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2013 Conference Caucuses

On November 6, 2013, participants in the 2013 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. A summary of the professional caucus discussion is provided for review.

Approximately 30 **chief and deputy chief juvenile probation officers** discussed a variety of topics during their session. The conversation started by discussing recent changes to the Juvenile Probation Services grant process and experiences in developing their county's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) Implementation Plan as part of the grant process. Additional discussion ensued concerning the upcoming release of the juvenile delinquency module within the Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS). The participants also discussed the recent JJSES Implementation Leadership Forum and Rural County Summit and discussed potential topics and ideas for future forums. An update regarding The Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) was provided and conversation followed regarding the role of probation throughout this collaborative effort and the sharing of information obtained during completion of the SPEP. Additional topics discussed with this group included the results of the most recent recidivism study, staff safety issues, and how counties are handling out-of-state, non-delinquent, juvenile runaways.

Juvenile probation supervisors spent a considerable amount of their time discussing the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). Several county representatives described their efforts with the initiative as being primarily focused on Stages 1 and 2; however, some supervisors reported that their counties are drifting toward the implementation of Stage 3 activities.

When asked to report staff issues related to JJSES implementation, attendees highlighted the following:

1. An appreciation for the difficulty of the change process;
2. Constantly assessing whether staff has the information they need regarding why they are being asked to do something new/different;
3. Dealing with the fear that staff will not be able to understand or perform a new skill or task; and
4. Building a recognition/appreciation for the size and sophistication of the JJSES.

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Stakeholder engagement was also discussed and several counties pointed out that education on evidence based practices (EBP) has helped assuage some of the initial concerns expressed by their local providers. In addition, attendees were thankful for Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) grant dollars to support JJSES implementation. Counties are using this money primarily for training and education, and the purchase of materials for cognitive behavioral interventions.

Several counties also reported that they have begun to use a detention risk assessment instrument (DRAI) to guide their detention decisions and the impact of implementing this tool. Overall, the discussion on the DRAI highlighted the shift in thinking with respect to how we are making decisions related to pre-disposition confinement.

When asked about whether attendees thought a JJSES forum for supervisors would be useful, the overwhelming response was YES! One attendee pointed out that this would be a great way to share information with fellow supervisors. Another attendee quickly noted that, while the importance of the role of the supervisor in the implementation process has been stated, little support was initially offered to keep supervisors informed and “out front” in the process. Some possible forum topics that were offered include: adolescent development; role conflict issues; graduated responses; staff buy-in strategies; dealing with older juveniles along with other responsibility issues; SPEP; generational differences among staff; and issues faced by combined adult/juvenile departments.

The session came to a close with a rather lively discussion on the role conflict experienced by those counties who are carrying firearms. One county remarked that they have moved toward an “open carrying” policy. One participant noted that those probation officers in units that carry firearms are burdened with the task of feeling like law enforcement on some days, while feeling more like social workers on other days. Several participants pointed out the issues created by being a mandated carrier vs. a choice carrier. Finally, a supervisor gave a brief description of how her county is specifically attempting to deal with many of these issues by crafting policy that explicitly highlights the “dual role” of a probation officer.

Juvenile probation officers began their session by discussing each county’s structure and how invested they are in the JJSES. The discussion carried over to each county’s use of the Youth Level of Service (YLS) Risk/Needs Assessment and how the results of this tool are being shared with the court. Discussion also ensued regarding challenges and barriers facing each county’s implementation of JJSES, and more specifically, the use of the YLS and Case Plan. Participants shared their thoughts and experiences, and opinions varied concerning the use of these tools. Finally, as was the case with supervisors, when asked if a JJSES forum for probation officers would be beneficial, the response was a unanimous “yes”.

The **victim service providers** caucus was attended by 16 professionals including state victim services representatives, allied professionals and victim advocates from Chester, York, and Blair counties as well as the Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services.

A number of topics of interest were discussed, including: an overview of the work and recommendations of the Restitution Task Force, with specific regard for the juvenile justice system; Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) funding challenges; and issues regarding the SORNA and its implications for crime victims. The group requested that the victims’ services community receive education on the parameters of the SORNA law to better assist them in providing services to crime victims. Additionally many participants voiced their concerns over the transition to the CPCMS and the need to ensure there is inclusion of the many rights and needs of crime victims for whom the juvenile justice system is responsible.

Participants in the caucus for **service providers** focused on three main topics, including SPEP, the Pennsylvania Academic & Career Technical/Training Alliance (PACTT) and the Rate Methodology Task Force (RMTF).

SPEP: A brief discussion on what the tool measures was followed by an open room discussion on the kinds of issues or challenges facing facilities that will be scored.

PACTT: DPW/Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services provided a brief description of the program, explained current grant funding available and deadline for application. It was further explained that it is a collective process which helps facilities “raise the bar” and provides greater services to kids in need of those services.

RMTF: Discussion took place on the reasonable costs of doing business within treatment facilities, the purchased services process

and county contracts. The process in place should allow for those providing services guaranteed payment, in addition to speeding up the payment process.

As Gina Vincent pointed out in her plenary speech, we have come a long way in our implementation of EBP in a short time. It was apparent throughout each of the caucuses that the JJSES is now “how we do things” in PA. The discussions were filled with research-related terms,

as well as an understanding of the JJSES framework. Furthermore, there seems to be clear understanding of the immense size of the JJSES initiative and a recognition that implementation is something we will be working on for the foreseeable future. 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, Cheri Modene, Theresa Kline, Carol Lavery, and Mike Schneider for their work, and to the activity recorders Robert Tomassini, Leo Lutz, Lanette Hutchison, Susan Blackburn and Seth Bloomquist. It is anticipated that the caucuses will again be part of the next Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice.

New Victim Advocate for the Commonwealth

Jennifer Storm was sworn in as the Commonwealth’s 3rd Victim Advocate in December of 2013. She succeeds Carol Lavery, whose six-year term had expired.

Prior to her appointment, Storm served as the Executive Director of Dauphin County’s Victim/Witness Assistance Program, where she has been credited with instituting a number of program advances, including working with police to deliver front-line services to crime victims or witnesses in police stations and at crime scenes.

Jennifer graduated from the Northampton Area High School. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Education from Penn State University, and a Master’s degree in Organizational Management from Phoenix University. She serves on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Victim Services Advisory Committee, Dauphin County’s Domestic Violence Task Force and Criminal Justice Advisory Board. She was also the Co-Chair of the Crime Victims Alliance of Pennsylvania.

She also has written extensively on the subject of victims’ rights and been honored for that advocacy. She received the Dauphin County Bar Association’s Liberty Bell Award in 2012, and also is a recipient of the state Pathfinder Award for Excellence in Victim Services.

The Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA) was created by the Victim Advocate Law, Act 8 of the 1995 Special Legislative Session on Crime. The Victim Advocate is to represent the rights and interests of crime victims before the Board of Probation and Parole and the Department of Corrections. Additionally, in 2013, the Office of the Victim Advocate was empowered through legislation to advocate, generally, for the victims of crimes, including victims of crimes committed by juveniles.



P L E A S E S A V E T H E D A T E !

2014 PCCYFS ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel: April 9-10, 2014



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Pennsylvania 2014 Conference on Family Group Decision Making

The **Pennsylvania Family Group Decision Making Leadership Team** is pleased to invite you to attend the second Pennsylvania Statewide Conference on Family Group Decision Making, scheduled for **April 22 and 23, 2014** at the Hershey Lodge, in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

This conference will bring together Judges, hearing officers, legal representatives, child welfare professionals, providers, probation officers and families from across Pennsylvania. This year's conference theme, "**Family Values, Value Families**" focuses on a cross-system approach to incorporating and sustaining Family Group Decision Making (FGDM).

Our keynote presenter is **Janine D'Anniballe, PhD.**, Director of Access, Emergency, and Community Services Mental Health Partners in Denver, Colorado. Dr. D'Anniballe is considered to be a national expert on the biology of trauma, the effects of trauma on the children and families, and vicarious trauma. She will address the use of FGDM as a practice to reduce trauma for families.

Additionally, on the second day of the conference, you will have a choice of selecting from 21 workshops addressing FGDM from various levels and perspectives.

Registration is now open! Visit <https://www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us/CPLite/FGDMDefault.aspx> to create your account and register early for the best selection of workshops. Attendance is limited to the first 350 participants.

Please join us at this event which will provide you with an opportunity to learn, re-energize, build on your existing strengths, and share ideas with others.

The Pennsylvania Family Group Leadership Team looks forward to seeing you there!



Crime Victims' Rights Rally

30 Years: Restoring the Balance of Justice

When: April 7, 2014 @ 11 a.m.
Where: Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg
Agency Resource Table: Contact
Monica Iskrac by March 3 at msiskr@ship.edu or 717-477-1709 to RSVP



EPISCenter Staff Host Webinar 4 in the Series on the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP)



Creating and Understanding Logic Models for Juvenile Justice Programs

On January 24, 2014, EPISCenter staff hosted a webinar on logic models, and how the use of a logic model can assist service providers in defining their service(s) and the anticipated impact(s) of that service. Webinar participants learned the purpose of a logic model, how to build a logic model, and how a logic model can provide clarity within the SPEP process on what types of services a provider offers. Logic models can also address SPEP quality measures through definition of how a service is delivered, which can assist in identifying drift from service delivery protocol. Information was also presented on how a logic model demonstrates the short term and long term benefits of a service to the population served. To access the recorded version of the webinar please click [here](#). The webinar slides and links to other resources mentioned during the webinar can be found on the [EPISCenter \(www.episcenter.psu.edu/juvenile\)](http://www.episcenter.psu.edu/juvenile) website.

The EPISCenter is hosting a 5th webinar on **February 21, 2014 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**, entitled **SPEP in PA: A Question & Answer Session**. This webinar will provide a brief overview of the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP), followed by an open forum about SPEP where participants can ask questions about the SPEP process or the roll out of the SPEP within the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy in Pennsylvania. Attendees may also submit questions in advance.

Register now: https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8kxqiwTaU4x8nLn

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**Pathways
FOR
VICTIM
SERVICES**

June 4-6, 2014

13th STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

**Call for Workshop Proposals
Deadline: January 10, 2014**

**Call for Governor's Victim Service
Pathfinder Award Nominations
Deadline: January 10, 2014**

www.Pathways2014.org

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State College, Pennsylvania**

Tom Corbett, Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Mark R Zimmer, Chairman, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency



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Nominations are now being accepted for the Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Awards. New this year, nominations can now be submitted online!

Online Nominations must be submitted by January 10, 2014. Paper Nominations and supporting documents must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. January 10, 2014.

Visit the conference website for details and information about online and paper nomination submissions.



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Dear Colleague,

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform is pleased to announce our 2014 Certificate Programs:

[Youth in Custody Certificate Program](#)

June 10-14, 2014 (applications due February 28)

[Multi-System Integration Certificate Program](#)

Fall, 2014

[Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice Certificate Program](#)

Late July, 2014

[Information Sharing Certificate Program](#)

Late Fall, 2014

[Diversion Certificate Program for Prosecutors, Probation and Police Leaders](#)

Early Fall, 2014

The application window for the 2014 [Youth in Custody Certificate Program](#) is open now through February 28, 2014. The dates and applications for CJJR's other certificate programs will be posted in the upcoming weeks and months.

This three and a half day program serves to shine a brighter light on the serious, high-risk juvenile offender population, and helps leaders begin or accelerate systemic change to improve outcomes for youth in custody. After completing the program, participants will be responsible for the development of a capstone project -- a set of actions each participant will design and undertake within their organization or community to initiate or continue collaborative efforts related to improving outcomes for youth in the custody of the juvenile justice system. The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at the Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, the Missouri Department of Social Services' Division of Youth Services, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's National Center for Youth in Custody are partnering to offer this professional development opportunity.

If unable to attend the program yourself, we encourage you to pass along information about this opportunity to your colleagues and partners. The target audience for the Youth in Custody Certificate Program is public and private sector leaders working in the juvenile justice, child welfare, mental health, substance abuse, education and other related systems of care that serve youth in the custody of the juvenile justice system.

Please visit [our website](#) where you will find detailed information about the program, including how to [apply](#), [tuition](#), and available subsidies for those with financial need. Again, applications are due by February 28, 2014. Direct questions to jjreform@georgetown.edu or call CJJR at (202) 687-2749.

Sincerely,
Shay Bilchik, J.D.
Research Professor
Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform
McCourt School of Public Policy
Georgetown University

"The Georgetown Center for Juvenile Justice Reform Youth in Custody Certificate Program has been one of the most comprehensive and rigorous programs that I've ever been in. We were privileged to not only be challenged, but to receive expert evidence driven guidance on how we can effectively change the face and culture surrounding youth in custody. We were empowered to transform; and in our case develop a new therapeutic youth facility that will help young people grow beyond their current issues, ultimately reducing the 'revolving door' that we see so often in juvenile justice. I would highly recommend this program to others interested in the transformation!"

Jeff Campbell
Director of Youth Services, Children's Home Association of Illinois



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT **Reno, NV**

Program Specialist Juvenile and Family Law Programs Family Violence and Domestic Relations

Salary Range: \$17.21 – \$26.92 per hour, DOE
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), a non-profit organization headquartered in Reno, NV, pursues a mission to improve courts and systems' practice and raise awareness of the core issues that touch the lives of many of our nation's children and families. A leader in continuing education opportunities, research, publication development, technical assistance, and policy development in the field of juvenile and family justice, the NCJFCJ is unique in providing practice-based resources to jurisdictions and communities nationwide.

NCJFCJ values staff who are independent, creative, tenacious, resourceful, dependable, and passionate about their work. NCJFCJ staff work collaboratively in a team setting to achieve this mission.

The Juvenile and Family Law Programs' Family Violence and Domestic Relations focuses its work on providing cutting-edge training, technical assistance, and policy development, and on enabling the collaboration of family violence/domestic relations professionals on a national level.

A position of **Program Specialist** is currently available in the Family Violence and Domestic Relations (FVDR) program. This position requires experience in adult education and with development and coordination of training and technical assistance materials, resource lists, program reports, brochures, and in-house publications. Principles of customer relations are desirable traits.

The minimum requirements for this position include:

- A degree from an accredited four-year college or university (advanced degree preferred)
- At least two years' experience in law, psychology, sociology, social work, organizational behavior, juvenile justice, family or domestic violence, or child welfare
- Experience in operation of audio/visual equipment
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team setting and process-oriented environment as well as work independently to initiate, organize, and follow tasks to completion
- The ability to work cooperatively with staff, partner organizations, child welfare agencies, domestic violence advocacy groups, the judiciary, and FVDR advisory committees and groups
- Strong organizational, computer, and verbal and written communication skills
- Proficient in Microsoft Suite, especially Excel
- Experience with maintaining Web site

Must be willing and able to frequently travel nationwide. Occasional lifting up to 50 lbs. may be required.



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT **Reno, NV**

Web/Database Developer Juvenile and Family Law Programs Family Violence and Domestic Relations

Salary Range: \$29.81 – \$44.23 per hour, DOE
FLSA Status: Part-Time/Non-Exempt

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A position of part-time **Web/Database Developer** is currently available in the Family Violence and Domestic Relations program (FVDR). This multi-disciplinary, highly dedicated team is seeking a creative self-starter knowledgeable in designing dynamic multimedia websites. The successful candidate will assist with the creation, design, and implementation of website and database development, maintaining multimedia formats, online learning services, improving online functionality, and providing support for the team's overall vision and projects.

The minimum requirements for this position include:

- Associate's degree and comparable experience as a web/database developer
- Experience with Microsoft, MySQL, SQL, ASP, XML, ASP.net, HTML 5, PHP, and Joomla! development
- Experience with CSS3, responsive design, PHP, and XML
- Working knowledge of database and web application security issues
- Working knowledge of content management systems and software
- Experience with Adobe Connect, LESS, Joomla! development, Linux, Microsoft Access, and Twitter Bootstrap are a plus

This position reports to Ruby White Starr, Program Director, Family Violence. A complete job description follows.



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

Departments of Justice and Education Release School Discipline Guidance Package

On January 8, 2014, the U.S. Departments of Justice and Education [released](#) a [school discipline guidance package](#) to help states, districts, and schools enhance school climate and improve discipline policies and practices. The guidance package is a product of the Supportive School Discipline Initiative (SSDI), a [collaboration between the two agencies](#). SSDI, which is a priority for the Department of Justice, coordinates the Department’s work with Education and other federal agencies to keep children and teens in school, engaged in learning, and out of courts. The initiative addresses overuse of harsh and exclusionary school disciplinary policies and practices and supports the development of safe and productive education environments and training for the adults who interact with students in and out of school. The guidance package provides resources for creating safe, supportive, and inclusive school climates and a compendium of federal laws and regulations regarding school discipline.

Resources:

On January 15, 2014, at 3:30 p.m. ET, the [National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments](#) will sponsor a free Webinar “Overview of the School Discipline Guidance Package,” the first in a series that will address the different components of the guidance package. [Register for the Webinar here](#).

Vera Institute To Examine Impact of Family Visitation on Detained Youth

[Exploratory research](#) by the [Vera Institute of Justice](#) (Vera) suggests that increased family visitation is associated with better educational outcomes and behavior in incarcerated youth. With funds from the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#), Vera will conduct a [2-year study](#) of the effect of expanded family visitation policies and practices on youth during confinement in [Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services](#) (DYS) facilities and reentry into their communities. This research will inform juvenile justice leaders of ways to keep incarcerated young people and their families connected and how to improve youth’s long-term outcomes and lower their recidivism rates.

Resources:

Read about Vera’s pilot project on [family engagement standards](#) with the Indiana DYS.

Learn more about Vera’s [Family Justice Program](#).

Read “[OJJDP Family Listening Sessions: Executive Summary](#).”

Bureau of Justice Assistance Releases Report on Online Behaviors as Real-World Threats

The [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) has released “[Real Crimes in Virtual Worlds](#).”

This report, developed by Drexel University and Drakontas, focuses on how threatening behaviors among youth within online video games, virtual worlds, and social networks can pose real-world threats in schools.

These online behaviors include bullying, threats, harassment, stalking, and abuse. The report highlights how virtual environments can help law enforcement, school resource officers, and school administrators become aware of real-world criminal intent, offers strategies for detecting and preventing online threats to improve school safety, and provides resources about suspicious or threatening online activities.

Resources:

[View and download](#) the report.

[Learn more](#) about cyberbullying at www.stopbullying.gov



Register To Attend Blueprints Conference for Healthy Youth Development

The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the



University of Colorado Boulder, will host the 2014 [Blueprints Conference](#) on April 14–16, 2014, in Denver, CO. The conference will focus on evidence-based programs in youth education, problem behavior, self-regulation, mental and physical health, and positive relationships and will provide support for practitioners implementing these programs in their communities. OJJDP Administrator Robert L. Listenbee will be a featured keynote speaker.

Resources:

[Register](#) online to attend the conference. The early registration deadline is February 17, 2014.

View the conference [agenda](#).

Resource Center on Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Established

The [National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice](#) has launched the [Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Collaborative for](#)



[Change](#), one of four new online resource centers that the [John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation](#) supports as part of the new [Models for Change Resource Center Partnership](#). The Collaborative for Change offers information and resources on mental health reforms that states involved in the [Models for Change](#) initiative have developed and provides training and technical assistance for effectively implementing the reforms nationwide.

Among the topics:

- Mental health screening and risk/needs assessment for youth in juvenile justice settings.
- Diversion strategies and program models for youth with mental health needs.
- Training for juvenile justice staff and police on adolescent development and mental health needs.
- Coordination and integration of juvenile justice and child welfare systems to improve outcomes for youth.



Resources:

[Read](#) about the OJJDP and MacArthur Foundation partnership in support of the Models for Change initiative.

Learn more about the four [resource centers](#).

OJJDP Releases Report of Listening Session on Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents

OJJDP has released "[Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents](#)." In 2013, OJJDP and the White House [Domestic Policy Council](#) and [Office of Public Engagement](#) hosted a [listening session](#) on mentoring children of incarcerated parents for juvenile justice professionals, families, and allies to share their expertise and experiences. The listening session continues OJJDP's commitment to ensure that all young people get the best possible start in life. The report summarizes participants' recommendations, ways to reach this unique at-risk population, and evidence-based mentoring practices that can serve the needs and support the strengths of children of incarcerated parents.

Resources:

[Read](#) the full report online.

[Access OJJDP's](#) mentoring resources.

Bureau of Justice Assistance Announces PREA Funding Opportunity

The [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) has announced the following fiscal year 2014 [funding opportunity](#):



[PREA Program: Demonstration Projects To Establish Zero Tolerance Cultures for Sexual Assault in Correctional Facilities](#). The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) program provides funding to eligible applicants to implement comprehensive demonstration projects within confinement settings. Grants will assist states, local units of government, and federally recognized Indian tribes in implementing prevention, identification, and response mechanisms to reduce the incidence of sexual victimization in confinement facilities, to include juvenile facilities.

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on March 6, 2014.

Resources:

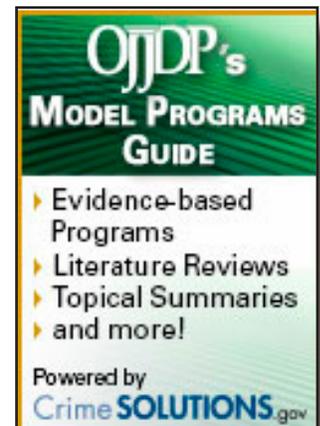
Read the Justice Department's [final rule](#) adopting national standards to prevent, detect, and respond to prison rape.

Read the Bureau of Statistics report "[Sexual Victimization in Prisons and Jails Reported by Inmates, 2011-12](#)."

Access [PREA resources](#) from the Office of Justice Programs and the [National PREA Resource Center](#).

OJJDP Relaunches Updated Model Programs Guide

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has relaunched its [Model Programs Guide](#) (MPG), an online resource of more than 180 evidence-based prevention, intervention, and reentry programs for juvenile justice practitioners, policymakers, and communities. MPG now uses the Office of Justice Programs' [CrimeSolutions.gov](#) program review process and includes programs addressing a variety of topics, including child victimization, substance abuse, youth violence, mental health and trauma, and gang activity. In addition to providing program profiles, MPG offers information on program implementation, literature reviews, and resource links.



Resources:

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

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.



- **Facilitator Training for the Victim/Community Awareness: An Impact of Crime Curriculum for Juveniles**
Park Inn Harrisburg West - Mechanicsburg, PA
3/4-6/2014
- **Motivational Interviewing 101**
Days Inn State College - State College, PA
Barbara Ulmer
3/12-13/2014
- **Evidence-Based Practices 101**
Days Inn State College - State College, PA
Leo Lutz
3/13/2014
- **Loss, Grief, Dying, Death and Childhood/Adolescence**
Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center - Mechanicsburg, PA
Bruce Schaffer
3/26-27/2014
- **Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice**
Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center - Mechanicsburg, PA
JDCAP
4/2/2014
- **Juvenile Aftercare: Strategies for a Successful Reintegration Into the Community**
Park Inn Harrisburg West - Mechanicsburg, PA
Jason Marque Sole
4/8-9/2014
- **Addiction and Motivational Interviewing**
Days Inn State College - State College, PA
Marilyn Stein
4/10-11/2014
- **Adolescent Development**
Days Inn State College - State College, PA
Barbara Ulmer
5/15-16/2014
- **Advanced Reading Workshop**
Days Inn State College - State College, PA
Doug McGuire
6/4-5/2014
- **Gangs**
Days Inn State College - State College, PA
Bruce Schaffer
6/12-13/2014

Please remember, all the details on these and other sponsored workshops may be reviewed at any time by visiting www.jcjcems.state.pa.us 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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