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## 2017 JAMES E. ANDERSON PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE PROFESSIONAL CAUCUSES SUMMARY

On Wednesday, November 15, 2017, six professional caucuses were held at the 2017 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice. Participants had the opportunity to join with colleagues from their specialty within Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern. Below is a synopsis of topics covered at each caucus.

The **Chief and Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officers** Caucus was facilitated by Teresa Wilcox, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of McKean County Juvenile Probation. Approximately 40 chief and deputy chief juvenile probation officers from across the state were in attendance.

The first topic discussed by attendees was parental liability. Managing the medication needs of youth in placement and those attending court hearings was also discussed.

Next, the conversation shifted to Act 21. Counties shared various challenges and experiences with redacting information from juvenile probation files in these cases.

Following this, the group expressed interest in revising the Peer Trainer Network.

Next, a lengthy conversation about Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) occurred. Counties currently involved with the EPICS model provided guidance and recommendations to other counties that will be introduced to this model over the next several years.

The discussion then shifted to fines, fees, costs, and restitution. Attendees shared their policies and practices for assessing such to youthful offenders, including procedures for when a youth experiences difficulty paying.

The session ended with an update and overview of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University.

The **Juvenile Probation Supervisors** Caucus was facilitated by Jon Frank, Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of Blair County Juvenile Probation. Mr. Frank first provided information on the updated Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's Graduate Education Program and the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officer's Executive Committee.

Following this, a discussion was held on the need for strategic planning related to the integration of various aspects of the JJSES. Next, the group expressed their need for a periodic/annual forum for JJSES coordinators/managers to ex-

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change ideas and strategies. In a similar vein, the need to exchange information online was also discussed.

Next, the participants of the caucus discussed the concept of a “Coaches Clinic” to develop and refine the skills necessary to be effective coaches. It was noted that the YLS roll-out and resources were well supported and that other components of the JJSES (e.g., EPICS, MI) will require similar support.

A conversation then ensued on the need for training on basic personnel management (e.g., Supervisor 101, Situational Leadership, Effective Leadership). Following this, a discussion of policies and protocols for the use of GPS occurred, and this was identified as a potential topic for the Technology Committee.

The topic then shifted to that of the opioid epidemic. One county noted that this endemic has created challenges for its warrant unit. Many in attendance noted that this issue was much more prevalent with the adult population, but was still of concern on the juvenile side. Several counties indicated that they were trained on the use of Narcan. There was consensus that resources are needed for all drugs, including marijuana, cocaine, and benzodiazepines.

Finally, the forum turned towards the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS). There is widespread interest in the PaJCMS User Group. The attendees find the dashboards useful, and are interested in expansion to other areas.

**The Juvenile Probation Officers** Caucus was facilitated by Nicole Mattern, Programming & Development Supervisor of Dauphin County Probation Services-Juvenile Division. About forty juvenile probation officers from across the state were in attendance. Following a welcome and opening remarks, the group was informed that applications were being accepted for the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission’s Graduate Education Program. Participants were also in-



Nicole Mattern, Dauphin County Probation Services—Juvenile Division

formed that the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers is seeking to recruit new membership, including involvement with committees and workgroup activities.

The primary topics of discussion included inpatient drug and alcohol treatment, staff safety, female offenders, and CYS.

The first topic discussed was drug and alcohol treatment. About half of the participants indicated that they are trained to use Narcan. This segued to a brief conversation about the importance of probation officer safety. The group also discussed the need for drug and alcohol providers to be more tolerant of behavioral issues. There was also discussion about insurance companies, as a few participants indicated an ongoing struggle to receive pre-authorization for youth to receive a higher level of care.

The forum then shifted back to staff safety. There was a request for the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research to sponsor more staff safety trainings, including Phase 1, Phase 2, and firearm and active shooter trainings. The group discussed resources available within their counties, though most were geared toward law enforcement safety. Ms. Mattern suggested that a survey be sent to counties to learn what resources are currently available and what safety needs exist. This suggestion was received with interest.

After this, participants discussed the rise in female juvenile offenders. Some jurisdictions have experienced such an increase in this population that female-specific caseloads have been developed within their departments. There was discussion about the limited number of community-based and residential resources available for this population. This seemed to be prevalent for about a quarter of the counties in attendance.

The caucus ended with a conversation about CYS. The discussion focused on the struggles probation departments encounter when a need for CYS involvement exists. Examples of these struggles included CYS screening out youth who are involved with delinquency, CYS not accepting referrals from probation officers if there is delinquency involvement, and probation officers writing more dependency petitions. Participants also talked about placements being extended because there are dependency concerns and no CYS involvement.

The **Victim Services** Caucus was facilitated by Kathleen McGrath, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of Franklin County Juvenile Probation, and Jennifer Storm, Pennsylvania’s Victim Advocate. Twelve individuals representing various victim service pro-

viders were in attendance.

Those in attendance expressed the following concerns: the need for good data collection for victim restoration efforts, the difficulty in receiving restitution payments for crime victims, strong interest in additional opportunities for restorative justice practices, the availability of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds, and Marsy's Law.

Some participants shared that they have access to PaJCMS, while others stated that they do not have access to it. It was determined that this is a local decision and information to the field would be helpful.

The conversation then shifted to restitution. Restitution issues and concerns remain a top priority for victim service providers. Specifically, the lack of information, problems with the restitution process, and restitution not being collected in full were discussed at great length.

Next, the group discussed the expansion of restorative justice practices across the Commonwealth. Several participants expressed frustration in their inability to access local service providers who are interested in implementing restorative practices and processes in their jurisdictions.

Following this, Ms. Storm, who serves on the Victims Services Advisory Committee of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), discussed the VOCA funding, how it has helped stabilize both the Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) and Rights and Services Act (RSA) programs, and how it has broadened what can be funded through the Office of Victims Services at PCCD. Additional funding announcements can be expected in the future.

The caucus concluded with a discussion on the Marsy's Law movement, which is the most recent initiative impacting the Pennsylvania victims services field. This initiative would provide for a strategic campaign to pass a constitutional amendment to provide for remedies when the rights of crime victims have been violated.

The **Juvenile Prosecutors** Caucus was facilitated by Richard Long, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association. Several juvenile prosecutors and a Safe School Advocate were in attendance. Following brief introductory remarks, the caucus began with a discussion on how to encourage a consistent dialogue with juvenile prosecutors. Participants emphasized that, while the caucus is an effective venue for the exchange of ideas, other ave-

nues should also be explored. Specifically, participants suggested that it would be beneficial for juvenile justice system partners to participate in meetings of the Juvenile Prosecutors Network.



Richard Long, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association

As the caucus continued, participants noted that prosecutors have tight schedules and varied training requirements. Consequently, it was suggested that efforts be made to ensure the conference include workshops that are targeted to all stakeholder groups. Suggestions for workshop topics included: sex offenders, drug abuse, mental health issues, trauma, diversion, restitution issues, and interstate compact.

Finally, participants discussed several court-related issues including: the timing of review hearings, expungement issues, offenses occurring on school property, and the district attorney's role in diversion decisions.

The **Service Providers** Caucus was facilitated by Bernadette Bianchi, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth, and Family Services, and Sam Miller, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of Cumberland County Juvenile Probation. Approximately 70 attendees were present at this caucus.

Ms. Bianchi opened the forum by discussing the Chapter 3800 Regulations and the shifting of licensing responsibilities back to the Office of Children, Youth, and Families as of July 1, 2017. The topic of allegations of abuse of youth by program staff was discussed in great length. Specifically, the unintended consequences of the abuse investigation policy were reviewed. These included: interruption to service delivery, staffing disruptions, impact on staff morale, and straining ChildLine. Specialized training for staff was requested.

Following this, a lengthy discussion on aftercare services occurred. Mr. Miller provided a brief presentation on the recidivism figures of youth in placement (drawing on work completed by Dr. Ed Mulvey from the University of Pittsburgh). He noted that youth do well while in placement (e.g, they learn a new skill, they improve relationships, they improve on deficits), but once they are released, they tend to

regress. He noted that youth are most likely to re-offend within the first six months after release from placement, so the system must do a better job immediately upon re-entry into the community. He challenged everyone in the room to help improve the rates moving forward.

Mike Pennington then spoke briefly about the Second Chance Act and work that is being completed in each of the four pilot sites (Allegheny County, Lehigh County, Berks County, and Philadelphia County). The next steps for this project include the creation of a Joint Position Statement and the development of a JCJC Aftercare standard.

Following this, Mr. Miller spoke about effective court testimony for service providers. He has developed a standard template for all service providers to use

when reporting on the progress of youth in court in his county. Specifically, it elicits commentary on what is being done to address the youth's identified criminogenic needs (and ultimately reduce recidivism).

Next, Shawn Peck spoke about updates being made to the short version and the long version of the Impact of Crime/Victim Awareness curricula. He also shared results of a survey that had been sent to service providers regarding the Impact of Crime Training Curriculum Program.

At the conclusion of the caucus, Wayne Baer shared that a focus group will be convened in the near future for service providers to discuss insurance coverage.

# CONFERENCE PHOTOS



## WESTMORELAND COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION'S "CHANGE"

### A Community Restorative Project with a Community Service Component

*Submitted by Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation*

Westmoreland County has, for several years, envisioned creating a meaningful Restitution program, a program that presents our youth with opportunities to develop hands-on skills, as well as life skills, while giving back to their community and earning money which will be dispersed to the victims in our county.

Today, the goal has been launched and is about to begin its course through Westmoreland County's **CHANGE** program (**C**hange, **H**ands on, **A**ccountability, **N**urturing, **G**iving back, **E**arning restitution).

The CHANGE program is a group-based program that offers juvenile offenders hands-on skills through the process of reinventing and repurposing furniture. Working side by side with their peers, juvenile offenders are presented with opportunities to improve socialization and problem solving while being encouraged and challenged to explore their creativity.

In February of 2016, a pilot group was conducted with the help and generosity of local businesses. The group consisted of 5 sessions. The initial session involved juveniles defining ground rules that they would follow throughout the subsequent groups. After rules were established, juveniles were asked to view the furniture that they would be repurposing and empower them by choosing the color(s) they wanted to use while reinventing their piece. Basic sanding, priming, and painting instructions were also taught in that first session. Subsequent sessions consisted of actual hands-on work by the juveniles. The youth worked together troubleshooting problems or issues that came up during those groups. The last session was used for any minor touch up and group discussion about marketing and pricing of their item. The final step involved the juveniles personalizing their piece in an inconspicuous place, by tagging what "change" means to them. The pilot group produced exciting results and positive feedback from the participants. Participants stated "they were proud of their work and wanted their parent(s) to see it." One juvenile stated "he wasn't even thinking of his troubles and felt relaxed while working on his piece." And another youth, who was reportedly unsocial, was engaging and talkative within the group displaying his sense of humor.



The goals are to create community involvement/awareness, restore victims financially, and address criminogenic needs of juvenile offenders. The ultimate goal is to have youth come back after probation and mentor other youth, thus becoming true stewards of their community.

Later in 2016, enhancements were made to the CHANGE program when The Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol Commission awarded CHANGE a grant. The grant funds were used to purchase much needed materials and supplies enabling us to move forward with additional groups.

In September of this year, CHANGE struck a partnership with Westmoreland Community Action. This partnership provides CHANGE with a location to complete and sell our products while we continue the journey with our juveniles of restoring and repairing harm done to our community while giving back to our victims.



## **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT CRAWFORD COUNTY DIRECTOR OF JUVENILE PROBATION**

Full time, salaried senior management position, serving at the pleasure of the President Judge under direct supervision of PJ or his designee.

Through regular updates to/meetings with the President Judge (or his designee) the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer will be responsible for:

Fiscal Management of the Department, including preparation and implementation of budget; grant application and management; monitor placement expenses to maximize county reimbursement from federal and state sources.

Maintaining qualified, disciplined staff, providing appropriate staff training and development; managing officer caseloads and clerical workloads to fulfill program needs; implementing department policies and procedures to facilitate daily operations; assuring mandated training requirements are met or exceeded.

Program Development and Administration, remaining current on mandated state and local initiatives including meeting Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) standards; working with the PJ (or designee) to ensure implementation and county compliance with the same; comply with all mandated reporting; working with community agencies and resources.

### **Minimum Training and Experience**

Bachelor's Degree (B.S. or B.A.) with major coursework in Criminal Justice, Social Science, Public Administration or closely related field

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## ACT 51 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR WOLF

On October 30, SB 260 was approved by Governor Tom Wolf, creating Act 51 of 2017. Act 51 amends the Crime Victims Act to provide a broader representation of members on the Victim Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), particularly increasing the presence/representation of crime victims, while preserving current committee membership. VSAC advises PCCD in the development of policies, funding priorities, legislation and outcomes, and makes recommendations to the Commission in the direct approval and disbursement of financial assistance relating to applications from crime victim assistance organizations seeking funding through PCCD.

Act 51 expands membership on the VSAC from fifteen to twenty-five members, specifically providing for the governor to appoint the following representation on the VSAC:

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| (i) A direct victim of crime representing female victims.                                 | (x) A victims' service or advocacy organization.   |
| (ii) A direct victim of crime representing male victims.                                  | (xi) The courts.   |
| (iii) An area agency on aging.  | (xii) County government.   |
| (iv) The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence.                                | (xiii) The executive director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.                        |
| (v) The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape.  | (xiv) A children's advocacy center or victims' services agency working directly with children. |
| (vi) The Pennsylvania Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers and Multidisciplinary Teams. | (xv) Local law enforcement.  |
| (vii) The Pennsylvania Court Appointed Special Advocates Association.                     | (xvi) A mental health treatment provider or mental health advocate.                            |
| (viii) A county children and youth agency.  | (xvii) A disabilities treatment provider or disabilities advocate.                             |
| (ix) A prosecution-based victim witness program.  | (xviii) A victims' services agency working directly with victims of human trafficking.         |
|   | (xix) A comprehensive victim service agency.   |

Act 51 becomes effective on December 30, 2017.

## PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS 2018-2019 ELECTION RESULTS

During the December 1, 2017 general membership meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, and per the adopted Bylaws of the organization, the election of officers was held for the positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary. These officers will be formally installed at the first yearly meeting in 2018.

Newly elected officers for 2018 – 2019:

President – Russell Carlino, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Allegheny County

Vice-President – Addie Beighley, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Westmoreland County

Secretary – Jon Frank, Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Blair County

Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Spring Workshop Calendar

#### March

21 Sexual Identity, Sexual Orientation and Gender Issues  
Mechanicsburg

#### April

10 Human Trafficking  
Mechanicsburg

12 New Chiefs Orientation  
State College

18-19 Stimulants  
Mechanicsburg

19 PTSD in Special Populations  
Westmoreland County

23-27 Orientation Academy  
Mechanicsburg

#### May

2 Cultural Competence  
State College

#### June

19 Emotional Intelligence  
State College



Registration will be  
available in JEMS  
January 2018 for Spring 2018  
professional development  
opportunities.

Stay tuned for more information and additional workshop announcements!

## SONYA STOKES JOINS CJJT&R STAFF

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R), in conjunction with Shippensburg University, is pleased to announce that Sonya Stokes has joined the staff of the CJJT&R as the Director of Training and Graduate Education. She will administer both the Center's Training Program and the JCJC's Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University.

Mrs. Stokes brings over twenty years of experience to CJJT&R. She began her career as a youth program specialist working at the Dauphin County Schaffner Youth Center for five years, and then moved on to become a juvenile probation officer with Dauphin County Juvenile Probation for nearly 10 years. Since leaving the probation department, Sonya gained experience as an administrator for the Bridging the Gap program with the Salvation Army. The Bridging the Gap program is a Salvation Army developed community-based life skills program geared toward at-risk youth in middle school and high school. Mrs. Stokes grew the program by expanding the curriculum to be delivered to all youth, kindergarten to 12th grades, provid-



ed at various schools in four different school districts and 10 community sites in Dauphin County and one site in Cumberland County and increased the number of participants by more than 300%. Mrs. Stokes obtained funding for the Bridging the Gap and other youth programs at the Salvation Army through her successful submission of grant proposals and was in charge of tracking and grant reporting. While at the Salvation Army, Mrs. Stokes served on Dauphin County's Systems of Care and other community committees. Most recently Mrs. Stokes worked as a curriculum and trainer development supervisor for the University of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center. In this role, Mrs. Stokes led, and was a member of, various internal committees and was co-leading the revision of the Development of Trainers/Consultants curriculum, which is used to

onboard new trainers and consultants.

Mrs. Stokes serves on the board of directors for Center for Champions, Harrisburg, PA. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., where she is able to serve the community through scholarships and community service in her involvement on several of their committees.

Mrs. Stokes has been married to her husband, Clarence, for 23 years and they are the proud parents of two daughters.

Mrs. Stokes earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Hampton University, VA, and her Master's in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University. She can be reached at (717) 477-1294, or [systokes@ship.edu](mailto:systokes@ship.edu).



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# 2017

## YEAR IN REVIEW

Whew! It's been a busy 2017! Let's look at some of the high-level changes we did this year just within the PaJCMS and JEMS application.

- Working with JNET, we developed a new Juvenile Information Inquiry application which replaced the Juvenile Tracking System.
- In PaJCMS, we've added some user customization, such as filter and sorts on all lists. On the most used lists, we have also added the ability to do column customizations.
- Hearing Recommendations was added to review recommended versus actual outcomes. Supervisors can now add their notes to the Probation Officers' juvenile calendars. We've created a graduated responses screen and tied it into the calendar. We have betas going for new outcome measures and a beta for a supervisor's module.
- We had an assessment done on PaJCMS to check security, application code, software, and the user experience. We started phase 1 on the victim enhancement module which involved analyzing PaJCMS's current processes and data elements and reviewing suggested changes.
- We continue to data share with AOPC, started the process for sharing Detention information with PCCD, as well as investigate other data sharing opportunities with other agencies.
- In JEMS, we've added a Professional Development module which includes online courses, training hours crediting, course evaluations, and certificate of completion printing, along with revamping different aspects of our conference registration application.



These are just a few of the changes we have completed this year, along with iDashboards, reports, data requests, data cleanups, disposition reports, and bug fixes. We have and will continue to look to improve all aspects of all our applications to ensure that we can provide the best user experience possible for all users of our systems. We have a lot of things also lined up for the 2018 year and can expect it to be just as busy. Stay tuned as we will talk about those in a future newsletter article!



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## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

*PA Juvenile Justice Service Conference -*

**Enhancing Services for Youth and Families September 26-28, 2018**

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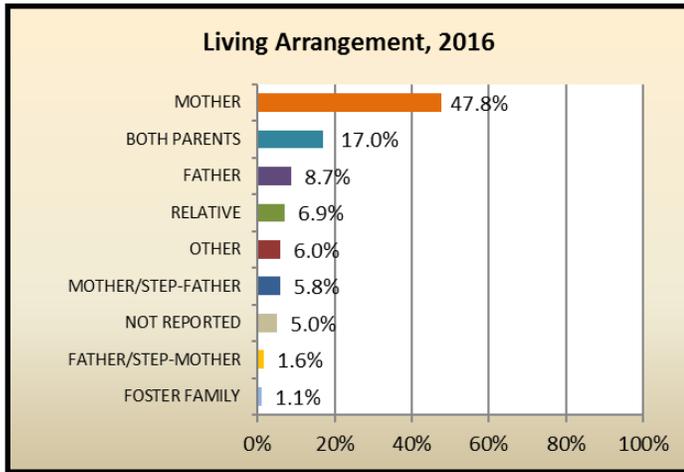
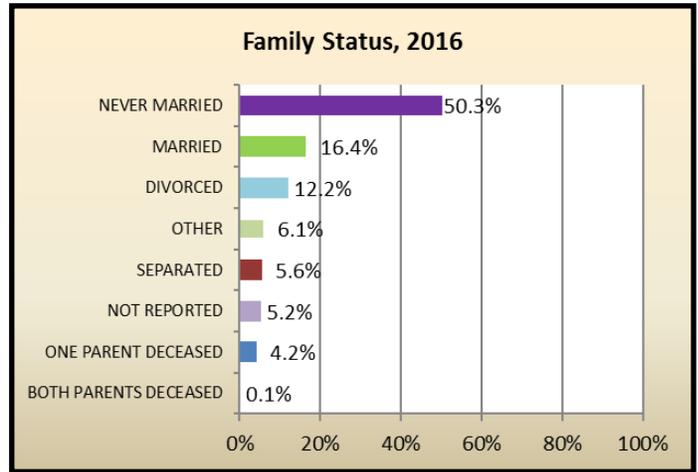
The Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs is pleased to issue a "[Call for Presentations](http://www.jdcap.org/Pages/ConferenceInformation.aspx)" for our upcoming PA Juvenile Justice Service Conference being held September 26-28, 2018, at the Kalahari Resort and Conventions in Pocono Manor, PA. To make this Conference successful for juvenile justice professionals, we need subject matter experts who are willing to share their wealth of knowledge. For more information, please visit <http://www.jdcap.org/Pages/ConferenceInformation.aspx>.

# 2016 PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE COURT DISPOSITIONS

## Juvenile Demographics—Family Status, Living Arrangement, and Race/Ethnicity

As we continue with the series of newsletter highlights on the 2016 Dispositions Report, this issue examines the Family Status, Living Arrangement, and Race/Ethnicity of juveniles who were active with Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice in 2016.

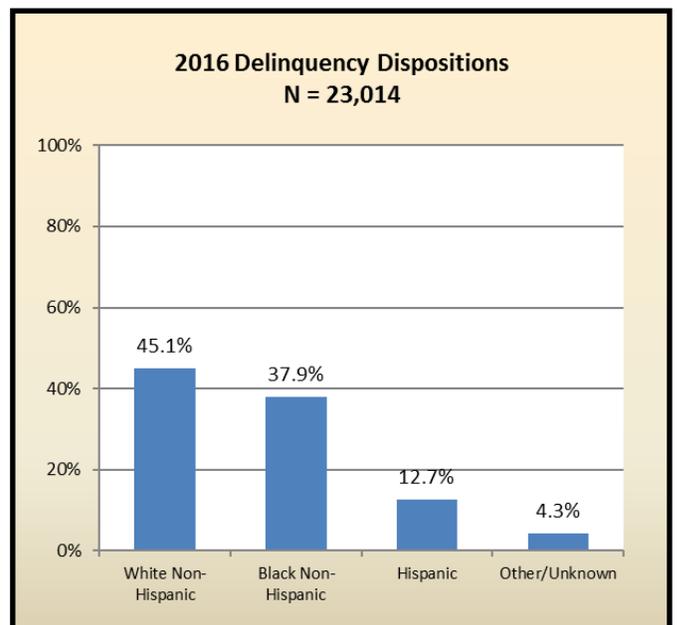
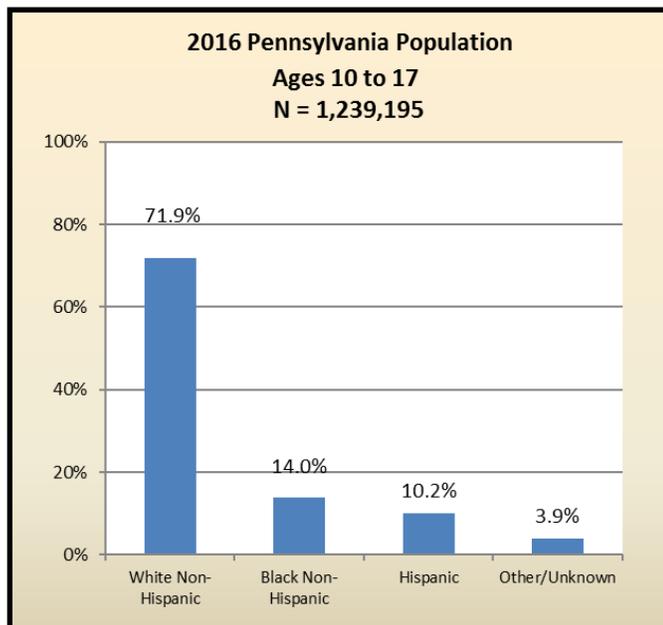
In juvenile delinquency dispositions, youth whose biological parents were reported as never married represents the largest group—more than 50%. In only 16.4% of cases, the biological parents were reported as married at the time of disposition.



In 2016, 47.8% of youth resided only with their mother, while only 17.0% of juveniles resided with both biological parents.

In 2016, White Non-Hispanic youth represented the largest racial/ethnic category for all delinquency dispositions. However, in comparison to

the racial/ethnic distribution of all youth in Pennsylvania ages 10-17, the representation of Black Non-Hispanic youth receiving delinquency dispositions is disproportionate: 14.0% of the total population versus 37.9% of all delinquency dispositions. When excluding Philadelphia and Allegheny County, Black Non-Hispanic youth represent 8.2% of the youth population, but 27.9% of all delinquency dispositions.



County-specific data on juvenile demographics are contained within the appendices of the [2016 Juvenile Court Disposition Report](#).





# NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR JUDICIAL INSTITUTE ON DOMESTIC CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING



On February 12-14, 2018, the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), in partnership with OJJDP and [Rights4Girls](#), will host the [National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking](#) in Asheville, NC. This inter-

active training for judges and judicial officers will address child sex trafficking in the United States. The training will feature hypothetical case scenarios, practical courtroom exercises, small group discussions, and lectures. Participants will develop or enhance their ability to identify and work with trafficking victims and children at risk.

### RESOURCES:

[Register](#) for this free training.

[Learn more](#) about OJJDP's programs and resources addressing commercial sexual exploitation of children.

See OJJDP's Model Programs Guide literature review on [commercial sexual exploitation of children/sex trafficking](#).

## OJJDP BLOG DISCUSSES MODEL PROGRAMS GUIDE MILESTONE

In a new [blog post](#), OJJDP Acting Administrator Eileen M. Garry discusses [OJJDP's Model Programs Guide](#), which recently profiled its 300th [program](#). The Model Programs Guide is an online database of evidence-based juvenile justice programs for practitioners and communities. The 300th program profiled on the Model Programs Guide provides a gender-responsive intervention in two group homes for adjudicated females. The blog also highlights the Model Programs Guide's regularly updated [literature reviews](#) on juvenile justice topics and programs and the [I-Guides](#), which provide research-based information to communities on how to implement programs.

### RESOURCES:

[Learn more](#) about OJJDP's Model Programs Guide.

## JUVENILE DRUG TREATMENT COURTS SOUGHT TO JOIN LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) is seeking six juvenile drug treatment court sites to join its Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Learning Collaborative program. These sites will help test the effectiveness of the [Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines](#) that OJJDP published. The application deadline is December 31, 2017.

### RESOURCES:

[Click here](#) to apply.

[Learn more](#) about the development of OJJDP's Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines.

## ROBERT F. KENNEDY NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE LAUNCHES TRAINING INSTITUTE

The [Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice](#) has launched a new [training institute](#) to help state and local jurisdictions address topics in juvenile justice improvement, including dual status youth, advancing best practices in youth justice based on adolescent development science, probation system review and improvement, and multisystem data sharing. The Resource Center will send experts into local jurisdictions to provide research-based training to leaders, staff, and stakeholders. Each training uses well-established frameworks for improvement and incorporates current research and emerging best practices.

### RESOURCES:

The Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice is a member of the [Models for Change](#) Resource Center Partnership sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation. Read about this [partnership](#).

## STATISTICAL BRIEFING BOOK OFFERS DATA SNAPSHOT ON YOUTH HOMICIDE VICTIMS



OJJDP recently introduced a Data Snapshot series on its [Statistical Briefing Book](#) to disseminate current research and statistical information about youth and the juvenile justice system. Each one-page snapshot focuses on a specific topic and highlights policy-relevant findings. This new [Data Snapshot](#) focuses on trends and characteristics of youth homicide victims based on data collected by the FBI's Supplementary Homicide Reports.

Developed for OJJDP 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:

Learn more about [juveniles as victims](#) in the Statistical Briefing Book. Access the full list of [Data Snapshots](#) available from the Statistical Briefing Book.

Visit the [Easy Access to the FBI's Supplementary Homicide Reports](#) webpage to perform custom analyses of juveniles as victims.

Keep up with the Statistical Briefing Book on [Twitter](#).

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