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### Afternoon Plenary for the Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice Announced



#### Understanding and Treating Trauma in Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System

More than 88 percent of girls and 67 percent of boys coming into juvenile justice have experienced trauma. Understanding how trauma shapes these youth, their interactions with others and their relationship to the world they live in is critical to advancing the work done in the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System. This panel discussion session, moderated by **Dr. Ronald Sharp**, is designed to

give you specific and detailed information about what you can do to address the trauma experienced by the young men and women who come into the juvenile justice system. Whether you are a judge, master, district attorney, public defender, chief juvenile probation officer, probation officer, private provider, parent, or concerned citizen, you need to know what you can do as an individual or an organization to address the trauma experienced by the youth you serve.

Dr. Ronald Sharp is a psychologist with more than 46 years of experience in the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System. He has worked as a juvenile probation officer, juvenile court consultant, and executive director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. For the past 28 years, Dr. Sharp has been the Director of Psychological Services at Alternative Rehabilitation Communities. For 17 years, Dr. Sharp served as Chairman of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. He was appointed to this position by Governors Ridge, Rendell and Corbett. In 1999, Dr. Sharp wrote the federal grant that led to the creation of the Pennsylvania Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Project. He has been involved with the project since its inception and continues to work with youth in our juvenile justice system who have experienced trauma.

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## 2014 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

Delinquency and Trauma: What Juvenile Justice Professionals Need to Know

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# *Pennsylvania to Adopt Recommendations from CSG Justice Center to Help Improve Outcomes for Youth in Juvenile Justice System*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, along with the National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC), recently released two publications explaining what state and local governments can do to improve outcomes for youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

Along with the release of the publications, the CSG Justice Center announced plans to partner with Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission, along with juvenile justice agencies at four other states, to implement recommendations detailed in the documents unveiled today.

The first publication, “Measuring and Using Juvenile Recidivism Data to Inform Policy, Practice, and Resource Allocation,” surveyed all 50 states’ juvenile correctional agencies and found 20 percent of those agencies do not measure the rates of youth reoffending. Of the 39 states that do track recidivism data, most consider only one type of contact with the justice system, stopping short of determining, for example, whether the youth was later incarcerated in the adult system.

“A fairly good axiom in government is what doesn’t get measured doesn’t get done,” said Vermont State Sen. Richard Sears, who serves on CSG Justice Center Board and chairs his state’s Senate Judiciary Committee. “I’m proud of our efforts to keep youth out of detention facilities, but that, in and of itself, isn’t success. Legislators want user-friendly data explaining how our youth respond to their supervision and various types of treatment program, so that we might learn more and ultimately improve how we supervise and support them.”

There has been significant progress in juvenile justice reform, with youth confinement rates cut in half from 1997 to 2011 and juvenile arrest rates at their lowest level in more than 30 years. But as lower-risk youth have successfully been redirected from incarceration, progress is still needed to track, and ultimately improve, the outcomes of those higher-risk youth and others previously under supervision.

“Through our Models for Change initiative, we have seen states and counties across the country improve their juvenile justice systems over the past 15 years through meaningful reforms, but there is much work left to be done,” said Laurie Garduque, director for Justice Reform at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. “These publications push the field to accelerate

progress toward more effective, fair, and developmentally appropriate policies and practices that will increase the future life chances of these youth to succeed.”

To ensure states are not only obtaining more data to guide their programs, the CSG Justice Center also released “Core Principles for Reducing Recidivism and Improving Other Outcomes for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System,” a white paper that offers guiding principles and recommendations based on what’s been proven to work. Those recommendations, which range from engaging family in decisions regarding a child to stripping the system of tactics like curfew laws and “scared straight” programs, are also offered with concrete examples of states that have succeeded by employing these strategies.

“What’s valuable about this white paper is that it distills a great deal of dense information from journal articles into actionable recommendations,” said Edward Mulvey, director of the Law and Psychiatry Program at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School and principal investigator on the Pathways to Desistance study, an investigation of the paths that youth with serious offenses take upon leaving the juvenile justice system.

The CSG Justice Center also announced partnerships with five states to test the implementation of the recommendations outlined in the reports: Pennsylvania, Utah, Tennessee, Nebraska, and Kansas.

“We can talk about the programs, services and treatment we provide, but good intentions alone won’t reduce the likelihood of re-offending,” said Susan Burke, director of Utah’s Division of Juvenile Justice Services. “This white paper released today summarizes, in one comprehensive document, the new lens in which we should be viewing each state system. I, for one, am eager to get started.”

For more information on the CSG Justice Center, visit [www.csgjusticecenter.org](http://www.csgjusticecenter.org).

For more information on Pennsylvania’s involvement with this project, contact Rick Steele at [ricsteele@pa.gov](mailto:ricsteele@pa.gov).

## **About The Council of State Governments Justice Center**

The Council of State Governments Justice Center is a national nonprofit organization that serves policymakers at the local, state and federal levels from all branches of government. The Justice Center provides practical, nonpartisan advice and consensus-driven strategies – informed by available evidence – to increase public safety and strengthen communities.

# ***Evidence-based Prevention & Intervention Support Center (EPISCenter) wins 2014 Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award from the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA)***

The Evidence-based Prevention & Intervention Support Center (EPIS-Center) was recently selected by a panel of criminal justice experts as one of the outstanding criminal justice programs for the Northeast region in 2014 by the National Criminal Justice Association. Each year the award is given to, "...criminal justice programs that merit recognition for providing effective services to address crime-related issues in their communities," throughout the country.

James Anderson, current Chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's (PCCD) Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJJPC) and former Executive Director of PA's Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, received the award at a luncheon during the 2014 National Forum on Criminal Justice on August 12th in Breckenridge, Colorado.

According to Mr. Anderson, "...the Commonwealth's delinquency prevention and intervention successes rely on the expertise of the EPISCenter and the long-standing partnership and commitment to this initiative across multiple state agencies, including PCCD, the PA Department of Public Welfare, and the Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center at Penn State."

The primary aim of the PA Resource Center is to reduce or prevent youth violence, delinquency, and substance use through high-quality implementation, broad-scale dissemination, and sustained implementation of evidence-based programs, and improvement of local juvenile justice programs.

Achievements include:

- Promoting the dissemination of evidence-based, delinquency prevention programs in PA from 19 counties in 1999 to 50 counties from 2008-2013.
- Providing resources to support the collection of valid, reliable, process and outcome data for these programs, which allow providers to monitor program implementation, ensure high quality delivery, and to track and report the outcomes of their delinquency prevention efforts.
- Facilitating communication across stakeholder groups and systems (e.g., program developers, implementers, policymakers) to collectively solve barriers to high quality implementation and monitoring, program dissemination, and ongoing sustainability of proven effective programs.
- Demonstrating the impact of PCCD's overall delinquency and violence prevention initiative on youth and family outcomes and in terms of the return on investment.

Pennsylvania, a leader in criminal and juvenile justice innovation and practice, was previously honored in 2011 when the Pennsylvania Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee and the PA Mental Health and Justice Center of Excellence won the Northeast Region award for their work in promoting evidence based strategies that support the sustainability and best practices for the criminal justice and mental health populations.

Programs are evaluated on numerous criteria including how well they address an important criminal justice issue, whether the program is a good

example of leveraging federal, state, local or other non-governmental funds and resources, and likelihood of being sustained. A full list of criteria is available on [NCJA's website](#).

## **About the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency**

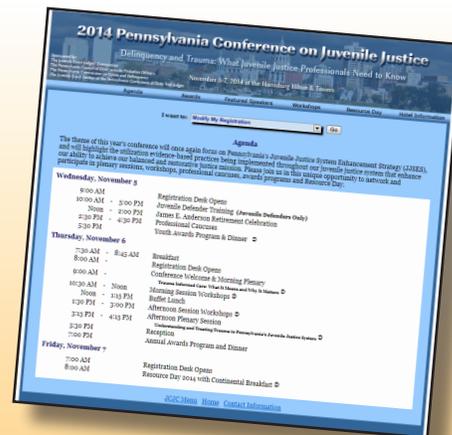
The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is a planning and coordinating agency creating safer communities for today and tomorrow. PCCD initiates, validates, and financially supports justice-related programs put forth by practitioners and experts in the justice system. PCCD's mission is to enhance the quality and coordination of criminal and juvenile justice systems, to facilitate the delivery of services to victims of crime, and to increase the safety of our communities. Learn more about [www.pccd.pa.gov](http://www.pccd.pa.gov).

## **About the EPISCenter**

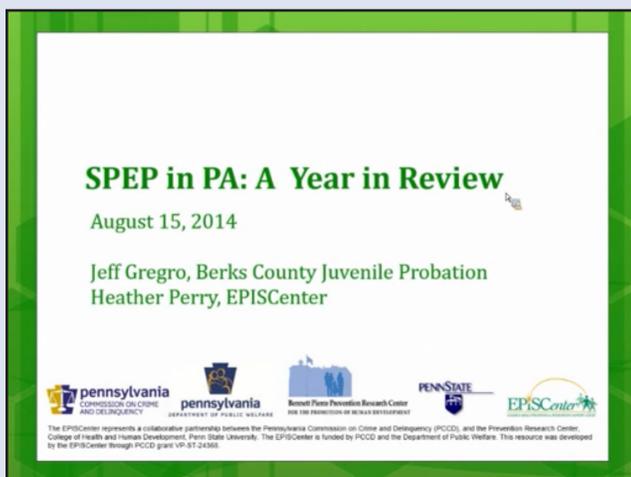
The Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support Center (EPIS-Center) is a university-based intermediary organization connecting research, policy and real-world practice. EPISCenter is a collaborative effort that brings together key stakeholders in the Commonwealth including the Department of Public Welfare's Offices of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF) and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS), the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC), the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the Departments of Education and Health, as well as grantees and community-based and residential service providers. Learn more at [www.episcenter.psu.edu](http://www.episcenter.psu.edu)

## Conference Registration Now Open:

2014 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice is now open for registration. Please visit [www.jcjcjems.pa.us](http://www.jcjcjems.pa.us) to get registered to attend this event. Over 1,000 participants each year receive valuable training on the most up to date issues across the state and within the juvenile justice field, and can take advantage of networking opportunities on Resource Day. Join us this year for another informative conference.



## The EPISCenter Hosts Year in Review Webinar on Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP)



On August 15, 2014, EPISCenter hosted the ‘SPEP: A Year in Review’ webinar to share information on the roll out of the SPEP in five pilot counties, Berks, Allegheny, Bucks, Dauphin and Lehigh. Webinar participants learned how county juvenile probation departments introduced the SPEP process to service providers, what preliminary findings show on the services that have gone through the process, and what is working well within the pilot phase as well as what challenges that have surfaced.

Heather Perry, Juvenile Justice System Improvement Specialist from the EPISCenter and Jeff Gregro, Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for Berks County, shared evaluation results collected from the pilot county “kick off” meetings and from service provider staff evaluating the

process after having gone through the SPEP interview. Overall, evaluations indicated that the experience was positive and that the emphasis truly was on improving services to youth, rather than an opportunity to view services with a critical eye.

Other topics covered include: the differences in the SPEP process for residential and community-based service providers; what makes a “scoreable” service; and data collection as a frequent challenge in SPEP’ing. Service providers often are not tracking the needed amount of service data and the Youth Level of Service (YLS) results were often unavailable for youth selected for the data cohort. Participants were shown resources that have been developed such as a template for SPEP data collection and service type fact sheets, which describe each SPEP service type. There are currently additional resources under development as well.

Finally, the webinar touched on the performance improvement process, which is in draft form and has been submitted to the SPEP Advisory Group for review. This document and accompanying template explain, in a general manner, the process for performance improvement, development of goals and timeline for achieving goals. Recognizing that every program is unique, the process can be tailored or individualized for each service provider and their county partners.

To access the recorded version please click [here](#). Please check the [EPISCenter \(www.episcenter.psu.edu/juvenile\)](http://www.episcenter.psu.edu/juvenile) website for a data collection template available for download, and information on upcoming webinars.

# RESEARCH IN BRIEF

Part 7 in a series

**Source Document:** Scott T. Walters, Michael D. Clark, Ray Gingerich, and Melissa L. Meltzer. 2007. *A Guide for Probation and Parole: Motivating Offenders to Change*. National Institute of Corrections, Publication 022253, Chapter 3

The body of scientific knowledge related to the field of juvenile justice is growing at an exponential rate. With this knowledge, new processes leading to improved outcomes are routinely generated. Clearly, the need to have access to, and understand scientific information is critical. Unfortunately, practitioners often do not have the time to sort through the literature. With this issue in mind, in 2006, *the Colorado Division of Probation Services* began to publish **Research in Briefs (RIB's)**. These documents are intended to summarize potentially helpful research related to effective practices, as well as provide ideas for practical applications of the information. More information on **RIB's** can be found here: [http://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Administration/Probation/ResearchInBriefs/RIB\\_Summary1213.pdf](http://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Administration/Probation/ResearchInBriefs/RIB_Summary1213.pdf)

Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) rests on two interlinked foundations: the best empirical research available in the field of juvenile justice and a set of core beliefs about how to integrate this research into practice. With this in mind, as an ongoing feature of *Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice*, "**Research In Brief (RIBs)**" will provide summaries of published research related to various aspects of the JJSES. The **RIBs** will convey how various scientific studies support the JJSES Statement of Purpose.

## Preparing for Change Using OARS

*Reprinted with Permission from: Colorado Division of Probation Services. (February 2008).*

*The Motivational Interviewing Style (Volume 2 of 4 on Motivational Interviewing).*

*Retrieved from: [http://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/File/Administration/Probation/ResearchInBriefs/RIB\\_MI-II.pdf](http://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/File/Administration/Probation/ResearchInBriefs/RIB_MI-II.pdf)*

In this chapter of the source document, the reader is introduced to basic techniques of Motivational Interviewing (MI). Noting that many probation officers "want to jump straight to problem solving," the authors advise against this. Instead, it is recommended the PO lay the groundwork by first preparing the juvenile for change. Four techniques to guide the juvenile to change talk are described. Referred to as OARS, these techniques include: open-ended questions, affirmations, reflections, and summarizing.

**O:** Open-ended questions cannot be answered with a single yes or no but require the respondent to think more about the answer. These types of questions lend themselves to information gathering and may require careful consideration by the juvenile.

**A:** Sometimes PO's may feel it is difficult to find juvenile behavior worthy of praise; however, positive reinforcement is a powerful tool. "Incentives, and especially verbal recognition, must be part of the equation. Positive statements build rapport, provide feedback, and make positive behaviors more likely."

A good guideline is four affirmations or incentives to one sanction.

**R:** Reflections echo back what the PO thinks she/he heard. It isn't agreeing with the juvenile but clarifying what's been said. Reflections "may repeat or rephrase what an offender has said, summarize an emotion, or point out mixed feelings." If you are on target, the conversation will continue; if you are not, the juvenile will correct you.

**S:** Summaries are reflections but are focused more broadly. They can be used to transition between ideas or may complete an office visit. "Summaries remind the offender about major discussion points, the plan of action, and the offender's own reasons for taking action."

### Practical Applications

- ✓ Instead of asking questions, which lead to a yes/no response, try these: "What else?" "What drugs have you tried?" "What's it like at your job?" "What other ways have you tried to solve that problem?" "Who can help?"

- ✓ Affirmations worth trying: “Thanks for coming in today.” “I was glad to see you paid the fine.” “You must really enjoy your job.” “How were you able to do that?”
- ✓ Ideas for incentives: decreased drug testing, motion to waive fees, compliments, fewer appointments, later curfew.
- ✓ Practice reflections by compacting the juvenile’s words or main ideas down to just a few: “You worked hard.” “You’re angry.” “Sounds like it was frustrating.” “You’ve got ideas on how to get another job.”
- ✓ Reflections can also be used by completing a juvenile’s thought or statement: “...and that would be hard.” “...and you wouldn’t be able to work.”
- ✓ Summarize by stating the specific points discussed, the juvenile’s reasons for change, the “plan of action,” and the date/time of the next appointment.

### Limitations of Information

Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a highly skilled set of techniques, which requires training, practice, and ongoing feedback. Although suggestions for ways to engage juveniles are presented, it is recommended that the reader complete Motivational Interviewing training and have ongoing feedback to ensure optimal effectiveness.

### Summary/Conclusions

In the source document, published by the National Institute of Corrections, the authors define Motivational Interviewing (MI), discuss how MI fits into the discipline of corrections, and provide the reader with a description of MI techniques. The guide is of significant length, so this summary covers only one chapter. Subsequent Research in Briefs will summarize more information from the guide. This Chapter describes four basic techniques, referred to as OARS, probation officers (PO) can use to elicit change talk. In using the techniques, the PO assists juveniles to prepare for and move toward change.

***Caveat:** The information presented here is intended to summarize and inform readers of research and information relevant to probation work. It can provide a framework for carrying out the business of probation as well as suggestions for practical application of the material. While it may, in some instances, lead to further exploration and result in future decisions, it is not intended to prescribe policy and is not necessarily conclusive in its findings. Some of its limitations are described above.*

## 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.

Readers are encouraged to submit ideas and suggestions related to the JJSES that they would like to have addressed. Ideas and suggestions may be submitted to: Leo J. Lutz at [LJLutz@ship.edu](mailto:LJLutz@ship.edu).

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**Youth Awards  
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Wednesday, November 5

**Annual Training &  
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Thursday, November 6

**Resource Day 2014**

Friday, November 7

**The Pennsylvania Conference  
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**November 5-7, 2014**

*at the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers*



The 2014 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice will conclude by presenting Resource Day – 2014, during which representatives from residential programs, electronic monitoring companies, drug testing companies, and other service providers will be available 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.

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# ***Juvenile Court Services to Pay “Forgotten” Victims***

*William J. Rossnock, Deputy Chief Juvenile Officer  
Northumberland County, Pennsylvania*

The Northumberland County Juvenile Court Services and the Hon. Wm. Harvey Wiest, President Judge, are pleased to announce that fifty-three (53) victims will be receiving long awaited restitution checks from the county. These are cases that were closed before the victim was paid in full. Some of these records date back to 1974. The total amount of restitution being distributed is \$5,301.86.

Prior to 1998, it had been the practice of the juvenile court to “purge” juveniles’ monetary responsibilities either once they reached the age of twenty-one (21), significant time had passed since last payment, or the agency was unable to locate the juvenile. Thus, many victims were not monetarily restored to their pre-crime status. The practice of “purging” juveniles’ responsibilities of restitution owed has since ceased and the juvenile court now attempts to collect every dollar owed through every legal means possible.

In 2006, the Northumberland County Juvenile Court Services established a Restitution Fund to help reimburse victims of delinquent acts. Those eligible for this fund are victims who may not receive compensation in full for their loss due to circumstances beyond the Court’s control. These circumstances include: the unfortunate death of the juvenile; the victim has experienced undue hardship as a result of the delinquent act and needs immediate reimbursement; or that the victim may not be reimbursed in a prompt and timely manner.

The Juvenile Court Restitution Fund is maintained by a fee that is charged to all juveniles referred to the agency for a delinquent act. This Fee is set at \$25.00 per referral, plus a \$5.00 a month fee for all Adjudicated youth while on Formal Supervision up to the age of twenty-one (21). Additional funds have been collected from a joint partnership with the Northumberland County Area Agency on Aging (AAA), under the direction of Pat Rumberger, in which youth help maintain the lawns of senior citizens who are considered “shut-ins” and run the risk of being cited by the Code Enforcement Officer for having unkempt lawns. Youth participating in this joint venture include those ordered to complete community service or those who are placed into the Restitution Accountability Program in order to pay back their victims. Any monies left after the youth’s responsibilities are completed or paid in full are placed into the Restitution Fund.

Taking this into consideration, Juvenile Court Services did an audit of those files in which restitution responsibilities were purged or the juvenile passed away prior to the establishment of the Restitution Fund. Nicole Bozza, Northumberland County JPO Victims of Juvenile Offenders Coordinator, and Veronica Moore, student intern from Mansfield University, completed the arduous task of researching all restitution cases to locate victims who were not paid, locating the juvenile files from the closed cases archives, and finally, dissecting the files to gather as much information on the victim as possible to help locate a current address. The records indicated that as many as 100 victims were not reimbursed at all or in part by the juvenile for the acts they committed.

The Honorable Wm. Harvey Wiest, President Judge, authorized Juvenile Court Services to release monies from the Juvenile Court Restitution Fund to reimburse those victims who were not fully compensated at the time the juvenile’s obligations were purged. Unfortunately, some of the victims are deceased and will never be fully compensated. Other victims have moved away or changed their name (commonly through marriage) and this office can not locate them. It is the hope of the Court that these victims accept an apology for not addressing this matter in a more timely fashion, but is working to improve the services to all victims as we move forward.

# JDCAP - Conference Registration

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July 23, 2014

TO: Juvenile Justice Providers and Stakeholders  
FROM: Wayne Bear, JDCAP Executive Director  
RE: 2014 PA Juvenile Justice Services Conference hosted by JDCAP

On behalf of JDCAP, I invite you to attend the 2014 PA Juvenile Justice Services Conference held at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, September 24-26. This year's conference theme is Learning and Sustainability; Bridging the Gap Between Learning and Performance. In addition to the valuable networking opportunities, we have planned some excellent training sessions to include; Youth Mental Health First Aid, Applying Experiential Learning tools, Human Trafficking, Brain-based Learning, an update on PA's Juvenile Justice System initiatives including JJSES, SPEP, YLS etc., Transfer of Learning; Linking Workplace Training to Workplace Performance, Updates on Child Protective Service Law, Family Engagement, a panel presentation on PREA from recently audited facilities, and a presentation by the Youth Speakers Bureau (Juvenile Law Center).

**Conference Schedule-** Our conference is scheduled for September 24 -26 at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square in Lancaster. Enclosed is a conference agenda detailing the sessions being offered. If you have any questions about the agenda, please call Wayne at (717) 526-1010 x 3117 or email him at [wbear@pacounties.org](mailto:wbear@pacounties.org)

**Conference Registrations-** Copy the enclosed registration form for each individual attending the conference, complete form and mail with your check payable to "JDCAP" to the address listed on the form. If you have registration questions, please call Lori Lawyer, Information Systems Administrator at (717) 526-1010 x 3112 or email her at [llawyer@pacounties.org](mailto:llawyer@pacounties.org).

**Hotel Reservations-** Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square with either a one night's deposit per room or credit card information.

**Internet Access-** Complimentary internet in the Greatroom Lobby is available at all times. Guestrooms internet access is available at a discounted rate of \$8.95 per day.

**Parking-** Hotel parking is available at the reduced rate of \$5 for day guests. Day guests can get a parking voucher at the JDCAP conference registration desk. Parking is included in the overnight guest room rate. Parking is available adjacent to the hotel.

**The housing deadline is September 2 so don't delay - make your reservation as soon as possible.** The hotel cannot guarantee the conference rate after that date. Our Group Reservation Number for the JDCAP room block code is M-12ZMRKB. You can also make your reservation by the Lancaster Marroitt at (888) 850- 6146 or (717) 239-1600.

I look forward to seeing you in September.

# ***PCCYFS - Call For Presentations***

**Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth & Family Services**

**2015 Annual Spring Conference**

**April 8 – 9, 2015**

**Call for Presentations**

***Do Something Remarkable!***

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The **Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth and Family Services (PCCYFS)** is a leading organization of providers that works to improve the quality of life for Pennsylvania's children, youth and families who are at risk by supporting and promoting an accessible service delivery system within our communities.

Our annual conference brings together private providers, public sector staff, educators, consultants and others and offers quality, high-caliber presentations on timely topics. It also provides opportunities to network with colleagues from across the Commonwealth.

This year we are seeking intermediate and advanced presentations for executive, administrative, clinical and direct practice professionals that reflect our theme, *Do Something Remarkable*.

**Presentations may include:**

- Innovative practices
- Current organizational trends and issues
- New or developing practices
- Advanced administrative and leadership methods
- Supports best practice philosophies
- Utilization of effective training and service delivery models
- Cross –systems collaboration

**The audience includes:**

- Leadership Staff such as Executive Directors/CEOs, Clinical, Program, HR, Marketing, Training and Development Directors
- Agency Administration Staff such as HR, Marketing, Development, Fiscal and training staff
- Clinical Staff such as Therapists and Clinicians
- Direct Practice Staff such as Social Workers, Case Managers and Youth Workers

**Presentation proposals are due by Monday, September 15, 2014!**

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# National Juvenile Justice Announcements

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

## OJJDP and NIJ Release New Bulletin in Justice Research Series

OJJDP and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) have jointly released “[Changing Lives: Prevention and Intervention to Reduce Serious Offending](#),” part of the Justice Research series. This bulletin reviews effective programs that mitigate risk factors for delinquency and crime among juveniles and young adults to prevent future serious criminal behavior. These programs are grouped by family, school, peers and community, individual, and employment. This bulletin summarizes the final report from the NIJ Study Group on the Transitions From Juvenile Delinquency and Adult Crime.



Resources:

[Access](#) bulletins in the Justice Research series, which reports findings from joint OJJDP/NIJ research on juvenile justice-involved youth.

Read the study group’s [final reports](#).

youth successfully transition to a crime-free, productive adulthood.

Resources:

[Access](#) these publications and other resources supporting juvenile reentry.

Learn more about the CSG [Juvenile Justice Project](#).

Read about [Second Chance Act](#) initiatives to facilitate successful juvenile reentry.

## OJJDP Bulletin Provides Overview of Juveniles in Residential Placement

OJJDP has released “[Juveniles in Residential Placement, 2011](#).” The bulletin presents information from the 2011 Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau and sponsored by OJJDP. Findings from this biennial survey of public and private juvenile residential facilities offer a detailed picture of the young people in residential placement in the United States. The data indicate that while the population of juvenile offenders in residential placement has declined 42 percent since 1997, the residential placement rate for black youth was more than 4.5 times the rate for white youth, and the rate for Hispanic youth was 1.8 times the rate for white youth.



Resources:

See other publications in OJJDP’s [Juvenile Offenders and Victims: National Report Series](#).

## New Publications Available To Support Juvenile Reentry

The [National Reentry Resource Center](#), a project of the [Council of State Governments \(CSG\) Justice Center](#), has released two publications to help state and local governments reduce recidivism and



improve outcomes for youth in juvenile justice settings. These two publications are produced with the support of OJJDP and the [John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation](#):

“[Measuring and Using Juvenile Recidivism Data to Inform Policy, Practice, and Resource Allocation](#)” highlights the findings of a survey of juvenile correctional agencies in all 50 states, providing 5 recommendations for state and local policymakers to improve their measurement, analysis, collection, reporting, and use of recidivism data on system-involved youth.

“[Core Principles for Reducing Recidivism and Improving Other Outcomes for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System](#)” offers policy and practice recommendations to support successful reentry for system-involved youth and help these

## Juvenile Justice Resource Hub Adds Evidence-Based Practices Section

Developed by the [Juvenile Justice Information Exchange](#) and the [National Juvenile Justice Network](#) with support from the [MacArthur Foundation](#), the [Juvenile Justice Resource Hub](#) provides timely, in-depth information on juvenile justice issues and trends. In addition to sections on [mental health and substance use disorders](#), [community-based alternatives](#), [juvenile indigent defense](#), and [racial-ethnic fairness](#), the Hub recently added a section on [evidence-based practices](#). This section addresses key issues and reform trends relating to evidence-based practices, highlights model policies and recent research, and provides links to resources and experts.

Resources:

Access OJJDP’s [Model Programs Guide](#) for easy access to evidence-based juvenile justice resources.

## Webinar To Discuss Implementing Evidence-Based Services in Juvenile Justice Systems

On September 17, 2014, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. ET, the [Coalition for Juvenile Justice](#) will present “Implementing Evidence-Based Services.” This Webinar will explore how jurisdictions and providers of evidence-based programs can better serve youth in the juvenile justice system. Presenters will discuss how providers can create agency and customer buy-in, identify strategies to address funding and fidelity challenges, share lessons learned from state jurisdictions, and describe how to embed evidence-based services in juvenile justice systems.

Resources:

[Register](#) and learn more about this free Webinar.

Access OJJDP’s [Model Programs Guide](#) for easy access to evidence-based juvenile justice resources.



## JCJC Graduate Education Program Accepting Applications for the Class of 2017

### Looking to advance in Juvenile Justice?

Applications are now being accepted for the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission-sponsored Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University. Members of the class of 2017 will begin classes in the Summer of 2015. **The deadline to apply is October 1, 2014.**

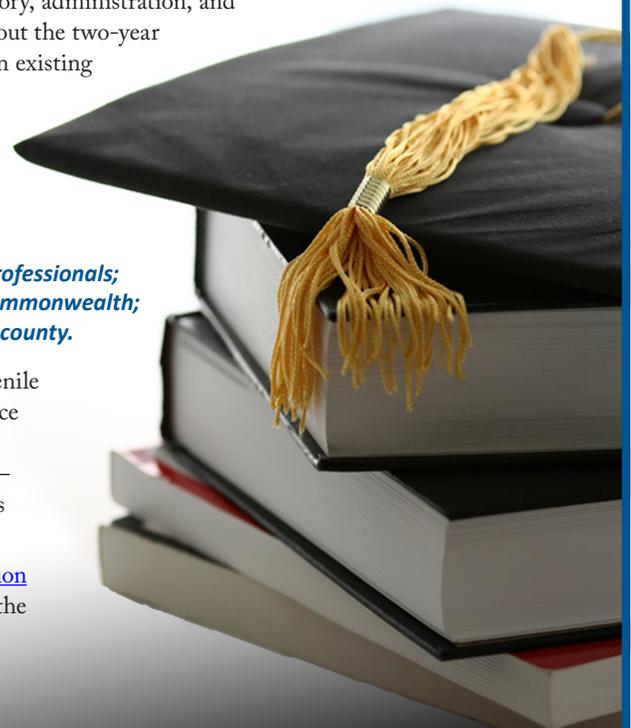
The Shippensburg University program offers students a Master of Science degree in the Administration of Justice. This is a 36-credit hour program that includes courses in research methods, theory, administration, and policy analysis. Also featured is a practicum study which is conducted throughout the two-year program. This practicum study provides students the opportunity to evaluate an existing program or practice that serves juvenile offenders in their home county.

#### **What are the benefits of the JCJC Graduate Education Program?**

- **Free tuition;**
- **Free lodging on class weekends;**
- **No weekday or evening classes;**
- **A Master’s curriculum specifically tailored to working juvenile justice professionals;**
- **Networking with other juvenile justice professionals from across the Commonwealth;**
- **Opportunity to learn how to evaluate juvenile justice programs in your county.**

This program is available to county juvenile probation officers – and county juvenile detention staff – who will have at least two years of post-baccalaureate experience in the juvenile justice field prior to the start of classes. Other juvenile justice professionals – such as residential placement staff and victim services providers – may also apply and be accepted into the program on a “self-pay” basis as space is available.

Additional information about the program is available on the [Graduate Education](#) pages at [www.jcjc.state.pa.us](http://www.jcjc.state.pa.us). If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please contact [Leo J. Lutz](#) at 717-477-1185.



## Upcoming Staff Development Opportunities:

The JCJC/CJJT&R Staff Development schedule is being updated regularly with more workshops. Please be sure that you check the listing frequently.

- **Refusal Skills For Adolescents**  
Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center,  
Mechanicsburg  
Bruce Schaffer  
9/16-17/2014
- **Quality Case Planning Train the Trainer**  
Days Inn State College, State College  
Mark Carey  
9/17/2014 (Probation Officer Only)
- **Quality Case Planning Train the Trainer**  
Days Inn State College, State College  
Mark Carey  
9/18/2014 (Probation Officer Only)
- **Orientation For The New Juvenile Probation Professional Session II**  
Park Inn Harrisburg West - Mechanicsburg  
JCJC Staff and Adjunct Trainers  
9/29 - 10/3/2014
- **The Supervision of the Cyber Sex Offender and Field Search Certification**  
Days Inn State College, State College  
Nicholas Honyara and Rick Parsons  
10/9-10/2014
- **Loss, Grief, Dying, Death and Childhood/Adolescence**  
Days Inn State College, State College  
Bruce Schaffer  
10/9-10/2014
- **Let's Talk About Trauma! Or: "Fight The Fire Not The Smoke!"**  
Days Inn State College, State College  
Harry Nelson, MA and Audrey Smith, MA  
10/14-15/2014
- **Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Disorders, Violence and Treatment "Making Sense of It All"**  
Days Inn State College, State College  
Dr. Paul Martin, D.O.  
10/16-17/2014
- **Core Competencies for Supervisors**  
Days Inn State College, State College  
Jay Leamy and Nicole Mattern  
10/22-23/2014
- **Motivational Interviewing 101**  
Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center,  
Mechanicsburg  
Barbara Ulmer  
11/12-13/2014
- **JJSES - Carey Guides - Train The Trainers**  
Days Inn State College, State College  
Madeline Carter  
12/11-12/2014

Please remember, all the details on these and other sponsored workshops may be reviewed at any time by visiting [www.jcjcems.state.pa.us](http://www.jcjcems.state.pa.us) for regular updates to the schedule.

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

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