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Richard Steele Appointed Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission



Richard D. Steele was appointed Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission effective July 23, 2016. Mr. Steele began his career in 1979 as a juvenile probation officer in Northumberland County, and eventually became chief juvenile probation officer in that jurisdiction. He subsequently spent several years as an administrator of a delinquent youth residential treatment facility. In 2005, he was hired by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) to provide leadership on the Commonwealth's aftercare reform targeted area of improvement in conjunction with the John

D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change juvenile justice reform initiative. He was subsequently promoted to the positions of Juvenile Court Consultant/Aftercare Specialist, Director of Policy & Program Development, Deputy Director, and Executive Director.

Mr. Steele is responsible for directing all operations of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission including the agency's legislative program, statewide grant program, development of juvenile court standards, juvenile court consultant services to advise judges, legislators, chief juvenile probation officers, and others on matters pertaining to juvenile court law.

Since 2010, he served as a member of the Leadership Team responsible for the coordination, development and implementation of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) in conjunction with juvenile justice system stakeholders across Pennsylvania to sustain and enhance the initiatives begun under Models for Change and to implement evidence-based practices at every stage of the juvenile justice process. From 2014 to 2016, Mr. Steele served as the statewide coordinator of these activities. Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy has become one of the most comprehensive juvenile justice reform efforts in the nation.

Prior to joining the JCJC, Mr. Steele was active for many years with the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, serving on the Executive Committee and eventually holding the elected offices of Secretary, Vice-President and President of the Council.

Mr. Steele holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Gettysburg College and a Master's Degree in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University.

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Robert Tomassini Appointed Deputy Director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission



Robert Tomassini was appointed Deputy Director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission effective July 23, 2016. Mr. Tomassini began his career in 1987 as a juvenile probation officer in Adams County, was promoted to Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in 1992, and served as Adams County's Director of Juvenile Probation Services from 2010 through 2013. He received the JCJC's Supervisor of the Year Award in 2008. He has also provided leadership to Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system on a statewide level. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers and has also provided leadership regarding the implementation of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES), serving as the "Stage Four Co-Leader" of the JJSES.

Mr. Tomassini originally joined the staff of the JCJC on July 1, 2013 as Director of Administration and Grant Programs where he administered JCJC's Grant-in-Aid Program and operating budget, provided technical assistance and advice to juvenile court judges and chief juvenile probation officers, while also representing the agency on various statewide committees and initiatives. In July 2015, he was named as the Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Training & Research (CJJT&R) at Shippensburg University. The CJJT&R houses the agency's training, graduate education, data collection and analysis, research, balanced and restorative justice, and detention monitoring programs.

Mr. Tomassini holds both a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University.

Mandatory Training for All Current Dependency and Delinquency Hearing Officers

On July 13, 2016, upon the recommendation of the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee, modifications to Rules 182 and 1182 of the Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure were approved and shall be effective August 1, 2017. As required by the Rules, to preside as a master over cases governed by the Juvenile Act, 42 Pa.C.S. § 6301 et seq., an individual shall:

1. be a member, in good standing, of the bar of this Commonwealth;
2. have been licensed to practice law for at least five consecutive years; and
3. have completed six hours of instruction, approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board prior to hearing cases, which specifically addresses all of the following topics:

- a. the Juvenile Act;
- b. the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure;
- c. the penal laws of Pennsylvania; (delinquency masters only)
- d. the Child Protective Services Law;
- e. evidence rules and methodology;
- f. child and adolescent development; and
- g. the collateral consequences of an adjudication of delinquency. (delinquency masters only)

Upon meeting these requirements, a master shall thereafter complete six hours of instruction from a course(s) designed by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC), in delinquency law, or the Office of

Children and Families in the Courts (OCFC), in dependency law, as well as policy, or related social science research every two years from the initial appointment as master.

To ensure compliance with these Rules, mandatory initial training programs sponsored by the OCFC and the JCJC have been scheduled for all current Dependency and Delinquency Hearing Officers. On June 6, 2017, a mandatory session for all current Dependency Hearing Officers is scheduled and on June 7, 2017, a mandatory session for all current Delinquency Hearing Officers is scheduled. Both sessions will be held at the Child Welfare Resource Center in Mechanicsburg, PA. This opportunity is available one time only. Additional details regarding these training sessions will be made available in early 2017.

JCJC Position Announcement

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission is seeking applicants for the position of Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research. This position is responsible for planning, directing, and coordinating all programs administered at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research at Shippensburg University.

This is a civil service position. The examination announcement for this position is available at http://www.scsc.pa.gov/Job-Seekers/Open-Test-Announcements/Documents/2016-121_Juvenile_Justice_Training_and_Research_Director.htm. The application process closes on October 29, 2016. Applicants must possess seven years of professional juvenile justice experience which includes five years of experience as a juvenile probation officer and two years in an administrative, supervisory, or professional juvenile court consultative capacity; and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice, Criminology, or the Behavioral Sciences.

Please contact Rick Steele at ricsteele@pa.gov or (717) 787-6910 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Venango County Embraces the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™)

On February 3, 2016, Robert Daugherty, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Venango County met with state and local stakeholders to introduce the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™) process in Venango County. Additional presenters included Scot Walkowski, Deputy Chief Probation Officer; Julie Bullard, Juvenile Intake Probation Officer & SPEP™ Specialist; and Lisa Freese and Heather Perry, Juvenile Justice System Improvement Specialists for the EPISCenter at Penn State University. Among the attendees were community-based and residential service providers, judges, court administration, juvenile probation officers, children and youth staff, and the district attorney's victim witness coordinator.

Information was presented on the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES), Youth Level of Service (YLS), the SPEP™, including the research supporting it, and how Venango County can benefit from its use. Participants were also shown data for Venango County Juvenile Probation and how they compare to youth statistics statewide. Finally, a broad overview of the SPEP™ was introduced, with time for questions and answers.

Julie Bullard has led Pre-SPEP™ meetings with several community and residential providers. She is currently in the midst of both a multi-county community-based SPEP™ as well as two SPEP™ evaluations of residential facilities that serve youth who reside throughout the Commonwealth.

The SPEP™ is a validated, data driven assessment tool developed by Dr. Mark Lipsey, used to determine how well the characteristics of an existing program match research evidence for that type of intervention. The SPEP™ is based on a meta-analysis conducted by Dr. Lipsey of more than 700 research studies of programs designed to reduce delinquency. Pennsylvania was one of the first states to pilot the SPEP™ beginning with Berks County's participation in the Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project through Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform in 2011. In 2013, the pilot expanded to include Bucks, Lehigh, Allegheny, and Dauphin Counties. In October 2015, the project expanded further to include Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Venango, and York Counties. To date, over 100 services have been through or are currently going through the SPEP™ process.



Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™) Scores Available for Review

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers and the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, announces the availability of the SPEP™ assessment results for services provided to juvenile justice involved youth in Pennsylvania.

The SPEP™ scores, along with a SPEP™ Interpretation Document, can be accessed through the PCCD website. The Interpretation Document is designed to provide a brief overview on how to appropriately interpret the SPEP™ scores, and allow the reader to have a greater understanding of the utility of the scores. A link provided at the end of the Interpretation Document connects the user to the housing of the SPEP™ scores. These scores are organized by community-based services and residential services. In addition, the scores can be sorted by organization name, program name, service classification as identified through the SPEP™ tool, location of the service, or score type (baseline assessment v. reassessment). The scores available will be updated routinely as services undergo assessment or reassessment.

The SPEP™ tool provides information on areas where a juvenile court and a service provider can improve their potential to positively impact recidivism reduction. The tool compares the service to services identified in a meta-analysis conducted by Dr. Mark Lipsey, Director of the Peabody Research Institute at Vanderbilt University. SPEP™ results are a reflection of service delivery quality and how the service is utilized by the juvenile court system. The counties currently involved in the SPEP™ process include Allegheny, Berks, Bucks, Dauphin, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Venango, and York. Click [here](#) to access the scores.

2015 Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Disposition Report Released Dispositions, Secure Detention and Placements Continue to Decline

The 2015 Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Dispositions Report has been published and is available to download from www.jcjc.pa.gov. This report is a compilation of the data collected from the juvenile probation departments throughout the Commonwealth. Statewide and county-specific data on delinquency dispositions, secure detention admissions, and delinquency placements, as well as various demographic variables, are highlighted in this report. The data within the 2015 report show a continued downward trend in dispositions, detention admissions, and placements over recent years, declining both year-by-year and overall since 2011.

We draw your attention to the following statistical highlights of 2015:

There were 24,139 delinquency-related dispositions in Pennsylvania during 2015. This represents a 5.6% decrease from 2014 and a 25.8% decrease since 2011.

- Statewide, secure detention admissions have declined 11.1% since 2014 and 41.4% since 2011.
- Statewide, delinquency placements have declined each year since 2011 with an overall decrease of 32.1%, and a decrease of 12.9% since 2014.
- Seventeen-year-olds accounted for the most dispositions of any age group in 2015, representing 26.4% of all dispositions, followed in descending order by sixteen-year-olds (20.9%) and fifteen-year-olds (17.2%).
- Youth whose biological parents were reported as “never married” represented more than 48% of all delinquency dispositions, while youth whose parents were reported as “married” represented 16.5%.
- Statewide, 47.3% of youth were reported as residing only with their mother, while 17.2% of youth resided with both biological parents.
- The majority of all delinquency dispositions involved White Non-Hispanic youth (45.8%), followed in descending order by Black Non-Hispanic youth (36.7%) and Hispanic youth (12.8%).

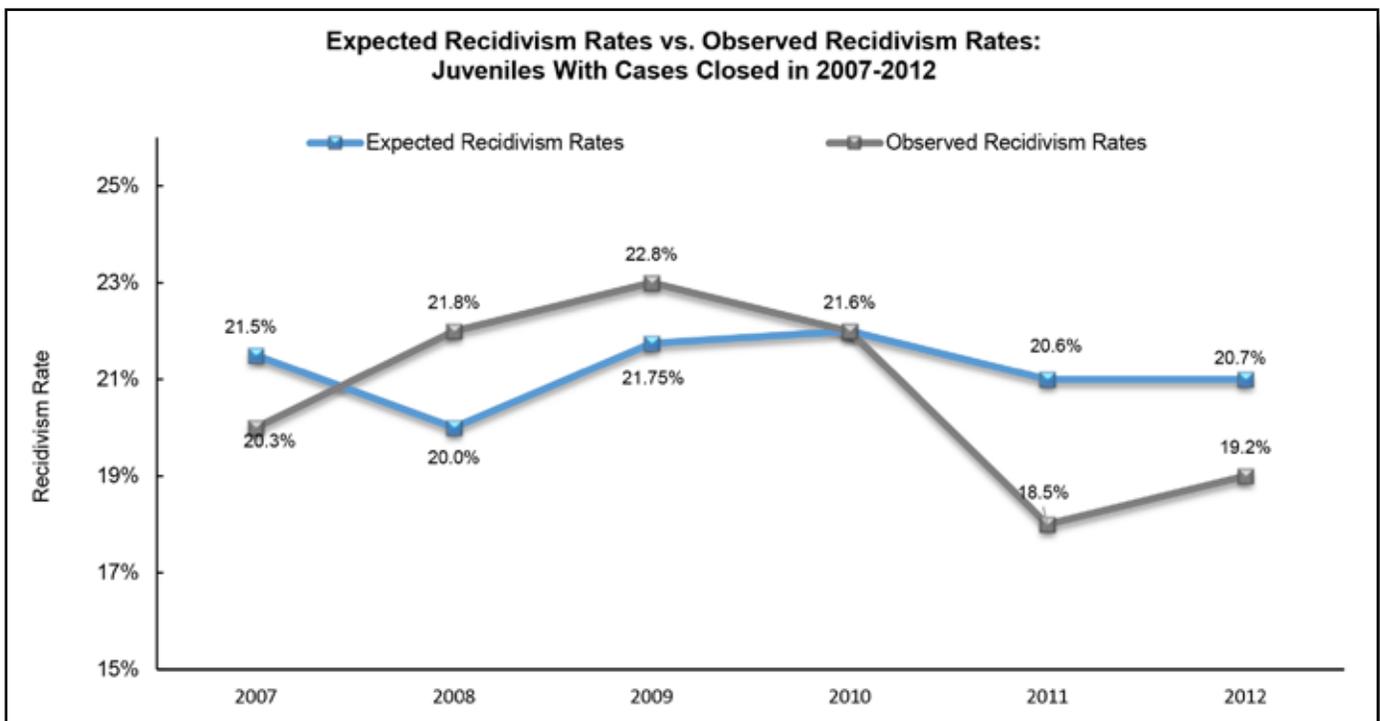
The Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Recidivism Report: Juveniles with Cases Closed 2007-2012

Part 1 of a 4 part series

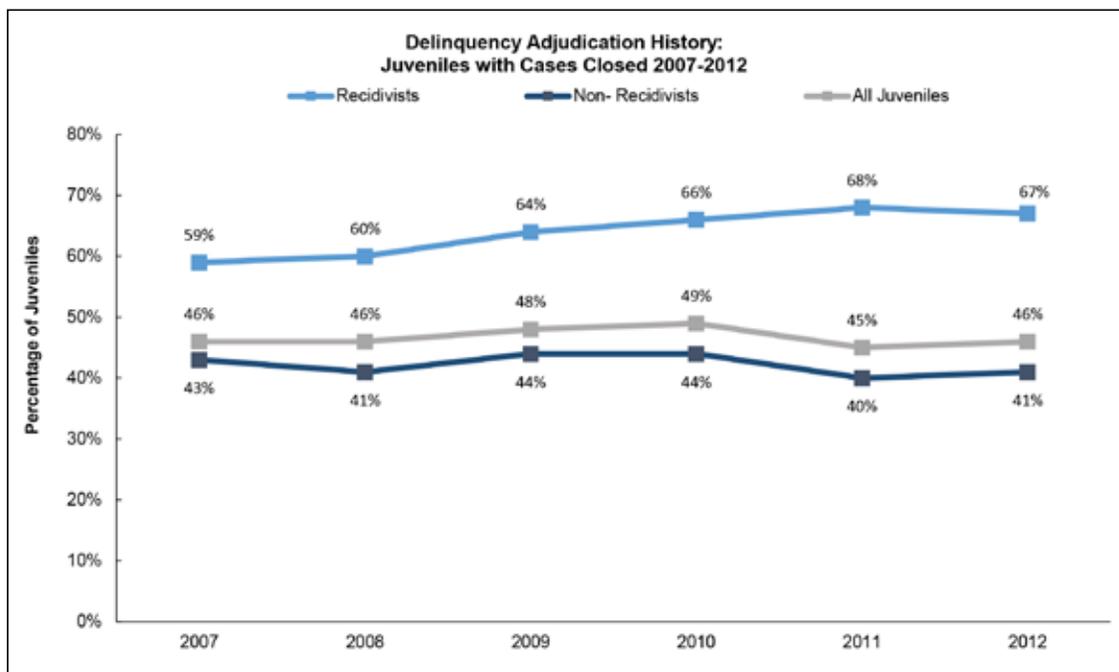
In September 2016, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) published its fourth recidivism report, entitled: "The Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Recidivism Report: Juveniles with Cases Closed 2007-2012". Since 2011, JCJC has undertaken the task of monitoring the annual statewide recidivism rates of juvenile offenders who had a case closed from a Pennsylvania juvenile probation department. Initially conducted to determine the relationships that existed between certain juvenile and system-level variables, the current report serves to highlight how juvenile offender characteristics and juvenile recidivism trends have changed over time in Pennsylvania. Recidivism was defined as: within two years of case closure, a subsequent adjudication of delinquency in juvenile court or conviction in criminal court for a felony or misdemeanor offense. Analyses for the current study were based on data collected from youth with cases closed from Pennsylvania juvenile probation departments between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2012. The outcomes presented in this report are reflective of 110,881 youth with cases closed in this time period. Data for this project was compiled from the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS) and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Court's (AOPC) Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS).

The following article is Part 1 of a four-part series meant to disseminate the results of this comprehensive work. It will focus on general recidivism findings and out-of-home service variables. Parts 2, 3, and 4 will be published in forthcoming issues. To review a full copy of the report or the Research Brief, please visit: www.jcjc.pa.gov.

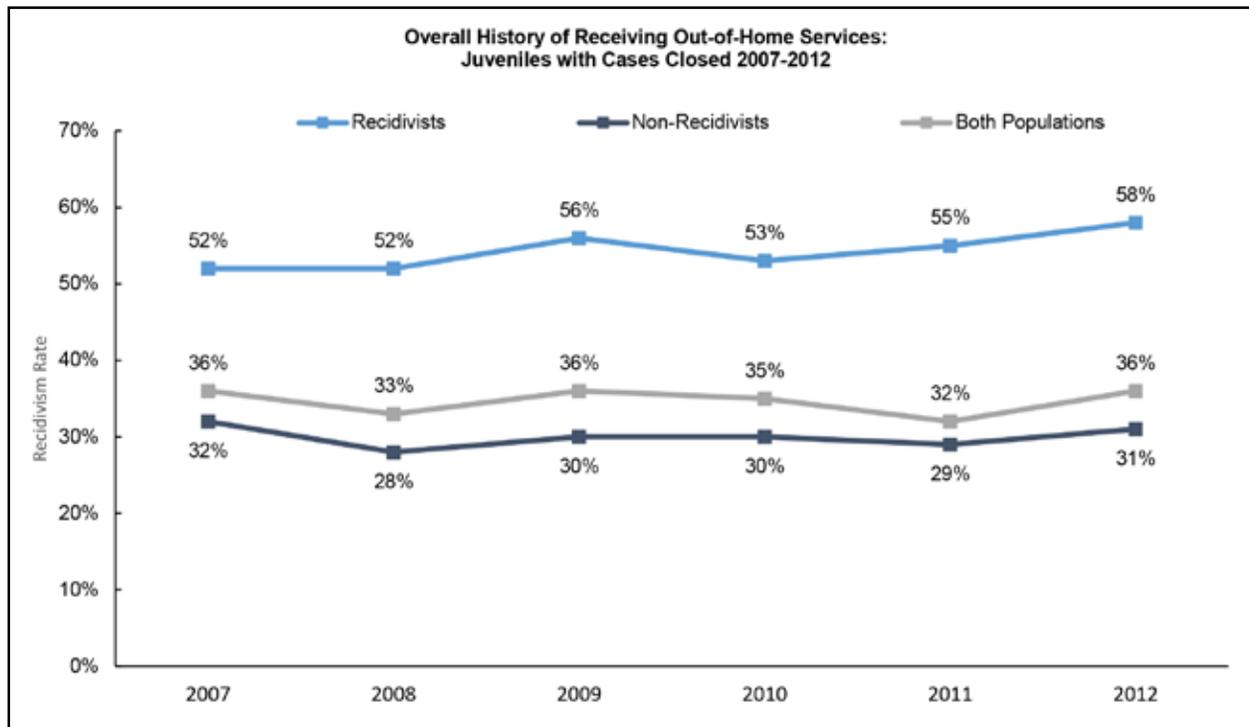
- Between 2007 and 2012, observed recidivism rates ranged from 18.5% to 22.8%. When comparing expected recidivism rates to observed recidivism rates, Pennsylvania performed better than anticipated in 2007, and most notably, in 2011 and 2012. In 2008 and 2009, the observed recidivism rate was higher than the expected recidivism rate. In 2010, there were no differences between the expected recidivism rate and the observed recidivism rate.



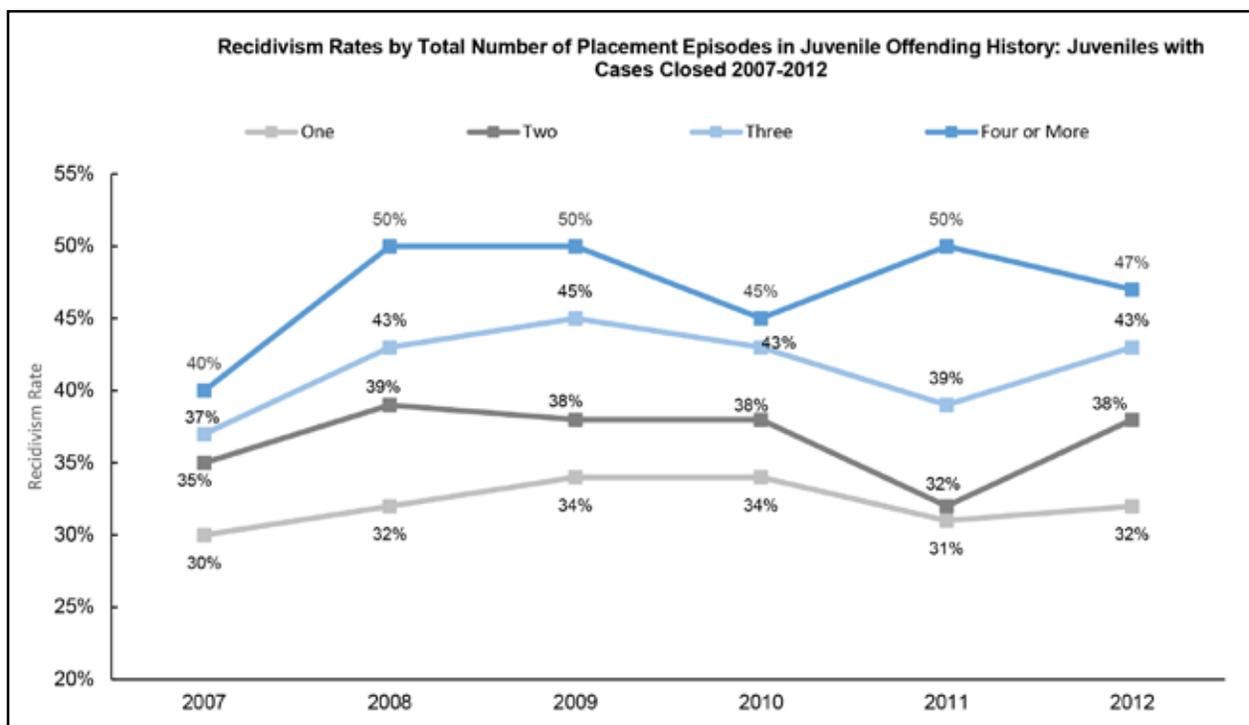
- Juveniles were most likely to recidivate first in criminal court (versus juvenile court). The percentage of juveniles who recidivated first in criminal court increased 13% (or seven percentage points) between 2007 and 2012 (54% and 61%, respectively).
- Between 2007 and 2012, the average length of time that elapsed between the juvenile's case closure date and the juvenile's first re-offense date that resulted in a subsequent delinquency adjudication in juvenile court or conviction in criminal court ranged from 7.3 months (in 2011) to 7.9 months (2007).
- Between 2007 and 2012, the average length of time that elapsed between the juvenile's case closure date and the juvenile's first subsequent delinquency adjudication in juvenile court or conviction in criminal court ranged from 11.0 months (in 2011) to 11.5 months (2007 and 2012).
- Across all years studied, recidivists consistently spent more time involved with the juvenile justice system than their non-recidivist counterparts.
- Across all six years analyzed, recidivists were more likely than non-recidivists to have been adjudicated delinquent prior to their case closure.
- Across all six years examined, recidivists averaged three written allegations each, while non-recidivists averaged two written allegations each.



- As the youths' number of total written allegations to a juvenile probation department increased, so did the likelihood of recidivism. This trend was consistent between 2007 and 2012.
- Between 2007 and 2012, the rate of receiving out-of-home services remained relatively consistent for non-recidivists. However, the rate of receiving out-of-home services increased about 11% (or six percentage points) for recidivists, from 52% (in 2007) to 58% (in 2012).
- Between 2007 and 2012, juveniles who had at least one detention/shelter or dispositional placement experience recidivated at a rate at least two times as high as that of juveniles who had no out-of-home experience.
- Across the six years examined, juveniles with no out-of-home experience had the lowest recidivism rates, while juveniles with both detention AND placement experiences had the highest recidivism rates. Juveniles who had an experience at a detention/shelter only or placement only had very similar recidivism rates between 2007 and 2009, though in 2010, 2011, and 2012, the former had much lower recidivism rates, on average, than the latter.



- Generally, across the six years examined, juveniles who spent more time receiving out-of-home services had the highest recidivism rates, while juveniles who spent less time receiving out-of-home services had lower recidivism rates. While rates fluctuated from year to year, these trends generally held constant from 2007-2012.
- As the total number of dispositional placement episodes in a juvenile's offense history increased, so did the likelihood of recidivism. This was consistent across all six years examined.



The 2016 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

November 2-4, 2016 at the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers

**Youth Awards
Program & Dinner**

Wednesday, November 2

**Annual Training
& Awards Program**

Thursday, November 3

Resource Day 2016

Friday, November 4

Professional Caucus for Juvenile Prosecutors/District Attorneys

The 2016 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice will host a new Professional Caucus this year for juvenile prosecutors. The goal of the caucus is to provide new opportunities to engage these important stakeholders in dialogue directed toward system improvement through a unified purpose.

The juvenile prosecutor's caucus will be held during the afternoon of November 2, and will include an overview of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy followed by a question and answer session with staff from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.

Registration is still open and can be accessed by going to www.jcjc.pa.gov.

New Mobile App For the 2016 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference On Juvenile Justice

Download the new 2016 mobile app from EventsXD and have all conference details in the palm of your hand.

With the mobile app this year attendees are able to:

- access the full agenda for the conference,
- build your own personalized agenda of events,
- browse detailed descriptions of each event,
- view floor plans to help you navigate the conference area,
- learn more about the speakers and exhibitors and gain contact information, and,
- receive real-time announcements or updates on conference events.

Visit the [Apple Store app](#) or [Google Play](#) on your device and search for the EventsXD app.

Once downloaded, simply create an account, and open the app then search for the 2016 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice. After you view the conference for the first time, it can then be found under the "My" tab each time you open the app.

To build your own personalized agenda, view the full schedule located on the home page, click on the individual event and then the green star in the upper right hand corner. Do this for all of the events you wish to attend. Your personalized schedule is then ready to access by viewing "My Agenda" on the home page.



We hope that you enjoy the app and find it beneficial during the conference.

Conference Registration Is Now Open!

www.jcjc.pa.gov

2016 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

Resource Day

Friday, November 4 - 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us for this unique opportunity to interact with each other and learn about new, innovative and creative approaches to working with youth and their families!

Resource Day provides exhibitors with a venue for exclusive access to all conference attendees, which include Judges and Hearing Officers, Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, Juvenile Defenders, Juvenile Probation Officers, Service Provider Staff, and others associated with the juvenile justice system.

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Pennsylvania Commission on Crime
and Delinquency - www.pccd.pa.gov

Juvenile Section of the Pennsylvania
Conference of State Trial Judges
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Featuring vendors from the following areas:

- Residential Programs
- Community-Based Programs
- Diagnostic Services
- Mental Health Services
- Drug and Alcohol Services
- Colleges and Universities
- Evidence-Based Curricula Developers
- Equipment Services (monitors, D&A testing, etc.)
- The PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers
- The Pennsylvania Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services

COMMUNITY Service in Warren County

Principal Elizabeth Kent, from the Youngsville Elementary Middle School (Warren County School District), recently requested the assistance from the Warren County Juvenile Probation Department to clean up a flower bed located on school property. Work began in early August and was completed by September 6th, the first day of school. Twelve juveniles participated in this project for a total of 30 hours. The community service crew was led by Warren County officers Michael Grubbs, Deputy Chief, Collin Manelick, Probation Officer, Michael Lion, Probation officer, Aaron Mocny, Probation Officer and Christine Stuart, Probation Officer.



JCJC Dashboard Project

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission data dashboards are organized collections of interactive charts, graphs, and tables made available to all chief juvenile probation officers. These dashboards display real-time information regarding key indicators of various juvenile case and demographic information that has been entered into the PaJCMS application. Below is a summary of recently released dashboards.

Out of Home Service Summary

- This dashboard is a summary of Out of Home Services and serves as an entry point for additional dashboards for specific service types. These dashboards are reporting active juvenile counts for the county, length of stay information, and detailed juvenile case and demographic information.



SVC Overview

- This dashboard reports counts of active juveniles who fit into one of eight SVC categories:
 - Serious Offender – a juvenile who was adjudicated delinquent for burglary (183502), theft (183921-183927, felony only), arson (183301), man/del/poss w/intent to deliver drugs (35780-113A30).
 - Violent Offender – a juvenile who was adjudicated delinquent for murder (182501, 182502), non-negligent manslaughter (182503), rape (183121), robbery (183701, 183702), aggravated assault (182702), kidnapping (182901), weapon offenses, possession of firearm, etc., excluding weapon on school property (182716, 185122, 186103, 186105, 186106, 186108, 186110, 186110.1).
 - Chronic Offender – a juvenile who has four or more written allegations.
 - Child Offender – a juvenile who was under the age of 13 as of the date of his or her first adjudication of delinquency.

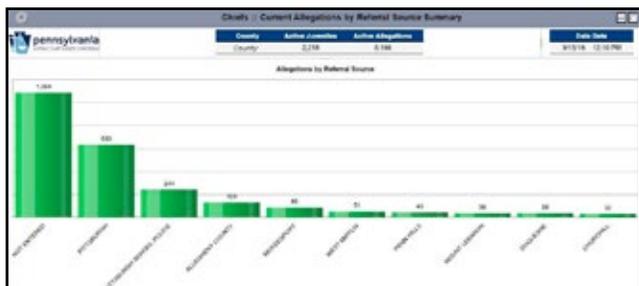
Current Allegations with No Disposition Summary

- This dashboard reports counts of active referrals that have not yet been disposed for the county. This is a tabular dashboard and does not have a drill down.

Juvenile Name	Juvenile ID	DOB	Current Age	Gender	Race	Ethnicity	Referral Date	Case Number	Date Reported
Jay Nappa	JP2016-00075	10/29/16	16	Male	White	Non-Hispanic	8/19/16	CL2016-00107	8/19
Jay Nappa	81986	4/18/02	14	Male	White	Non-Hispanic	8/27/16	CL2016-00104	7/9
Jay Nappa	JP2016-00108	7/21/01	15	Female	White	Non-Hispanic	8/27/16	CL2016-00223	2/2
Jay Nappa	JP2016-00182	7/12/02	14	Male	Black	Non-Hispanic	8/19/16	CL2016-00104	8/1
Jay Nappa	JP2016-00089	8/10/01	15	Male	Black	Unknown	8/19/16	CL2016-00102	1/2
Jay Nappa	JP2016-00112	12/30/01	15	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	8/19/16	CL2016-00101	2/6
Jay Nappa	84924	5/19/06	10	Male	Black	Non-Hispanic	8/24/16	T20024	1/17
Jay Nappa	84924	5/19/06	10	Male	Black	Non-Hispanic	8/19/16	T20749	1/25
Jay Nappa	88824	8/29/09	17	Male	White	Non-Hispanic	7/28/16	CL2016-00173	4/7
Jay Nappa	88824	8/29/09	17	Male	White	Non-Hispanic	8/19/16	CL2016-00173	1/2

Current Allegations by Referral Source Summary

- This dashboard reports counts of active referrals by one of the top 10 referral sources for the county.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

WORKSHOPS TO WATCH FOR...

"HOW TO" FACILITATE RESTORATIVE GROUP CONFERENCES

October 18-20, 2016
9:00AM-4:00PM

This "how – to" training is intended to provide the participant with the knowledge and skills to facilitate a restorative group conference. A Restorative Group Conference (also called a Community Group Conference, a Community Accountability Conference or a Family Group Conference) is a non-adversarial, community-based restorative justice intervention that is receiving widespread attention throughout the United States, and internationally. Based on restorative justice values and meaningful accountability, it is a voluntary process that seeks to identify and repair harm by providing an opportunity for a face-to-face dialogue between those harmed and those who cause the harm.



Information and registration details of sponsored workshops may be reviewed at any time by visiting www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us for regular updates to the schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 4-5 Sexting and the Dangers of Technology
- 12-13 Youth Level of Service (YLS) Master Trainer Certification
- 13-14 Ten Steps to Recidivism Reduction
- 18-20 "How to" Facilitate Restorative Group Conferences
- 19 Taking Care of Yourself

November

- 2-4 2016 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice
- 30 Supervisor's EBP BriefCASE

SAVE THE DATE

Initial Training Program per JCPR 182 and 1182

June 6, 2017
(Dependency)

June 7, 2017
(Delinquency)

Location: Child Welfare Resource Center, 403 East Winding Hill Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Per JCPR 182 and 1182, this is a mandatory session
for all current Dependency and Delinquency Hearing Officers

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
THIS OPPORTUNITY IS AVAILABLE
ONE TIME ONLY.



Civil Protection Orders and Juveniles: Opportunities for Prevention and Accountability

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 • 9am - 12pm or 1 - 4pm

Registration will be open 30 minutes prior to start times.

Nittany Lion Inn, State College, Pa

Brief Summary of Training:

This training will provide an overview of the types of civil protection orders that are available in Pennsylvania: Protection from Abuse Orders, Sexual Violence Protection Orders, and Protection from Intimidation Orders. Through scenario-based learning, participants will explore how these orders can provide opportunities for protection, prevention, and accountability for juveniles.

**FREE
IN-PERSON
TRAINING**

Presenters:

Rachel Haynes Pinski, Legal Services Manager, PCADV
Karen Galbraith, LSW, Training Projects Coordinator, PCAR

Audience:

Juvenile Probation Officers, Juvenile
Court Judges, Juvenile Court Personnel,
and Allied Professionals

For more information or to register, [please click here.](#)





The Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole and Corrections

P.O. Box 5553, Harrisburg, PA 17110

www.pappc.org

2016 Regional Training

Reactive Detachment Disorder and how to deliver services

Presented by: Amy Swigart, Community-Based Probation Officer - Butler County Juvenile Court Services

Attachment should be an inevitable part of life. However, for many individuals, this is not the case. Those individuals who suffer from Reactive Attachment live a confused, superficial life at best. Teenagers and adults who experience attachment issues are often diagnosed (or misdiagnosed) with conduct disorders, Bipolar disorders, and even burgeoning personality disorders. It's not so much that they do not fit the symptomatic presentation of these disorders; it's that the lack of a RAD diagnosis prevents the professionals working with them from fully understanding the depth of the problem or the correct methods of treatment. These clients often present as rage full, aggressive, and out of control. They frequently have already begun to develop a lengthy court record and draining the court system financially. They are likely cutting on themselves, hurting others, engaging in sexually elicited or abusive/violent relationships, fire setting, running away, and using alcohol and other drugs to mask their pain. The training will also include appropriate strategies for probation officers to provide supervision to meet the special needs of individuals, both juvenile and adult, with RAD and protection of the community.

3 Training Sessions Offered

Monday, October 3 rd , 2016	Tuesday, October 11 th , 2016	Wednesday, October 26 th , 2016
Transportation University PENN Dot Riverside Office Complex 1101 S. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Contact: Rich Dreisbach rdreisbach@pa.gov or Ryan Smith ryansm@pa.gov	PENN Dot District 6 Regional Office 7000 Geerdes Blvd, King of Prussia, PA 19406 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Contact: Caitlin McLaughlin camclaughl@pa.gov or Claudia Fisher cfisher@luzcoadultprobation.com	Butler County Staff Development Center 227 W. Cunningham Street, Butler, PA 16001 9:00AM – 4:00 PM Contact: Darrell Kirkbride dkirkbride@renewalinc.com or Janet Hanley jhanley@pa.gov

TRAINING FEES

PAPPC Members FREE (Must register prior to the session you are attending.)

Non-members, \$25 (Includes a ONE-YEAR PAPPC Membership, \$40 Value)

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Registration deadline is 3 days prior to the training you wish to attend.

Register on-line at www.pappc.org.

Any questions should be directed to the contact listed above for your specific location.

Daniel Pustinger, President; Eileen Hager, President Designate
James Amatucci, Treasurer; Traci Jacobson, Secretary



National Juvenile Justice Announcements

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

JUVENILE JUSTICE GEOGRAPHY, POLICY, PRACTICE, & STATISTICS WEBSITE FEATURES INTERACTIVE DMC DASHBOARDS

The [Juvenile Justice Geography, Policy, Practice, & Statistics \(JJGPS\)](#) website, an online resource of national and state statistics charting juvenile justice reform, offers a section on [racial-ethnic fairness](#) in state juvenile justice systems. This section features interactive Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice [dashboards](#) that allow users to compare system involvement data among five racial groups across juvenile justice system points statewide. Also featured is the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice's [Disproportionate Minority Contact Racial Ethnic Disparity Benchmark Report](#), an interactive dashboard display that enables users to compare data across judicial areas statewide.

Resources:

The JJGPS is coordinated by the [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#) and is one of several strategies in support of juvenile justice reform through the [Models for Change initiative](#).

FREE SAFETY APP AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS

The [Justice Technology Information Center \(JTIC\)](#), a component of the [National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center](#), has launched a free app to help school resource officers and administrators address school safety and incident prevention. The app, [School Safe – JTIC's Security and Safety Assessment App for Schools](#), allows users to identify and address trouble spots as they walk through the school and grounds. The app is available for iPhone, iPad, and Android devices and is supported by the [National Institute of Justice](#).

Resources:

Additional resources for school resource officers are available from the OJJDP-funded [National Resource Center on School-Justice Partnerships](#).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CAMPAIGN HELPS MILITARY PARENTS KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

The Department of Defense's [Safe and Sound Campaign](#), part of its Military Community and Family Policy, aims to help military parents keep their children safe. The Safe and Sound Campaign, through [Military OneSource](#), provides military parents, service providers, and leaders with resources on parenting skills and child abuse and neglect prevention.

Resources:

[View and download](#) the Safe and Sound flier.

FEDERAL AGENCIES SEEK PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP PILOT FOR DISCONNECTED YOUTH COMMUNITIES

The Department of Justice and six other federal agencies [invite](#) eligible local, state, and tribal communities to apply for funding under round 3 of the Performance Partnership Pilots initiative to improve education, employment, and other key outcomes for disconnected youth. The participating agencies have made the application process for federal funds more flexible and waived certain program requirements to enable successful applicants to test strategies to increase the rate at which disconnected youth—youth between the ages of 14 and 24 who are low-income and are homeless, in foster care, involved in the juvenile justice system, unemployed, or not enrolled in or at risk of dropping out of school—achieve success.

The deadline for applications is October 31, 2016.

Resources:

See the *Federal Register* notice for [additional details](#).

REPORT DETAILS DISCRIMINATION THAT JUSTICE-INVOLVED LGBTQ YOUTH EXPERIENCE

Unjust: How the Broken Juvenile and Criminal Justice Systems Fail LGBTQ Youth examines the

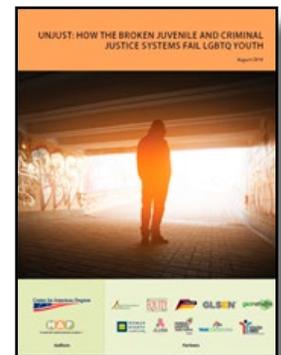
overrepresentation, vulnerability to discrimination, profiling, and mistreatment that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth experience in the juvenile and criminal justice systems, particularly in court proceedings, detention, and reentry. Coauthored by the [Movement Advancement](#)

[Project](#) and the [Center for American Progress](#), the report also identifies pervasive anti-LGBTQ stigma and discrimination in families, communities, and schools and in the enforcement of laws related to sexual behavior and drug use. It concludes with recommendations for reducing criminal justice involvement for LGBTQ youth; ensuring fair treatment within the justice system and safety, dignity, and health care within confinement facilities; and improving supports for LGBTQ youth upon reentry.

Resources:

Read the [full report](#).

See OJJDP's Model Programs Guide literature review on [LGBTQ youth in the juvenile justice system](#) and read the OJJDP listening session report "[Creating and Sustaining Fair and Beneficial Environments for LGBTQ Youth](#)."



DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE/EDUCATION RELEASE TOOLS TO HELP STATES IMPLEMENT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The U.S. Departments of Justice and Education have released new tools to help states, schools, and law enforcement incorporate school resource officers and campus police to create positive learning environments and to keep youth safe. Both the Justice Department's [Office of Community Oriented Policing Services](#) and the Education Department released letters to states and districts emphasizing the importance of well-designed school resource officer programs and calling on higher education to implement recommendations from the [President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing](#). Additionally, the departments jointly released the [Safe, School-based Enforcement through Collaboration, Understanding, and Respect Rubrics](#) to help education and law enforcement agencies review and, if necessary, revise school resource officer-related policies.

Resources:

Read the [press release](#) announcing the departments' new tools for incorporating school resource officers.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR GLOBAL YOUTH JUSTICE TRAINING

[Global Youth Justice](#) will offer its [14th Global Youth Justice Training Institute](#) in Provincetown, MA, on October 25–27, 2016.

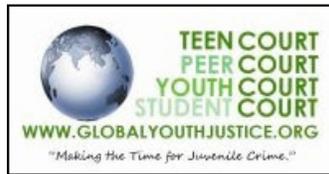
Participants will learn effective strategies for establishing and expanding volunteer-driven youth diversion programs referred to as Teen Court, Youth Court, Student Court, Peer Court, and Peer Jury. Topics include juvenile justice referral sources, dispositions for juvenile offenses and crimes, peer-to-peer community service sanctions, youth justice research/data collection, restorative justice principles in program practices, and wraparound support services.

This advanced leadership training will include a half-day session on grant writing and funding sources. Although the institute is designed for adults, some youth 16 and older who are currently involved in a youth/teen/student/peer court or jury program may be eligible to attend.

Resources:

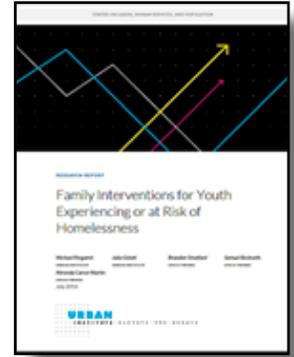
[Register](#) for the training institute.

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URBAN INSTITUTE RELEASES REPORT ON INTERVENTIONS FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

The Urban Institute has released [Family Interventions for Youth Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness](#). The report summarizes existing evidence on 49 family intervention strategies—identified through a literature review—to prevent youth homelessness or reunite youth experiencing homelessness with their family.



Key findings include the following:

- Six of the 49 interventions meet the researchers' standards to qualify as evidence-based and evidence informed.
- Core components of the six interventions include offering a home-based service delivery component, providing clinical services and parent training, and implementing multiple, intensive sessions.
- Few interventions specifically target racial and ethnic minority youth and those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning.

Resources:

Download the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-sponsored [Family Interventions for Youth Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness](#).

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR TRAINING ON TRUANCY PREVENTION AND REDUCTION

The [National Center for School Engagement](#) is offering “[Best Practices in Truancy Prevention and Reduction](#)” on October 13, 2016, in Denver, CO. This training will focus on best practices for schools and communities seeking to launch or expand school attendance efforts. The training will highlight examples of successful approaches that school districts and community collaborations use and offer steps that schools can take on their own.

Resources:

[Register](#) to attend and view the [agenda](#).

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