

South Korean Delegation Explores Pennsylvania's Juvenile Jus- tice System

Dr. Dennis Giever, Chair of the Department of Criminology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), requested assistance from JCJC staff to develop a two-day itinerary for a group of South Korean officials interested in learning more about Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. The contingent of South Koreans included the following individuals:

Oh Young-Hee, Deputy Director of South Korea's Ministry of Juvenile Justice;
Sohn Taehee, International Coordinator;
Jisoo Kim, Juvenile Protection Division of the Social Protection and Rehabilitation Bureau;
Kim Huynmi, Juvenile Protection and Education Institute;
Baegeun Choi, Probation Officer and Distinguished Visiting Research Scholar at IUP; and
Sunyoung Park, an IUP Ph.D. student who served as translator and tour guide.

Day one of their visit began the morning of March 27, 2008, when the group met with JCJC Executive Director Jim Anderson and Deputy Director Keith Snyder, who provided background on Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system, including the importance of the principles of balanced and restorative justice. Chad Libby, Assistant Director of the Dauphin County Juvenile Probation Office, arranged afternoon tours in the Harrisburg area including the School-based Probation Program at Steelton-Highspire High School; the Schaffner Juvenile Detention Center; the Woodlawn group home of Alternative Rehabilitation Communities; and the day treatment, non-residential treatment, and non-residential detention programs operated by Cornell Abraxas.

Day two of their visit began in Latrobe, with a tour of the various programs on the campus of Adelphoi Village, followed by a meeting with Westmoreland County Juvenile Court Administrative Judge John Driscoll and Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Addie Beighley, who described how the

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Position Announcement Aftercare Specialist Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research

The Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) is currently accepting applications for the position of Aftercare Specialist. This position will be an employee of the Shippensburg University Foundation, and will be supported by funding from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The annual starting salary for this position is \$45,438. Appointments above the starting salary may be considered, and will be commensurate with the candidate's education, work experience and salary history.

This position will serve as a central point of contact for juvenile court judges and juvenile probation officers regarding aftercare planning and services; resolve, in conjunction with the Education Law Center, specific issues related to the return of youth to public educational settings; assist counties chosen to develop model aftercare approaches by providing on-site monitoring and technical assistance; provide statewide training, technical assistance, and support regarding the alignment of county practice with Pennsylvania's Aftercare Policy Statement and the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Standards Governing Aftercare Services; and develop a statewide data collection process around Aftercare services.

The minimum experience and training requirements for the position are five years of experience as a juvenile probation officer and a Master's degree in the behavioral sciences.

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, transcripts, and a resume to John Cookus, Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research, 1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA 17257-2299. This information must be received no later than June 13, 2008. Please contact [John Cookus](mailto:jcookus@state.pa.us) at (717) 477-1188, if you have any questions or desire additional information.

Lock Haven Athletes Stand Tall

By Geoff Arthur, Executive Director, Valley Prevention Services

Valley Prevention Services (VPS) serves as the host agency for Communities That Care (CTC) in Clinton County. As a full-time provider of substance abuse prevention services, VPS provides a number of services at the elementary school level. One specific effort involves providing a six session tobacco use prevention program at area fourth grades. During the provision of this service, VPS has noted that many elementary school age children have significant misperceptions about the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by those of high school age. When asked, fourth graders will often say they believe 80, 90, or even 100% of high school seniors use tobacco products or drink alcohol on a regular basis. However, several local surveys indicate otherwise. For example, the results from the 2005 PAYS survey indicate that less than 35% of high school seniors in Clinton County used cigarettes in the 30 days prior to the survey.

To combat and help reverse these misperceptions, VPS and Clinton County CTC have worked with high school students and athletes from Lock Haven University. The high school students, who are members of the school's Stand Tall organization, and the university athletes provide teaching presentations to area fourth and fifth graders on the importance of staying alcohol, tobacco, and drug free and receiving a good education. They present a message that clearly states that most teens are not using tobacco and other drugs. The reaction of the fourth and fifth graders is remarkable. As many know, elementary age children want to emulate older (teen age) youth. They are enamored by the high school students and have asked the university athletes for their autographs. This effort, combined with others, helps to reinforce positive, healthy attitudes about the non use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs in Clinton County.

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Guest articles are always welcome; please submit them by email or on a disk. We particularly enjoy your photographs.

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Pennsylvania Featured at International Blueprints Conference

Over eleven hundred attendees representing juvenile justice, children's services, state and federal policymakers, program providers, community stake holders and leading researchers from eleven countries attended the second conference of the *Blueprints for Violence Prevention* on March 17-19, 2008 in Denver, Colorado. Pennsylvania was highlighted as a leader in advancing and implementing evidence-based programs.

In 1996, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD), together with the federal Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Division of Criminal Justice in the state of Colorado provided funding to commence the Blueprints Project, spearheaded by the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado. At the 1999 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, the original *Blueprints* national program developers assembled for the first time and featured training sessions for all ten programs.

"Pennsylvania continues to lead the way in the area of juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention," says Sharon Mihalic, Director of the Blueprints Project at the University of Colorado. "Through the work of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Pennsylvania was one of the Blueprints earliest supporters, helping to fund the development of two of the Blueprints model program books."

Over 70 Pennsylvanians attended this year's gathering, which also featured plenary keynote addresses by Dr. Mark Greenberg, Director of the Prevention Research Center at Penn State University and Clay Yeager, formerly Director of the JCJC's Center for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and PCCD's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Other keynote speakers were Karen Mathis, immediate Past President of the American Bar Association, Steve Aos of the Washington State Institute on Public Policy, and Dr. Del Elliott, founder and former Director of the Blueprints Project at the University of Colorado. The success in Pennsylvania was also featured at several workshops throughout the conference. Workshop sessions were led by Brian Bumbarger of the Penn State Prevention Research Center, Mike Pennington, Director of PCCD's Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, Helen Midouhas, Pennsylvania Director of Functional Family Therapy, Myrna Shure from Drexel University and Beth Ann Rosica from VisionQuest.

"Pennsylvania's annual funding of Blueprints programs in the state and their sponsorship at the 2008 Blueprints Conference demonstrates their continued dedication to the evidence-based movement," said Mihalic. "Pennsylvania provides an exemplary model of how state and communities can work together to achieve a better future for all youth".

The Blueprints initiative establishes a gold standard for effective, research-based violence prevention programs and underscores the need to implement these programs with fidelity to the models. Ongoing work helps bridge the gap between research and practice. PCCD's support, combined with continuing technical assistance from Penn State's Prevention Research Center and JCJC's Center for Juvenile Justice Training & Research, has resulted in a \$60 million investment in over 140 evidence-based programs located in more than 100 Pennsylvania communities. Later this summer, Pennsylvania's own Center for Evidence-Based Programs and Practices, will be established - once again setting a new standard for implementing proven and cost-effective public policy.

For more information about the Blueprints for Violence Prevention, visit their [website](#).

The Blueprints Model programs include:

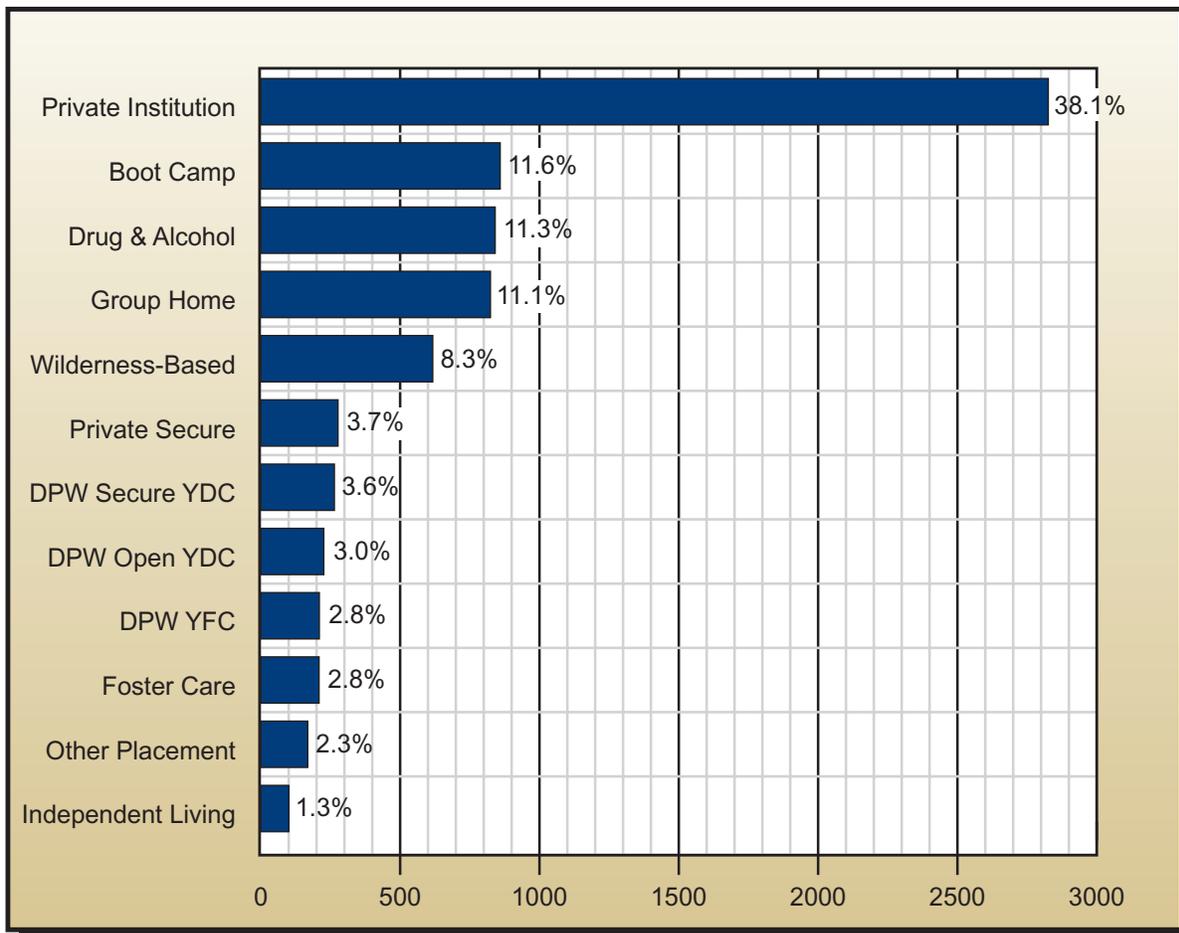
- Midwestern Prevention Project
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
- Functional Family Therapy
- LifeSkills Training
- Multisystemic Therapy
- Nurse-Family Partnership
- Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care
- Olweus Bullying Prevention Program
- Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies
- The Incredible Years: Parent, Teacher and Child Training Series
- Project Towards No Drug Abuse

Total Delinquency Placements by Type, 2006

This chart depicts the type of placement as a percent of total delinquency placements, including those resulting from disposition reviews. In general, these data correspond to the types of placement utilized in the disposition of new cases (see page 23).

The reader is directed to pages 65 and 66 for a breakdown, by county, of the type of service ordered by courts following disposition reviews.

TOTAL DELINQUENCY PLACEMENTS, INCLUDING DISPOSITION REVIEWS



Venango County Youth Receives “Shining Through” Award

by Justin Heffernan, Venango County School-Based Juvenile Probation Officer



Pictured from left to right are: Justin Heffernan: School-Based Probation Officer, Chevelle Hargenrader, Award recipient and Julie Bullard: Community-Based Juvenile Probation Officer.

A bystander who rescued a woman from a burning car is the recipient of the first Shining Through Award given by Venango County Court Supervision Services.

Chevelle Hargenrader of Cranberry Township was recently presented with the award during a ceremony in the Venango County Courthouse Annex. The Shining through Award is designed to recognize Venango County area young people who have overcome obstacles in their own lives to positively impact the lives of others. Venango County Court Supervision Services, through the Shining Through Award, acknowledges individuals who engage in activities that are positive in nature, helpful to others and promote proactive community engagement. Hargenrader was recognized for her quick thinking and selfless acts at a January 17th automobile accident outside her home. She rushed to the scene and discovered a woman slouched over in the driver’s seat in one of the cars, which had caught fire.

After trying unsuccessfully to wake the woman, Hargenrader broke the driver’s side window, reached inside the vehicle and, after several attempts, was able to pull her from the vehicle and move her to a safe location until emergency crews arrived. According to Venango County Court Supervision Services staff, it was because of Hargenrader’s bravery and quick thinking that the woman is alive today.

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principles of balanced and restorative justice are implemented in Westmoreland County. The second day of their visit concluded with a tour of the Cresson Youth Development Center arranged by Anne Marie Ambrose, Director of DPW’s Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services.

Although language proved to be an interesting and challenging aspect to the visit, the group learned a great deal and very much appreciated the hospitality provided to them by all of their Pennsylvania hosts. They both gave and received many tokens of friendship throughout their visit. A follow-up letter indicated that they intend to implement changes to South Korea’s juvenile justice system based upon the concepts they learned during their visit to Pennsylvania.



**Juvenile Justice
Outcome Measures**

Report Period

January 1, 2007
December 31, 2007



**Pennsylvania
Juvenile Courts**

**Pennsylvania
Juvenile Probation
Departments**

**Statewide Outcome
Measures**

All data is based on cases closed during the period indicated.

TOTAL CASES CLOSED THAT INVOLVED PROBATION SUPERVISION OR OTHER SERVICE: 2007= 17,657

COMMUNITY PROTECTION: THE CITIZENS OF PENNSYLVANIA HAVE A RIGHT TO SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES.

1. # and % of juveniles who successfully completed supervision without a new offense resulting in a Consent Decree, Adjudication of Delinquency, ARD, Nolo Contendere, or finding of guilt in a criminal proceeding: 2007=15,071/85.4%

2. # and % of juveniles who, while under supervision, were charged with a new offense that resulted in a Consent Decree, Adjudication of Delinquency, ARD, a plea of Nolo Contendere, or finding of guilt in a criminal proceeding: 2007 = 2,586 / 14.6%

a. # and % of juveniles who, while under supervision, were charged with a "direct file" offense and subsequently entered ARD, a plea of Nolo Contedere, or were found guilty in a criminal proceeding: 2007 = 104 / 0.6%

3. # and % of juveniles who, while under supervision, were charged with a new offense and whose cases are pending in criminal court: 2007 = 484 / 2.7%

a. # and % of juveniles who, while under supervision, were charged with a "direct file" offense and whose cases are pending in criminal court: 2007 = 72 / 0.4%

4. # and % of juveniles with no judicial finding of technical violations of probation while under supervision: 2007 = 15,419 / 87.3%

5. # and % of juveniles with a judicial finding of technical violations of probation while under supervision: 2007 = 2,238 / 12.7%

6. Median length of supervision: 2007 = 9.0 Months

ACCOUNTABILITY: IN PENNSYLVANIA, WHEN A CRIME IS COMMITTED BY A JUVENILE, AN OBLIGATION TO THE VICTIM AND COMMUNITY IS INCURRED.

Community Service

1. # and % of juveniles assigned community service:
2007 = 12,123 / 68.7%
 - a. # and % of juveniles who completed assigned community service obligation:
2007 = 11,243 / 92.7%
2. Total community service hours completed: **2007 = 547,684.5 Hours**

Restitution

1. # and % of juveniles with a Restitution obligation:
2007 = 4,725 / 26.8%
 - a. # and % of juveniles who made full restitution to their victim(s):
2007 = 3,984 / 84.3%
2. Total amount of restitution collected:
2007 = \$2,614,862.90

Victim Awareness

1. # and % of juveniles directed/ordered to participate in a victim awareness curriculum / program while under supervision:
2007 = 5,851 / 33.1%
 - a. # and % of juveniles who successfully completed a victim awareness curriculum / program while under supervision:
2007 = 5,637 / 96.3%

Other Financial Obligations

1. # and % of juveniles ordered to pay Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs:
2007 = 12,507 / 70.8%
 - a. # and % of juveniles who paid Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs in full:
2007 = 10,693 / 85.5%
2. Total amount Crime Victim's Compensation Fund Costs collected:
2007 = \$359,167.20

COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT: JUVENILES WHO COME WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF PENNSYLVANIA'S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM SHOULD LEAVE THE SYSTEM MORE CAPABLE OF BEING RESPONSIBLE AND PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

1. # and % of juveniles directed / ordered to participate in a competency development activity while under supervision: **2007 = 13,017 / 73.7%**
 - a. # and % of juveniles who successfully completed a competency development activity while under supervision: **2007 = 11,896 / 91.4%**
2. #and % of Juveniles directed/ordered to participate in a licensed substance abuse treatment program while under supervision: **2007 = 3,754 / 21.3%**
 - b. # and % of juveniles who were ordered/directed to participate and successfully completed, or are actively participating in, a licensed substance abuse treatment program at case closing (in-patient or out-patient): **2007 = 3,199 / 85.2%**
3. # and % of juveniles employed or engaged in an educational or vocational activity at case closing: **2007 = 14,676 / 83.1%**

PLACEMENT SUMMARY: The following information pertains to juveniles committed to out-of-home placement in conjunction with a juvenile delinquency disposition. Although out-of-home placement is not considered a juvenile justice system outcome measure, this information is of interest to policy-makers and the public.

1. # and % of juveniles committed to out-of-home placement for 28 or more consecutive days (excluding detention, shelter care, and diagnostic placements) : **2007= 3,107 / 17.6%**
2. Median length of stay in out-of-home placement (excluding detention, shelter care, and diagnostic placements): **2007 = 7.0 Months**

Call for Presentations

The Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

November 5 - November 7, 2008
Harrisburg Hilton and Towers

The sponsors of The Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice are requesting presentations for workshops to be offered on Thursday, November 6, 2008. Interested presenters should complete this form and return it by **May 19, 2008**. In order for your application to be considered, please submit a program description, a brief biography of the trainer and any supplementary materials.

- **Proposed title of workshop:** _____
- **Brief description of presentation: (50 words or less)** _____

- **Brief biography of the trainer(s): (50 words or less)** _____

- **Please list a reference and contact information of someone who is familiar with the trainer/presentation:**
Name: _____
Agency: _____
Telephone: _____
- **This presentation is best suited as a:**
 - 90-minute workshop (presented in one 90-minute session)
 - 180-minute training (presented in two consecutive sessions)

Please Note: Two presenters from each selected workshop will be our guests during the course of the three-day conference with all registration fees waived. Presenters will be responsible for their own lodging and travel expenses.

• **This workshop is recommended for:** (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Court Judges | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Court Masters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Program Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Prevention Specialists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Probation Officers | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Juvenile Probation Officers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Probation Supervisors | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Services Representatives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local and State Policy Officials | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | |

Name of principal contact person/trainer: _____

Agency/organization and address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email address: _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND ATTACH ALL
SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM DESCRIPTIVE MATERIALS,
TRAINER'S VITA, AND PARTICIPANT HANDOUTS BY
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008 TO:**

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