

## Pennsylvania Certification Board Announces 2008 Award Recipients

The Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB) presented three prestigious awards to worthy individuals and programs for outstanding contributions to the certification process and/or the chemical dependency field during its annual conference which was held on April 20-22, 2008, in Harrisburg. The award recipients were honored at a luncheon on April 20th. PCB Awards Committee Chair, Lynn Trocky, made the presentations to:

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD

James E. Anderson, Executive Director  
Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, Harrisburg, PA

### CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Russell J. Zemanek, CAC Diplomat,  
Director, Division of Support Services  
Bureau of Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Services,  
Department of Public Welfare, Harrisburg, PA

### PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

The Drug and Alcohol Center

#### Award Recipient

Andres Pumariega, M.D.  
Chair, Department of Psychiatry  
The Reading Hospital & Medical Center, Reading, PA



Left to right: Andres Pumariega, M.D.; Linda Texter, CAC (Director of The Reading Hospital & Medical Center); James E. Anderson; Russell J. Zemanek; Tom Baier (PCB President); and Lynn Trocky.

Stephanie S. Covington, Ph.D., LCSW was the keynote speaker. She is a nationally recognized clinician, author, organizational consultant and lecturer. A pioneer in the field of women's issues and recovery for more than twenty-five years, she has developed an innovative, gender-responsive approach to the treatment needs of women and girls that results in effective services in public, private, and institutional settings.

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## Stephen Bishop Appointed Coordinator of Graduate Education



The Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research is pleased to announce that Stephen Bishop was appointed to the position of Coordinator of Graduate Education, effective May 1, 2008.

Mr. Bishop graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelors Degree in Criminology/Pre-Law in 1997, and is a 2001 graduate of the JCJC-sponsored Masters Degree Program in Administration of Justice at Shippensburg University. Mr. Bishop began his career with Dauphin County Juvenile Probation in 1998, and served in various positions including a school-based probation supervisor.

In 2004, Mr. Bishop joined the staff of the Center as the Assistant Director of Training. In addition to helping to organize and administering every aspect of the Center's training programs, Mr. Bishop was integral in expanding the Center's training program to include web-based training opportunities, including the design of an on-line Juvenile Act course. Mr. Bishop also took the lead in the development and deployment of a web-based registration system now being utilized for the Center's training programs and the Annual Conference on Juvenile Justice.

In his new role, Mr. Bishop will be responsible for coordinating the operations of the JCJC's Graduate Education and Research programs. He will also continue providing on-site monitoring and evaluation of counties receiving Specialized Probation Services funding from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, and conducting court service visits. Mr. Bishop can be reached at the Center at (717) 477-1294 or [spbish@ship.edu](mailto:spbish@ship.edu).

## Rick Steele Appointed Juvenile Court Consultant



The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission is pleased to announce that Richard Steele was appointed to the position of Juvenile Court Consultant, effective April 28, 2008.

Mr. Steele graduated from Gettysburg College with a Bachelors Degree in Psychology in 1978, and is a 1985 graduate of the JCJC-sponsored Masters Degree Program in Administration of Justice at Shippensburg University. Mr. Steele began his career with Northumberland County Juvenile Court Services in 1979, and served in various positions including chief juvenile probation officer. Following his tenure at Northumberland County, Mr. Steele served as the Deputy Executive Director of Northwestern Academy in Coal Township.

In 2005, Mr. Steele joined the staff of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission as a grant-funded Aftercare Specialist, as part of Pennsylvania's Models for Change initiative supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. In partnership with the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers' Aftercare Specialist Kelly Franklin, Mr. Steele has provided Aftercare training and technical assistance to juvenile probation departments across the Commonwealth. Mr. Steele co-authored "[Aftercare Reality and Reform](#)" during his tenure as Aftercare Specialist.

In addition to maintaining some of his responsibilities as the Aftercare Specialist for the JCJC, Mr. Steele will be responsible for providing on-site monitoring and evaluation of counties receiving Specialized Probation Services funding from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, and conducting court service visits. Mr. Steele can be reached in the JCJC's Harrisburg office at (717) 705-5633 or [ricsteele@state.pa.us](mailto:ricsteele@state.pa.us).

## Senate Bill 1269 Passes the Senate

SB 1269(1731) was introduced by Sen. Greenleaf (R-Montgomery) on February 4, 2008. The [bill](#) passed the Senate (45-4) on April 29, 2008, and was referred to the House Judiciary Committee on May 2, 2008.

This bill would extend Pennsylvania's statutory privilege protecting information from being admitted into evidence on the issue of whether a child committed a delinquent act or on the issue of guilt in criminal proceedings. Specifically, statements made by, or incriminating information obtained from, a youth during screening, assessment, and/or evaluation could not be used against that youth in a subsequent delinquency hearing or criminal trial.

The bill would amend 42 Pa. C.S. §6302 (relating to definitions) to define "screening" as a process, regardless of whether it includes the administration of a formal instrument, that is designed to identify a child who is at increased risk of having mental health, substance abuse or

co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders that warrant immediate attention, intervention or more comprehensive assessment. The term "assessment" would be defined as an individualized examination of a child to determine the child's psychosocial needs and problems, including the type and extent of any mental health, substance abuse or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders and recommendations for treatment. The term would include, but not be limited to, a drug and alcohol, psychological and psychiatric evaluation, records review, clinical interview and the administration of a formal test and instrument.

The need for this legislation was identified by the Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Coordination Workgroup of Pennsylvania's "Models for Change" initiative, through which Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system is working in partnership with the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to address priority issues facing the system.

## JCJC Weekend Master's Degree Program Graduates



Congratulations to the class of 2008 of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission-sponsored Weekend Masters Degree Program at Shippensburg University. Commencement ceremonies were held at Shippensburg University's H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 9, 2008. The fifteen members of this year's class are: Colleen Tittiger (Beaver County); Daniel Heydt and Matthew Crouse (Berks County); Bridgette Gigliotti and Linda Thompson (Dauphin County), Susan McConnell and Tracy Veri (Butler County); Heather Perry (Centre County); Scott Berger (Chester County); Cherie Brubaker (Lancaster); Matthew Garvey (Northampton County); Lesley Reese-Miller (Philadelphia County); Edward Klunk (York County); Nichole Laiuvara and Nicole Snedeker (Friendship House).

Matthew Garvey was named the Graduate Student of the Year. He will receive the Dr. Anthony F. Ceddia Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Juvenile Justice at the Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice in November, 2008.

On behalf of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and the faculty at Shippensburg University, we offer our congratulations on these students' outstanding achievements and wish them all the very best in their future endeavors.

## Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation Hosts Countywide School Aftercare Forum

On April 16, 2008, the first ever joint forum between the County's 17 school districts and the Juvenile Probation Department was held at Westmoreland Intermediate Unit #7 in Greensburg, PA.

The experience was a huge success. To kick off the historic event, participants were greeted by the Honorable John J. Driscoll, Juvenile Court Administrative Judge of the Westmoreland Court of Common Pleas. He challenged them on the theme "Creating a Seamless Transition from Placement to Schools," indicating the goal of the day was to establish ongoing dialog and create an even better relationship between the organizations. He then introduced one of the morning's speakers, Ms. Kelly Franklin, Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers' Aftercare Specialist. Kelly provided the audience with a PowerPoint on the Models for Change Initiative and shared her excitement about the Forum. As the morning continued, Ms. Nancy Hubley, Educational Law Center Managing Attorney, greeted the participants and encouraged them to think of returning students as "works in progress". She stressed with guidance and support these youngsters could be capable of great success. In addition,

she shared several available forms and online resources available to all professionals working with students.

Addie Beighley, Director of Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation, then introduced the facilitator for the Forum, Dr. Luanne Matta, Executive Director of Westmoreland Intermediate Unit #7. Dr. Matta led the group in a strategic planning session on the topic of, "**How can we ensure a seamless transition from placements to schools?**" The 65 participants were broken down into small groups and developed what the transition should look like and what would be necessary for this to occur. After processing the feedback, an extensive list of responses was documented and will be utilized in the development of Westmoreland County's Aftercare Plan. One of the most exciting outcomes of the Forum came about when Addie asked for volunteers from the County's schools to be part of the Westmoreland 's Aftercare Team. Over half of the participants signed on to take part in this historic initiative! It is the goal of the Aftercare Team that an aftercare plan will be completed for the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

*By: Deb Ciocco, JPO/Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Coordinator*

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#### **Director – Bucks County Youth Center**

The selected candidate would be responsible for administration and management of the Bucks County Youth Center – a detention center and residential treatment center for delinquent youth. Candidates should meet the following qualifications:

- A comprehensive knowledge of public administration principles and practices commonly employed in the operation, management and control of both secure detention and residential treatment for adolescents;
- A Master's Degree and minimum five years administrative experience with secure and/or residential adolescent populations or other related human services field; and
- Extensive knowledge of the juvenile justice system, rules, regulations and procedures.

**Submit resume and salary requirements by June 13, 2008 to:**

Bucks County Department of Human Resources, 50 North Main Street, Doylestown, PA 18901 or e-mail to [Careers@co.bucks.pa.us](mailto:Careers@co.bucks.pa.us) or fax to: 215-348-6551. Job Number 2008-08 AD must appear on the reference line. EOE.

# 2007 Statewide Community Service/Restitution Program Activity Statistics Released

Aggregate community service and restitution program data is compiled each year from the information submitted to the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research. The information is gathered for purposes related to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission-sponsored insurance program, and also serves to provide a useful picture of the community service and financial restitution program activities statewide.

During 2007, there were a total of 20,134 youth assigned unpaid community service in the sixty-eight active programs throughout the Commonwealth. To gain perspective over a broader period of time, this is a 241% increase from the 8,354 youth participating in 1995, just twelve years ago. Last year, a total of 724,374 community service hours were worked by youth throughout the Commonwealth. At the current minimum wage, this represents over \$5,179,000 in volunteer effort invested in non-profit organizations and agencies across Pennsylvania in 2007.

There were 12 programs with more than 400 community service assignments/participants last year including: Philadelphia 1,748 (-10.8%); Berks 1,680 (+13.1%); Delaware 1,590 (-13.3%); Allegheny (Cornell-Abraxas Workbridge) 1,494 (+.2%); Montgomery 1,249 (-14.9%); Lehigh 1,163 (-10.7%); Lancaster 757 (+17.9%); Dauphin 711 (+40.0%); York 676 (-18.3%); Bucks 582 (-33.9%); Erie 559 (-17.1%); and Chester 496 (+27.8%). The percentage figures listed above in parentheses indicate the increase, or decrease from the number of participants in 2006 in each county.

Approximately 73.4% of the total youth assigned community service were male. The age of participants in the majority of the programs was between 15 years 0 months and 16 years, 10 months of age. The gender and age composition of program participants has remained relatively constant. The length of time necessary to complete community service assignments appeared similar to prior years, in that there were significant variations between programs, ranging from 30 days in some of the counties' programs, to highs of 180 to 270, and even longer periods in a few counties.

It is interesting to note that the total number of hours completed rose by nearly 20,000, despite the number of youth decreasing by 7%.

There were a total of 1,457 youth involved in one of the 30 active financial restitution programs in the state. This is the same number of programs that have been in existence since 2005. The largest of the programs operating in 2007 were Allegheny (Cornell-Abraxas Workbridge) with 281 participants, Berks County 248, Philadelphia 157, Mercer 121, Erie 78, Lehigh 71, Tioga 57, Clearfield 56, Northampton 45, Adams 43, Lycoming 32, Cumberland 30, Lancaster 29, Beaver 27, and Northumberland County with 26 youth.

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

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