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PLENARY SPEAKER ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2017 JAMES E. ANDERSON PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE



Dr. Rachel Levine, Physician General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, will be a featured speaker for the Morning Plenary presentation at the 2017 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, November 16, 2017, at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. Dr. Levine graduated from Harvard College and the Tulane University School of Medicine. As Physician General, Dr. Levine has made significant strides combating the opioid epidemic and advocating on behalf of the LGBTQ

population. She spearheaded the efforts to establish opioid prescribing guidelines and establish opioid prescribing education for medical students. She has also led an LGBTQ workgroup for the governor's office which has worked to create programs and processes that are fair and inclusive in healthcare, insurance, and many other areas. Dr. Levine was recognized as one of NBC's Pride 30, a national list of 30 people who are both members of and making a difference in the lives of the LGBTQ community.

THE JUVENILE COURT JUDGES' COMMISSION ELECTS OFFICERS

On July 26, 2017, members of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) elected the following officers for 2017- 2018:

- Chair – Judge **Kim Berkeley Clark** (Allegheny County), who has served as a member since August 2013;
- Vice-Chair – Judge **Carol Van Horn** (Franklin/Fulton Counties), who has served as a member since June 2012; and
- Secretary – Judge **David R. Workman** (Lancaster County), who has served as a member since October 2015.

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THE HONORABLE LORI A. DUMAS

ELECTED TO NCJFCJ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) has elected the Honorable Lori A. Dumas of the First Judicial District, Court of Common Pleas, Family Division in Philadelphia, PA to its Board of Directors.



As a judge who has served on the bench for more than 12 years, Judge Dumas is a consummate advocate for children, always aiming to render decisions that serve the “best interests of the child.” Judge Dumas led the city of Philadelphia in the creation and currently presides over the WRAP (Working to Restore Adolescents’ Power) Court, the First Judicial District’s Human Trafficking Court. WRAP is an innovative, new court program that seeks to provide alternatives to criminalization for minor victims of sex trafficking by providing specialized trauma-informed treatment to victims in the least restrictive and most holistic environment.

“Judge Lori Dumas sets the bar for innovative and trauma-responsive judicial decision-making,” said Judge Anthony (Tony) Capizzi, NCJFCJ president. “Her extraordinary work for children and families in Philadelphia will be an asset to the NCJFCJ and can propel us to the next level.”

Judge Dumas has participated in and facilitated many panels and trainings on human trafficking. She is a Georgetown University Fellow, specializing in the area of crossover court matters. Prior to her nomination to the bench in 2003 by former Governor Mark Schweiker and confirmation by former Governor Edward Rendell, Judge Dumas owned her own firm for nearly 10 years.

“Judge Dumas has placed herself at the forefront of juvenile justice reform through her development of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania’s WRAP Court, which has reshaped the way young victims of human-trafficking experience our justice system,” said President Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. “Her reputation for working to improve the lives of young people in Philadelphia is highly regarded and we’re incredibly proud of the way she has represented the judiciary, and our courts. She will be an asset to the NCJFCJ’s board, and serve as a testament to the benefits of forward-thinking and creative solutions in the area of juvenile justice.”

In addition to her professional responsibilities, Judge Dumas has worked tirelessly with a number of boards and organizations including: Women Against Abuse, Housing Association of Delaware Valley, NAACP, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Urban League Guild, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is also a member of The Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, the Clifford Scott Green Chapter of the NBA’s Judicial Council, the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission, and Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church where she serves on a number of ministries.

Several awards and honors including the Women’s Way Powerful Voice Award and the Philadelphia Coalition for Victim Advocacy Judicial Court Award have recognized her passion and commitment to the legal community. Judge Dumas was also the inaugural recipient of the prestigious Innovator of the Year Award in 2015 by the NCJFCJ.

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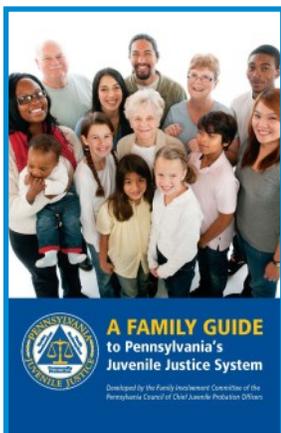
“I am proud to note the appointment of Philadelphia Judge Lori Dumas to the Board of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges,” said Chief Justice of Pennsylvania Thomas Saylor. “It is a fitting honor for Judge Dumas, who was the first-ever recipient of NCJFCJ’s Innovator of the Year Award for her creation of a pre-trial diversion program for minor victims of sex trafficking, known as WRAP Court: Working to Restore Adolescents’ Power. She is a national leader in advocating for fair and compassionate justice for children and families, and is highly regarded throughout the Pennsylvania judicial system.”

A native Philadelphian, Judge Dumas received her bachelor’s degree in sociology from Duke University. After obtaining her J.D. from North Carolina Central University School of Law, where she was a contributing author to the Law Review, she returned to her hometown. As a devoted public servant and talented professional, Judge Dumas seeks to ensure justice for the children, families, and communities that she serves.

FAMILY GUIDE TO PENNSYLVANIA’S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AVAILABLE AGAIN

The *Family Guide to Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice System* is again available in hard copy. These guides have been distributed to juvenile courts and probation offices throughout the Commonwealth who have subsequently distributed them to parents, police officers, service providers, other system stakeholders, schools, and local community members and organizations. This document has received extremely positive reports from the field.

This guide was written by a team of family advocates and juvenile justice practitioners with oversight by the Family Involvement Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. It includes an overview of the juvenile justice process and provides vital information to better prepare families to understand the juvenile justice system and the roles and responsibilities of all individuals involved in their child’s case. It is anticipated that this guide will continue to experience broad distribution throughout the Commonwealth and be offered to all parents of youth coming to the attention of the Juvenile Court.



Some additional suggestions for using this guide:

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

It is anticipated that this guide will be updated and also available in Spanish in the coming year.

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



COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

STEPHEN D. BRIDGER RETIRES AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CRAWFORD COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

Stephen Bridger retired on June 30, 2017, after 33 years of service with the Crawford County Juvenile Probation Department. He began his career on November 7, 1984, as a probation officer, and was named Deputy Chief in 1988. Steve received his Master of Science in Administration of Justice Degree from Mercyhurst University in 1989, and was named Director of Juvenile Probation by President Judge Gordon Miller in 2001. Steve was a long-standing member of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, most recently serving on the Executive Committee as chairman of the Research Committee. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Prevention Sub-Committee.

During Steve's tenure, Crawford County saw an expansion in the office and specialized probation positions. Steve was instrumental with community collaboration and was a member of several local committees, too numerous to mention. He sparked the Crawford County Advisory Board, which serves its interest in youth and collaborates with members of the court, school districts, services providers, and local agencies. Steve was instrumental with the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) implementation within the department and put Crawford County on the map with its involvement. The department is actively using evidence-based practices, as well as being a leader in the area of trauma. Crawford County is working diligently to be a trauma-informed community and plans to be a continued leader across the Pennsylvania with the implementation of trauma protocol. Steve plans to enjoy his retirement with his wife Linda and his family.

Effective July 3, 2017, Crawford County Adult Chief Probation/Parole Officer, Nick Loiacona, was named Interim Director of Crawford County Juvenile Probation. Nick has been with the Adult Probation/Parole Department since 1985, and was named Chief of Adult Probation/Parole in 2009.

2016 PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE COURT DISPOSITIONS REPORT RELEASED

Dispositions, Secure Detention and Placements Continue to Decline

The 2016 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 of Pennsylvania. 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. Of particular interest in the 2016 report are data that show a continued downward trend in dispositions, detention admissions, and placements over recent years, declining both year-by-year and overall since 2012.

We draw your attention to the following statistical highlights of 2016:

There were 23,014 delinquency-related dispositions in Pennsylvania during 2016. This represents a 4.7% decrease from 2015, and a 25.9% decrease since 2012.

- Statewide, secure detention admissions have declined 4.4% since 2015 and 38.2% since 2012.
- Statewide, delinquency placements have declined each year since 2012 with an overall decrease of 34.5%, and a decrease of 6.5% since 2015.
- Seventeen-year-olds accounted for the most dispositions of any age group in 2016, representing 26.0% of all dispositions, followed in descending order by sixteen-year-olds (21.2%) and fifteen-year-olds (16.7%).
- Youth whose biological parents were reported as "never married" represented more than 50% of all delinquency dispositions, while youth whose parents were reported as "married" represented 16.4%.
- Statewide, 47.8% of youth were reported as residing only with their mother, while 17.0% of youth resided with both biological parents.
- The majority of all delinquency dispositions involved White Non-Hispanic youth (45.1%), followed in descending order by Black Non-Hispanic youth (37.9%) and Hispanic youth (12.7%).

JCJC POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING AND GRADUATE EDUCATION

Shippensburg University is currently accepting applications for a Director of Training and Graduate Education in the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research. Anticipated starting salary range is \$60,415 to \$70,000 annually, including an extensive benefits package and tuition waiver for employees and dependents. This is a grant-funded management position that is contingent upon continued annual funding.

This position directs the overall design, organization, administration and coordination of the Center's training program. This position is also responsible for coordinating the operations of the agency's Graduate Education and Research Programs, and providing ongoing technical assistance to juvenile court judges, chief juvenile probation officers, and others regarding juvenile court issues.

Qualified candidates will have seven years of professional juvenile justice experience, which includes five years of experience as a juvenile probation officer, and a Master's Degree in criminal justice, criminology or the behavioral sciences; experience in an administrative, supervisory, or professional juvenile court consulting capacity preferred. Candidates should have knowledge of current theories and research related to juvenile crime (including evidence-based practices), the principles of criminal and juvenile justice public policy, and also be familiar with the inter-relationships of juvenile courts, juvenile probation, and juvenile correctional agencies. Successful performance in an on-campus interview is required.

For full consideration all candidates must apply online at <https://jobs.ship.edu> by September 4, 2017 with acceptance of materials continuing until the position is filled. Materials submitted in other formats including paper documents will not be considered. All applications and inquiries will remain confidential.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND GRANT PROGRAMS

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is currently accepting applicants for the position of Director of Administration and Grant Programs. This position is responsible for the administration of the annual JCJC Probation Services Grant Program, the agency's operating budget, and the provision of technical assistance to juvenile court judges and chief juvenile probation officers. Qualified candidates must have seven years of professional juvenile justice experience, which includes five years of experience as a juvenile probation officer, and a Master's Degree in criminal justice, criminology or the behavioral sciences; experience in an administrative, supervisory, or professional juvenile court consulting capacity preferred. The annual starting salary for this position is \$54,690 and includes a comprehensive benefits package. Appointments above the starting salary may be considered, and will be commensurate with the candidate's education, work experience, and salary history. Candidates must submit a cover letter and resume to Robert Tomassini, Deputy Director, Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, 601 Commonwealth Ave., Suite 9100, P.O. Box 62425, Harrisburg, PA 17106-2425 or rtomassini@pa.gov. The deadline for submissions is September 15, 2017.

ROBERT LISTENBEE RETURNS AS STONELEIGH FOUNDATION FELLOW

The Stoneleigh Foundation has announced the selection of Robert L. Listenbee, Esq., as a Visiting Fellow. After serving as Administrator of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) under the Obama administration, Bob has returned to Philadelphia, where he previously served as Chief of the Juvenile Unit of the Defender Association for 16 years. He brings a national perspective to Stoneleigh's work focused on improving outcomes for Philadelphia's most vulnerable young people, particularly those involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

In his role as a Stoneleigh Visiting Fellow, Bob will work with the city and state's juvenile justice, criminal justice, and child welfare agencies and

organizations to advance shared policy priorities. He will also serve as a mentor to the Stoneleigh Fellows and Emerging Leader Fellows and examine ways to improve employment opportunities for youth experiencing homelessness, especially those who have been involved in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Bob will be housed at Drexel University's Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab for the duration of his Fellowship.

At the state level, Bob has served as a member of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the commission's Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Subcommittee, and Philadelphia's DMC working group. He also

played an instrumental role in creating the Juvenile Defender Association of Pennsylvania.

In addition, Bob has contributed his expertise on policy committees of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association and the National Juvenile Defender Center and served on the advisory board of the National Center for Juvenile Justice. He played a central role in the Attorney General's Defending Childhood Initiative and served as co-chair of the National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence. The MacArthur Foundation honored him as a Champion for Change in juvenile justice reform in 2011. Bob received his BA from Harvard University and his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

Part I - Data, Information, and Knowledge: What Does it All Mean?

The old adage, "Information/knowledge is power" rings even truer today. Terms like "big data" and "data-driven decision-making" are ubiquitous. In today's environment, we all see the need to collect more data. JCJC/CJJTR continually strive to enhance PaJCMS, adding new functionality and new screens to acquire more data. However, this is only useful if we know how to use data and learn from it. It's important to make the data retrievable in easy and efficient ways, thereby enhancing the ability to analyze data in meaningful ways.

Part of using data in a meaningful way is to understand the difference between data, information, and knowledge.

- **Data** are unprocessed facts and figures without any added interpretation or analysis. E.g. "PaJCMS users have conducted 1,000 initial YLS assessments in one year where the youth were scored as high risk."
- **Information** is data that has been interpreted so that it has meaning for the user. E.g. "PaJCMS users re-evaluated the YLS assessments on those same 1,000 juveniles at case closing, with only 100 youth still scoring as high risk." This example gives meaning to the data and is considered information to someone who is tracking the risk level of juveniles over the course of supervision.
- **Knowledge** is a combination of information, experience and insight that may benefit the individual or the agency. E.g. "As shown by the YLS Score information analysis, when juveniles are given the proper services during supervision, their risk levels will likely be lowered."

While it is imperative that we continue to expand our data collection efforts and foster the pursuit of information and knowledge, collecting more and more data poses its own set of issues and considerations.

For instance:

- How do we organize the data so that it makes sense?
- Can the data be retrieved in a timely and efficient way so that it can be analyzed?
- Can storing too much data cause performance issues?
- Do we have enough space on servers to store this much data?

Part II of this series will continue to address these considerations and outline the ways in which JCJC/CJJTR are exploring options to address these ever-changing needs. Stay tuned!

STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

September

- 7-8 Youth Mental Health First Aid
- 11-15 Orientation Academy
- 26 YLS Master Trainer Recertification
- 28-29 Ultimate Educator

October

- 12 Enhancing Professional Alliance through Cultural Competency
- 17 Adolescent Development
- 18 YLS Master Trainer Recertification
- 19 JJSES Leadership Forum
- 25-26 Refusal Skills
- 25-26 YLS Master Trainer Certification

November

- 15-17 2017 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

“THE JOURNEY OF GRIEF” TRAINING OFFERED SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Crime Victims Alliance of PA (CVAP) is pleased to announce that the September training will be a presentation by Lynn Shiner and Lisa Zoll entitled “The Journey of Grief.” According to Fredrik Backman in *A Man Called Ove*, death is a strange thing. It is also perplexing, puzzling, and mysterious. It is a unique and unpredictable process for each person, and responses are highly personal. There have been scholarly attempts to put the process into stages, states, and tasks. While these efforts provide a roadmap for clinicians who treat individuals experiencing grief, there is little that can be done to harness the grieving process into a straight path that can easily be followed by those who grieve.

Lisa Zoll and Lynn Shiner have created a new model for how we look at the journey of grief: the event, the work, and the never-ending process of grieving the loss, thus removing stages, expectations, order, timeframes, and closure.

Lisa Zoll graduated with her MSW from Temple Harrisburg in 2003. She worked as a Clinical Psychiatric Specialist at Penn State Hershey Medical Center in their Adult Partial Hospitalization program and Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for 12 years. In 2008, she began teaching Loss & Grief and Assessment and the DSM as an Adjunct Instructor at Temple University Harrisburg in the School of Social Work. In 2014, she was hired as a full-time instructor in the Master of Social Work program and teaches Loss & Grief and Assessment and the DSM along with many of the foundation courses for the program.

Lynn Shiner is an award-winning author who dedicated most of her career to crime victims after she experienced a tragedy of her own. Her young children, Jen and Dave, were murdered on Christmas Day 1994. As the Director of the Pennsylvania Office of Victims' Services, she oversaw the distribution of more than \$100 million dollars in state and federal funding to meet the needs of crime victims throughout the Commonwealth. She's the recipient of countless awards including the National Crime Victim Service Award presented by John Ashcroft and the Visionary Voice Award by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

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Please mark your calendars for this upcoming training opportunity on September 11, 2017. CVAP General Membership meeting will be held from 12:30-1:00pm, and all are welcomed to attend. The training will begin at 1:00pm in the Community Room of the Giant Market, 3301 E. Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA. 17011.

PCCD has approved 1.5 victim services training hours for this presentation.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE VICTIM-OFFENDER CONFERENCING TRAINING

Addressing harm, rather than blame, is the focus of restorative justice. Whether you have been harmed, or caused harm to others, restorative practices help to address that harm to the satisfaction of those impacted through facilitated dialogue. Within the past 30 years, the use of restorative justice programming has been increasing in the USA and other countries. Research has relayed that restorative justice programs have positive outcomes on participant satisfaction and improve offender compliance.

In this training, you will learn about:

- victim-offender conferencing process
- court and probation systems
- victim rights and needs
- ethics
- communications
- practice being a facilitator through multiple role plays

The intensive 35-hr training takes place:

Tuesday, October 3 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday, October 13 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 14 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday, October 20 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 21 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

HACC-Lancaster
1641 Old Philadelphia Pike
Lancaster, PA 17602

Fee for those who are using the training for professional development purposes is \$375. The fee includes CLEs for attorneys or CEUs for social workers, written and digital materials (a book, manual, and DVD), refreshments, and professional leadership.

Fee for those planning to volunteer in the Advoz's Restorative Justice Conferencing program is \$95, which includes written and digital materials (a book, manual, and DVD), refreshments, and professional leadership.

Register online at: www.advoz.org/services/training

*Early Bird Registration Discount ends on Sept. 8, 2017.

**Final Registration Deadline is September 22, 2017.

This training is provided by Advoz, (formerly LAVORP) mediation and restorative practices program, Lancaster, PA.

Are you a Chief, Deputy Chief or Juvenile Probation Supervisor?

If so, you are encouraged to attend the JJSES Implementation Forum:

A Model for Leadership Using the Essentials of Supervision.

A Process to Manage Staff EBP Performance: The purpose of the Forum is to introduce management and supervisors to Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Performance Management of Juvenile Probation staff.

Designed Specifically for Managers and Supervisors: The ongoing development of managerial and supervisory skills is crucial to ensure that EBPs are part of the normal course of business of Juvenile Probation. This forum provides a great learning opportunity for managers and supervisors who often do not have this type of opportunity specific to their needs.

More than Annual Evaluations: The Forum will use the *Essentials of Supervision* model to establish a foundation and framework that emphasizes clear communication and expectations, direction, support, and accountability and integrates this approach into the development, use, and assessment of EBP skills of Juvenile Probation staff, including the use of a EBP Performance Appraisal process.

Registration is Not Limited: The Forum will be held at the Atherton Hotel in State College which will accommodate multiple participants from every county. Registration will not be limited to a specific number of participants from a county. Counties may register as many managers and supervisors as they believe will benefit.

Lunch Provided! For the \$25 registration fee, morning refreshments and lunch will be provided to maximize the time for the presentation of information and materials.

JJSES Implementation Forum



To obtain additional information and register, go to JEMS. Questions can also be directed to Kelly Waltman-Spreha at kjwaltmanspreha@ship.edu or Alan Tezak at alantezak@comcast.net.

PA COUNCIL OF CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS PREPARES FOR CELEBRATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On November 30, 2017, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers will celebrate their 50th anniversary at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College. The council was created at a meeting held in State College on November 14, 1967. Twenty-two Chief Juvenile Probation Officers met that day and agreed to form an organization that would serve to express their views on juvenile justice issues in Pennsylvania.

A perceived lack of respect from the then known as Department of Public Welfare (DPW) led to the creation of the council. At the time, DPW administered grants to probation departments and controlled training standards for probation officers. Strong fundamental differences in philosophy and mission, coupled with what was believed to be a lack of adequate funding, motivated the Chiefs to organize. When it was learned in September 1967 that the Acting Office of Children Youth and Families Commissioner proposed reorganizing probation services to fall directly under the DPW's umbrella, the Chiefs responded swiftly.

In a news release following the November 14, 1967 meeting, the formation of the Council was announced with the purpose of collectively taking a position relative to services to delinquent children, standards, training, professional status, research, and salaries. Cumberland County Chief JPO Irvin Groninger was named as the first President of the organization. One of the first items of business was the passing of a resolution in favor of legislation that would allow the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC), under the Department of Justice, to administer annual grant funding to Juvenile Courts and probation departments in lieu of DPW. The passage of that legislation the following year marked the beginning of an extremely close relationship the Council has maintained to this day with JCJC.

For the past fifty years, the Council has been at the forefront in the development of the juvenile justice system that exists in the state today. From the codification of the Juvenile Act in 1976, the Balanced and Restorative Justice reforms in 1995, the Models for Change initiative and the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy, the Council has been a strong voice.

The 50th anniversary celebration will feature a number of speakers, including Judge John M. Cleland, Richard Steele, JCJC Executive Director, and others with unique thoughts to share, including Daniel Roberts, Dr. Ron Sharp, James Anderson, Tom Antolik, and Bob Stanzione. Retired Allegheny County Chief JPO and former Council President, James Rieland, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. The festivities begin at 6:00 PM with a reception.

A registration form can be found in this month's newsletter. For room reservations at the Nittany Lion Inn, please call 1-800-233-7505 and use PACC17C as the room block code.

SAVE THE DATE

Join us in November for training workshops,
exhibitors, two awards dinners, and
networking with over 900 attendees.

**2017 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania
Conference on Juvenile Justice**

NOVEMBER 15-17, 2017

Harrisburg Hilton & Towers, Harrisburg PA



Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers

50th Golden Anniversary Celebration

Honoring the Council's Commitment to Excellence in Juvenile Justice: Past & Present

When: Thursday, November 30, 2017
Reception from 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Dinner and program to follow from 7:00 – 11:00 PM

Where: Nittany Lion Inn, State College

Hotel Information:

Contact the Nittany Lion Inn at (800) 233-7505
A block of rooms has been reserved at \$135/night
Code: **PACC17C**

<p>Registration Deadline: October 31, 2017</p>

Cost: \$40 per person, includes dinner/ Cash Bar

For further information contact Robert J. Blakely, Chief Erie County Juvenile Probation Office at (814) 451-6052 or bblakely@eriecountypa.gov

Name: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Select Dinner Choice: Beef Braised Ribs or Salmon

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Make Checks payable to **PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers.**

Send to the attention of:

**Robert J. Blakely, Chief Erie County Juvenile Probation Office,
140 West 6th Street, Room 401, Erie, PA 16501-1076**



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

FGDM STATEWIDE MEETING
**“OLDER YOUTH
ENGAGEMENT”**

OCTOBER 24, 2017
9:30 AM TO 3:00 PM

JOHN HEINZ INSTITUTE OF REHABILITATION
150 MUNDY STREET, WILKES-BARRE TOWNSHIP, PA 18702



Sponsored by: PA FGDM Leadership Team
Location sponsored by: John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ENGAGEPA@PITT.EDU



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Juvenile Detention Centers
and Alternative Programs

**2017 PA Juvenile Justice
Services Conference**

Hosted by: The Juvenile Detention Centers
and Alternative Programs

September 27 - 29, 2017

**Kalahari Resort and Convention Center,
Pocono Mountains**

This year’s conference theme is
*Oceans of Change: Navigating Toward Positive
Outcomes.*

In addition to the valuable networking
opportunities, we have planned some excellent
training sessions.

[Follow this link for additional information and
conference registration.](#)

SAVE THE DATE

**Pennsylvania
Family Group Decision Making
Statewide Conference**

April 16 - 17, 2018

Hershey Lodge, Hershey PA

Sponsored by:

FGDM State Leadership Team
Pennsylvania State Roundtable
Office of Children & Families in the Courts



Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission
Office of Children, Youth and Families
Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center



SAVE THE DATE

20th Children's Interagency Conference
April 30-May 3, 2018
Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College, PA

sponsored by
Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health Services
PA System of Care Partners, and the PA Child Welfare Resource Center

Conference focus: The 20th Children's Interagency Conference will bring together Pennsylvania's Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP) and System of Care (SOC) partners providing behavioral health services to children, youth, and young adults ages 0-26 and their families.

Target Audiences: Youth, young adults, and families receiving behavioral health services; service providers, supervisors, and advocates; program directors, county planners, and behavioral health managed care organizations; and partners from all the child-serving systems, including behavioral health, children and youth, developmental disabilities, drug and alcohol, early intervention, education, health, juvenile justice, and vocational rehabilitation.

Areas of emphasis: Prevention, resilience, and advocacy; preschool intervention; clinical skill development; administrative leadership and policy and program development; workshops for high-schoolers.

Coming soon: Call for presentations; vendor and sponsorship opportunities

For more information: Contact ra-pwinteragencyconf@pa.gov. Website: pasocpartnership.org

Logo by Matthew Budd, Delaware Valley High School, Pike County, PA



NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OJJDP LAUNCHES TRIBAL YOUTH TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER WEBSITE

The OJJDP Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center has launched its new [website](#). This website serves as a clearinghouse of culturally appropriate resources, training, and technical assistance to help OJJDP tribal grantees and federally recognized tribes improve, enhance, and support their juvenile justice systems. The website provides information in areas such as juvenile healing to wellness courts; tribal youth-specific prevention, intervention, and treatment programming; and tribal-state collaborations to meet the needs of American Indian/Alaska Native children exposed to violence.

RESOURCES:

- [Learn more](#) about OJJDP's Programs for Tribal Youth.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE RELEASES SCHOOL SAFETY REPORT

The [National Institute of Justice](#) (NIJ) has released "[Summary of School Safety Statistics](#)." This report provides data to support or dispel common perceptions related to school safety. Federal agencies, including the Departments of Education and Justice, and school safety experts collected the data reported in this publication. Topics addressed include school crime; school shootings and violence; traumatic events, such as bullying; and the threat of violence using social media.



RESOURCES:

- Learn more about NIJ's [Comprehensive School Safety Initiative](#).
- See [OJJDP's Model Programs Guide](#) to learn about programs promoting school safety.

OJJDP-FUNDED BRIEF RELEASED TO HELP JUVENILE COURT JUDGES USE DATA

The [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#), with support from OJJDP, has published "[5 Ways Juvenile Court Judges Can Use Data](#)." This issue brief provides examples of how juvenile court judges can use data to improve the functioning of their courtrooms and outcomes for youth appearing before the court. This brief is one of a series that will include briefs for law enforcement and corrections administrators. The briefs are being developed through the OJJDP-funded [Juvenile Justice Model Data Project](#), which seeks to improve the quality and consistency of juvenile justice data through developing guidance for states and jurisdictions on how to collect, analyze, and use juvenile justice data.

RESOURCES:

- [View and download](#) the brief.

- Access the [OJJDP Statistical Briefing Book](#) for easy online access to statistics on a variety of juvenile justice topics.

OJJDP UPDATES JUVENILE HOMICIDE DATA ON STATISTICAL BRIEFING BOOK

OJJDP has updated its [Statistical Briefing Book](#) (SBB):

- FAQs describing juvenile [homicide victims](#) and juvenile [homicide offending](#) have been updated to include data through 2015.

• [Easy Access to the FBI's Supplementary Homicide Reports](#) (EZASHR), a data analysis tool, has been updated to include data through 2015. EZASHR provides access to more than 30 years of national and state data on homicide victims and homicide offenders, including information on the age, sex, and race of victims and offenders; the victim-offender relationship; and the type of weapon used.

Developed by the [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#), the research division of the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), the Statistical Briefing Book offers easy online access to statistics on a variety of juvenile justice topics.

RESOURCES:

- Access the [OJJDP Statistical Briefing Book](#).
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OJJDP STATISTICAL BRIEFING BOOK OFFERS NEW DATA ON JUVENILES IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT

OJJDP has updated its [Statistical Briefing Book](#) (SBB) to include data resources from the 2015 Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement, including:

- A new [Data Snapshot](#) summarizing recent trends.
- State-level [FAQs](#) about juveniles in corrections.
- National crosstabs, state profiles, and state comparisons in [Easy Access to the Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement](#).

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