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Proposed Rule Changes Announced

[\(http://www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/JuvenileCourtProcedural/\)](http://www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/JuvenileCourtProcedural/)

The Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee is seeking comment regarding the proposed modification of Rule 407 (relating to admissions).

The proposed modifications to [Rule 407](#) would require that before a court may accept an admission from a juvenile who has been alleged to be delinquent, the juvenile must complete a written admission colloquy and the court must determine in an on the record proceeding that the admission is knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily made. The written admission colloquy would be required to be in conformity with an "admission colloquy" included with the Rule.

The Rules Committee has requested suggestions, comments or objections concerning these proposals by interested parties be submitted by June 15, 2011.

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The 2011 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

November 2-4, 2011

at the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers



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<http://www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/JuvenileCourtProcedural/JCPRulesDocket.htm>

Advanced Communication Technology/Dispositional Review Requirements – Effective July 1, 2011

On April 21, 2011 the Supreme Court adopted new Rules that address the use of Advanced Communication Technology (ACT) in Juvenile Act proceedings. The Supreme Court also modified **Rule 610** (relating to dispositional and commitment review) to require the court to conduct dispositional review hearings at least every six months in all cases, not just in cases involving juveniles who have been removed from their homes. The ACT related modifications to **Rule 610** provide that the court may utilize advanced communication technology pursuant to new **Rule 129** (relating to appearance by advanced communication technology) in review hearings for a juvenile or a witness unless good cause is shown otherwise. However, the juvenile is required to appear in person at least once a year.

Use of Restraints on Juveniles – Effective June 1, 2011

On April 26, 2011, the Supreme Court adopted new **Rule 139** (relating to use of restraints on the juvenile) which requires that restraints be removed from a juvenile prior to the commencement of a proceeding unless the court determines on the record, after providing the juvenile an opportunity to be heard, that they are necessary.

Educational Decision Maker/Ex Parte Communication/Dispositional Reasoning – Effective July 1, 2011

On April 29, 2011 the Supreme Court adopted a series of procedural rule modifications that affect both dependency and delinquency proceedings. New **Rules 147 and 1147** (relating to educational decision maker) establish the procedures under which the court is to appoint an educational decision maker. New **Rules 136 and 1136** (relating to *ex parte* communication) prohibit persons from communicating with the court in any way regarding matters pending before the court unless all parties are present, or have been copied if the communication is written or in electronic form, or have waived their presence or right to receive the communication. If the court does receive any *ex parte* communication, the court shall inform all parties of the content. **Rules 512 and 1512** (relating to dispositional hearing) have been modified to require the court in both delinquency and dependency proceedings to state on the record in open court its disposition; the reason for its disposition and the terms, conditions and limitations of the disposition. The court is required to make additional statements if the child or juvenile is removed from the home.

Modification of Dependent Child's Placement – Effective July 1, 2011

On April 29, 2011, the Supreme Court adopted new **Rule 1606** (relating to modification of dependent child's placement) that requires the county children and youth agency to seek approval from the court for a change in a dependent child's placement prior to the removal of the child from the placement. **Rule 1606** provides exceptions for emergency situations.

Submission of Reports by Foster Parents – Effective July 1, 2011

On April 29, 2011, the Supreme Court modified **Rule 1604** (relating to submission of reports) to provide that the President Judge of each judicial district shall appoint a designee, other than a judge or party, to receive reports from foster parents, preadoptive parents, or a relative providing care for a child. The prior rule required the court to provide a designee other than the county children and youth agency to receive these reports.

Youth court opens doors for Chester teens

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By Patti Mengers; May 1, 2011

<http://delcotimes.com/articles/2011/05/01/news/doc4dbcbe212cb2e002186025.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

Kadeem Greenwood has his sights set on becoming a mortician, but on Saturday afternoon, he sounded very much like an attorney.

When asked for details regarding a case he handled as a member of Smedley Allied Health High School Youth Court, he replied: "We take a confidentiality oath."

The 16-year-old sophomore was among 13 Smedley students honored Saturday at the Chester Student Center for their participation in Chester Youth Court that began in 2007 at Chester High School and expanded last fall to Smedley and Chester's Science and Discovery High School.

Hosting the Smedley students at the awards luncheon were their 13 volunteer mentors from Swarthmore College, coordinated by Shilpa Boppana, a senior religion major with a minor in psychology. They assist students in such areas as public speaking, writing and critical thinking.

"It's a really great tool for youth empowerment, not only for the students who come through for committing offenses but for those who act as jury, bailiff, clerk and judge," said Boppana.

She herself participated in middle and high school youth courts while growing-up in Vestavia Hills, Ala., then got involved with it locally through a 2009 summer internship with Chester Youth Court founder Gregg Volz.

An attorney with the firm of Foehl & Eyre in Media, Volz was inspired to start a community-based juvenile justice court in Chester after hearing public interest lawyer Edgar Cahn mention forming one in Washington, D.C., when he spoke at his alma mater, Swarthmore College, in 1999. In 2005, Volz researched the feasibility of a Chester youth court through a grant from the E. Wallace Memorial Fund. It was established as an after-school program at Chester High in 2007 after English

teacher Ray Thompson called Volz in search of a way to implement a state education department truancy prevention grant.

"It helps our students develop character. It helps them to problem-solve. It gives them an opportunity to do community service and to work with their peers and so

it helps them develop themselves as a role model for their families, their schools and our community," said Chester-Upland School District Acting Superintendent Joyce Wells.

In 2009 Volz began a three-year fellowship with the Stoneleigh Foundation for the purposes of expanding youth courts in Chester and through-

out the state. In 2010 he expanded the court into Chester's two high school academies where it is part of the curricula, and to eighth grade at Village Elementary School in Chester Township where he has started training sixth-graders for the program. He also is training seventh-graders at Columbus Elementary School in Chester.

The Chester High School Youth Court is administered by the Unity Center that has provided volunteer mentors for Chester residents for 25 years and has funded summer youth court camps that allow students to work with Delaware County judges. President of the center is Foehl & Eyre partner Gene Foehl.

"It's the only youth court in Pennsylvania run by the students. Most youth courts are run by administrators. The students make all the decisions and run the courts," said Foehl.

As an alternative to suspension, students have the option of being judged by their peers if they admit to such offenses as minor assault or cutting classes. They are assigned youth advocates and their cases are heard before



Shilpa Boppana, coordinator
Swarthmore College Chester Youth Court

http://www.delcotimes.com/video/?va_id=2421830&pl_id=21388&ref=synd

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a judge and jury of eight to 10 members who hand down such sentences as writing letters of apology or community service, usually doing something they like. They are also sentenced to serve as future jurors.

“They are elevated from doing something wrong to being decision-makers,” said Foehl.

Volz said if Delaware County courts win state funding they have applied for, Delaware County will be the only county in Pennsylvania with both school-based and community-based youth courts.

Youth court is a valuable tool in fighting the violence that has pervaded Chester for years such as the April 8 shooting deaths of two teenagers and the wounding of eight others at a party, noted Rev. Richard C. Dalton. He is a consultant to Grace Community’s Resource and Empowerment Center, an organization headed by James Harper Sr. that provides training in peaceful conflict resolution and counsels at-risk youth.

“These kids are trained through youth court how to own up to their own responsibilities of choices they’re making and how those choices impact the community,” said Dalton.

Chester Student Center Director Janet M. Jones said Chester Youth Court is a valuable partner at the center that, since 2006, has hosted educational programs for children and adults.

Smedley freshman Devine Wallace has been inspired by youth court to possibly pursue a career in criminal justice. Her mother, Donna Benjamin, couldn’t be prouder.

“One day she’ll be a fine judge,” said Benjamin.

Smedley Allied Health Youth Court Honorees

Brianna Palmer, Ashay Payne, Aishona Jackson, Crucita Vasquez, Shaquita Scott, Calvin Jones, Kadeem Greenwood, Britteny Whitfield, Jabree Harris, Marcos Hernandez, Devine Wallace, Te’shawna Miller, Sabrina Smith

Swarthmore College Chester Youth Court Volunteers

Shilpa Boppana, Naudia Williams, Paloma Perez, Jenny Koch, Eleanor Pratt, Erik Heaney, Gabriella Capone, Katarina Stampoulouglou, Lucas Janes, Maddie Williams, Sam Green, Stephen Youngblood, Sudarshan Gopaladesikan

Staff Development Highlights:

We would like to remind you to keep watching the Staff Development website (www.jcjcems.state.pa.us) as we will be adding more workshops frequently.

Based on your requests we have arranged for Lt. Colonel Dave Grossman to return this fall to present “How Our Kids are Learning to Kill and Learning to Like It: The Relationship between Media Violence and Violent Crime.” Lt. Colonel Grossman is one of the world’s leading experts on interpersonal aggression and violence. He was a West Point Psychology Professor and an Army Ranger. He is an enthralling public speaker with a very powerful message. He presented for the Center twice last fall in the Pittsburgh and Allentown areas to a combined audience of over 170 juvenile justice and related professionals. We have arranged for his return to repeat this one-day program on October 19 at the Park Inn Mechanicsburg. All the details on this program have already been posted on the training website and registration is open.



We also invite you to check out some links to other trainings around the state.

The following trainings and their links are not sponsored by JCJC.

Stress Less

June 21, 2011

Stress In Adolescence

September 9, 2011

Signs & Symptoms of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder In the Adolescent Population

June 29, 2011

Dauphin County FGC Advanced Skills Training

September 28-29, 2011

5th Pennsylvania Community Restorative Justice Forum Convened

The Community Restorative Justice Forum of Pennsylvania's southeastern region was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at the Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. Approximately 80 participants attended the forum representing 6 counties including Chester, Cumberland, Delaware, Montgomery, Northumberland, and Philadelphia.

The forums, entitled "Building Bridges: Community Restorative Justice Forum", are based on the Building Bridges monograph developed by the Court and Community Collaboration Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. The forum's goals include: assisting jurisdictions in their efforts to engage community organizations and community members; to help the community gain an understanding of the balanced and restorative model for juvenile justice; and to share various means by which community members and organizations can take active roles in juvenile crime prevention and early interventions.

County Chief Juvenile Probation Officers from the targeted counties were asked to develop a team of at least 10 participants from their jurisdiction, representing multiple sectors of the community such as schools, social services, civic organizations, victims services and faith communities, to name a few. The agenda was developed to enable participants to learn from each other, with a particular emphasis on the engagement of the community in responding to delinquent behavior.



Addie Beighley, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer (Westmoreland County) and Chair of the Court and Community Collaboration Committee gave

the opening remarks of the forum, followed by welcome remarks from the Honorable Wendy Demchick-Alloy, Administrative Judge of Juvenile Court in Montgomery County. Judge Demchick-Alloy spoke poignantly about the need for communities to take an active role in the work of delinquency prevention. She cited some examples from her work in Montgomery County of how they are looking to enhance the role of the community in addressing juvenile justice issues.

Mr. Dick Dickert, a Westmoreland County businessperson and member of the Court and Community Collaboration Committee provided the Keynote Address. In his ad-



dress, he spoke from personal experience about the various methods by which juvenile courts might successfully engage the community, and specifically maximize on the resources of the business community. Mr. Dickert noted that the business community should not only be seen as a monetary source and solicited solely for financial support. He noted that business leaders may be more open, and the relationships formed may be more long-lasting, if businesses are solicited for job and internship opportunities, as well as mentoring programs.

Next, Mr. Dickert moderated a panel of Chester County representatives. The panel members included: Kathy Collier, Downingtown Communities that Care Mobilizer; Karen Murphy, Phoenixville Area School District Home and School Visitor; Gary Blair, Director, Chester County Youth Center; Renee Merion, Chester County Assistant District Attorney, Juvenile Unit; Jay Leamy, Placement Supervisor, Chester County Juvenile Probation. The panel discussed community approaches to problem solving outside of the juvenile court system. Strategies presented included Communities That Care, as well as collaborative initiatives on truancy and mentoring.





The morning concluded with participants being able to attend 2 separate sessions of workshops from a selection of five workshop topics which included: Community Conferencing presented by Winnie Backlund and Eileen Schaeffer of the Montgomery Conflict Mediation Center;

Community Justice Panels – Laurie Hague, Berks County Juvenile Probation; Community Service Learning – George Kinder, Allegheny County Family Court (Juvenile Division), and Darlene Sogo (Montgomery County Juvenile Probation); Community Strategies – the Chester County panel team; and Advancing Balanced and Restorative Justice – Susi Blackburn, JCJC Balanced and Restorative Justice Specialist, and Kris Johnson, Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation.

In the afternoon, Debbie Hightower from Montgomery County's Youth Aid Panel, as well as Cumberland County Juvenile Probation Officers Tom Hughes and Justin Pittman (Cumberland County Streets to Streams program) shared Restorative Stories. They each shared their experiences in establishing and implementing restorative programs in collaboration with community members and organizations. Each emphasized the delicate balance in establishing a program that is inclusive of the community, and that it does not become viewed as a court-op-



erated program. Excellent advice was offered on how to best keep community members engaged and empowered in the maintenance of such collaborative efforts.

County teams then spent the remainder of the day in county team meetings discussing the formation or enhancement of their local team, identified local resources and training issues, and began the development of a local action plan.

The Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers awarded a \$500 donation, courtesy of an anonymous donor to the Court and Community Collaboration Committee, to the county that both: 1) had an exemplary variety

of representation at the forum and 2) developed the best plan towards enhancing their local team. The Chester County team was awarded the \$500 donation, to be utilized to support any number of restorative activities and practices.

Although this was the final forum that Court and Community Collaboration Committee will sponsor, the members are committed to providing technical assistance for those counties that may like to duplicate the forum in their local jurisdictions. For more information on the regional forums or community restorative justice, you may contact Susan Blackburn at sblackburn@state.pa.us or 717-477-1411.



PA's Family Involvement Monograph Recognized in National Publication

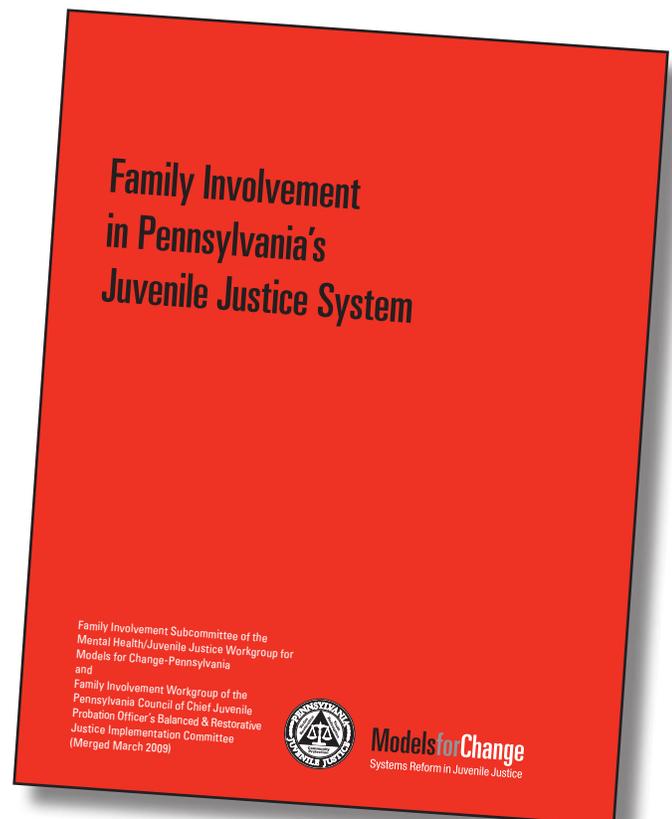
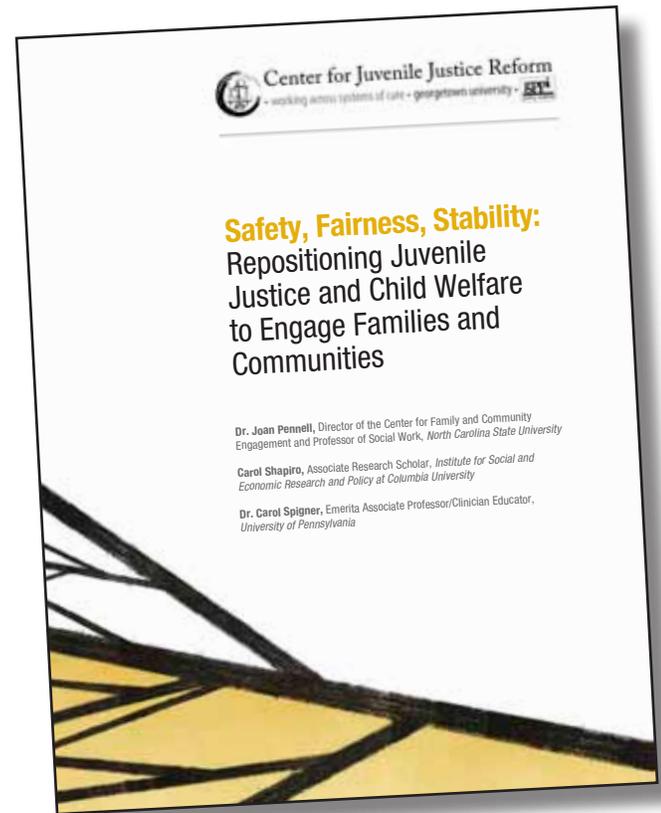
On Friday, May 13, the Center for Juvenile Justice Research (CJJR), and its Director Shay Bilchik, hosted a Family Engagement Symposium at Georgetown University. The Symposium was the vehicle for the national release of the CJJR paper, *Safety, Fairness, Stability: Repositioning Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare to Engage Families and Communities*, <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/pdfs/famengagement/FamilyEngagement-Paper.pdf>.

Both co-chairs from the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officer's Family Involvement Committee, Wendy Luckenbill and Jeff Gregro, were invited to attend this national event. As a panelist on the "Moving Policy to Practice" panel, Wendy was able to share the evolution of PA's work in this area, from the early committee discussions through the publication of the Family Involvement in Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Monograph, to the current activities this spring – three regional forums on family involvement and three juvenile probation training curriculum pilots. Robert Schwartz, Executive Director of the Juvenile Law Center, served as facilitator for this panel. Other Pennsylvania participants included: Anne Ambrose, Commissioner of Philadelphia Department of Human Services, and Marc Cherna, Director, Allegheny County Department of Human Services.

The findings of the CJJR paper are clearly aligned with the PA Family Involvement Monograph, identifying the value of restorative practices in enhancing family engagement strategies, and the need to dedicate resources to establish an evidence base for this practice. The paper's suggestion for Family Engagement Vision, Principles and Recommendations are on pages 31 and 32.

The 2009 PA Monograph, [Family Involvement in Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System](#), receives several citations in the body of the paper, as well as a listing in the References section. The Symposium was funded by three federal entities who were all represented at the event: the Department of Justice: Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention; the Department of Health and Human Services: Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Children's Bureau; and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

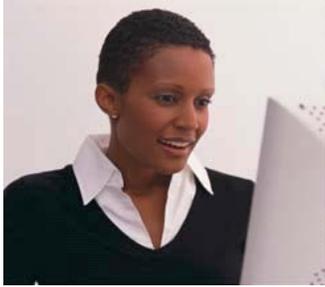
For additional resources, go to <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/resources.html>.





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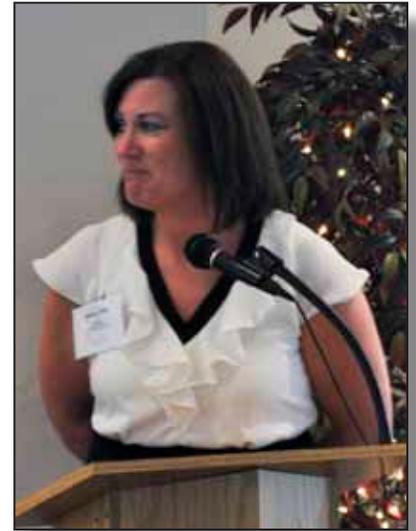
JCJC Graduate Education Program - Class of 2011

Congratulations to the class of 2011 of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission-sponsored Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University! Commencement ceremonies were held at Shippensburg University's H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 6, 2011. Prior to commencement exercises, the JCJC graduates were recognized with a reception, hosted at the Shippensburg University Foundation Conference Center. In attendance at the reception were several members of the JCJC, staff of the JCJC and the CJJT&R, several university administrators, faculty of the Criminal Justice Department, as well as family and friends of the graduates.

The seventeen members of this year's class are: Christine Anderton and William Lockhart (Berks County); Jennifer Beck (Chester County Youth Center); Joan Broskley and Rosemarie Costello (Bucks County Youth Center); Julie Bullard, Justin Heffernan and Shala McNany (Venango County); Daniel Chiteji (Adams County); Susan Claytor (York County); Yeboa Cobbold (Montgomery County Youth Center); Katie Gaughan (Dauphin County); Gary King (Allegheny County); Theresa Kline and Kelly Rowan (Luzerne County); Matthew Litzinger (Franklin County); and Benjamin Rea (Northampton County).

Theresa Kline was named the Graduate Student of the Year. She will receive the Dr. Anthony F. Ceddia Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Juvenile Justice at the Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice on November 3, 2011.

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.



From left: Daniel Chiteji, Katie Gaughan, William Lockhart, Matthew Litzinger, Theresa Kline, Susan Claytor, Julie Bullard, Shala McNany, Rosemarie Costello, Yeboa Cobbold, Benjamin Rea, Gary King, Jennifer Beck, Joan Broskley, Kelly Rowan, Christine Anderton, Justin Heffernan

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Ages 12-18. 12-Week Program. This excellent prevention kit addresses alcohol, tobacco, and drug decision making as well as healthy sexuality, promoting abstinence and/or reduction to high-risk behaviors by exploring the realities of risk and the power of self-care.



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Ages 11+. 8-Week Program. In "Heart of the Matter" mothers or female caregivers and their daughters join together in combined and age-appropriate groups to promote empathy, communication skills, stress reduction, setting limits and honoring boundaries, and more.



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National Juvenile Justice Announcements

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National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges To Hold 74th Annual Conference

On July 24–27, 2011, in New York City, NY, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges will hold its [74th Annual Conference](#).



The conference will provide tools that juvenile and family courts can use to improve case processing and outcomes for juveniles and their families. Sessions focus on a wide range of topics, including custody and visitation, trauma, military issues and the courts, high conflict divorce, juvenile justice, domestic violence, immigration, substance abuse, and child abuse and neglect issues, and more.

Registration is available [online](#).

Resources:

For more information about the conference, visit www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/1352/315.

To register, visit

http://store.ncjfcj.org/Core/Events/event_details.aspx?iKey=CACX1107NY&TemplateType=A.

Registration Still Open for the National Gang Symposium

On June 7–10, 2011, in Orlando, FL, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will co-sponsor the 2011 National Gang Symposium, “[Progress Through Partnerships](#).” The symposium is designed for anyone who works with gang and violence issues, and will feature more than 70 different [workshops](#), as well as speeches by national gang experts.

Featured topics include gang prevention in schools, gangs and mental health, gangs on the Internet, immigrant and Asian gangs, and gang assessments.

Registration is available [online](#).

Resources:

For more information about the symposium, visit www.gangsymposium.org.

To register, go to www.gangsymposium.org/Registration/Form.



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