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## NEW RESOURCE TO CONNECT JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH WITH HEALTH INSURANCE

Youth involved in the juvenile justice system have significant physical and behavioral health needs. Youth involved in the juvenile justice system have a higher rate of behavioral health issues than youth in the general population, but a significant number of system-involved youth do not have health insurance coverage. Many may lose health coverage during their involvement.

Medicaid provides all medically necessary services to youth under 21, including behavioral health services and supports. Medicaid can also be used with private coverage to provide a wider range of physical and behavioral health benefits.

The Pennsylvania Health Law Project (PHLP) has a new project to find and enroll youth involved in the justice system, and their families, into health coverage through Medicaid and CHIP. Funded with a federal grant, the project can guide families through a sometimes cumbersome and confusing process.

### Role of Juvenile Probation

Juvenile probation can play an important role in identifying uninsured youth, particularly during the intake process, and then referring them and their families or guardians for free application assistance. Having health coverage that can cover needed behavioral health and physical health services is often an important component in successfully navigating the probation process.

### The Project

The project seeks to capitalize on the insurance information exchanged between families and juvenile probation officers at intake. Parents, caretakers, and youth identified as not having insurance will be referred to Navigators for assistance in completing the application and providing needed proof. Navigators, certified by CMS, must complete comprehensive training, as well as criminal background checks, and be licensed by the state.

The referral process can be accomplished in one of two ways: 1) the intake officer can provide a "consent to contact" form to the family and collect it to be shared with PHLP by fax or email or 2) the family can self-refer using the fact sheets and local contact information shared by the probation office. Efforts are already underway in Lancaster, Montgomery and Lehigh Counties.

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Intake is not the only opportunity for referrals. The project will help families enroll at any stage of the juvenile justice process—e.g., consent decree, adjudication, and probation.

### **Pennsylvania Health Law Project**

PHLP is a legal services agency that specializes in helping low-income Pennsylvanians access health care. A grant from the Center on Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) supports partnerships with

counties. PHLP's goal is to be a trusted, non-profit resource for juvenile justice stakeholders (e.g., intake officers and other probation staff, judges, masters, defenders, providers) who learn that a youth (or their family member) is not insured.

**For more information** on the project and how to become a partner, contact Ann Bacharach ([abacharach@phlp.org](mailto:abacharach@phlp.org)) or Laval Miller-Wilson ([lmillerwilson@phlp.org](mailto:lmillerwilson@phlp.org)) at PHLP 215-625-3596.

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## **THE PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE DELINQUENCY BENCHBOOK: UPDATES AND REVISIONS**

The Pennsylvania Juvenile Delinquency Benchbook is intended to serve as a practical tool for working judges throughout this Commonwealth by providing access to information necessary for effectively applying the underlying purposes of the Juvenile Act. Introductory chapters of the publication include a description of the qualities and attributes of successful juvenile court judges and a summary of the history, foundation, and basic structure of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. The remaining chapters provide specific guidance regarding the key decision points in the processing of juvenile delinquency cases and the administration of the juvenile courts in Pennsylvania.

The benchbook was originally developed and published in 2003. It was revised in 2006 following the adoption of the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure for Delinquency Matters. Since that time, the introduction of additional Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure for Delinquency Matters, amendments to the Juvenile Act, and the implementation of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) compel further updates and revisions to the benchbook.

In order to accomplish this task, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) has established a committee of judges and juvenile justice experts. The committee is being Chaired by Judge Carol Van Horn (Franklin County). Other members of the committee include Judge Rea B. Boylan (Bucks County); Judges Kim Berkeley Clark and Kathryn M. Hens-Greco (Allegheny County); Judge Lori A. Dumas (Philadelphia County); Judge Arthur E. Grim (Berks County Senior Judge); Judge John L. Hall (Chester County); Judge Christopher G. Houser (McKean County); Judge Craig P. Miller (Clinton County); Richard Steele, JCJC Executive Director; James Anderson, retired Executive Director of JCJC; and Susan Blackburn, JCJC Policy and Program Specialist. To date, the committee has convened several times, most recently in Shippensburg for a 1 ½ day work session.

The entire contents of the benchbook will be reviewed to ensure that it is accurate and up-to-date. In addition, hearing checklists included in the original benchbook will be updated and revised. In fact, the committee has concluded that, due to the positive feedback on the use of these tools, they will be expanded upon in the revised publication. Finally, the benchbook will be structured as an on-line resource with links to the references found throughout the publication.

It is anticipated that the current revisions to the Delinquency Benchbook will be completed and discussed at the 2017 Annual James E. Anderson Conference on Juvenile Justice scheduled for November 2017 in Harrisburg.

## JOHN LEMMON — A CHAMPION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Pennsylvania juvenile justice community lost a dear friend on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, with the passing of Dr. John H. Lemmon, following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Those who had the good fortune to know John will attest that he lived life to the fullest. John was a scholar, an athlete, a gentleman, and a friend.

John grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from Penn Hills High School and Grove City College. From a young age, John enjoyed active pursuits—especially running. He competed as a runner in high school and at Grove City College. His love for running continued as he served in the United States Marine Corps from 1971-1973. Following his career in the military, until the time of his death, John kept meticulous records of his workouts—the date, how many miles he ran, how many miles he swam, and what the weather was like. Upon learning that he had pancreatic cancer just before this past Thanksgiving, John’s response was to run five miles to achieve his goal of logging 500 miles in 2016, swim 100 laps, play nine holes of golf, and have dinner with Linda, his wife of 43 years.



When it came to education, John was truly passionate about learning. He received a Master’s Degree in Secondary Education from Duquesne University, a Master’s Degree in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh and a doctorate in Social Work from the University of Maryland.

John began his long career in human services and education as a juvenile probation officer for the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. He later served as the Executive Director of Indiana County Children and Youth Services. In 1989, John joined the staff of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission’s Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research as Director of the Statistical Analysis Unit. In 1990, he accepted the challenge to direct the CJJT&R’s Graduate Education Program. During his tenure at CJJT&R, John led several important research projects. After earning his doctoral degree in 1999, John left CJJT&R for a faculty position in the Criminal Justice Department at Shippensburg University. John remained a Professor of Criminal Justice at Shippensburg University until his retirement in 2012. As a professor, John was a passionate research methodologist and instructor. He was instrumental in the continued success of CJJT&R’s Graduate Education Program, where he mentored hundreds of juvenile probation officers as they earned their master’s degree. John also conducted research on various topics in criminal and juvenile justice.

Clearly, John was a gentle soul who truly cared about the individuals he taught and coached, as well as everyone he knew. After John left CJJT&R, he would routinely stop by to check in and see how everything was going. He will be genuinely missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John’s name to the Dr. John Lemmon Memorial Track/ Cross Country Scholarship Fund, Northern York County School District Administrative Offices, Attn: Jason Young, 650 S. Baltimore St., Dillsburg, PA, 17019 or to Lower Cape Fear Hospice Foundation, 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401.

# LEHIGH COUNTY'S WELLNESS INITIATIVE

*Submitted by: Elizabeth Fritz, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Lehigh County*

Put the oxygen mask on yourself first, before helping others! If you have flown on an airplane, then you are fully aware of the directions given by the flight attendant in the event of an emergency. We all recognize why this would be important; however, taking care of ourselves first is often hard to do, especially for those in the business of helping others. Finding time to take care of our physical and emotional wellbeing and maintaining the proper work-life balance is sometimes difficult to achieve. The excitement that comes with being a part of all the robust system enhancement activities has also required additional time and energy, often leaving us even less in tune with our own needs.

Lehigh County recognized that to take care of others we must first take care of ourselves and on September 13, 2016 kicked off their Wellness Initiative. The goal behind this initiative is to take intentional and deliberate steps to keep these messages in the forefront of our daily activities.

**Healthy You** and **Stress Less** were the focus of the day, which started with a continental breakfast and a message by the Chief, our Administrative Court Judge, and Court Administrator. This was followed by training through BeneFIT Corporate Wellness, an affiliate of Lehigh Valley Hospital. They trained our staff on healthy eating habits and effective ways to



reduce stress. Supervisors contributed to purchasing various items such as movie passes, coffee mugs, and gift certificates to raffle off and proved to be a big hit. Lunch was catered, followed by a team activity of decorating pumpkins.

Our department is committed to continuing these periodic trainings and wellness activities with plans to have presentations on Secondary Trauma, Emotional Wellness, Introduction to Yoga and Meditation, Stress and Self-Care, and team Fit Bit Challenges. Many of the concepts can easily be taught to the youth and families we work with; however, we are committed to remembering that to do our jobs well, we must first take care of ourselves. The ability to find this balance in our life occurs only by first recognizing that we need to make this a priority.

## 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.**



## PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER...

### EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

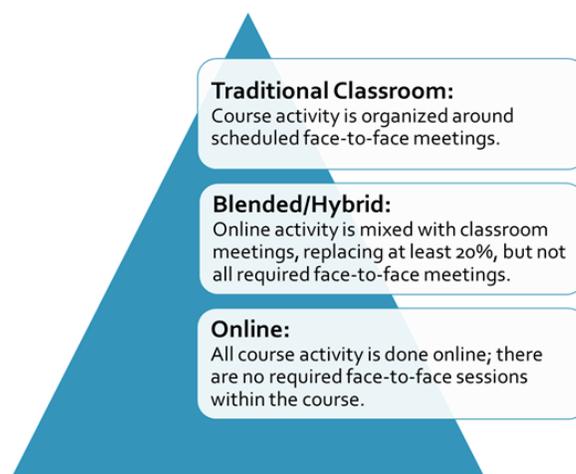
Published in April 2012, the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) Monograph and corresponding Framework emphasized the importance of “implementing strategies that are grounded in evidence-based practices (EBP) (p.4)” and using “current scientific evidence to guide and inform efficient and effective services (p.5).”

In addition to outlining four stages of EBP implementation, the JJSES Framework highlights the need for engaging in data-driven decision-making, on-going training/technical assistance, and continuous quality improvement across all stages of implementation. As a juvenile justice system, it is imperative that we not only utilize EBP and apply these concepts in our service delivery; we must also apply these principles and engage in research-informed practice for our professional development.

“Just as there is an evidence base for working with [youth and families] effectively, there is a parallel and ever-growing evidence base of human learning and performance, from how the brain works to how adults learn, to how knowledge is applied on the job (Corrections Learning and Performance: A Vision for the 21st Century, 2012, p. 9).”

As we strive to employ data-driven decision-making and achieve continuous quality improvement in our professional development program, “we need to use proven methods to maximize learning including evidence on learner characteristics, technology, development, design, delivery, and evaluation (Clark, 2010; Corrections Learning and Performance: A Vision for the 21st Century, 2012, p. 9).”

In the next several issues of the newsletter, we will review the research on adult learning and highlight the transformation of our professional development program toward a more evidence-based program. We begin this series by outlining the varied methods of professional development delivery. As the graphic



above indicates, there are three primary methods of professional development delivery.

Historically, the JCJC/CJJTR professional development program has relied heavily on the traditional classroom method of delivery. While this method will continue to be a key part of the JCJC/CJJTR workshop offerings, the need to expand our program to include more blended and online offerings is clear. In addition to reducing agency resource burden (time out of the office, registration and travel expenses, etc.), blended and online learning opportunities demonstrate equal, and at times superior, learning outcomes. Additional information regarding the research and benefits of blended and online learning will be in future newsletter articles – stay tuned!

- The most important factor in knowledge retention is the quality of the learning design rather than the delivery method.
- Online learning approaches are as effective as face-to-face approaches.
- Blended learning and collaborative learning are the most effective forms of distance learning.
- Typical levels of learning transfer are between 10 and 30%. Transfer can be enhanced with proper interventions pre-training, during training, and post-training.

(Corrections Learning and Performance: A Vision for the 21st Century, 2012, p. 2)

# THOMAS YOUNG, DIRECTOR OF CENTRE COUNTY PROBATION AND PAROLE DEPARTMENT, RETIRES

Tom Young was appointed as a probation officer on December 3, 1979 at the young age of twenty. Interestingly, he was scheduled to do an internship with the department that semester, but was instead hired, and he has spent his entire career of 37 years in service to the Centre County Court of Common Pleas. Tom worked in various capacities within the agency until his appointment to the position of Director of the combined Probation and Parole Department in 1991.



Mr. Young graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice in 1979, and subsequently, earned his Master's Degree in 1987 after participating in the JCJC's Administration of Justice Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University.

Mr. Young shared that his fondest memories are those occasions where a former individual with whom he worked expresses their appreciation of the positive influence he had on their life. That is what this job has always been about for Tom Young, the desire and commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.

Centre County has often been ranked in the top percentage of counties with the highest collection rates. The commitment that he and his staff have made to the collection of outstanding financial restitution, costs, and fees has been of great benefit to Centre County and the victims of crime. This is an accomplishment that Chief Young shares with his tremendous and dedicated staff.

Tom Young expresses his gratitude to his wife, Tere, of 32 years for her support throughout his career. With no major retirement plans other than to relax for the time being, he is eager to begin the next stage of his life journey.

Thomas Backenstoe, Supervisor, has been named the interim director.

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Juvenile Probation Administration  
Youth  
Community Protection  
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**Pennsylvania Council of  
Chief Juvenile Probation Officers**

**50th Anniversary Celebration**

**When:**  
Thursday, November 30, 2017

**Where:**  
Nittany Lion Inn, State College

**More Information to Follow**

**SAVE THE DATE**

## MARLENE BENEDICT RETIRES FROM CJJT&R

Marlene Benedict retired from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, after being employed with the agency since 1988. Ms. Benedict began her career with CJJT&R as a part-time clerk typist on the Detention Monitoring project and was later promoted to a full-time Data Analyst 2. In this role, she was responsible for coding and entering the D1, D2, and D3 forms, as well as data entry related to training school, court holding audits, and police department and jail audits. She was instrumental in producing monthly detention reports and assisting with federal audit reporting. Marlene and her husband Mike have two children and two granddaughters. The staff at JCJC and CJJT&R would like to wish Marlene the very best in her retirement, and know that she will enjoy spending more time with her family.



### NEW STONELEIGH FOUNDATION

### FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The [Stoneleigh](#) Fellowship provides a unique opportunity for accomplished professionals to pursue discrete, multi-year projects that improve outcomes for Greater Philadelphia's most vulnerable youth. Fellowships are awarded to leading practitioners, researchers, and policymakers working to advance reforms in the systems that serve these young people – such as juvenile justice, child welfare, education, and health. The award covers Fellows' salary and fringe benefits, travel, and a portion of expenses related to advancing project work; projects are generally funded for two to three years.

### CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS RALLY Sponsored By Crime Victims Alliance of Pa (CVAP)

# STRENGTH RESILIENCE JUSTICE

**WHEN** April 3, 2017 at 11 a.m.

**WHERE** Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg, PA

**AGENCY  
RESOURCE TABLE** Contact Monica Iskric by March  
25, 2017 via email at [msiskr@ship.edu](mailto:msiskr@ship.edu)  
or (717) 477-1709 to RSVP

★ ★ **SAVE THE DATE** ★ ★

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### March

- 23-24 Youth Mental Health  
First Aid
- 29 Adolescent Development

### April

- 3-7 Orientation Academy
- 12-13 Comorbidity of Trauma  
and Delinquency

### May

- 16-17 Heroin and Other Narcotics
- 24-25 Social Media:  
Teens & Technology

### June

- 1 MI Coaches Forum
- 14 YLS Master Trainer  
Recertification
- 15 Mental Health and Delinquency
- 28-29 MI 101

### 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
- 18 YLS Master Trainer  
Recertification
- 25-26 Refusal Skills
- 25-26 YLS Master Trainer Certification

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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Eden Resort & Suites  
Lancaster  
May 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>

## PCB's 18th Annual Conference

Registration is now open for PCB's 18th Annual Conference. We are excited to announce that this year's conference has moved to a larger venue: **Eden Resort & Suites, Lancaster PA.**

First-rate and diverse trainings | Peer networking  
Wide array of exhibits and give-a-ways | Awards luncheon

Up to 12 hours of PCB approved education and MORE!

A full schedule can be found on [here](#), or you can download the conference invitation [here](#).

You can complete the conference registration process below, or [download the Registration Form](#) and email or fax it to PCB.

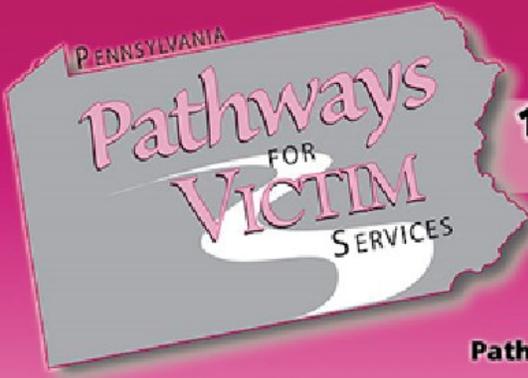
Dates: Monday, May 1-2, 2017 - 7:00am to 12:00pm \$175.00

**First-rate and diverse trainings** | Peer networking  
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**SAVE THE DATE for the [2017 Pathways for Victims Services Conference!](#)**

**[2017 Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Award Nomination:](#)**

All nominations must be received by 11:59 p.m. (EST) 2/24/17.



**May 8-10, 2017**  
**14TH PATHWAYS FOR VICTIM SERVICES CONFERENCE**  
**Registration Will Open February 2017**  
**Pathways for Victim Services Conference Website:**  
<http://www.cvent.com/d/wvq9j3>  
**Hershey Lodge & Convention Center**  
**Hershey, Pennsylvania**



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 Office of Victims' Services



**PennState**  
 Fayette, The Eberly Campus

Center for Community and Public Safety  
 2201 University Drive  
 Lemont Furnace, PA 15456

For additional information about the conference, contact Janice Maruniak at [jem41@psu.edu](mailto:jem41@psu.edu) or 724-430-4213.

**The Pennsylvania Pathways for Victim Services Conference**  
 provides an opportunity for victim service providers and allied professionals to join us for national keynote speakers, informative workshops, networking opportunities, and the presentation of the Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Awards.

**The early registration deadline is April 7, 2017.**  
 Pennsylvania Residents: \$50  
 Non-Pennsylvania Residents: \$275  
 To register, visit the conference website.

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES (NCJFCJ) POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**CHALLENGING AND REWARDING OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT SYSTEMS WITH A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT LOCATED IN RENO, NEVADA**

**Site Manager**  
 Juvenile Law Program  
 Salary Range: \$62,000 - \$74,000 per annum, DOE  
FLSA Status: Exempt

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), a nonprofit organization headquartered in Reno, Nevada, is seeking a Site Manager for Juvenile Law's Child Abuse and Neglect program to build on the exceptional 30-year history of improving courts and system practices and promoting national policies that improve the lives of our nation's children and families. As a leader in continuing education opportunities, research, publication development, technical assistance, and policy development in the field of juvenile and family justice, the NCJFCJ is unique in providing practice-based resources to jurisdictions and communities nationwide. The mission of the NCJFCJ is to provide all judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases with the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice.

To learn more about NCJFCJ's work in Child Abuse and Neglect, go to [www.ncjfcj.com/ncjfcj-child-abuse-and-neglect](http://www.ncjfcj.com/ncjfcj-child-abuse-and-neglect).

The Child Abuse and Neglect's multi-disciplinary and highly dedicated team directs its work on helping judges improve court and system handling of child abuse and neglect cases. The Site Manager position requires a unique blend of knowledge, skills, and abilities. This position will work primarily with tribal/circuit courts, but also can be tasked to work with other types of courts (i.e., dependency, delinquency, juvenile delinquency, child status, etc.) as needed. The Site Manager will be required to build a substantial knowledge base around private and public funded projects that focus on improving court practice in child abuse and neglect cases; implement the principles of collaboration among court agencies, and community; develop content expertise on issues common across system-involved children and families (i.e., trauma, substance abuse, etc.) and have experience and knowledge in the juvenile justice and dependency systems as well as tribal court systems. This position will work as a member of the broader project court teams, as well as perform collaborative planning and decision-making with other staff and projects across the organization.

The successful candidate for this position will be expected to engage in a wide range of professional activities such as:

- Research, analysis, and documentation of court and system practice
- Meeting planning and implementation, including facilitating strategic planning and action planning with judges and other high level court stakeholders
- Preparation of technical assistance publications or articles
- Development and facilitation of judicial and interdisciplinary training programs including webinars, symposia, and conferences
- Working with research and evaluation activities such as conducting focus groups or facilitating data collection via court observation or file reviews
- Collection and dissemination of court improvement information including court practices and protocols, legislation, and practice standards
- Guiding program activities and meeting high profile grant deliverables
- Grant and report writing

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**[Site Manager](#)**  
**[Juvenile Law Program](#)**



**CHALLENGING AND REWARDING OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT SYSTEMS WITH A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT LOCATED IN RENO, NEVADA**

**Judge-in-Residence**  
 Family Violence and Domestic Relations  
 Judicial Engagement and Program Development  
 Salary Range: \$75,000 - \$110,000 per annum, DOE  
FLSA Status: Exempt

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

The NCJFCJ values staff who are independent, creative, tenacious, resourceful, dependable, and passionate about their work. The NCJFCJ offers a collaborative work environment in a modern riverside location in downtown Reno.

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

A full-time Judge-in-Residence position is currently available in the FVDR's Program Development and Judicial Engagement group. This multi-disciplinary, highly dedicated team is seeking a motivated professional knowledgeable and experienced in domestic violence, child welfare, juvenile justice, and family law with demonstrated expertise in specialized areas relating to the fields of family law. This position will work extensively on the FVDR's education curriculum development across judicial engagement and education projects including comprehensive technical assistance to judges, justice for families, judicial engagement network, and elder abuse. A passion for working in a non-profit, grant-funded environment is preferred, along with the ability to travel frequently.

**Strong emphasis is placed on the following experiences and abilities:**

- Proficient in related judge to consult, educate, and train on juvenile and family law, domestic violence, mediation, tribal, judicial ethics, drug courts, and other issues relating to children and families within the court system
- Assist judges in making changes to their court system that will improve outcomes for children and families in the court system
- Consult with staff regarding judicial engagement and substantive issues of law and systems change and on court processes
- Participate in national systems change work from the perspective of an experienced judicial officer

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# NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## JUVENILE PROSECUTION STANDARDS AND POLICY GUIDELINES UPDATED

The [National District Attorneys Association](#) (NDAA) and the [National Juvenile Justice Prosecution Center](#) (NJJPC) at Georgetown University, through a grant from OJJDP, have updated NDAA's [National Juvenile Prosecution Standards](#) and corresponding [Juvenile Prosecution Policy Positions and Guidelines](#). Both the updated standards and policy positions provide additional guidance for front-line juvenile prosecutors and supervisors to promote public safety, address the needs of victims, hold youth accountable for their actions, and enhance the ability of youth to be productive members of their communities.

## OJJDP NEWS AT A GLANCE, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of [OJJDP News at a Glance](#), November/December. In this issue's video



message, Administrator Listenbee discusses how OJJDP has helped reform the juvenile justice system with Jim St. Germain, youth member of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The top story highlights the Office's activities to promote youth justice and safety in 2016.

Other features in this issue—

- [OJJDP Sponsors Institute for Police-Youth Engagement](#)
- [Justice Department Convenes Panel on Community-Based Approaches to Juvenile Justice](#)
- [Stakeholder Corner: Big Brothers Big Sisters of America's Bigs in Blue Initiative is Helping to Bridge Gaps Between Police and Youth](#)
- [Upcoming Events](#)
- [News in Brief](#)
- [New Publications](#)
- [News from the Coordinating Council](#)
- [News from the Advisory Committee](#)

### Resources:

[OJJDP News at a Glance](#), November/December 2016 (NCJ 250455) is available [online](#).

## WHITE HOUSE HOSTS FINAL MY BROTHER'S KEEPER NATIONAL SUMMIT

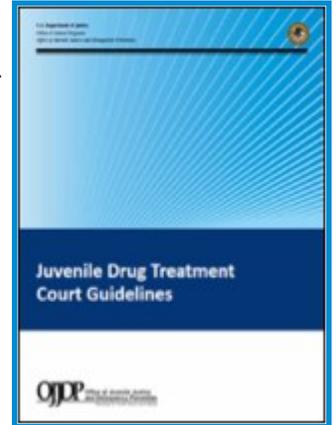
On December 14, 2016, the White House hosted the final My Brother's Keeper (MBK) National Summit. Nearly 300 leaders from MBK communities joined policymakers and stakeholders to discuss the progress, impact, and future of this initiative. In February 2014, President Obama launched MBK, a call to action to address opportunity gaps facing boys and young men of color and to ensure that all young people have the tools they need to succeed. In response to the President's call to action, new federal policy initiatives, grant programs, and guidance are being implemented in support of MBK.

### Resources:

Go to the [White House blog post](#) on the Summit. Read the My Brother's Keeper [fact sheet](#).

## OJJDP RELEASES GUIDELINES FOR JUVENILE DRUG TREATMENT COURTS

OJJDP has released "[Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines](#)." Juvenile drug treatment courts are designed for youth with substance use disorders, who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. These courts offer a way to respond to the needs of substance-using youth and treat their complex disorders, which require specialized interventions. OJJDP partnered with a research team, experts in the field, and other federal agencies to develop evidence-based, treatment-oriented guidelines to support judges and professional court staff, youth with substance use disorders, and their families. OJJDP is also planning to support courts in the implementation and testing of these guidelines through training and technical assistance and programmatic initiatives.



### Resources:

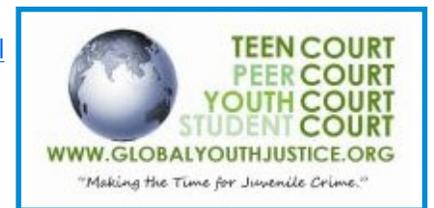
[Learn more](#) about the development of OJJDP's Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines.

Learn more about OJJDP's [Juvenile Drug Court program](#).

Learn about evaluated juvenile drug court programs in OJJDP's [Model Programs Guide](#).

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR GLOBAL YOUTH JUSTICE TRAINING

On June 13–15, 2017, [Global Youth Justice](#) will host its [16th Global Youth Justice Training Institute](#) in Cape Cod, MA. Participants will learn strategies to enhance



youth diversion programs—teen, peer, youth, and student courts and peer juries. Topics will include peer-to-peer training sessions on recruiting/training volunteers, grants and funding, increasing youth referrals, community partnerships, wrap-around services, and substance abuse screening and treatment. A half-day grant writing and resource session will also be offered.

### Resources:

[Register](#) for the conference.

Follow Global Youth Justice on [Twitter](#).

## REPORT DESCRIBES DATA ON BULLYING AND CYBER-BULLYING

The [National Center for Education Statistics](#) has released "[Student Reports of Bullying: Results From the 2015 School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey](#)." Created as a supplement to the Bureau of Justice Statistics' [National Crime Victimization](#)

[Survey](#), the [School Crime Supplement](#) (SCS) collects basic descriptive data related to bullying and cyber-bullying by selected incident, student, and school or location characteristics. The web tables in this document also show the relationship between bullying victimization and other crime-related variables, such as the presence of gangs, guns, and drugs/alcohol at school and school security measures.

**Resources:**

[View and download](#) the report.

Access bullying prevention resources from [OJJDP](#).

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RELEASES RESOURCES TO SUPPORT JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH TRANSITION

The U.S. Department of Education [announced](#) the release of [new guides and resources](#) to help justice-involved youth successfully transition back to traditional school settings and avoid recidivism. The resources include a guide written for incarcerated youth, a newly updated transition toolkit and resource guide for practitioners in juvenile justice facilities, a document detailing education programs in juvenile justice facilities from the most recent Civil Rights Data Collection, and a website that provides technical assistance to support youth with disabilities transitioning out of juvenile justice facilities. The resources supplement the Department's [joint guidance with the U.S. Department of Justice](#) to improve school climate and reduce the school-to-prison pipeline.

**Resources:**

Read the [guidance](#) established by the Departments of Justice and Education for providing high-quality education to incarcerated youth.

## CRIME VICTIMS FUND PRIMER AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH JUSTICE ADVOCATES

The [National Juvenile Justice Network](#) has released "[The Crime Victims Fund: A Primer for Youth Justice Advocates](#)." This



fact sheet is designed for youth justice advocates and explains how the federal [Crime Victims Fund](#) operates. The primer highlights new guidelines from the [Office of Victims of Crime](#) that expand allowable uses for these funds for services to meet the needs of underserved youth and families who are either in contact with the justice system or are at risk of court engagement.

**Resources:**

Visit OJJDP's [Model Programs Guide](#).

## OJJDP ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OJJDP has announced the following fiscal year 2017 funding opportunities:

- [Mentoring Research Partners Program](#). Applications are due by February 22, 2017.
- [Smart on Juvenile Justice: Reducing Out-of-Home Placement Program](#). Applications are due by February 22, 2017.
- [Smart on Juvenile Justice: Technical Assistance to End Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System](#). Applications are due by February 23, 2017
- [Smart on Juvenile Justice: Enhancing Youth Access to Justice Initiative](#). Applications are due by March 2, 2017.
- [Safe and Thriving Communities: Planning and Collaboration](#). Applications are due by April 3, 2017.
- [Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative](#). Applications are due by March 13, 2017.

**Resources:**

Visit the [funding page](#) for details about this and other OJJDP funding opportunities.



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