklin@cjix.net](mailto:kfranklin@cjix.net) for more information.

Contact Susan Blackburn, JCJC's Balanced and Restorative Justice Coordinator, for copies of the White Papers or to download them, click here:

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### *Camp Ophelia Cont'd from Page 9*

by mentors are reported to the adult facilitators/directors, Einhorn and Kathy Peffer, director of the Lower Dauphin program.

At the end of each day the mentors meet with the adult facilitators and discuss the day, the progress of their girls, and if there were any problems. Linda Carpen, an advisor of both Club and Camp Ophelia, has found the experience rewarding; she has learned a lot about girls when hearing experiences from their point of view.

The mentors were chosen at the high school level because though they are older, they are still able to relate to the experiences of middle school girls.

Einhorn explained middle school is the time when relational aggression peaks among girls. "I've seen most of the same girls these past few years but it has been interesting to watch them develop into mature and well-rounded young ladies," said Peffer.

The mentors learned almost as much as the younger ladies. Amelia Stetler, 17, of Middletown Area High School, said "[The camp] was a very fun experience. By hanging out with other girls and seeing both perspectives of the program, I learned more about girl drama, relational aggression, and how to put a stop to it."

Kari Skitka, 17, of Lower Dauphin High School, has "seen [the middle school girls] become so much more social and have the ability to open up to each other. It is very rewarding to know that the girls are going to be leaving camp with better values and learn how to deal with issues."

### *Unsung Heroes Cont'd from Page 6*

Sean Walden, Olshugan Williams, Shaquaya Williams, and DeMara Winstead. Honored as members of the Tri Boro CTC Youth Council were: Diamond Blanchard, Rashad Dumas, Tiara Dumas, Khrystal Johnson, Novella Pickens, Joshua Price, Christina Williams, Denovian Williams, and Taijha Williams.

The CTC expresses gratitude to all who shared in the 2007 recognition dinner and awards ceremony and to all of the "unsung heroes" who continue to devote themselves to helping the youth of the community in fulfilling the mission, "we are, so they can be!"

## Arts in Criminal Justice National Conference

**T**he **Arts in Criminal Justice National Conference** will be held at the Sheraton City Center in Philadelphia on October 3 through 6. The conference, hosted by the City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, is expected to draw hundreds of people from around the country in three days of sessions that will include analysis, problem-solving exercises, and discussions addressing the opportunities and challenges in the innovative field of arts in criminal justice.

Additional information regarding the conference, including registration materials, can be accessed at the [Arts in Criminal Justice](#) website.

