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## 2017 YOUTH AWARDS SPEAKER ANNOUNCED

T.J. Griffin will be the featured speaker at the Youth Awards Program during the 2017 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, being held November 15-17, 2017, at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers, in Harrisburg, PA.



T.J. Griffin, born and raised in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is a former troubled teen whose life was touched by the juvenile justice system. Today he is the Founder of the Vision Program, a community leader, motivational speaker, at-risk youth advocate, actor, and entrepreneur. He travels to various youth facilities, detention centers, and programs across Pennsylvania educating, inspiring, and mentoring thousands of youth each year.

T.J. recently stepped into the world of acting where he won the lead role in the independent faith-based film "Choices" by JCFILMS.org, which tells the true story of author and speaker Ron James' life battling 25 years of incarceration and drug addiction. The film is set for release in the fall of 2017. T.J. has been featured in many publications from local magazines, such as Lancaster Fine Living which honored him with the Innovator award for 2017, and the national publication SUCCESS magazine in August of 2016. He is also working on his first book, which is a self-help business book for at-risk youth/young adults and youth care workers. Rapper/actor Ice T, of Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, is a friend of T.J.'s who has been mentoring him on other developing projects in the television/film industry.

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## 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

## COMMENCEMENT HELD FOR CLASS OF 2017



Seated from left to right: Mary Hann, Fulton; Elizabeth Bryant, Fulton; Lori Finkbinder, Chester; Megan Sensenig, Chester. Standing from left to right: Samuel Hall, York; Juan Rodriguez, Philadelphia; Clark Sheehe, Blair; Nelton Neal, Allegheny; Matthew Anderson, Allegheny.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017 of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University! Commencement was held at Shippensburg University's H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 12, 2017. Prior to the commencement ceremony, the JCJC graduates were recognized with a reception, hosted at the Shippensburg University Foundation Conference Center. In attendance at the reception were several members of the JCJC, the staff of the JCJC and the CJJT&R, several University administrators, faculty of the Criminal Justice Department, as well as family and friends of the graduates. Clark Sheehe, a probation officer from Blair

County, was named the Graduate Student of the Year. He will receive the Dr. Anthony F. Ceddia Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Juvenile Justice at the James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice on November 16, 2017. On behalf of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and Shippensburg University, we offer our congratulations on these students' outstanding achievements and wish them all the very best in their future endeavors.



Clark Sheehe, 2017 Graduate Student of the Year recipient.

## BO TRAWITZ NAMED CHIEF JPO FOR SNYDER COUNTY AS CRAIG FASOLD RETIRES



In March 2017, Craig Fasold retired from Snyder County as the Chief Adult and Juvenile Probation Officer following 39 years of dedicated service to the department. Mr. Fasold began his career with the Snyder/Union Probation Department during its initial formation in 1978. In 1985, the two counties each formed separate probation departments and Fasold was appointed Chief by the Honorable James McClure. As the only department employee, his first duty was to hire staff. His first office consisted of a card table and a metal chair in the corner of a room. He shared a telephone with the Domestic Relations secretary. Fasold's first challenge, as he describes it, was to hire good staff and develop policies and procedures from the ground up. From there it was a matter of adjusting to the needs and priorities of the community and population demanded from his office.

One highlight during his career occurred in 2013 when the Snyder County's Youth Accountability Program received the Court-Operated Program of the Year award from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, which helped divert first time offenders from the juvenile justice system through socially appropriate intervention alternatives. He attributed the success of this endeavor to probation officer Kevin Solomon and District Attorney Michael Piecuch, in addition to other staff.

Mr. Fasold received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Susquehanna University in 1977 and plans to spend time with his wife and two-year-old grandson.

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Mr. Bo Trawitz was appointed to the position of Chief Juvenile and Adult Probation Officer on April 3, 2017 following the retirement of Mr. Fasold. Mr. Trawitz began his career in Juvenile Probation in neighboring Mifflin County in 2004. In 2013, he was hired by the Snyder County Adult Probation Department as the Community Service/Work Release Coordinator, a position he held until his appointment as Chief Probation Officer. Trawitz is a 2002 graduate of Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications.

Chief Trawitz's aspirations for the Juvenile Probation Department are to move forward with the development and expansion of community-based services for the delinquent youth-serving population. He appreciates the dedication and high skill level of the current staff. He also looks forward to resourcing as they continue to enhance the department's evidenced-based programming.

## LEBANON COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER RECEIVES AWARD

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The director of Lebanon County's Probation Office has been recognized for her professionalism and leadership by the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA).

Sally Barry will be presented the Founders Award on May 23 at MASCA's annual training conference in Pocono Manor. The Founders Award is presented to an administrator who has demonstrated exceptional efforts to promote professionalism in probation, parole, juvenile justice and/or corrections.

Barry, who has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master of Public Administration from Penn State University, has been active in the criminal justice field for more than 23 years. She was named Lebanon County's Chief Adult Probation Officer in 2003 and was promoted to Director of Probation Services in 2013 when the department was restructured to also include Juvenile Probation.

In addition to her duties for the county, Barry served as president of the Pennsylvania County Adult Probation/Parole Chief's Association and was appointed by Governor Tom Wolf to serve on the PA Justice Reinvestment Initiative as a representative of the PA County Probation and Parole Association.

Also being honored at the MASCA convention will be Pennsylvania's Secretary of Corrections, John Wentzel, who will receive the Carl Robinson Award named after a former member of the MASCA Board of Trustees. Wentzel began his career as a correctional officer at the Lebanon County Correctional Facility. He also served as warden at Franklin County Correctional Facility before being appointed secretary of corrections by Governor Tom Corbett in 2010.



(Photo: Michael K. Dakota, Lebanon Daily News)  
Chief Adult Probation Officer Sally Barry talks about Renaissance Crossroads during an event held at the Lebanon VA Medical Center on Thursday, Oct. 13, to celebrate the 15th year of the alternative sentencing program for nonviolent offenders with substance abuse problems.

## PART 2: FEMALES IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FACILITIES

This article is the second in a series of two that examines statistics about females in juvenile residential placement facilities in Pennsylvania. The following analyses were conducted using a sample of female juvenile offenders who had a placement disposition on a case in juvenile court that occurred between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016. Only the initial placement disposition on each case was used for the analyses. For example, if the female experienced one or more changes in

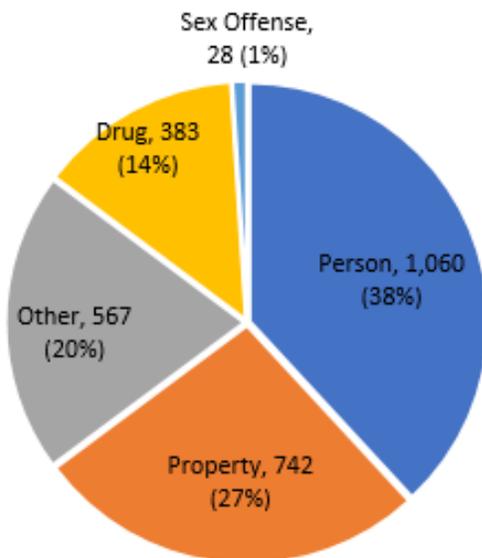
placement on a particular case, only the first placement record is captured in these figures. Some females may be represented more than once in the figures if they had multiple unique cases with placement dispositions that fell within the time range. Ultimately, 1,940 unique females were included in the analysis, representing 2,986 unique cases with placement dispositions.

The majority of females who received a placement disposition between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016 had committed either a person offense (38%) or a property offense (27%) on their case. Twenty percent had committed another offense, 14% had committed a drug offense, and 1% had committed a sex offense.

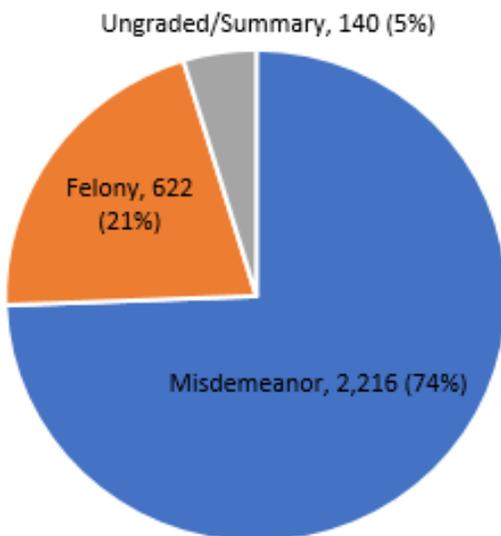
The majority (almost three quarters) of females who received a placement disposition had committed a misdemeanor offense (74%) on their case. Approximately 21% had committed a felony offense, while 5% had committed an ungraded/summary offense. White Non-Hispanic females were most likely to be placed for a property offense. Black Non-Hispanic females and Hispanic females were most likely to be placed for a person offense.

White Non-Hispanic females were more likely to have been placed on a misdemeanor offense than Black Non-Hispanic females and Hispanic females. Hispanic females were more likely to have been placed on a felony offense than Black Non-Hispanic females and White Non-Hispanic females.

**Breakdown by Offense Type:  
Females with Placement Dispositions between  
January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016**

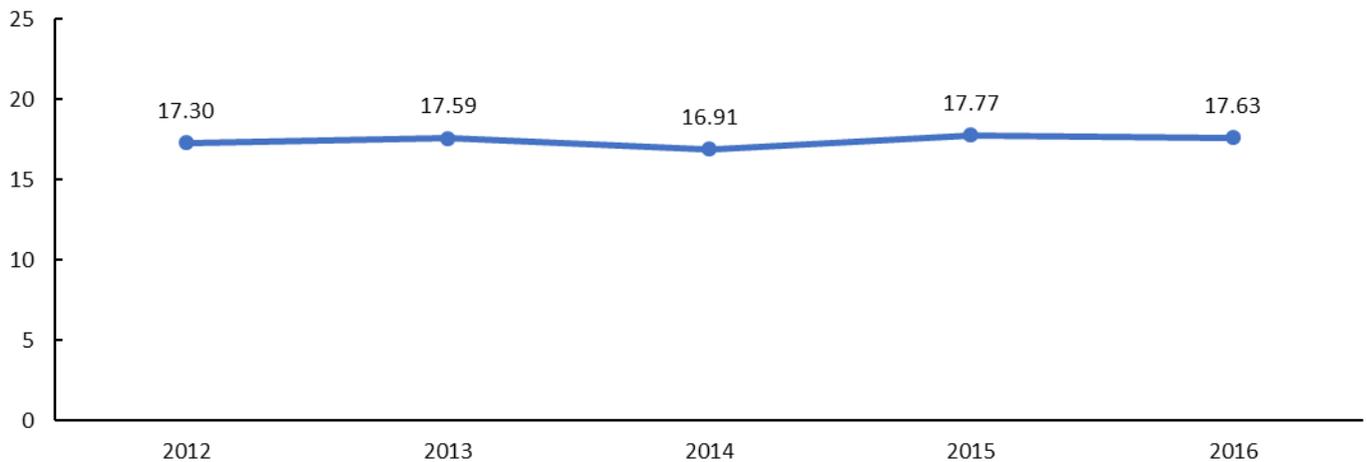


**Breakdown by Grading:  
Females with Placement Dispositions between  
January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016**

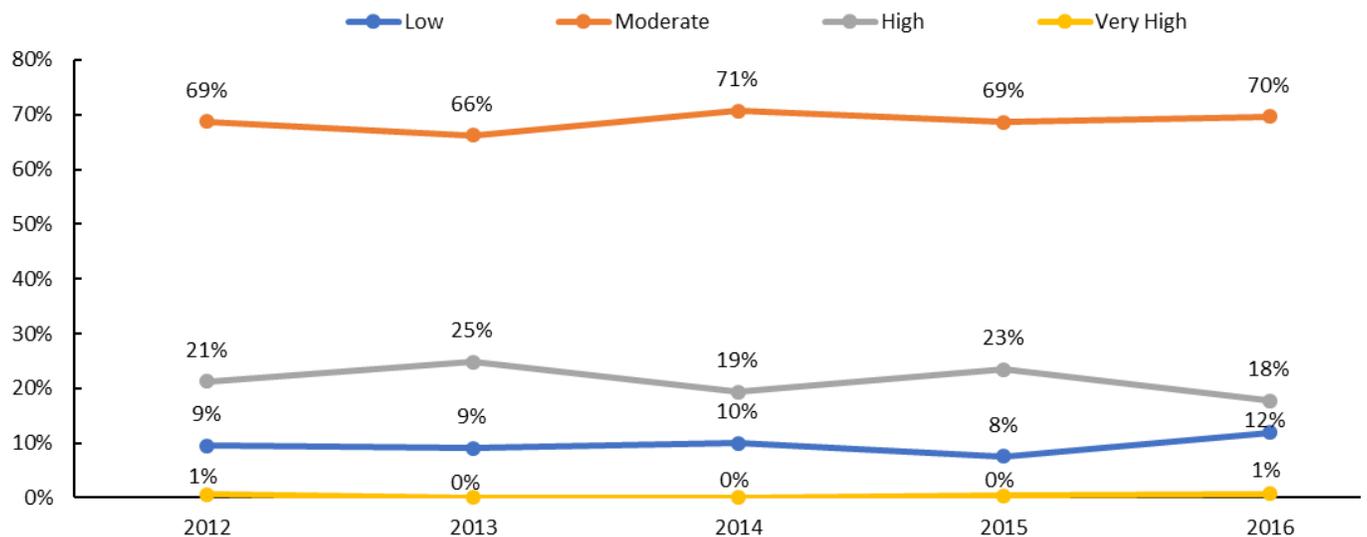


The average Youth Level of Service (YLS) scores for females with placement dispositions ranged from a low of 16.91 in 2014 to 17.77 in 2015. Between 2012 and 2016, the percentage of females with a placement disposition who were identified as high risk decreased three percentage points, from 21% in 2012 to 18% in 2016. Conversely, the percentage of females with a placement disposition who were identified as low risk increased three percentage points. There were no substantial changes between the percentage of females with a placement disposition who were identified as moderate risk or very high risk in this time period. Females with placement dispositions between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016 were most likely to score the highest on the Leisure and Recreation and Personality and Behavior domains of the YLS.

**Overall Youth Level of Service Scores of Females:  
Females with Placement Dispositions between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016**



**Breakdown by Risk Level of Females:  
Females with Placement Dispositions between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016**



Prior to 2016, detailed placement facility-related information was not captured consistently in Pa-JCMS. The placement module of PaJCMS was re-written in 2016 to capture more comprehensive placement record information. Therefore, the following placement facility information is only reported for placement dispositions that occurred between January 1, 2016 and June 30, 2016.

The following is a breakdown of the overall risk level by facility type of females who had a placement disposition in this time period.

The average risk scores by facility type of females who had a placement disposition between January 1, 2016 and June 30, 2016 is also presented below.

<b>Youth Level of Service Breakdown by Facility Type: Females with Placement Dispositions between January 1, 2016 and June 30, 2016</b>				
<b>Facility Type</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Very High</b>
<b>Community Residential Service/Group Home</b>	3	35	7	0
<b>Drug and Alcohol Program</b>	1	10	1	0
<b>Foster Care</b>	1	1	1	0
<b>General Residential Services</b>	8	19	5	1
<b>Inpatient Mental Health</b>	0	2	0	0
<b>Residential Treatment Facility (RTF)</b>	1	7	2	0
<b>Secure Residential Services</b>	1	4	6	0
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	0	1	0	0
<b>YDC Secure</b>	0	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	15	81	22	1

<b>Youth Level of Service Breakdown by Facility Type: Females with Placement Dispositions between January 1, 2016 and June 30, 2016</b>	
<b>Facility Type</b>	<b>Average YLS Risk Score</b>
<b>Community Residential Service/Group Home</b>	17.91
<b>Drug and Alcohol Program</b>	17.83
<b>Foster Care</b>	18.33
<b>General Residential Services</b>	15.39
<b>Inpatient Mental Health</b>	18.50
<b>Residential Treatment Facility (RTF)</b>	16.90
<b>Secure Residential Services</b>	22.64
<b>Supervised Independent Living</b>	9.00
<b>YDC Secure</b>	18.50
<b>Overall Average</b>	17.51

# STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

## November

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

## GRADUATED RESPONSE SYSTEMS FORUM HELD IN STATE COLLEGE

On May 18<sup>th</sup> the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers sponsored a **Graduated Response Forum**. Approximately 100 participants, representing 42 counties, attended the event. The Forum's intended audience was Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, and key staff responsible for implementing graduated responses within their county.

The purpose of the Forum was to introduce the philosophy and principles that serve as the foundation to develop and implement graduated response systems at the local level. Dr. Naomi Goldstein and Elizabeth Gale-Bentz of Drexel University's Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab led the majority of the event, which included an interactive presentation and discussion of the opportunities and challenges in the development and use of graduated response systems.



### According to the Guiding Principles and Protocol Development document:

The use of graduated response systems is an integral element of Stage Three: Behavioral Change of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). When properly developed and implemented, graduated responses can support successful completion of the youth's case plan, more effective community supervision practices, provide alternative responses to technical violations of probation, and set the stage for long-term behavioral change.

The work of the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers Graduated Response Workgroup was also highlighted during the Forum. Over the past two years, the workgroup has authored a *Graduated Response Guiding Principles and Protocol Development for Juvenile Probation*, as well as identified and created tools and resources to assist in the development and implementation of graduated response systems in juvenile probation departments. Many of these tools were distributed to participants of the Forum.

For additional information on graduated responses, please contact Laurie Hague, Deputy Chief, Berks County ([LHague@countyofberks.com](mailto:LHague@countyofberks.com)), or Alan Tezak, Chiefs Council Consultant ([alantezak@comcast.net](mailto:alantezak@comcast.net)).

# CASEY LAUNCHES VIRTUAL DESTINATION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORMERS

The Annie E. Casey Foundation recently launched [JDAIconnect](#) as a virtual destination for juvenile justice reformers to talk, find resources, and learn. The platform is available to everyone — practitioners, policy makers, community-based organizations, advocates, youth, families, researchers and others — who are interested in youth justice. Membership is open to all, whether or not you participate in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative®, and free of charge.

“JDAIconnect is a place where everyone working to improve juvenile justice across the country can get resources, share ideas, make friends, get fired up, celebrate successes, and perhaps hatch the next great juvenile justice revolution,” said Meghan Guevara, the director of learning at the Pretrial Justice Institute. The Casey Foundation partnered with the Pretrial Justice Institute to develop and manage JDAIconnect.

JDAIconnect users can:

- Reach out to a network of juvenile justice reformers for advice, camaraderie, peer support or inspiration;
- Find reports, articles, presentations and other documents on juvenile detention reform or youth justice more broadly; and
- Access training on demand on subjects such as eliminating systemic racial and ethnic disparities in juvenile justice systems.

Guevara told an audience of youth justice professionals, “It’s your space, and we hope that it energizes and inspires you to move forward with the amazing work that you do.”

[Log on to JDAIconnect](#) [From the home page of the Casey Community Café, select the yellow button for JDAIconnect and join as “non-Casey staff”].



**Putting Unity  
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PCAR's Statewide Conference

**July 19 – 20, 2017**

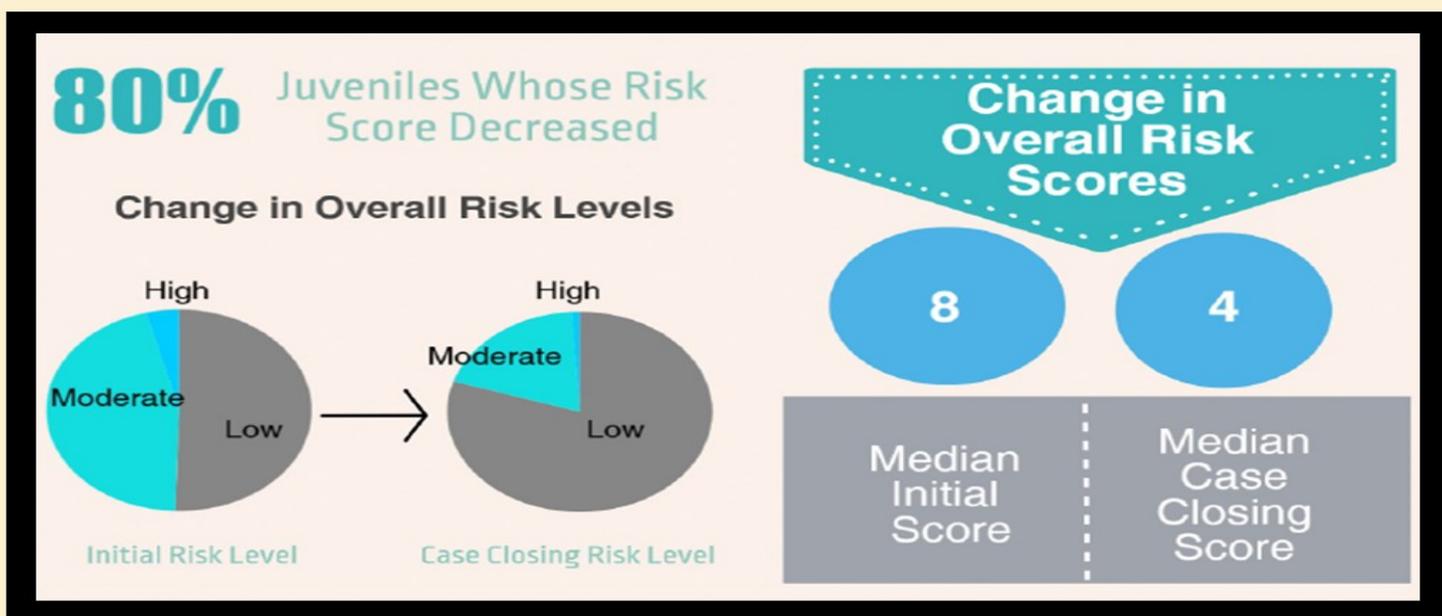
At the Radisson Hotel  
Harrisburg in Camp Hill, PA

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The Youth Level of Service (YLS) is an actuarial risk assessment tool used for youthful offenders in Pennsylvania. Youth are assigned a numeric score and risk level, and their top risk factors are identified. These results assist juvenile probation officers in targeting a youth's specific needs. Generally, youth are assessed at the time they enter the juvenile justice system and reassessed at regular intervals, including case closure. Changes in score serve as one indicator of the impact of a youth's involvement in the juvenile justice system. Information presented below is reflective of youth with cases closed from Pennsylvania juvenile probation departments in 2016.

- 80% of youth with a case closed in 2016 decreased in risk.
- The majority of youth with cases closed were low risk.
- The median initial YLS score for youth with cases closed in 2016 was 8, while the median case closing score was 4.



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## NPJS/NCYC TRAINING FOR TRAINERS

Presented by:  
**National Partnership for Juvenile Services**  
**Institute of Applied Juvenile Justice Services (IAJJS)**  
 Hosted by: **Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs**

July 10 – 14, 2017  
 Mon-Thu 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
 Fri 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

JDCAP is hosting a 4.5-day Training for Trainers designed to introduce 10 new NPJS training curricula while also focusing upon ensuring trainer's consistency of instructional techniques and enhancing their quality of instruction.

Contact [lawyer@pacounties.org](mailto:lawyer@pacounties.org) for more information.

# BERKS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE HOLDS LGBT CULTURAL & LINGUISTIC COMPETENCY TRAINING

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) youth have always been present in the juvenile justice system; however, efforts to develop policy and practice standards for this population have unfortunately been absent. Recognizing that system professionals lack knowledge related to LGBT youth, and that LGBT youth face hurdles and obstacles that many cisgender youth do not, the Berks County Juvenile Probation Office conducted an LGBT Cultural & Linguistic Competency Training for staff on April 28, 2017.

The training was presented by Liz Bradbury, Director of the Training Institute of the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center located in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Ms. Bradbury's discussion included a review of definitions, language, and symbols important to the LGBT community; understanding current legal context for LGBT citizens; discussion of the usage of pronouns, language with regard to same-sex couples, LGBT families, and transgender individuals; understanding privilege and minority stress; and discussion of best practices for diversity and inclusion.

## Did You Know?

A 2014 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention publication estimated that 13%-15% of youth in the United States juvenile justice system were LGBT as compared to 7% of all youth nationally.

Link: <https://www.ojjdp.gov/mpg/litreviews/LGBTQYouthsInTheJuvenileJusticeSystem.pdf>

## Did You Know?

A 2017 report on youth in the California juvenile justice system found that 20% of placed youth identified as LGBTQ/GNCT (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, questioning, gender nonconforming and transgender), with an eye opening 51.1% of placed girls falling under those definitions.

Link: [http://impactjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/CPOC-Practice-Guide\\_Final.pdf](http://impactjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/CPOC-Practice-Guide_Final.pdf)

Specific responsivity issues faced by LGBT youth include:

- Higher rates of sexual and physical abuse than their cisgender peers;
- Higher rates of depression, suicidal ideation and attempts than their cisgender peers;
- Family rejection and possible homelessness; and
- Becoming a victim of bullying.

The development of sound policy and practice related to LGBT youth requires conversation among stakeholders, as well as critical thought and planning. For example, determining the number of LGBT youth in the juvenile justice system is a challenge as professionals are not currently trained to ask appropriate questions related to gender expression and identity. In addition, LGBT youth can be apprehensive about disclosing their gender identity and sexual orientation.

In addition to the training, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission have committed to focus on education, policy, best practices, data collection, and programming specific to the LGBT population. For more information, please contact Robert Williams, Chief Probation Officer, Berks County ([rwilliams@countyofberks.com](mailto:rwilliams@countyofberks.com)).



## Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers

### 50<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Registration Deadline: October 31, 2017</b></p>
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**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](mailto:bblakely@eriecountypa.gov)

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*Select Dinner Choice: Beef Braised Ribs or Salmon*

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Sexual Abuse Prevention & Education Network



Keynote Speaker

**Matthew Sandusky**



Reunification

**Cynthia King, LCSW**



Trauma Informed Care

**Jessica Gahr, MA**



Undercover as a Pedophile:

Six Years in Their Shoes

**Robert Hugh Farley, MS**

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# NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## OJJDP ADDS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURT DATA TO STATISTICAL BRIEFING BOOK

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

The [Easy Access to Juvenile Court Statistics](#) and [Easy Access to State and County Juvenile Court Case Counts](#) data analysis tools have been updated to include data through 2014. This release introduces national estimates of delinquency cases involving Hispanic youth.

- FAQs about [Juveniles in Court](#) and [Juveniles on Probation](#) have been updated to include data through 2014.

- FAQs describing the annual number of juvenile arrests and juvenile arrest rates found in the [law enforcement and juvenile crime](#) section have been updated to include data through 2015.

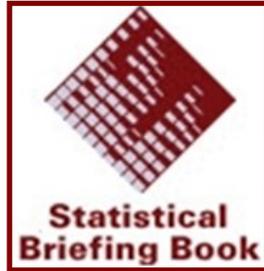
- FAQs describing state variation in the [age boundaries](#) of juvenile court (2016) and the mechanisms for [trying juveniles as adults](#) in criminal court (2015) have been updated.

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

### Resources:

Access the [OJJDP Statistical Briefing Book](#).

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



### Resources:

Learn more about OJJDP's [compliance and monitoring](#) regulations, policies, guidance, and other resources.

## OJJDP BLOG DISCUSSES CHANGING MINDS ABOUT CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE

In a new [blog post](#) on the [Office of Justice Programs](#) website, OJJDP Acting Administrator Eileen M. Garry discusses the [Changing Minds](#) national public awareness campaign. The Department of Justice [launched](#) *Changing Minds* in

partnership with Futures Without Violence to raise awareness about the prevalence and impact of children's exposure to violence and trauma. The blog describes how *Changing Minds* is working to identify solutions to change public perceptions of children exposed to violence, encourage adults to be caring toward children and alert to signs of trouble, and help children heal.

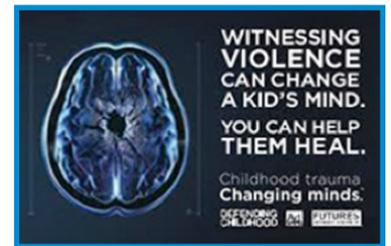
Acting Administrator Garry cites the most recent OJJDP-funded National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence, which found that more than 60 percent of youth in 2013 were exposed to violence, crime, or abuse.

### Resources:

Visit the campaign website [ChangingMindsNow.org](#).

Visit OJJDP's webpage on [Trauma's Impact on Children Exposed to Violence](#).

Access OJJDP's National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence [publication series](#).



## PARTIAL FINAL RULE APPROVED AND NOW IN EFFECT

On April 28, 2017, the U.S. Department of Justice approved the partial final rule that amends OJJDP's Formula Grant Program regulations. The [partial final rule](#), published in the *Federal Register* on January 17, 2017, is now in effect, and OJJDP will use it to make compliance determinations for the deinstitutionalization of status offenders, separation, and jail removal core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act.

On August 8, 2016, OJJDP published for public comment in the *Federal Register* a "[Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#)" to update the implementing regulation for the Formula Grant Program authorized by Title II, Part B of the JJDP Act of 1974 and to bring the regulation in conformity with the JJDP Act. Following publication of the proposed rule, OJJDP received a number of comments. For several of the provisions, OJJDP addressed the public comments and through the partial final rule amended the current Formula Grant Program regulations. OJJDP plans to publish a supplemental rule addressing the remainder of the proposed changes that were not addressed.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT



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