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Jim Rieland's Impact on Juvenile Probation

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Described as "a pioneer in juvenile justice" by the Pittsburgh Post Gazette ([Pioneer in Juvenile Justice Retiring](#)), Jim Rieland, Director of Allegheny County Probation, retired on December 31, 2009 after 35 years of distinguished service to the residents of Allegheny County.

Jim began his career in 1974 as an intern with juvenile probation. He was hired as a probation officer after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts in the Administration of Justice. While working as a probation officer in the Southern District Office, Jim attended graduate classes at the University of Pittsburgh, earning his Master of Public Administration in 1978. Jim was named

Supervisor of the Shaler/Garfield District Office in 1984 and was promoted to Court Administration in 1990.

After a brief stint with Allegheny County Children and Youth Services, where he served as the Deputy Director of Casework Services from 1994 to 1997, Jim returned to Juvenile Court in 1997 and was named Director of Court Services.

In June of 2005, Jim was named Director of Adult and Juvenile Probation. In this capacity he directed all aspects of Allegheny County's adult and juvenile probation services, which includes responsibility for an annual budget in excess of \$60 million and a staff of 500 who provide supervision to approximately 17,000 adults and 5,000 juveniles on any given day.

Over the years, Jim has earned a well-deserved reputation as a visionary leader in juvenile justice, particularly in the area of Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ). After being named Director, Jim quickly began evaluating the services and supervision provided by the department, ensuring that all were aligned with the newly defined goals of juvenile justice. Programs and services that advanced the BARJ mission were expanded; those deemed obsolete were eliminated.

With BARJ goals in mind, Jim extended the Department's emphasis on community-based supervision and services, a tradition that began in the mid-1970s when the probation offices were decentralized and relocated to various sites throughout the county. Field operations enabled closer contact with juveniles and families, local agencies and organizations, and local law enforcement. Several new programs that were developed or expanded under Jim's tenure highlight his community-based focus.

Below are some of the program highlights of Jim Rieland's tenure as Director:

- As a Court Administrator in the early 1990s, Jim was instrumental in developing the Community Intensive Supervision Program (CISP) – the highly successful Court operated community-based alternative to residential placement. Providing a step up from traditional probation and a step down from residential placement, CISP has attracted national attention and has become a model for other jurisdictions. As Director, Jim increased

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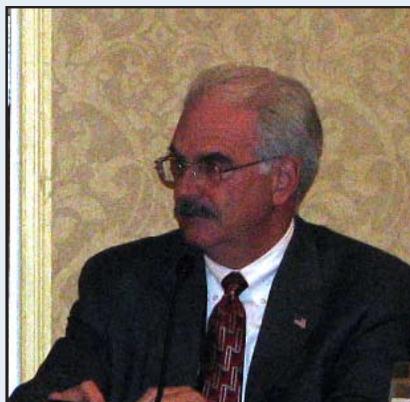
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the number of CISP Centers to five--operating in the Hill District, Homewood, Garfield, Wilksburg, and McKeesport--and began planning for a sixth center.

- Recognizing the importance of school-based probation, Jim worked to obtain state funds during the 1990s to significantly expand the number of school-based probation officers working directly in middle schools and high schools. Today, the Department has a total of 40 school-based probation officers assigned to 24 school districts in Allegheny County. These POs are fully integrated with their assigned schools, providing intake services, supervision, and access to other treatment programs. The Department's current school-based operation is the largest in Pennsylvania.
- The Department's Drug and Alcohol Unit formed the Parent Survival Skills (PSST) groups, offering communication skills and strategies for parents dealing with substance-involved youth. The PSST groups are offered in several locations and are open to all parents and guardians, whether or not their children are active with the Court.
- To enhance community protection, the Warrant Unit was created in 2004. The Unit works closely with local law enforcement to apprehend high-risk offenders who have absconded or violated conditions of supervision. To date, the Unit has apprehended nearly 90% of those sought.
- Partnering with the Center for Victims of Violence and Crime (CVVC), probation officers have been conducting the Victim Awareness Curriculum for all juveniles adjudicated delinquent or on a consent decree. These group sessions are scheduled monthly in the community-probation offices and CISP centers. Jim has said that this curriculum "puts a face on crime" and helps juveniles better understand how their crimes affect individuals and communities. It has become a core component of our accountability efforts.
- Jim obtained grant monies from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to



Below are some of Jim's appointments and achievements:

- Jim served as President of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers 2004 to 2006; he was the Chair of the Chief's statewide Balanced and Restorative Justice Committee since 1998;
- Jim was appointed by the Governor to PCCD's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee.
- Jim was selected as Pennsylvania's Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year in 2002.
- In 2007, the National Juvenile Court Services Association honored him as Juvenile Court Administrator of the Year.
- In November of 2009, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission presented Jim with the prestigious Dennis M. Maloney Award for his exemplary work in Balanced and Restorative Justice.

help a number of our community-based and residential providers develop Aggression Replacement Training (ART) groups. This curriculum-based program focuses on pro-social and moral reasoning skills--key competency development domains. In addition, the Department has recently teamed with the Women's Shelter of Pittsburgh to develop a Domestic Violence curriculum for juveniles who have been involved in or witnessed domestic violence.

- Since 2004, Pennsylvania has been one of four states working on the MacArthur Foundation's "Models for Change" initiative which is designed to improve the juvenile justice system in three critical areas: aftercare/re-entry, mental health, and disproportionate minority contact. Allegheny County Juvenile Court is the only jurisdiction in the state involved in all three areas. Ongoing work with the "Models for Change" initiative has resulted in the following: the implementation of a detention assessment for all juveniles being considered for secure detention; increased use of mental health screens at several points in the system; a pilot Multisystemic Therapy (MST) program for youth and families; and the creation of three education specialists whose job is to improve juveniles' academic transition to and from residential placement and the home school.
- During the last few years, Jim has stepped up the Court's role in delinquency prevention. The Truancy Prevention Program (TPP), a joint effort with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Department of Human Services, was recently expanded with foundation grants. The TPP works with non-court involved youth under age 15 who are chronically truant from school, a known risk factor for delinquency. TPP offers truancy abatement services to every school district in the county.
- The Stop Now and Plan Program (SNAP), implemented in 2008, is a special achievement of Jim's. Based on the successful SNAP program developed in Toronto, Canada, this innovative program is geared for high-risk boys between the ages of 6-11 and their families. Group sessions are conducted to help the boys control their anger.

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Jim has also continually stressed the importance of keeping staff and the public apprised of how the Department is performing. Jim created the annual "Report Card" to provide a snapshot of our performance on key Balanced and Restorative Justice measures. First issued in 2003 to staff, the media, and the public, the Report Card has become a source of pride for the Department. Other jurisdictions throughout the nation have followed Jim's lead and now issue annual report cards. Jim also created an Annual Report, a more detailed document shared with staff and the public that describes the Court's operation and performance.

Jim's emphasis on objective criteria and performance measures has forever altered the operation of the probation department as well as its concept of "success." In addition to the Report Card and Annual Report, a host of other reports are regularly disseminated to help supervisors and probation officers stay aligned with the mission. The development of risk and needs assessment, the comprehensive plan, and dispositional guidelines are further evidence of Jim's focus on continuous performance improvement.

Jim's dynamic approach and visionary leadership have served Allegheny County and the entire Commonwealth well over the years. As such, he has held a number of key statewide positions over the years, and received numerous awards and distinctions.

Under Jim's leadership, we are all proud to be members of Allegheny County Juvenile Probation. With good reason, visitors as far away as Mexico and Portugal have come to observe and learn about what makes us one of the most successful and innovative Juvenile Court's in the world. As his retirement approached, Jim urged staff not to become complacent, but to continue to expand, and to improve on the impressive operation he leaves behind. That is our challenge – to build on the success we have enjoyed with Jim at the helm. Personally, I am very fortunate to have worked so closely with Jim, who has been my mentor during the last ten years. We are all fortunate to have had Jim as our Director. Thanks boss, and enjoy your retirement!!



Blue Mountain/Tire Pile Northampton County

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On October 17, 2009, 23 dedicated volunteers (including 10 Northampton County juvenile probationers), with tremendous local support, worked to restore the landscape of Blue Mountain to its natural beauty. The volunteers worked tirelessly on an unusually cold and wet day that had brought snow to portions of the Poconos and central mountains of Pennsylvania. The volunteers scoured the mountain, gathering up 1 ton of trash and 398 illegally dumped tires. The volunteers then brought them to the old Lehigh & New England, Saylorsburg Branch Railroad bed for Plainfield Township to truck the tires down off the mountain. All the tires will be recycled and made into mulch for landscaping, aggregates for septic, drainage, foundation and asphalt, horse turf, tire derived fuel chips,

crumb rubber for mat manufactures, raw materials for manufacturing, and recycled wire for the steel industry.

Blue Mountain is at the eastern edge of the Appalachian Mountain Range and is part of the Kittatinny Conservation Corridor. The mountain runs 150 miles through Pennsylvania from Big Gap, west of Shippensburg, to the Delaware Water Gap along the New Jersey border. Elevations generally range from 1,400 to 1,600 feet with the highest point at 2,270 feet. Four major rivers cut through Blue Mountain: the Delaware, Lehigh, Schuylkill, and Susquehanna Rivers.

A greenway is a linear corridor of open space. Some greenways are land trails for hiking, biking, and other forms of recreation. Others are water trails. Still others serve to protect the environment and are not designed for people to use.



Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice Continues Public Hearings

The Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice was established by [Act 32 of 2009](#) on August 7, 2009. The Commission, which consists of 11 members appointed by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government, is charged with ascertaining how the Luzerne County juvenile justice system failed, restoring public confidence in the administration of justice, and preventing similar events from occurring.

The Commission gathered testimony from various individuals regarding the Luzerne County situation in four public hearings in Wilkes-Barre on November 9 and 10, and on December 7 and 8. Transcripts of these proceedings are available on The Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania website: <http://www.pacourts.us/Links/Public/InterbranchCommissionJuvenileJustice.htm>.

The Interbranch Commission returned to Harrisburg on January 21 and 22, 2010 to begin the process of receiving recommendations. JCJC Executive Director, James Anderson, presented testimony on behalf of the JCJC. Also testifying were Robert Schwartz, Executive Director of the Juvenile Law Center; Richard Gold, Deputy Secretary for Children Youth and Families, of the Pa. Department of Public Welfare; and Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, Secretary of Education.

On January 22, the witnesses included Robert Stanzione, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Bucks County and President of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers and Robert Williams, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Berks County and Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers; Dr. Ronald Sharp, Chairman of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee; Melissa Sickmund, Chief of Systems Research, National Center for Juvenile Justice; and Wendy Lukenbill, Child Policy Coordinator for the Mental Health Association of Pennsylvania.



Edison Court, Inc. presents

“What SORNA Means to the Future of Juvenile Sex Offenders and Communities”

Friday March 19, 2010 at Temple University Ambler Campus from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This training will offer professionals from all disciplines the opportunity to review the current status of sex offender registration and notification laws in the United States. Participants will explore the many ways in which this legislation may eventually impact juvenile offenders and communities. Per federal guidelines, States have until 2011 to implement their version of SORNA; inevitably this legislation is bound to have an impact on anyone who is affected by a sex crime in Pennsylvania. This training will present an overview of the federal guidelines required to be enacted in the States as well as provide information regarding legislation which has been substantially implemented across the Country in response to the guidelines established by SORNA.

This is a training that should not be missed by any professional who provides service, counsel, or guidance to juveniles who commit sexually abusive acts as well as the families and victims affected by sexual abuse. Edison Court, Inc. invites professional counselors, social workers, educators, attorneys, judges, law enforcement officials, probation officers, victim advocates, administrators and policymakers to join in this informative training. Attorneys will have the opportunity to earn 3 CLE credits and it is anticipated that other professionals will have the opportunity to earn CEUs and Act 48 credits for participation in this professional continuing education event.

To register please download PDF. Registration may be mailed to ECI – 350 South Main Street, Suite 109 Doylestown, PA 18901 Attn: SORNA Training.

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The sponsors of The Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice are requesting presentations for workshops to be offered on Thursday, November 4, 2010. Interested presenters should complete this form and return it by **Friday, May 14, 2010**. 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) _____

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- **Please list a reference and contact information of someone who is familiar with the trainer/presentation:**
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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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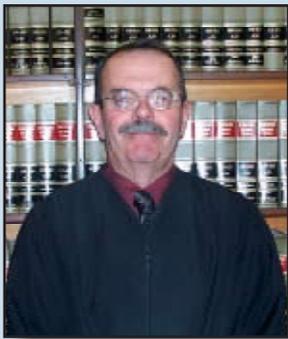
LATINO TRAINING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10 -11, 2010

Engaging Latino Families - Charito Calvachi-Mateyko, Ph.D.

This workshop will review the history and culture of various Latino populations and provide practical skills for working with children and families of Latino descent in order to promote permanence for Latino children.

Charito is a restorative justice practitioner and circle process trainer, as well as a fervent promoter of racial justice and the Latino culture. Her radio program, For A Culture of Peace, has been broadcast for the past 13 years in the Lancaster area and is also played on the internet radio station, La Exitosa, in Milford, Delaware. Highly regarded, Charito's reporting work was recognized in 2006 and 2007 when her volunteer work with WLCS/WSDL, a National Public Radio affiliate, was honored with two Associated Press awards: one for Best-In Depth Documentary and one for Best Feature.

More information on this workshop is available in the JCJC Spring 2010 Staff Development Schedule.



Wyoming/Sullivan Counties President Judge Brendan J. Vanston Retires

Reprinted with permission from the December 2009 edition of the Wyoming County Juvenile Court newsletter "Making the Connection"

Effective January 4, 2010, the Honorable Brendan J. Vanston retired from the 44th Judicial District, which covers Wyoming and Sullivan Counties. Judge Vanston received his law degree from Boston College Law School in 1974. He returned to Pennsylvania and began working as an attorney for Hobbs and Morgan. In 1977, he started his own private law practice and then went on to win the election for Wyoming County District Attorney (DA) in November of 1981.

Judge Vanston served as DA from January of 1982 until he was appointed as a judge in June of 1989. In November of 1989, he was elected to the bench and in 1999 he was elected for a second 10-year term as judge.

What many people do not realize is that Wyoming County has had only one judge for the past 20 years, and he also covers Sullivan County. Judge Vanston presides over all cases in the two counties, including criminal, juvenile, dependency, and civil cases.

As a juvenile court judge, Judge Vanston was a member of the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, whose role is to provide continuing education to juvenile court judges. He was an officer within the conference for approximately eight years and then went on to become the President of the Juvenile Section for two years ending in 2007.

According to Judge Vanston, the most significant changes he has witnessed within the juvenile justice system over the last 20 years have been the implementation of comprehensive Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure. This statewide change is an attempt to make the juvenile justice system more uniform. He also noted that he now presides over many more cases involving female juvenile offenders and major drug offenses; earlier in his career, most drug offenses were alcohol and marijuana related.

According to Judge Vanston, the juvenile justice system in Wyoming County has become much more professional since he was elected. Probation Officers and related staff now have higher education levels and training. The number of probation staff has also increased over time.

Judge Vanston states that he enjoys working with the juvenile system because he has an opportunity to redirect offenders and change their lives. In the future, he hopes financial support is secured for mental health and drug and alcohol treatment because there are currently inadequate funds to assist offenders with these issues.

Upon retirement, Judge Vanston plans to continue working as a Senior Judge within the state. This means that he will continue to work with juveniles in various counties when he is called upon. He also plans on being available to Judge-Elect Russell Shurtleff to ensure that there is a smooth transition in Wyoming County.

In addition to working, Judge Vanston plans on traveling to Australia with his wife, Helen. He will also visit with his two daughters, Christine and Sarah, who reside in Los Angeles and Seattle, respectively. It seems that 2010 will be a special year for Judge Vanston as he proudly informed this officer that he is also expecting his first grandchild. We all wish Judge Vanston the best of luck with his upcoming endeavors.

Youth Level of Service (YLS) Chiefs Orientation to be held in March

Over the past year, the use of the Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (YLS) assessment tool has been piloted in 10 Pennsylvania counties and by the Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services in their YDF/YFC system. The YLS allows for consistent identification of specific risks and needs exhibited by youth referred to the juvenile court, provides a process for development of case plans focused on these issues, and allows for ongoing reassessment and outcomes measurement. Progress to date has been significant.

From the outset, there has been an expectation that Phase II of the YLS Project will expand for additional counties to implement this assessment and case planning activity.

In an effort to identify the Phase II list of potential county participants, a **YLS Orientation Program will be held for Chief Juvenile Probation Officers on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM at the Child Welfare Training Center located at 403 East Winding Hill Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.** The purpose of this session will be to provide in-depth information and details of implementation of the YLS should a county decide to participate in the project. This information will be presented by other Chiefs and staff who have been intimately involved with this project through involvement in Phase I, and who will be able to answer any questions. Participation in this orientation should provide counties with enough information to make an informed decision about the desire and ability to become involved in this project as it moves forward in the spring of this year.

Attendance should prove helpful if considering participation as a Phase II YLS County, or if you simply wish to hear more about the use of this assessment tool and opportunities for involvement with the project at some point in the future.

The program is presented jointly by the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers and the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. Registration to attend should be made by contacting Rick Steele at ricsteele@state.pa.us or by calling 717-705-5633. **RSVP deadline is February 22, 2010 and room is limited to the first fifty registrants.**

Larry DeMooy Retires from Delaware County



On December 31, 2009, Larry DeMooy retired as Assistant Director of the Juvenile Probation Department in Delaware County following 36 years of service. Larry began employment as a Juvenile Probation Officer in September 1973 and, over the years, held various positions including Supervisor of Group Services & Community Relations and Administrative Supervisor. Prior to his career in

Delaware County, he was employed as the Director of Group Home Services in the Division of Juvenile Corrections, State of Delaware. Before that, he served as a Psychiatric Social Worker in the United States Air Force where he was stationed in Texas, Ohio and Vietnam.

Larry received his B.A. in Psychology from the College of Holy Cross. He later earned his Masters in Social Work (MSW) from the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work and an M.B.A./Human Resources Emphasis from Widener University.

Larry is well known throughout the Pennsylvania juvenile justice system based on his involvement and leadership in a variety of areas over an extended period of time. A great deal of his time and effort have been focused on the activities of the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, where

he has been involved for a number of years on the Executive Committee, and served elected terms as Secretary (1998-1999) and President (1999-2000). Larry has also served as the Chair of the Dependency/Mental Health Committee and participated on the Standards and Balanced & Restorative Justice Implementation Committees, to name a few. He has often been asked to serve on statewide leadership groups and activities important to juvenile justice based on his experience, knowledge and commitment to our system.

In providing some "words of wisdom" upon retirement, Larry states that, in regard to working with delinquent and at-risk youth, there are "many people around the state doing the right things for the right reasons" but cautions that we must "remain vigilant". In doing so, he suggests that we "remember that our clients are kids, not small adults". Furthermore, he hopes that our system remembers the lessons learned about adolescent brain development and that we keep in mind that we are the *juvenile justice*, not adult criminal justice system. Finally, he is optimistic that efforts will continue to fully implement and evolve the practices, procedures and philosophies of Balanced & Restorative Justice.

Larry's immediate plans are to take care of cleaning up some "household clutter" that has accumulated through the years, to play more golf, and to spend more time with his family, including his wife of forty years, Patty. Eventually, he also plans to return to the juvenile justice system in some part-time capacity.



Keynote Speaker

JOSH SHIPP helps teens “get it” and helps those who care about teens get through to them. He’s the host of the TV Show *Jump Shipp*, author of *The Teen’s Guide to World Domination*, and creator of a life skills series designed for teens. Abandoned and abused as a child, Josh was able to triumph over the tragedy, and he continues to encourage everyone to overcome struggles and live life to the fullest. And he does so through the power of laughter. Fox calls him “The Dr. Phil for Teens.” He lives in California, is a spokesperson for National Foster Care Month, and a guitar hero. Free resources are available at <http://GrownUps.HeyJosh.com>.

2010 PCCYFS Annual Spring Conference

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Location

Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel, 4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. For lodging reservations, contact the Sheraton directly at 717-564-5511. Mention the **PCCYFS Group** for the reduced rate of \$95.00 single/double occupancy plus applicable taxes. This rate is only available until March 23, 2010. Parking is free.

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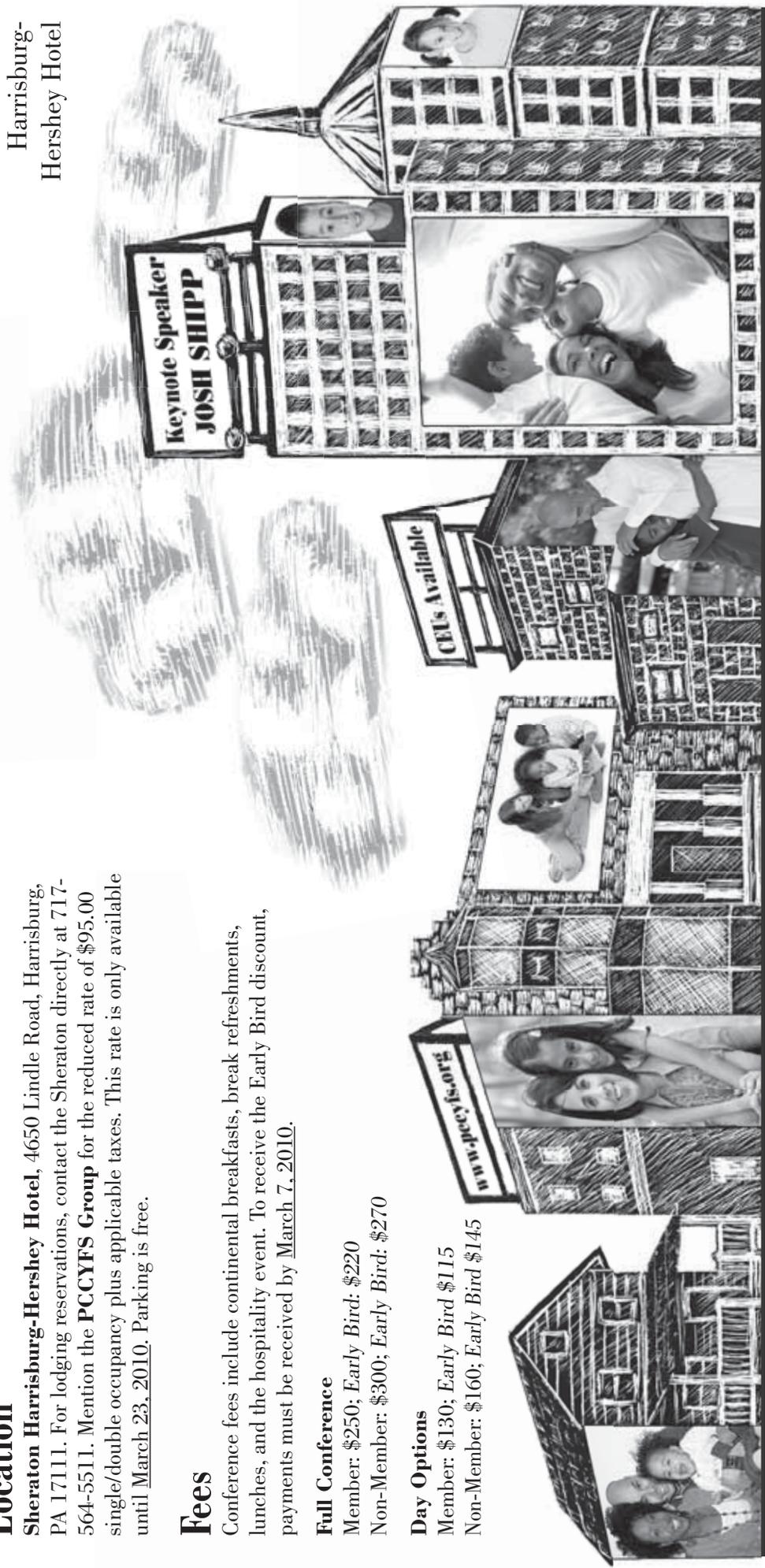
Conference fees include continental breakfasts, break refreshments, lunches, and the hospitality event. To receive the Early Bird discount, payments must be received by March 7, 2010.

Full Conference

Member: \$250; *Early Bird*: \$220
Non-Member: \$300; *Early Bird*: \$270

Day Options

Member: \$130; *Early Bird* \$115
Non-Member: \$160; *Early Bird* \$145





Wednesday, April 7

7:30-8:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:30 AM-5:00 PM Exhibits Open

8:30-8:45 AM Welcoming Remarks

8:45-10:15 AM Keynote: Josh Shipp

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Session 1

- Marketing Strategies to Enhance Service Provision
- Teenagers and Power
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)
- Academic and Career /Technical Training of Placed Delinquent Youth
- All Kids Need Healthy Touch

1:00-2:30 PM Session 2

- Leadership and Emotional Intelligence, Part 1
- Overview of the Safety Assessment and Management Process, Part 1
- The Sanctuary Model of Trauma-Informed Care and Its Impact on the Outcomes of a Residential Institution for Delinquent Youth, Part 1
- It's All about Work Experience for Kids and Jobs for Families
- Principles of Conducting an Ethical Audit, Part 1

2:30-3:15 PM Exhibitor Ice Cream Social

3:15-4:45 PM Session 3

- Leadership and Emotional Intelligence, Part 2
- Overview of the Safety Assessment and Management Process, Part 2
- The Sanctuary Model of Trauma-Informed Care and Its Impact on the Outcomes of a Residential Institution for Delinquent Youth, Part 2
- Trauma: Discovery and Elimination
- Principles of Conducting an Ethical Audit, Part 2

5:00-6:00 PM Annual PCCYFS Membership Business Meeting

8:00-11:00 PM Hospitality Event: Carnival

Look for details and registration options on our website at www.pccyfs.org!

Thursday, April 8

7:30-8:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:30-8:30 AM New Member and New Executive Breakfast

7:30 AM-1:15 PM Exhibits Open

8:30-8:45 AM Welcoming Remarks

8:45-10:15 AM Session 1

- Creating the Conditions of Accountability from the Top Down, Part 1
- Using the Strength-Based Solution-Focused Model
- The Transition to Adulthood: Clinical Considerations and Resources for Those on the Autism Spectrum
- Agents of Change: How Leaders Can Inspire Cultural Competence, Part 1
- Using the 3-5-7 Model in Family Group Conferencing, Part 1

10:45 AM-12:15 PM Session 2

- Creating the Conditions of Accountability from the Top Down, Part 2
- SWAN: Making It Work for You
- Working with Youth with Co-Occurring Disorders
- Agents of Change: How Leaders Can Inspire Cultural Competence, Part 2
- Using the 3-5-7 Model in Family Group Conferencing, Part 2

1:15-2:45 PM Session 3

- Who Moved My Cheese?
- Helping Children Manage Tough Feelings, Part 1
- The Building Blocks to Integration: Meeting the Treatment Needs of Juvenile Sex Offenders and Their Victims, Part 1
- The Impact of Outcome Measurement on Grant Applications and Marketing Material
- Family Group Decision Making: Best Practices for Families Experiencing Domestic Violence

3:00-4:30 PM Session 4

- Strengths-Based Management: Developing Agency Leaders for Kids' Sake
- Helping Children Manage Tough Feelings, Part 2
- The Building Blocks to Integration: Meeting the Treatment Needs of Juvenile Sex Offenders and Their Victims, Part 2
- Effectively Utilizing Data Collection
- Overview of High-Fidelity Wraparound in Pennsylvania

Mark your calendar!

The Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

November 3-5, 2010

at the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers

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The Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers



Youth Awards Program & Dinner

Wednesday, November 3

Annual Training and Awards Program

Thursday, November 4

Resource Day – 2010

Friday, November 5

The 2009 Annual Training and Awards Program will conclude by presenting Resource Day – 2010, during which representatives from residential programs, electronic monitoring companies, drug testing companies, and other service providers will “set up shop” to discuss their programs with the Pennsylvania juvenile justice community. This informal marketplace will offer an important opportunity for consumers to learn about new and innovative services.

VENDOR INFORMATION WILL BE E-MAILED IN APRIL, 2010

Early Registration....\$400 After August 31st....\$500



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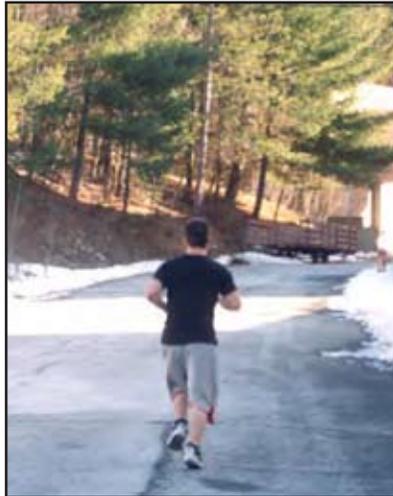


The Laurel Youth Services Running Club

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Six years ago, Susan Blackwell, a counselor on our long term residential unit, couldn't let a dream of hers slip away into that dream-crushing phenomena we call time. Susan was a high school and collegiate long distance runner. She has always felt that running and exercise are nature's therapies for the body and soul. Her dream was to capitalize on her love of running by organizing a 5K Race in conjunction with the local Blossburg State Coal Festival. In addition, all monies raised were to go to an education scholarship fund for our youth at Laurel Youth Services. The race itself was simply a means to an end. Her true aspiration was to introduce our youth to running and all the therapeutic rewards it offered them. That was six years ago and some of Susan's dreams are now being fulfilled.

The 5K race has become an annual event at the Coal Festival. Last year, there were over 70 runners and 6 of them were our youth. Over the years, Susan has encouraged over 30 of our youth to run in this event, and each year the numbers expand and our youth get faster. Much like the distance runner Susan is, she has established a steady pace and continues to inspire new runners one by one. Recently, Susan expanded her program into a year round running club, (The LYS Running Club). This running club has provided immeasurable therapeutic advantages for several of our young people. It has provided



a means to lessen the tension of their days and lives, while also allowing them to engage in social interaction that is far removed from their daily routines. Susan has also entered our youth in several events outside of Blossburg. This year, LYS youth have run in eight races, with some youth winning their age group and most finishing in the top 25 – 50 % of their fields. While this enhances their self esteem and boosts some very needy egos, they have also learned humility and what it means to work hard and succeed. As they are finding out, most running communities care less about where you finish, and more that you had the courage to participate.

We have had several of our youth successfully complete our program and leave with the love of running secure in their heart. Some have gone on to compete on their home school cross country or track team, while others have just kept running because they say it makes them feel good. In fact, we recently had a youth return from home to run in the inaugural "Pool Together" run in Blossburg and she won as the overall female.

On most weekdays at 3:30 Susan is spotted out in front of the building with a gaggle of noisy teenagers stretching and bobbing up and down, getting loose to run a few miles. Her dream has become a very welcomed reality as it now inspires the dreams of others.

Liberty Behavioral Health Opens RTF

Liberty Behavioral Health Corporation announced the opening of a **Secure Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) for Adjudicated Males** on the grounds of Allentown State Hospital. The program opened on November 2, 2009. The **Lehigh Valley Secure Treatment for Adolescents in Transition (STAT)** program is a sixteen-bed, non-accredited secure RTF. Liberty is currently seeking accreditation to exempt juvenile probation departments from paying room and board rates, and anticipate having the accreditation within the next eight months. The STAT program is an approved provider for Magellan, and is agreeable to becoming an out-of-network or approved provider for other managed care entities.

The Liberty Lehigh Valley STAT program is designed to serve severely emotionally disturbed adolescents with complex and challenging behaviors that require the added structure of a secure treatment environment. Special needs served may include: serious mental illness; sexual offending; inappropriate sexual behavior; fire setting; delinquency; co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders; trauma victims; sexual abuse victims; and emerging personality disorders. Other characteristics of the population include gang membership and pervasive delinquent behavior.

Referrals are currently being accepted by the facility director, Wade Stewart, at 610-295-6600 or wstewart@liberty-health.com. Please feel free to contact Mr. Stewart to answer any questions you may have or to schedule a tour of the facility.

Liberty Healthcare Corporation is a physician-founded, national health care management organization based in Pennsylvania that has provided medical, clinical and administrative services to public sector clients for over two decades. Liberty specializes in customized treatment programs for state and county agencies, including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for adults and youth with mental health, developmental disabilities and co-occurring disorders. Liberty Healthcare's programs are designed to deliver exceptional care with a focus on quality and customer satisfaction.



Pennsylvania Supreme Court Modifies Delinquency and Dependency Rules

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court made several modifications to the Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure, which became effective upon the Court's Order dated December 24, 2009. These changes were published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on January 9, 2010 (<http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol40/40-2/51.html>).

Rules **120** and **1120 (DEFINITIONS)** were amended to create a new definition for the term "Official Court Record". As defined, the "Official Court Record" is the juvenile court file maintained by the clerk of courts which contains all court orders, court notices, docket entries, filed documents, evidence admitted into the record, and other court designated documents in each juvenile case. Additionally, Rules 166, 167, 172, 302, 345, 1166, 1167, 1302, and 1345 were amended to include "Official Court Record".

Rules **160** and **1160 (INSPECTION OF JUVENILE FILE/RECORDS)** were re-titled as "Inspection of the Official Court Record" and modified so that these Rules would only govern the inspection of the "Official Court Record" by the entities listed in these Rules, as opposed to "all files and records of the court." In addition, the *Comment* to Rule 160 was modified to delete the explanation that Rule 160 was meant to include the contents of juvenile probation records and reports.

Rule **220 (PROCEDURE IN CASES COMMENCED BY ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT)** was modified in the *Comment* to include references to the provisions of the Juvenile Act pertaining to the fingerprinting and photographing of juveniles.

Rule **232 (CONTENTS OF WRITTEN ALLEGATION)** was modified to require the "written allegation" to include a notation indicating whether the juvenile has or has not been fingerprinted or photographed.

Rules **300** and **1300 (VENUE)** were modified to require that if there is a change of venue, the transferring court shall transfer certified copies of all documents, reports, and summaries in the juvenile's official court record to the receiving court. Rule 300 was modified to require that the juvenile probation office of the transferring court shall transfer all its records to the juvenile probation office where the venue has been transferred. Rule 1300 was modified to require that the county children and youth agency of the transferring court shall transfer all its records to the county children and youth agency where venue has been transferred.

Rules **302** and **1302 (INTER-COUNTY TRANSFER)** were modified to require that if a case is transferred, the transferring court shall transfer certified copies of all documents, reports, and summaries in the juvenile's official court record to the receiving court. Rule 302 was modified to require that the juvenile probation office of the transferring court shall transfer all its records to the juvenile probation office where jurisdiction has been transferred. Rule 1302 was modified to require that the county children and youth agency of the transferring court shall transfer all its records to the county agency where jurisdiction has been transferred.

Rule **330 (PETITION: FILING, CONTENTS, FUNCTION)** was modified to require the "petition" to include a notation indicating whether the juvenile has or has not been fingerprinted and photographed.

Rule **362 (REQUIREMENTS OF THE SUMMONS)** was modified to require the summons to include an order directing the juvenile to submit to fingerprinting and photographing by, or arranged by, the law enforcement agency that submitted the written allegation in all cases in which the juvenile has not previously been fingerprinted or photographed.

Rule **408 (RULING ON OFFENSES)** was modified to provide that if the court finds that the juvenile did not commit all of the alleged delinquent acts, the court shall dismiss the petition and release the juvenile, if detained, unless there are other grounds for the juvenile's detention. Rule 408 was also modified to additionally require the court, in this situation, to move to expunge the records related to the dismissed petition pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 9123(a)(1) (Expungement of Juvenile Records) and Rule 172 (ORDER TO EXPUNGE AND DESTROY); and absent cause shown, to expunge the records and order the destruction of any fingerprints or photographs. Of special note, the Explanatory Report for Rule 408 clarifies that if the court does find that the juvenile committed at least one of the offenses petitioned, there is no destruction of the fingerprints, photographs, or records.

Rule **409 (ADJUDICATION OF DELINQUENCY)** was modified to provide that if the court determines that a juvenile is not in need of treatment, supervision or rehabilitation, the court shall enter an order providing that any fingerprints or photographs taken shall be destroyed. Additionally, Rule **409** was modified to provide that if a court determines that a juvenile is in need of treatment, supervision or rehabilitation, the court shall order the law enforcement agency that submitted the written allegation to take, or cause to be taken, the fingerprints and photographs of the juvenile if not previously taken pursuant to this case, and ensure that the records, including the case reference number, are submitted to the PSP Central Repository.

Rule **515 (DISPOSITIONAL ORDER)** was modified to provide that a court's dispositional order is to include a directive that the juvenile submit to fingerprinting and photographing by, or arranged by, the law enforcement agency that submitted the written allegation in all cases in which the juvenile has not previously been fingerprinted or photographed. Additionally, Rule **515** was modified to provide that the court shall forward the case disposition to the JCJC as required by the JCJC.



Dauphin County FGC Overview Training

Friday, February 26, 2010 from
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Registration:

9:30-10:00 AM

Location:

New Hope Church
584 Colonial Club Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Please RSVP:

Karen Martin at kmartin@ittakesavillageinc.com

By Friday, February 19, 2010

"NASW-PA Chapter is a co-sponsor of this workshop. 5.0 CE's will be awarded for completion of this course. NASW has been designated as a pre-approved provider of professional continuing education for social workers (Section 47.36), Marriage and Family Therapist (Section 48.36) and Professional Counselors (Section 49.36) by the PA State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists and Professional Counselors."



National Juvenile Justice Announcements

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

December 21, 2009 - Report Addresses Disparities in Juvenile Justice



The W. Haywood Burns Institute has published “The Keeper and the Kept.” The Institute’s second report on systemic problems involving juvenile justice systems, “[The Keeper and the Kept](#)” concerns racial and ethnic disparities in youth detention and provides recommendations for addressing them.

The mission of the Burns Institute is “to protect and improve the lives of youth of color and poor children and the well-being of their communities by ensuring fairness and equity throughout all public and private youth serving systems.”

Resources:

“The Keeper and the Kept” is available online at www.burnsinstitute.org/downloads/BI%20Keeper%20Kept.pdf.

December 30, 2009 - SAMHSA Seeks Applicants for Juvenile Treatment Drug Courts Program



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for [Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity for Juvenile Treatment Drug Courts](#).

The purpose of this program is to expand and enhance substance abuse treatment services in problem-solving courts that use the juvenile drug court model to provide alcohol and drug treatment, recovery support services supporting substance abuse treatment, screening, assessment, case management, and program coordination to juvenile defendants and offenders. Priority should be given to addressing gaps in the existing continuum of treatment.

Eligibility is restricted to current juvenile treatment drug courts or tribal, state, and local governmental proxies that may apply on their behalf. Grantees from the 2009 cohort of this program are ineligible.

Applications must be received by February 23, 2010.

Resources:

For additional information about this funding opportunity, visit www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/TI-10-004.aspx.

January 7, 2010 - Report Describes Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Correctional Facilities



The Office of Justice Programs’ Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) has published “[Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2008-2009](#).”

Part of BJS’ National Prison Rape Statistics Program, the report presents data from the 2008-09 National Survey of Youth in Custody and provides national and facility-based estimates of sexual victimization in juvenile correctional facilities.

About 12% of youth in state juvenile facilities and large nonstate facilities reported experiencing one or more incidents of sexual victimization by facility staff or another youth in the past 12 months (or since admission, if less than 12 months).

Resources:

To access this report or order the hardcopy version, visit bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=2113.

For additional information, see the BJS press release at bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/press/svjfry09pr.cfm.

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