

## Janice Higgins to Serve as 2009 Youth Awards Program Speaker



On Wednesday, November 4, 2009, [Janice Higgins](#) will serve as the featured speaker at the annual Youth Awards Program and Dinner which will be held at the 2009 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice. A native of Phoenix, Arizona, Ms. Higgins is an evangelist, community activist and a volunteer at the Central California Women's Facility, a California correctional facility. After transforming her life, Ms. Higgins founded Project R.A.G.E. (Release Anger and Guilt for Empowerment), an organization dedicated to coaching young people on how to deal with anger and guilt through positive and empowering experiences.

Writing from her heart, Ms. Higgins takes us on a journey that many are afraid to take. In her five-book series entitled

*"There Were No Parents Here"*, Janice Higgins describes the rage that occurs when there are no parents to listen and support a child. She tells the story of her life of child abuse, drug addiction, arrest and incarceration at the Central California Women's Facility, the largest correctional facility for women in California. Higgins captures a view of her life through the eyes of a child and what can happen when we fail to listen to the silent cry of a child. Each book is a piece of the puzzle that represents her life. Through her books, she reaches out to listen to our children.

Ms. Higgins travels across the nation to share her life story and deliver an inspirational message of encouragement to young people and parents. Her life, as told in the book series, will soon be featured on the motion picture screen. Please join our youth award winners to celebrate their accomplishments and to hear Janice's powerful message.

Additional information regarding Ms. Higgins can be found at [www.janicehiggins.com](http://www.janicehiggins.com).

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**NEW!**

# Berks County pioneers an alternative to detention for juvenile offenders:

*A new program uses sports, counseling, tutoring and other activities to help juvenile offenders straighten out their lives.*

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By Holly Herman; July 25, 2009

<http://www.readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=149599>

A 16-year-old Reading boy misses a three-point shot but runs off the basketball court glowing nevertheless.

"I turned my life around," the youth said proudly during a break in a basketball game while visiting a new Evening Reporting Center for juvenile offenders in Reading.

"I am not going to commit thefts," he said. "I plan to go to Reading High and play on the football and baseball teams. I am staying away from trouble."

The juvenile - who was arrested in November as part of an auto theft ring - is one of the first of 29 juveniles to successfully complete a new 30-day program designed to cut placement costs and rehabilitate serious offenders.

Berks County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Robert N. Williams estimates a \$1 million savings this year. The annual budget for placing juvenile offenders in programs is \$9.2 million.

"This is the first program of its kind in Pennsylvania," Williams said. "This is giving kids another chance. This is working out much better than we ever expected."

"We are hoping he will get a job soon," program supervisor Lacey L. Binkley said to the youth.

"I am looking," the teen responded. "I am keeping busy. I went on trip to Dorney Park with some kids. It's been good."

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Jeffrey G. Grego is overseeing the program. He said teens who complete it are eager to come back to visit.

"One night we had alumni night for people who completed the program, and 12 of the alumni came back," Grego said.

The 16-year-old said he learned from the mentors.

"I really got a lot out of it," he said. "I used to smoke marijuana and I don't anymore. I stay home and watch television and play with the children in the city."

Carlos Espin, a skills specialist, picks up the teens in a van between 3 and 3:30 p.m. at their homes during the summer. He picks them up at school during the rest of the year. At the end of the 3:30 to 9 p.m. session, he drives the teens to their homes.

When they arrive at the program, they meet in the cafeteria for snack.

They start off the afternoon with the teens talking about how they are feeling and their goals for the day.

"You've all made some mistakes in your lives and you are coming here to improve," Grego said.

The teens then go to a computer lab, where they write letters and read news articles. They eat dinner and play chess and basketball.

Attorney Joseph A. Guillama, who represents the juveniles, plays basketball with his clients several times a week.

Guillama said he is truly concerned about his clients' success.

"We take the kids to political and cultural events," he said. "These kids are very fortunate to be placed in this program."

Senior Judge Arthur E. Grim, who helped obtain funding for the program from the MacArthur Foundation, said the six hours of the program are critical.

"This program is designed for kids who would otherwise be detained," Grim said. "We are achieving our goal by reducing the number of placements."

A 15-year-old Reading teen said he was in the program for possessing marijuana.

"I was smoking all of the time," he said. "This program keeps me out of trouble. If I'm not here, I will miss it. I am not smoking marijuana anymore."

The teens routinely undergo drug testing. When they are not in the program, they are required to stay in their homes on house arrest.

Another 16-year-old Reading teen who is in the program for burglary said he is learning how to stay out of trouble.

He the program is much better than detention.

"In detention you sleep and you eat," he said. "There is a lot more to do here."

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## Bradford County Launches Guardian Angel Project

There were angels in the midst of 14 teens and their mentors on the afternoon of July 28, 2009 at the Towanda Area High School. Emotions were running high. It was the culmination of the first Guardian Angel Project in Bradford County, which sprang from a national program formed in 2002 with the slogan "Impacting Teens with the Power of Compassion." The coordinators of the Bradford County Guardian Angels Project were thrilled with the inaugural year of the program.

Bradford County Probation, under the leadership of Assistant Chief Sue Ide, took the lead on this initiative, in cooperation with other agencies, and with the help of the mentors who serve as role models to the youth in the program. The Guardian Angel Project is designed for teens that have not been making good decisions in their lives and seem to be heading down the wrong road. They are selected for the project by the Bradford County Probation Department. The mentors come from law enforcement, teaching and church ministry, to name a few of several professions represented.

Each teen created a ceramic angel that was unveiled at a pizza party at the high school and "Guardian Angel Project" T-shirts were handed out to the participants. The next step was the most emotional for all... the angels were given to child cancer

patients, a number of whom were terminally ill, at the Syracuse Hospital on Thursday, Aug. 6. In fact, the project is dedicated to one of the first recipients of one of the Guardian Angels, a boy named Eric Schonhoff who died days after receiving his angel at the Children's Hospital in Iowa.

Locally, the project is dedicated to Penny Smiley Farley, who died in March of this year at the age of 55. Penny, who once served as Community Service Coordinator for Bradford County Probation, was someone whom Ide says "always planted the seed of the positive".

"This is the kind of thing she would have loved," said Ide of her former colleague and friend who lost her battle with cancer. "This is kind of my thing to do for her".



The Bradford County Probation Officers who helped coordinate this project are: Jim Lacek, Ray Weaver, Lori Rahn and Rebekah Hamblin; Re-Entry Case Manager Karen Beirne; and Lorie Radney, Prevention Specialist for Bradford County Drug & Alcohol. The biggest supporter of this initiative continues to be Magisterial District Judge Mike Shaw, who hears cases for the Bradford County Treatment Court.

Ide and Shaw see the humanity and caring of this project as life changers, and working one-on-one with specially chosen adult mentors is a key reason why this project seems to work.

"If you had seen the first day," Shaw said, shaking his head at the memory of the first time they came together as a group for this project. "All I can tell you all is I'm thoroughly impressed."

"We were looking for a way to get some of these kids to do something positive for someone else, something that reflected the best in Penny, and this is what came out of it," said Ide.

If you want to know more about the Guardian Angel Project in Bradford County, contact Assistant Chief Sue Ide at 570-265-1706.

## JCJC RELEASES 2008 STATEWIDE OUTCOME MEASURES

Since January, 2004, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) has collected juvenile justice system outcome data from counties. The information is aggregate data regarding all juveniles whose cases are closed on or after January 1, 2004 and who have received a period of juvenile probation department supervision as a result of an adjudication of delinquency or a pre-adjudication disposition.

The specific data elements that are required to be reported were developed by a committee of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers and JCJC staff. A consensus on which data to include in a Statewide Outcome Measures Report was based upon the experience of a number of counties that participated in the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) Intermediate Outcomes Project. The principles, concepts, and values that lay behind the outcome measures data were initially espoused for redefining the juvenile justice system in Pennsylvania at the 1996 JCJC sponsored training Community, Victim, and Offender: Changing Roles in Juvenile Justice. The measures are intended to quantify the Balanced and Restorative Justice goals of community protection, accountability, and competency development.

The 2008 Statewide Outcome Measures Report includes the data for 2004 through 2008. Some significant aspects of the report are:

- *Comparisons with other states that collect and publish similar data;*
- *The percentage of juveniles receiving community service assignments has increased in all but one year, and communities have received valuable and significant services over the past 5 years;*
- *Victims have received approximately \$12,000,000 in restitution from juvenile offenders;*
- *The percentage of juveniles engaged in an educational, vocational, or employment activity at case closing has increased; and,*
- *The number, percentage, and median length of stay have decreased for juveniles experiencing at least one instance of placement during their period of supervision.*

The complete report may be viewed on the [JCJC](#) website.

## Community-Based & School-Based Probation Services Forum Held

On June 25 and 26 the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission sponsored a combined workshop/forum training program designed for Community-Based and School-Based probation officers providing Specialized Probation Services.

The first day of the forum was led by Susan Blackburn, Balanced and Restorative Justice Specialist with the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. She introduced participants to the principles of Restorative Group Conferencing and how conferencing could be creatively and strategically utilized in the context of schools and communities to further achieve the goals of Balanced and Restorative Justice.

On day two, presentations by Candace Putter, Director of Pennsylvania Academic and Career/ Technical Training Alliance (PACTT), and David Smith, Training Specialist for PACTT, addressed the history and goals of how this alliance is working to improve the academic, career and technical training that juveniles receive while in residential placement. They also provided valuable information about how the PACTT Employability/Soft Skills manual can be utilized to increase the competency development of youth in placement and in reintegration planning.

For more information on Restorative Group Conferencing, please contact Susan Blackburn at 717-477-1411 or [sblackburn@state.pa.us](mailto:sblackburn@state.pa.us). For information related to PACTT, please contact Candace Putter at 215-490-4549 or [cputter.pactt@comcast.net](mailto:cputter.pactt@comcast.net); or David Smith at 267-615-3484 or [dsmith.pactt@comcast.net](mailto:dsmith.pactt@comcast.net).

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# Juveniles who Re-offend in the Criminal Justice System: A Fayette County Study

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By: Jerome M. Andria, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

When the idea of doing “Case Closing Reports” came about approximately 5 years ago, we knew that we would be able to see how good (or not so good) of a job we were doing in certain areas, such as reoffending behaviors, while subject to supervision, completion of community service work, and payment of restitution.

Periodically, we’ll hear comments that most of “our kids” go on to commit crimes in the criminal arena, and therefore our effectiveness, at least long term, is always in question. In Fayette County, we attempted to answer the question “Are our kids going on to commit crimes as adults, and if so, what kind?” by using our case closing data from January 2004. We identified 529 individuals whose cases were closed and who were at least eighteen years of age as of January 1, 2009.

To determine if these individuals had re-offended in the adult criminal justice system, information was gathered from the AOPC Web Portal using the juvenile’s SID. The search was conducted in Fayette, Greene, Westmoreland, Washington, Somerset, and Allegheny Counties. The results of that search found that 96 of the 529 individuals in our sample had re-offended in the adult criminal justice system, therefore representing a re-offending rate of 18.15%

We also looked at the types of crimes that the re-offenders were involved in. Re-offenses were broke down into three separate categories:

- Crimes against person: Rape, Robbery, Assault, REAP, etc.  
(34 or 6.4% of the entire sample)
- Crimes against property: Burglary, Theft, Arson, Criminal Mischief, etc.  
(30 or 5.6% of the entire sample)
- Crimes against society: DUI, Drug Violations, etc.  
(32 or 6.1% of the entire sample)

Finally, we looked at the re-offending behaviors as it pertains to three specific types of crimes:

- Drug Violations – 11 or 2.1% of the entire sample;
- Weapons violations – 2 or <1% of the entire sample; and
- DUI – 11 or 2.1% of the entire sample.

We also looked at this same group to determine their level of involvement with the criminal justice system at the summary level.

It was discovered that 300 of the 529 individuals had been found guilty of committing a summary offense, giving us a 56.71% re-offending rate at this level. Upon further examination we found that 131 (or 24.7% of the entire sample) were involved in summary traffic offenses while 169 (or 31.9% of the entire sample) were involved in committing non-traffic summary offenses with the two major summary offenses being retail theft and underage drinking.

Not knowing what to expect, I would say that in Fayette County we should be very pleased that less than 20% of our clients have gone on to be convicted of committing criminal acts. It should be noted that the average and mean ages of the 529 individuals in our sample was 21 years 3 months. This group is not quite through the “prime crime committing ages” of 16 to 23, so it will be interesting to revisit this and a much larger group in the next several years.

# National Juvenile Justice Announcements

The following August announcements are reprinted from [JUVJUST](#), an OJJDP news service:

## July 29, 2009 - Manual Provides Assistance on Disproportionate Minority Contact

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has released a new edition of its [Disproportionate Minority Contact Technical Assistance Manual](#).

This fourth edition presents methods for calculating and analyzing disproportionate minority contact (DMC) and describes how jurisdictions may use data to facilitate informed decision making, multidisciplinary and collaborative approaches and partnerships, promising intervention strategies, performance measurement and evaluation.

The updated edition features new chapters on DMC data and intervention strategies for serving Hispanic youth in the juvenile justice system and the role of State DMC coordinators.

Resources:

The latest edition of the Disproportionate Minority Contact Technical Assistance Manual is available at [www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojjdp/dmc\\_t\\_a\\_manual/index.html](http://www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojjdp/dmc_t_a_manual/index.html).

## August 17, 2009 - OJJDP's National Youth Gang Center To Merge With National Gang Center

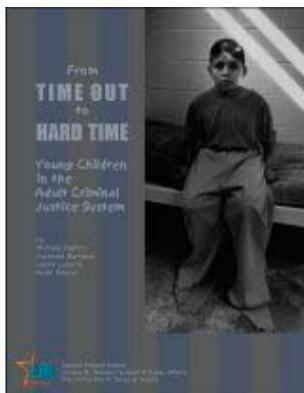
Since 1995, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP's) [National Youth Gang Center](#) has addressed issues involving juvenile gang members, featuring prevention and intervention efforts and promoting a comprehensive strategy to combat gangs.

On October 1, 2009, the National Youth Gang Center will merge with the [National Gang Center](#), currently funded by the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance. The functions performed by the National Youth Gang Center will continue, but its incorporation into an expanded National Gang Center will leverage resources more efficiently, while enhancing OJJDP's response to the needs of researchers, practitioners, and the other concerned citizens.

Resources:

Visit the National Gang Center Web site at [www.nationalgangcenter.gov](http://www.nationalgangcenter.gov).

## August 28, 2009 - Report Reviews Research on Pre-Adolescents in the Criminal Justice System



The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin has released the report "[From Time Out to Hard Time: Young Children in the Adult Criminal Justice System](#)."

The report analyzes available data to provide a comprehensive look at how the nation treats pre-adolescent children who commit serious crimes and offers related recommendations for the consideration of policymakers. It finds that more than half the states permit children age 12 and under to be treated as adults for criminal justice purposes. In 22 states, plus the District of Columbia, children as young as 7 can be prosecuted and tried in criminal courts, where they may be subject to severe sanctions, including long prison terms, mandatory sentences, and placement in adult prisons.

Resources:

"From Time Out to Hard Time: Young Children in the Adult Criminal Justice System" is available online at [www.utexas.edu/lbj/news/images/file/From%20Time%20Out%20to%20Hard%20Time-revised%20final.pdf](http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/news/images/file/From%20Time%20Out%20to%20Hard%20Time-revised%20final.pdf).

In [remarks](#) addressing the recent White Conference on Gang Violence Prevention and Crime Control, Attorney General Eric Holder commended Los Angeles' Summer Nights Light program, an initiative of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Gang Reduction Program, as a "different innovative approach to crime fighting."

"Summer Night Lights, in partnership with community organizations, offers safe and healthy alternatives to crime and delinquency at night," the Attorney General reported. "It literally turns the lights on in parks where crimes often occur, and offers recreational, educational, and artistic activities instead. The program is an example of innovation upon innovation. The Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention helped fund a pilot "Gang Reduction and Youth Development Zone" in the Boyle Heights area of East Los Angeles, and the City of Los Angeles reported that this program helped reduce gang violence in that area by 40 percent. Now the city runs 'zones' across the city and Summer Night Lights in 15 sites."

Resources:

Attorney General Holder's remarks may be viewed at [www.usdoj.gov/ag/speeches/2009/ag-speech-090824.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/ag/speeches/2009/ag-speech-090824.html).

For additional information about OJJDP's efforts to prevent gang involvement, visit [ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/antigang/index.html](http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/antigang/index.html).

## 15th National Symposium on Juvenile Services October 11-14, 2009 • Indianapolis, Indiana Representing America's Youth: Transforming the Field of Juvenile Services

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### SYMPOSIUM PLENARY SESSIONS

Professionalizing the Field through Certification - Frank Eckles, Executive Director, Youth Worker Certification Institute

Resurrecting Juvenile Justice: News from OJJDP - Jeff Slowikowski, Interim Administrator (invited), OJJDP, U.S. Department of Justice

Adolescent Development & Sexuality in Institutional Settings - Sheryl Brissett-Chapman, Executive Director, The National Center for Children & Families

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For symposium agenda, registration materials and other information visit: <http://www.npjs.org/symposium.html>

For questions or to request hard copy registration materials contact our office at: email - [npjs@eku.edu](mailto:npjs@eku.edu) • phone - 859.622.6259



### WORKSHOP SESSION HIGHLIGHTS...

Cyber-Training in the 21st Century • The Intersection of Youth Development and Juvenile Justice • Implementing Cognitive Behavioral Programs in Juvenile Detention and Residential Treatment Facilities • Critical Issues in Juvenile Services: A National Perspective • Xbox, Hip-Hop and Dreadlocks • Community Outreach in Juvenile Detention • CARE Teams: Highlighting Indiana Juvenile Corrections Programs • Building an Effective Reentry Program: The Alaska Experience • Learning on a Shoestring • Why the Training School Model Needs to Be Abandoned • Reaching and Teaching Every Student Especially the Reluctant Learner • Managing At-Risk Youth in the Classroom • Creating Positive Media Relations • Competency and Motivational Retention Strategies for Correctional Staff • JJDP Compliance Issues • Pathways to Promotion • Tai Chi: A Stress Reduction Program • PLUS, multiple sessions exploring the progress of the Annie E. Casey Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative and also sessions examining the growing issue of children of incarcerated parents

# TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS



With the fall training season underway, we are pleased to bring you the following programs that are still open for registration and have available seating. Please review the following workshops on our fall training calendar on the JCJC website @ [www.jcjc.state.pa.us](http://www.jcjc.state.pa.us) and consider sending your staff to these programs.

## ***Kinesic Interviewing Skills -- Level 2***

***Dan Sosnowski***

***October 14-16 in State College***

Dan presented Level 1 during the Spring 2009 season and is returning to present Level 2, which teaches how to combine information received through diagnosis of verbal and nonverbal behavior with the “psychological fingerprint” of a subject in order to conduct an effective interview. Dan recently appeared on the Nancy Grace show on CNN Headline News to discuss polygraphs regarding the Haleigh Cummings case in Florida.

## ***Adolescent Mental Health Issues and Intervention Strategies***

***Barb Ulmer***

***October 28-29 in State College***

Barb will be discussing behaviors and symptoms of clients that indicate certain mental health difficulties and interventions to effectively work with those clients. Barb brings 25 years of experience in working with juveniles and their families and has presented other topics for CJJT&R.

## ***The Impact of Early Trauma on Development: Implications for Juvenile Justice Intervention in Managing Behavioral Problems in Adolescents***

***Kevin Creeden***

***October 29-30 in State College***

This is first time that Kevin will be training for us, although he has trained both nationally and internationally and has written several articles and book chapters on the neuro-developmental impact of trauma on sexual behavior problems.

## ***Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: Non-Compliant vs. Non-Competent Behaviors***

***Dr. Paul Martin***

***October 29 and 30, 2009 in Monroeville***

Dr. Martin has presented for CJJT&R on various mental health issues previously. This time he is here to discuss the causes and effects of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Alcohol-Related Neuro-developmental Disorders. Lunch is included with this regional function.

***You may use this link to register: [Fall 2009 Training Registration](#)***

## John Penderville Retires From Washington County



John "Rege" Penderville retired as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for the Washington County Court of Common Pleas on July 31, 2009. Rege, as he is affectionately known, was employed by the Washington Juvenile Probation Office for 36 years. Beginning as a juvenile probation officer and completing his career as the chief, Penderville oversaw the expansion of the School-Based Probation Officer Program and the expansion of the very successful LEADER Afterschool Program. Mr. Penderville was a member of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers where he served on the Executive Committee. Rege plans to spend time with his family, his wife Gloria and his children Brenda and Brian.

## JDCAP Appoints New Director Wayne Bear

The County Commissioners' Association of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce the appointment of Wayne Bear, as Executive Director of the Juvenile Detention Centers' Association of Pennsylvania (JDCAP).

Wayne comes to the Executive Director position having served as Deputy Director and Acting Executive Director for JDCAP for the past year. Wayne has served youth offenders and their support family and community systems for over 27 years. He worked in Juvenile Probation for 10 years and has since worked in secure, residential and community based programs. He received his Master in Social Work degree from Temple University, and has maintained licensure since 1997. He continues to volunteer as a clinical member of the South Central Critical Incident Stress Management team.



Wayne looks forward to representing the 18 facility members of JDCAP. Wayne can be reached at [wbear@pacounties.org](mailto:wbear@pacounties.org) or 717-232-7554 ext. 3117.

## OMHSAS Children's Advisory Committee Elects New Co-Chair

The Children's Advisory Committee of the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) recently elected Bernadette Bianchi as Co-Chair. Bernadette is the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Council for Children, Youth and Families, and replaces Sallie Lynagh, who has served as co-chair for the past several years. Mary Ann Donovan is the other Co-Chair of the committee.

In other business, the advisory committee's three workgroup topics are: a public health approach to children's mental health; enhancing cross-systems work; and county-level family and youth advocacy. The next regular meeting of the advisory committee is November 5, 2009.

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