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Remembering the Honorable Isaac S. Garb

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On December 3, 2012 our nation lost one of its truly outstanding juvenile court judges and one of its brightest and best citizens when Judge Isaac S. "Zeke" Garb passed away following a brief illness.

It was my great privilege to work with and for this brilliant, passionate, and compassionate jurist; but an even greater privilege to be counted among his friends.

Judge Garb was appointed to the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas in 1966. The following year he was elected to his first term on the Bucks County bench, and was retained in 1977, 1987 and 1997. He was a brilliant and hard-working judge, who quickly earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues throughout the Commonwealth.

While I am most familiar with the passion that he brought to his work out of the public eye in the juvenile court, he had his share of high-profile cases as well. In the early 1980s, he presided over the Point Pleasant pump project case and ultimately ruled in 1984 that the pump, which would take water from the Delaware River for water companies in Bucks and Montgomery Counties and for the Limerick nuclear power plant, should be built.

In 1983, he was assigned by Supreme Court to preside over the much-publicized trial of William Bradfield, who had been charged in the 1979 killings of Susan Reinert, an English teacher at Upper Merion High School, and her two children. Judge Garb sentenced Bradfield to three life terms after he was found guilty by a jury for the "Main Line Murders" of Susan Reinert and her children.

Judge Garb was initially appointed to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission in the 1970s by Governor Milton Shapp and served until 1983. However, when his colleague on the Bucks County Bench, Judge Edmund Ludwig, resigned from the Commission in 1986 following his appointment to the Federal bench, Governor Dick Thornburgh appointed Judge Garb to fill Judge Ludwig's unexpired term. Judge Garb was reappointed to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission by Governor Thornburgh to a full 3-year term later in 1986; re-appointed by Governor Robert Casey in both 1989 and in 1992; and re-appointed by Governor Tom Ridge in 1995, 1998 and again in 2001. Judge Garb completed his term of service on the Commission in 2004, after 18 years of service.

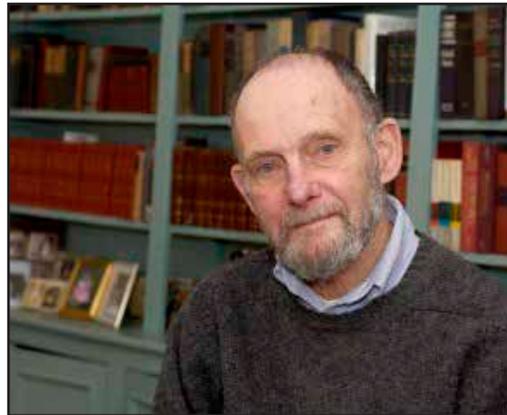


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In July of 1994, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission elected Judge Garb as Chairman, and he was elected to serve in that capacity for six consecutive years. As Chairman, Judge Garb demonstrated his commitment to creating and maintaining effective working relationships with our staff and with key individuals and agencies throughout state government, and his leadership was critical throughout the 1995 Special Legislative Session on Crime, which included passage of the amendments to the purpose clause of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Act which established the 'balanced and restorative justice' mission of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system.

Throughout his career, Judge Garb was frequently called upon to lend his expertise in training offered by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission as well as the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. Although the specific topics he was asked to address were many and varied, there was a consistent and critically important theme to his message.... "The work of a juvenile court judge is perhaps the most important and rewarding work that a judge can do."

When Judge Garb reached the mandatory retirement age of 70 in 1999, he continued to sit as a Senior Judge and presided over criminal and civil cases throughout the Commonwealth.

Fortunately, for me and my wife, Carol, Judge Garb was also assigned by the Attorney General to preside over a series of statewide investigating grand juries, which required him to be in Harrisburg on a regular basis. When he came to town, he was frequently accompanied by his wife, Joan. And when he was in town, my wife, Carol and I would usually meet for dinner at least once during each trip. Those are the times which Carol and I continue to treasure.

Those who knew Zeke and Joan well knew of their love of the arts and music. For this reason, it should surprise no one that Zeke and Joan would make the annual trip from Doylestown to Mechanicsburg for the spring musical of Cumberland Valley High School, which is directed by Carol. For a number of years, my good friend, former Bucks County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Bill Ford, and his wife Georgia, would travel to Mechanicsburg for the musical with Zeke and Joan. When Joan passed away in 2009, Bill and Georgia would continue to bring Zeke to the musicals, and we would try to stay in touch throughout the year.

It could be argued that Zeke's passion for his work in the juvenile court was possibly matched by his passion for the Yankees and the Metropolitan Opera. That may be so, but whenever we got together, we'd spend most of our time talking about our families, and Carol and I would catch up on the latest news about Zeke's children, Charlie, Emily, and Maggie, and more recently, his beloved granddaughter, Eva.

I have many fond memories of Judge Zeke Garb from my more than 30 year professional and personal relationship with him. And most of those memories bring a smile to my face. One of my favorites occurred at the JCJC's 1996 Youth Awards Luncheon when, after NBA legend Bill Walton concluded his presentation, Zeke, who stood about 5'5" or so, challenged Bill Walton to a little "one-on-one" out in the Hilton parking lot. My money was on Zeke.

I miss you, Zeke. Our world is a better place because you were in it.

Act 204 of 2012

[SB 850 \(P.N. 2475\)](#) was signed into law by Governor Corbett as Act 204 of 2012 on October 25, 2012. Some provisions of Act 204 became effective upon enactment, while other provisions became effective on December 24, 2012, or on January 23, 2013.

Act 204 amends Titles 18, 42 and 61 to:

- address expungement of and access to juvenile summary case information, and to limit public attendance at hearings before the minor judiciary involving minors charged with summary offenses;
- to modify the Juvenile Act purpose clause to include the concepts of "least restrictive interventions" and "evidence-based practices", and to modify the definition of "dependent child";
- to provide a new sentencing scheme in murder cases involving persons under the age of 18;
- to empower the Office of Victim Advocate to advocate for the interests of crime victims generally, including the victims of crimes committed by juveniles; and
- to place limitations on the time frames within which the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole is to consider applications for parole from inmates sentenced for certain classifications of murder committed when the inmate was under age 18.

To download a full summary of the provisions of Act 204 prepared by JCJC [\[click here\]](#)

“Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) Building Blocks for a Better System”

JJSES STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To work in partnership to enhance the capacity of Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system to achieve its balanced and restorative justice mission by: employing evidence-based practices, with fidelity, at every stage of the juvenile justice process; collecting and analyzing the data necessary to measure the results of these efforts; and, with this knowledge, striving to continuously improve the quality of our decisions, services and programs.

Part 16 of a series: *“JJSES Building Blocks”*

The Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol

If the JJSES is to be successful it is paramount that community-based and residential service provider interventions align with evidence-based practices. However, until probation departments make appropriate referrals that target factors that are driving delinquency, it is unfair to hold the provider community solely accountable for their outcomes. By utilizing a risk and need assessment instrument, probation departments should be able to make better, more focused referrals for treatment. Regarding interventions with juvenile delinquent populations, there is considerable research that tells us which interventions are effective, as well as the specific characteristics of those interventions that make them effective. Resources such as the Blueprints for Violence Prevention have identified some programs that are supported by evidence that are able to produce positive outcomes for delinquent and at-risk youth. However, moving scientific knowledge of “what works” into everyday practice cannot be achieved solely by taking brand named evidence-based programs (EBPs) off the shelf and inserting them into the service repertoire of every agency.¹ The current catalogue of identified EBPs, or model programs, is one component of a variety of services needed to treat delinquent youth in Pennsylvania. Reliance on only brand name EBPs does a disservice to local “homegrown” programs that may be effective but are unable to generate evidence of their success.

Dr. Mark Lipsey’s ground-breaking meta-analysis of the characteristics of effective delinquency interventions provides a solid foundation for improving delinquency programs and services. Based on his analysis of over 700 controlled studies of interventions with juvenile offenders, Lipsey developed the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP). The SPEP is a validated, data driven rating system for determining how well a program matches what research tells us is effective for that particular type of program in reducing recidivism of juvenile offenders. More specifically, the SPEP creates a metric by assigning points to programs according to how closely their characteristics match those associated with the best recidivism outcomes for similar programs evaluated in research studies.² The body of research on programs for juvenile offenders indicates that several general characteristics are most strongly related to their effects on juvenile delinquency:

- the type of program;
- service quantity or dosage;
- the risk levels of the youth served by the program; and
- the quality with which the program is implemented.

Lipsey’s work provides specific research-based profiles of program characteristics that can be used both as a “best practice” standard against which to evaluate juvenile justice programs, as well as a roadmap for improving them. The more closely programs resemble those which are shown to be effective in the research, the more points a program receives. Higher program scores have equated to greater recidivism reductions in two statewide evaluations conducted in North Carolina and Arizona. While recidivism is the primary outcome measured, other important intermediate outcomes and individual indicators, e.g. school enrollment and substance use, can also be tracked with individualized treatment plans and updated assessments of progress.³

While the initial SPEP score is certainly of interest, it more importantly establishes a baseline for program improvement. The difference between the scores for the individual components of the SPEP and the maximum possible point values for each provide information about where the program ratings can improve. The resulting program improvement process must be a collaborative effort between probation departments and providers.

Since 2008, the Resource Center for Evidence-based Programs and Practices, jointly funded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Department of Public Welfare’s Office of Children, Youth and Families, has developed capacity to support the quality implementation of a finite number of evidence-based prevention and intervention programs. Planning is now underway to expand the capacity of the Resource Center to create the infrastructure to support the SPEP and its related program improvement process statewide and to provide training and technical assistance to probation departments and providers.

¹ Lipsey, M. W., J. C. Howell, M. R. Kelly, G. Chapman, and D. Carver. “Improving the Effectiveness of Juvenile Justice Programs A New Perspective on Evidence-Based Practice.” Georgetown university. Center For Juvenile Justice Reform, 2010. <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/pdfs/ebp/ebppaper.pdf>

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2012 Conference Caucuses

On the afternoon of November 7, 2012, participants in the 2012 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice had an opportunity to join with colleagues from their area of specialty/interest within Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system to discuss issues of mutual concern and interest. Of particular interest to most of these groups was ongoing implementation activities and experiences related to the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) over the past year, and the anticipated impact of Act 111 of 2011 (as amended) providing for Pennsylvania's implementation of the Federal "Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act" (SORNA). A summary of the professional caucus discussions is provided for review.

Twenty-nine **chief and deputy chief juvenile probation officers** were provided updates and participated in discussion about issues that included: The Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) framework and stages; the pending SORNA implementation and potential impact, and the anticipated impact on county probation officer staffing patterns given widespread county budgetary constraints.

The **juvenile probation supervisors**, of which there were seventeen participants representing 10 counties, initially spent a considerable amount of their time discussing the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) activities. Topics included: strategies to assure buy-in and fidelity amongst line staff; the use of YLS results data

to enhance probation officer quality; and the challenges of balancing multiple stage activities simultaneously. Other issues of importance to the group included: SORNA implementation activities (impact on current caseloads, barriers to implementation); case referral trends; budget issues and the impact on staffing patterns; and the implications of six month review hearings on all cases.

Over sixty **juvenile probation officers** discussed a number of items of interest in their caucus session. Much of the early dialogue centered on the use of the Youth Level of Service (YLS) and the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) activities in their county departments. Participants spoke to county-specific challenges that have been experienced, including push-back by staff, particularly, in many cases, staff with higher years of experience. Several explained how the evidence-based concepts are starting to make more sense as positive impacts are being seen on overall operations and outcomes. The introduction of the case plan has aided a number of staff in understanding the importance of not only risk assessment, but also targeted interventions aimed to address identified areas of risk. It was noted that there has been significant progress in how providers of services to delinquent youth have tailored interventions to specific needs as identified through YLS assessment. It was also recommended that counties be sure to include "system partner" training in all EBP activities in order to avoid problems in the future.

Additional topics of discussion included the struggle to implement Motivational Interviewing (MI) and ongoing concerns about Pennsylvania's imminent SORNA mandates.

The **victim service providers** caucus was attended by seven professionals from the victim services field. A number of topics of interest were discussed, including: The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA); an overview of the work and recommendations of the Restitution Task Force; clarification of juvenile offender reimbursement to the Victims Compensation Fund, Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) funding challenges; and the inconsistent practices around the sharing of Victim Impact Statements. A call for participation in the Crime Victims Alliance of Pennsylvania (CVAP) was made. CVAP was established in 2011 to address the unmet needs regarding crime victim issues in the Commonwealth.

Participants in the caucus for **service providers** focused on a number of issues related to their operations. Much discussion occurred in relation to questions about how the Standardized Program Effectiveness Protocol (SPEP) activities would play out in the future, and specifically how the information and scores would be utilized and by whom. There was also discussion related to the new system of licensing service provider facilities through DPW, which has changed rather dramatically in the past year and has led to numerous questions. Concerns were also expressed

about the extended amount of time it takes to receive payment for services provided to some counties, and the general lack of information and understanding about the upcoming impact of Pennsylvania's SORNA statutes.

Feedback from each of the caucuses showed that professionals appreciated the opportunity to meet with

colleagues, and to share experiences about what they encounter on a daily basis. A detailed summary of the information collected will be reviewed by JCJC staff and the Executive Committee of the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. The effort of the various caucus facilitators was instrumental in the success of each forum, and gratitude is extended to Sam Miller,

Robert Tomassini, Leo Lutz, Valerie Bender, and Mike Schneider for their work, and to the activity recorders Diana Munson, Tom Green, John Herb, Seth Bloomquist and Rick Steele. It is anticipated that the caucuses will again be part of the next Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice.

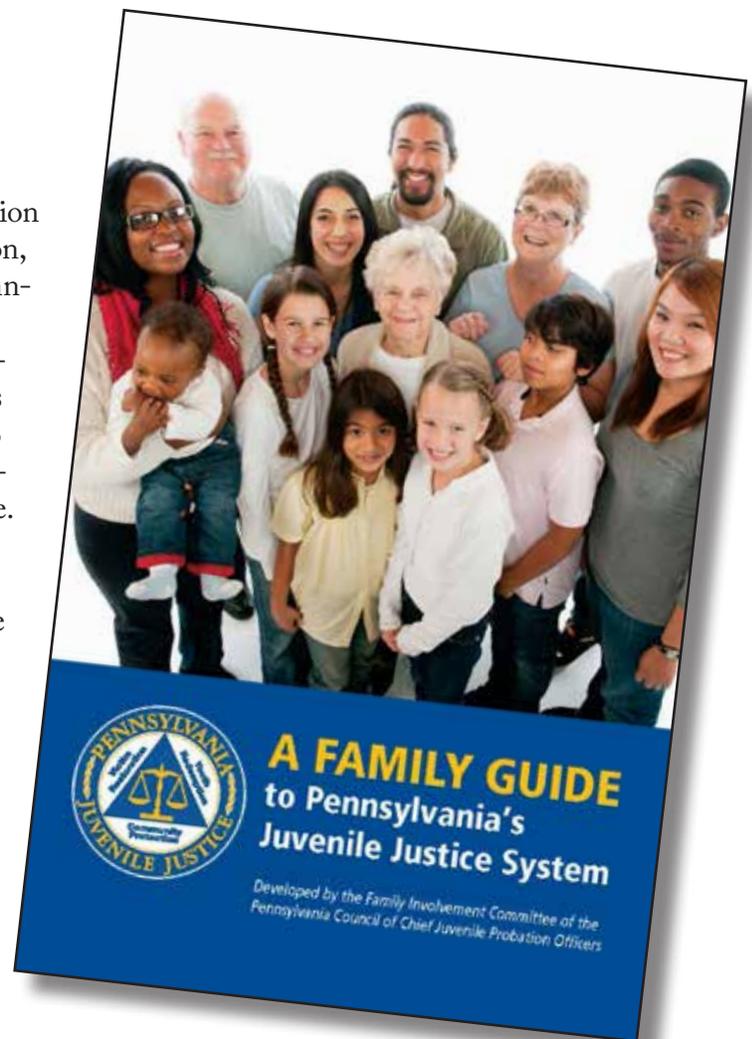
Family Guide to Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Available

The Family Involvement Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, in collaboration with the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, has published and made available the Family Guide to Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System. This guide was written by a team of family advocates and juvenile justice practitioners. It includes an overview of the juvenile justice process and provides vital information to better prepare families to understand the juvenile justice system and the roles and responsibilities of all individuals involved in their child's case. It is anticipated that this guide will gain broad distribution throughout the Commonwealth and be offered to all parents of youth coming to the attention of county juvenile courts.

Some suggestions for using this guide:

- Provide the publication to all families you are serving and offer to answer any questions they may pose.
- Display them in your waiting room.
- Ensure Community and School-Based Probation Officers have them available to distribute in their respective schools.
- Share with your local juvenile justice stakeholders, police officers and service providers.

For hard copies of the Family Guide contact Monica Iskric at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research at MSIskr@ship.edu or (717) 477-1709. The publication can also be found on the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission website www.jcjc.state.pa or the website of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers at www.pachiefprobationofficers.org.



COMMUNITY Service

Please share photos from your county that depict juveniles performing valuable community service work – emphasizing both competency development and victim/community restoration.

in Lehigh County

HELPING HANDS FOR A GOOD C.A.W.S.

By: Greg Moore, Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Officer

CAWS (Community Alternative Work Services) is the community service program of the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department.

THE STORM

By the time Superstorm Sandy, the largest Atlantic hurricane ever recorded, was over, the storm had claimed an estimated 200 lives in seven countries and cost tens of billions of dollars through direct damages and lost business. New York City was hit particularly hard when the storm touched land in the early morning of October 29, with surging waters that caused flooding to tunnels, subway lines, and streets. A power outage left most of Manhattan dark for the better part of a week and brought mass transit services throughout the region to a near halt.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Rockaways, in Queens, and Coney Island and Red Hook, in Brooklyn—experienced widespread destruction by flood and fire. Staten Island had the highest density of storm-related mortality in the country. Sandy killed 48 people in New York City. Even four weeks after the storm, some areas in Staten Island and Long Island remained without power.

SURVIVAL

The turkey has been carved, the “Turkey Day” football game has ended and the Thanksgiving Day parade is long over. Time to get the presents ready and house decorated. However, Saturday, December 8, not many people were thinking so much about shopping. This

Saturday, as in every day since Sandy hit the East Coast, people are still thinking about how to stay warm, how to eat, and what they are going to do to survive. Their homes are either gone or require significant repairs. All of their personal belongings lay in heaping mounds in front of their property only to be picked up and discarded by circling sanitation trucks. They have no power, no heat. Some do not have running water. The folks that got hit with Hurricane Sandy in Broad Channel and Far Rockaway located in the Rockaway peninsula are hurting. They are hurting and they are not far away. They are right across the bridge. They are Pennsylvania’s neighbors.





THE PROJECT

I, along with fellow Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Officer Jason Kehm, Probation Officer Aid Susan Sedora, and Probation Supervisor Eric Holben and his two sons (Shaun and Colin), joined forces with five juveniles currently under the supervision of the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department to pay our neighbors a visit and provide volunteer services in Broad Channel, a neighborhood in the New York City borough of Queens. It occupies the southern portion of Rulers Bar Hassock, which is the only inhabited island in Jamaica Bay which sits just north of Far Rockaway.

In previous weekends, I had volunteered in Staten Island and Rockaway along with members of my church to provide volunteer services for victims of Sandy, and I felt that the youth under probation supervision would greatly benefit from having the opportunity to serve their fellow New York neighbors by assisting them in cleaning up their homes and communities and help restore hope in their lives.

I met with the Chief of the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department, Elizabeth Fritz, to share my vision of how the experience could have an immediate and lasting impact in the lives of those who had suffered loss in New York as well as the participating youth. I felt that the youth could only benefit from circumstances where they were provided the opportunity to serve others while also recognizing and empathizing with others the pain, grief, and need involved.

REAL PEOPLE

I feel that many of today's youth are not in touch with the realities of human need and struggle. All too often youth under probation supervision in Lehigh County lack a basic understanding that those that they have of-

fended in their communities in Lehigh County are real people with real emotions. They are people who have suffered loss and have faces. The youth that participated in the project were able to see those faces as they interacted with a few of the homeowners in Broad Channel.

Ruth, owner of the first home that was visited, expressed gratitude for the work that was rendered. Walls in her home were removed with crowbars and hammers leaving but a skeleton of Ruth's home which sat on stilts over the water. Ruth shared with the group that her home was over 100 years old and had been passed down from family to family. It was currently her home, but once one entered the front doors of the modest edifice, the structure resembled nothing close to a home. The group worked hard together to discard a washer and dryer still full of water from the hurricane. Others worked on tearing down the walls. A third group worked on sweeping and collecting the saturated and crumbled sheetrock to be eventually dumped in a heaping pile in front of the once lively dwelling. Sled after sled carried away pieces of Ruth's life and memories as a young girl growing up



in the quaint little home. Ruth fought back tears as she would eventually find an old family photo which had somehow been trapped in the wall. The photo was a reminder of happier times. Her tears reminded the youth in the room that she was a real person who had suffered loss.

The third home to receive volunteer services was owned by a humble Irish family. The father shared the story of how he and his wife refused to heed to warnings to leave their home due to the dangers of the superstorm; how the water started to enter his home and he was forced to move his wife and two children upstairs. The water level continued to rise past the first floor, which basically



trapped the family in their rooms. He then talked about the guilt he felt for not listening to the warnings and how he was forced to climb onto his roof in attempts to seek help for his family. The only problem was that there was no help available. His wife shared that as fast as the water had entered the home, it emptied out, leaving behind a disaster for the family to fix. It is certain that at least one of the youth who was there could feel the intense emotions connected to the story, and could relate to the challenges in their own lives of refusing to heed the warnings and pleas of others.

THE WORK

Our group would end up providing services to 4 different homes. The work was at times hard and busy. The work was dirty and wet. The work required the use of masks, gloves, and elbow grease; it required team work and unity. The work brought out the leadership qualities in certain youth and the ability to work as a team collectively. The work was never questioned but viewed as an opportunity to assist others in need.

The work involved tearing down walls, ripping up flooring, scraping three-layer flooring, ripping up sub-floors, dismantling and discarding a large above ground pool piece by piece, discarding large screen televisions and other personal property no longer salvageable. The work involved the use of tools – an axe, claw hammers, crow bars, and shovels. It required a charitable heart and a desire to serve others without reward, acknowledgement, or recognition.

THE LESSON

It is often the opinion of an adult that he or she is responsible for teaching young people lessons in life. However, the adults were actually the students during this project. The five young men who accompanied the probation department staff to Queens, New York taught a very valuable lesson to all – they can experience empathy and feel the pain of one’s loss. When provided the opportunity to serve others, they can be kind, caring, giving, and hardworking young people.

No one knew that the youth working in their homes were “probation kids.” Nor was that of any importance. A new trail was blazed when five young men left the comfort of their beds at 6:00 am on a cold dark Saturday morning and volunteered to help their neighbors who had suffered great loss. They did so with a smile. The project was a huge success, summed up by one of the youth participants who upon entering my office located in a high school in Allentown, Pennsylvania said, “Mr. Moore can we go back to New York again this weekendI want to go back....that was fun helping the people there.” Ah, the classic plead of helping hands to serve another for a good cause.

OJJDP Announces New Funding Opportunities

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has announced the following funding opportunities:

- Mentoring Best Practices Research. This program seeks to enhance what is understood about mentoring as a prevention and intervention strategy for youth who are at risk of involvement or already involved in the juvenile justice system.

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. E.T., on February 19, 2013.

- State Advisory Group Training and Technical Assistance Project. The State Advisory Group Training and Technical Assistance Project will provide training and technical assistance to state advisory groups (SAGs) appointed under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP Act) of

1974, as amended. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. E.T., on February 25, 2013.

Resources:

Get additional information on the [Mentoring Best Practices Research](#) funding opportunity.

Get additional information on the [State Advisory Group Training and Technical Assistance Project](#) funding opportunity.

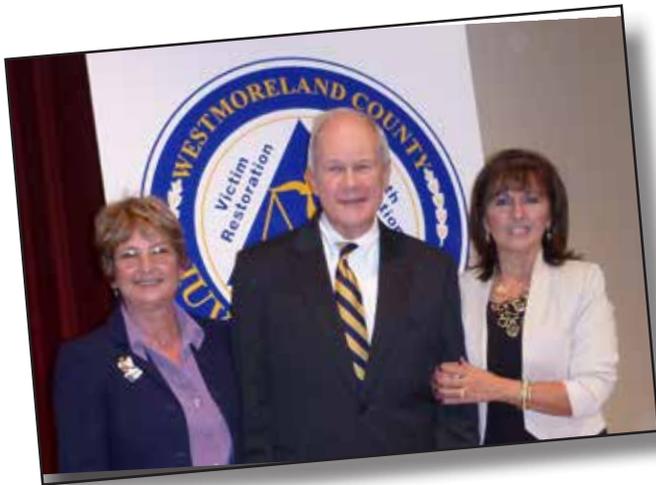
Westmoreland County Celebrates Their 30th Juvenile Justice Week

Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation has faithfully honored Juvenile Justice Week annually and celebrated its 30th Anniversary in October.

To commemorate this week, two special events were hosted by the Juvenile Probation Department.

A Youth Commission Appreciation Dinner/Training was held at the Lamplighter Restaurant for all those volunteers who work with youth in our communities who have committed minor offenses. In the audience were Magisterial District Judges, juvenile justice personnel, and other community representatives. It was a great opportunity to show appreciation and honor our volunteers for the excellent work that they do.

Special recognition was given to them by the Honorable John J. Driscoll (Administrative Judge), Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Addie Beighley, and Michael Sturnick, the supervisor who oversees the program. A special training was provided to all in attendance on victim's rights and roles in the Juvenile Court System. This special training was presented by Valerie Bender, Consultant and Restorative Justice Specialist in Pennsylvania.



In addition, a Panel Discussion was held at Seton Hill University entitled, "The Juvenile Court in Westmoreland County; A New Direction."

This event was an excellent opportunity to discuss Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System and its various components to college students, faculty, youth agency providers, court personnel and community members. Susan Blackburn, JCJC's Balanced and Restorative Justice Specialist, was the moderator for the panel and did a wonderful job introducing topics of discussion such as: "What is Balanced and Restorative Justice?; What are the benefits of BARJ?; and What does a successful case look like?" We were also able to explain our future efforts to enhance BARJ by engaging families in the development of case plans, utilizing

diversion and preventative measures and introducing evidence-based practices throughout the process. Susan posed some challenging questions to the team.

The panel consisted of Westmoreland County's two juvenile judges, Judge John J. Driscoll and Judge Michele Bononi, along with District Attorney John Peck, and Public Defender Wayne McGrew. Addie Beighley, along with two probation officers, Dean Thomas and Zachary Tomich, also joined the panel to discuss the benefits of Balanced and Restorative Justice for juveniles and some of the programs available in Westmoreland County to aide in our efforts. Discussion also focused on some new directions in which our county is advancing. It was also a great opportunity to share Westmoreland County's outcomes with the audience. The guests had the opportunity to pose questions to the panel and some rousing discussion was had by all.



Upcoming Staff Development Opportunities:

The CJJT&R's set of staff development workshops for the spring have been assembled, are posted on the JCJC Events Management System (JEMS) website and are open for registration. You may visit the site at www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us.

Early in the season there are several workshop opportunities that you may want to check out if you are not already registered.

- On March 14-15 at the Days Inn Penn State, CJJT&R staff will facilitate the Community Service/ Restitution Program Coordinator's Forum. The forum is an opportunity for program coordinators, supervisors and anyone interested in community service and restitution programs to meet, exchange ideas and become re-energized regarding the creative application of these important programs. Three short presentations from Chester, Lancaster and Lehigh counties will highlight their innovative program models in order to begin to stimulate discussion. However, the entire focus of the program will center on exchanging information, troubleshooting and problem-solving shared obstacles in running programs. We will also want to highlight how these programs can be best designed to interface with Evidence-based Probation Practices and help achieve the goals and objectives that are a part of the JJSES.
- On March 27-28, Terrence Walton, the Director of Treatment for the Pretrial Services Agency, District of Columbia, in DC will return to present "Stop, Drop, and Roll: Effective Cognitive Behavioral Interventions" at Days Inn State College. This workshop will present the newly revised National Institute of Corrections' Thinking for a Change (T4C) Program. T4C is an evidence-based approach for reducing criminal offending, substance use, and related behaviors in the justice system-involved adults and juveniles. By exploring and experimenting with T4C, workshop participants will experience the power of CBI. Participants will learn how to help juveniles change the way they think, develop success-oriented social skills, and to engage in effective problem solving. Whether utilizing T4C or some other CBI approach, juvenile justice professionals will acquire techniques that they can use immediately to achieve improved outcomes.
- In April Barb Ulmer will lead "Solution-oriented/Strength-based Interventions in State College on April 10-11. This program will teach a set of intervention skills that are a perfect complement to Motivational Interviewing strategies.
- The following week at the Child Welfare Resource Center near Mechanicsburg we will host "What Every Juvenile Probation Officer Should Know About Family Involvement" presented by Bernadette Jones and Lynn Roman. This is an opportunity to learn from the curriculum developed through the collaboration with the PA Chiefs' Council to help staff more effectively involve families and be a force to improve outcomes with their children.



Please remember, workshops are continually added to the Staff Development Schedule. Be sure to check the JCJC website or visit www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us regularly for updates to the schedule.

We invite you to consider some upcoming trainings around the state.

The following trainings and their links are sponsored by the indicated agency.

March		4/10	
3/14	Community Service and Restitution Programs-- Workshop/Forum CJJT&R	4/10	Solution-Oriented/Strength-Based Interventions CJJT&R
3/27	Stop, Drop, and Roll: Effective Cognitive Behavioral Interventions CJJT&R	4/17	What Every Juvenile Probation Officer Should Know About Family Involvement CJJT&R
		4/23	Cultural Competence to Cultural Proficiency CJJT&R
April		4/24	
4/4	Drug Subculture Competency: Paraphernalia and Routes of Ingestion CJJT&R	4/24	Advanced Reading Workshop CJJT&R
4/9	Barely Legal: Quasi-Legal Substance Abuse and Their Contrasting Appeal and Effects on the Genders CJJT&R	May	
		5/1	Office Safety for Our System's Support Staff CJJT&R
		5/2	Mental Health Issues in Adolescence CJJT&R

Hosting a training you would like to see listed here? E-mail us the details and we'll list it in our next issue.

Westmoreland County Juvenile Court Presents

Stress In Adolescence



February 15th
2013
9am~3pm

Research studies have been consistent in identifying stress as a significant issue for adolescents.

Self reported studies show that many adolescents have witnessed or experienced violence in their homes or communities.

Stress In Adolescence is a 20 session curriculum training designed for adolescents in any setting.

Each 1 hour exercise is designed to be psycho-educational in nature and all free standing. Exercises are hands on and interactive, enabling the participant to feel comfortable and willing to share.

This training is a 1 day experience for staff; at the conclusion, participants will be provided the 20 session curriculum and be certified as Trainers to continue the Experience within their organization!

PRESENTER:

Kristine Demnovich, BASW, MS
PTSD Project Coordinator
Westmoreland County
Juvenile Probation Officer II

Who Should Attend:

Any Professional Working within the Juvenile Justice Profession, public education, and/or social services agencies.

Train the Trainer

Limited to 35 Participants per Training.

*Training will be held at
The Westmoreland County
Juvenile Services Center
2771 South Grande Blvd.
Greensburg, PA 15601*

Lunch on your own.

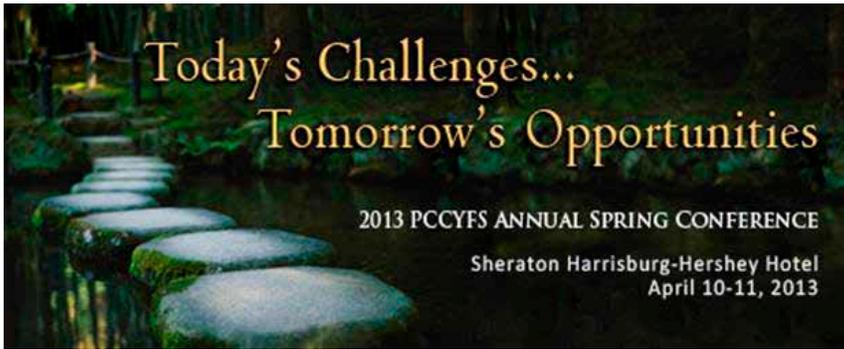
Act 48 Hours and/or Training Certificates are available upon completion of training.

As space is available, we will continue to accept registrations until the day before the training begins. A \$20 registration fee per participant should be mailed as soon as possible. If necessary, please cancel registrations via the email no later than 72 hours before the program in order to receive a refund/credit of registration fees.

The last minute substitution of personnel is perfectly acceptable. When registering, please enter the name of each registrant as it should appear on their certificate of completion.

Only checks or money orders accepted made to the order of Westmoreland County.

**Please send payment to Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation, Attention Denise Cope
2771 South Grande Blvd., Greensburg, PA 15601**



Mark your 2013 Calendar!!!

Plan to join us for our annual spring event filled with opportunities for professional development, fun, networking and fellowship. The excellent caliber of the conference workshops, resources and activities once again reflects both the hard work of our conference planning workgroup in putting together a timely and topical two-day event and the desire of top-notch trainers to continue to be a part of our Annual Conference. The agenda for the two-day 2013 PCCYFS Annual Spring Conference is responsive to the complex and challenging environment in which we work. It is reflective of the focus on the difference we make every day for each individual child and family we serve.

The keynote address will be delivered by **Jill Schumann**. For the ninth year in a row in 2011, Ms. Schumann was named as one of the Top 50 leaders of power and influence in the United States by the Nonprofit Times. Ms. Schumann will open our Spring Conference with a glimpse into the future for Human Service Organizations, as her presentation will outline the top things leaders should consider as they anticipate change, position their agency strategically, and turn trends into opportunities!

See what this great event has to offer! [Click here to review the brochure and select the sessions of interest to you.](#) **Register ASAP to save \$\$\$ at the Early Bird rate, and reserve your hotel room, too!!!**

Please share information on this enriching opportunity and invite others to join us at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel on April 10-11, 2013!

Hotel Information: Book your lodging reservations [online](#), or call the Sheraton at (717) 564-5511 and mention the PCCYFS Group for the reduced rate of \$102.00 single/double occupancy (plus applicable taxes). This rate is only available until March 25, 2013. Parking is free.

www.pccyfs.org

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Position Announcement

Chester County is now accepting applications for the position of [Director of Juvenile Probation](#). The Director of Juvenile Probation is responsible for planning, organizing and directing the activities of the Juvenile Probation Department. The essential duties, tasks and accountabilities of the position include the development and administration of department policies, procedures and programs in accordance with law and court policy. This includes: directing a staff of 60 and an annual budget of approximately \$4 million; overseeing the supervision of approximately 1,400 offenders; and serving as the liaison between the Juvenile Probation Department and the Juvenile Court Administrative Judge, President Judge, Commissioner, any relevant state agencies, and the community.

Qualifications / Requirements:

Bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and experience; a minimum of 10 years of experience in a related field with 5 years of experience as a Probation Officer or in a Social Science, Administration, Probation or Parole-related field that includes contact with juvenile clients and 5 years in a supervisory or administrative capacity, or any equivalent combination of acceptable education and experience.

Prefer: Knowledge of juvenile court law and system, standards, regulations and policies; MS Degree in Criminal Justice, Social Sciences, Administration or a related field; Understanding of Balanced and Restorative Justice, The Juvenile Act, Juvenile Court Procedural Rules and Evidence Based Probation Practices.

Salary range available beginning at \$86,470.02 annually based on education and experience.

Applications will be accepted until February 28, 2013. For additional information on benefits, position description, and how to apply, visit www.chesco.org. Job Opportunities. E.O.E.

Crime Victims' Rights Week

"New Challenges – New Solutions"

Pennsylvania's Crime Victims' Rights Week activities will begin on Monday April 22, 2013 with the Annual Crime Victims' Rally. The Crime Victims' Alliance of Pennsylvania (CVAP) will be hosting this annual rally on Monday April 22, 2013 at the Capitol Building in Harrisburg, PA. There will be many special events across the Commonwealth to commemorate the 2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

April 21, 2013, begins the National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a time to honor crime victims and our nation's progress in advancing their rights. This year's theme "New Challenges. New Solutions." celebrates the remarkable progress despite many challenges for crime victims and those who contributed to our progress.

Only 30 years ago, crime victims had no rights, access to crime victim compensation, or services to help rebuild their lives. They were often excluded from courtrooms, treated as an afterthought by the criminal and juvenile justice system, and denied an opportunity to speak at sentencing and case disposition. Through decades of advocacy and hard work, victims rights have come a long way.

Since the 1980s, the nation has made dramatic progress in securing rights, protections and services for victims of crime. Every state has enacted victims' rights laws, and 32 states have constitutional victims' rights amendments. All states have victim compensation funds, and more than 10,000 victim service agencies have been established throughout the country.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week reminds us that many challenges remain. Crime victims' rights are not universal and are often not enforced. Only a fraction of victims receive crime victim compensation, which is usually limited to victims of violent crime. In addition, a 2011 report called the *Use of Victim Services Agencies by Victims of Serious Violent Crime* showed that only 9 percent of violent crime victims received needed services in the 1993-2009 timeframe.

Advocates also face a host of new challenges as they strive to provide culturally competent services for increasingly diverse populations (e.g., seniors, teens, immigrant populations) and victims of newly prevalent crimes (e.g., trafficking and technology-related stalking and identity theft). As funding sources decrease, providers must target their services even more strategically.

"New Challenges. New Solutions.' captures our mission in the 21st century," said Joye E. Frost, Acting Director, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), U.S. Department of Justice. "As reflected in OVC's major strategic planning initiative, Vision 21: Transforming Victim Services, we must craft a new vision for reaching all victims of crime. We can achieve this only by substantially broadening our thinking, strategically planning our future, and creatively expanding our resources and tools."

Each community can encourage its members to participate in the week's events and find ways to help victims of crime and honor the advocates that serve them. For additional information about National Crime Victims' Rights Week and how to help victims in your community, please visit the National Office for Victims of Crime Web site, www.crimevictims.gov.



**Crime Victims Alliance of Pennsylvania
Presents**

The 21ST Annual Crime Victims' Rights Rally



Monday, April 22, 2012

11:00 AM

Capitol Rotunda

**Events for the day will
begin at 10:00AM with
a legislative meeting.**

*"How to Approach Your Legislatures about
Vital Victims' Services Issues"*

**Events for Probation Staff &
Probation Youth ONLY
will be immediately
following the Rally.**

*Please RSVP to 1-800-563-6399
to Nina Rosendale or Kayla Rumpilla*

**To RSVP or
reserve table space**

Contact: Jen Boyle

by 3/1/2013:

Jboyle@ccpa.net

717-761-5599

More information to follow



National Juvenile Justice Announcements

The following announcements are reprinted from JUVJUST, an OJJDP news service:

Bulletin Examines Effects of Transferring Juveniles to Adult Court

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has released, "[Transfer of Adolescents to Adult Court: Effects of a Broad Policy in One Court](#)." The bulletin examines the effects of transfer from juvenile court to adult court on a sample of serious adolescent offenders. The authors also discuss the implications of the findings for future changes in transfer statutes. The findings are the result of the OJJDP co-sponsored [Pathways to Desistance study](#), which investigates factors that lead serious juvenile offenders to cease or continue offending.



Resources:

View, download, or order printed copies of "[Transfer of Adolescents to Adult Court: Effects of a Broad Policy in One Court](#)" and other titles in the [Pathways to Desistance series](#).

victim-tailored services. The task force calls on the federal government, states, tribes, and communities to ensure that all children exposed to violence are identified, screened, and assessed; to create multidisciplinary councils to facilitate systemwide collaboration; to involve men and boys as critical partners in preventing violence; and to help, not punish, child victims of sex trafficking.



The task force presented its final recommendations to Attorney General Holder at the December 12, 2012, meeting of the [Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#).

Resources:

Read the [executive summary](#) or [full report](#).

The report, commissioned by the Attorney General as part of the [Defending Childhood Initiative](#), was informed in part by [public hearings](#) conducted nationwide.

National Research Council Report Supports Developmental Approach to Juvenile Justice

The National Academies' [National Research Council](#) has released "[Reforming Juvenile Justice: A Developmental Approach](#)." The report presents the findings of a 2-year independent study of the juvenile justice system commissioned by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Researchers examined recent advances in behavioral and neuroscience research with regard to adolescent development and offending and recommend that this scientific knowledge be incorporated into juvenile justice reform efforts nationwide.

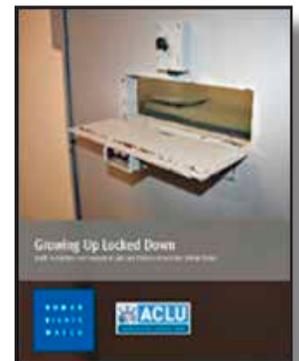


Resources:

View and download "[Reforming Juvenile Justice: A Developmental Approach](#)."

Report on Effects of Solitary Confinement on Youth Now Available

The [American Civil Liberties Union](#) and [Human Rights Watch](#) have released "[Growing Up Locked Down: Youth in Solitary Confinement in Jails and Prisons Across the United States](#)." The report, which details the physical, psychological, and developmental harm that solitary confinement causes youth incarcerated in adult jails and prisons, is drawn from interviews and correspondence with youth and detention officials.



Resources:

[Read](#) the report.

[Watch](#) a video of youth describing their experiences in solitary confinement.

Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence Presents Final Recommendations to Attorney General

The Attorney General's [Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence](#) has released its final recommendations for a [national response](#) to address children's exposure to violence. The [report](#) emphasizes prevention and intervention and underscores the importance of trauma-informed care and

OJJDP Acting Administrator Testifies on Ending the "School-To-Prison Pipeline"

[Testifying](#) before the Senate on December 12, 2012, OJJDP Acting Administrator Melodee Hanes outlined the steps being taken by the Department of Justice to respond to the needs of youth in contact with the justice system, both as

victims and offenders, with the goal of ending the cycle of youth being removed from school as a result of exclusionary discipline practices and subsequently becoming involved with the juvenile justice system. Programs such as the [Supportive School Discipline Initiative](#), the [Defending Childhood Initiative](#), the [National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention](#), and the [Federal Interagency Reentry Council](#) address effective school discipline, promote safety for youth, and ensure the well-being of children both in schools and within the justice system.

Resources:

Read the full text of Acting Administrator Hanes' [testimony](#).

OJJDP Funds Three Drug Courts To Implement Reclaiming Futures Program

Three communities—Lucas County, OH; Forsyth County, NC; and Duval County, FL—will receive a total of \$5.27 million in [funding](#) from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) over the next 4 years to integrate the [Reclaiming Futures](#) drug and alcohol treatment program for teens in trouble with the law into their juvenile drug courts. The Reclaiming Futures national program office, located in the Regional Research Institute at the School of Social Work at Portland State University, will receive \$1.4 million over 2 years to provide training and technical assistance to the six existing federally funded Reclaiming Futures sites and the three new sites.

Resources:

For more information about Reclaiming Futures, visit www.reclaimingfutures.org/.

Read a press release about the awards at www.reclaimingfutures.org/news_archive_121112.

For information about OJJDP's funding opportunities, visit www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingList.asp.

Washington State Program Offers Peer Support for Justice-Involved Families

Developed by the University of Washington, Seattle, [Juvenile Justice 101](#) is a [Models for Change](#) program that helps parents and guardians of justice system-involved youth understand the juvenile court process. Facilitated by caregivers of youth who have been through the juvenile justice system, the program includes a court orientation, agency presentations, one-on-one support, and community outreach.

“[A Guidebook for Implementing Juvenile Justice 101](#)” provides more information about this family engagement program, a 6-month plan for implementing the program in local courts, and training materials for partners.

Resources:

Learn more about [Juvenile Justice 101](#).

Read or download “[A Guidebook for Implementing Juvenile Justice 101](#).”

Read about other [ongoing projects](#) at the Division of Public Behavioral Health and Justice Policy at The University of Washington School of Medicine.



NCJFCJ To Host Training for Juvenile Court Officials

On April 8–12, 2013, the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) will host a [training institute](#)

in Reno, NV, for new state and tribal judicial officers and returning officers seeking a refresher course. The curriculum will include sessions on judicial leadership and the role of the judge, ethics, decisionmaking, evidence, child and adolescent development, schools and the court, trauma-informed justice, abuse and neglect, delinquency, interpersonal violence, custody, divorce, self-represented litigants, and dealing with the media.

Resources:

[Learn more](#) about the institute.

Register for the institute [online](#).



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