



### PROFESSIONAL CAUCUSES HELD AT THE 2018 JAMES E. ANDERSON PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

On Wednesday, November 7, 2018, five professional caucuses were held at the 2018 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 Officer** Caucus was facilitated by Russ Carlino, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of Allegheny 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 complex cases, followed by a discussion on recommended case load sizes. Next, the conversation shifted to detention-related matters. More specifically, the lack of detention beds as well as the challenges of managing the significant medical needs of youth in detention were reviewed in great length.

Following this, probation officer safety was discussed. Attendees noted the lack of departmental policies across the state. Chad Libby, Chair of the Safety Committee, reminded everyone of the plethora of safety-related resources available for departments that can be found on the Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officer’s website.

Next, a lengthy conversation about Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) occurred. Departments currently involved with the EPICS model provided guidance and recommendations to other departments that will be introduced to this model over the next several years. Ongoing implementation strategies were also reviewed.

The session ended with an update on trauma-related efforts in the state and Keith Cruise’s work on the Trauma-Informed Decision Protocol (TIDP).

The **Juvenile Probation Supervisors** Caucus was facilitated by Jay Leamy from Chester County. Approximately twenty-six juvenile probation supervisors representing twelve counties attended the session.

Mr. Leamy led participants through a thought-provoking discussion on a variety of topics. The conversation began with the group reviewing how departments recruit and hire for management positions. This conversation quickly evolved into a long discussion about the demands of coaching staff as they learn the

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various skills associated with evidence-based practices. The group touched upon the challenges of gaining staff buy-in, delivering feedback, learning skills at the same time as line staff, and working with staff who require remediation.

Next, participants discussed several strategies for increasing family engagement in their jurisdictions.

Several participants were also interested in ideas to assist smaller/rural counties in the implementation of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). The group responded with several strategies to assist small and/or rural counties, including; finding an optimal pace for advancing initiatives, striving for proficiency before taking on new activities, and networking with contiguous counties.

The topic of quality assurance generated hearty dialogue. Supervisors were eager to share their successes and challenges with quality assurance efforts. While it was clear that departments are challenged by the time commitment and data mining required for sound quality assurance, the group was also excited to engage in processes that illustrate staff competency and confidence, fidelity to evidence-based models, and improved system-related outcomes.

Additional topics discussed with supervisors included training needs, stakeholder engagement, responsibility, trauma screening, safety, and staff well-being.

The **Juvenile Probation Officers** Caucus was facilitated by Charles Hoch, Juvenile Probation Officer from Lehigh County. About fifty juvenile probation officers from across the state were in attendance. Following a welcome and opening remarks, the group discussed probation officer and workplace safety. Specifically, the attendees discussed safety training and policies implemented within their respective departments.

Next, the participants engaged in a purposeful discussion about the implementation of the Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) model. Approximately one-third of the attendees reported receiving training on the EPICS model. Participants discussed the varying stages of implementation and skill-building efforts within the counties. There was

also insightful conversation on blending the EPICS model with goal setting and case planning.

The group then discussed implementation and best-practice recommendations for the Pennsylvania Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (PaDRAI).

Finally, there was conversation on the unique challenges of complex cases and the strategies used by the probation officers and departments in addressing service obstacles.

The **Victim Services** Caucus was facilitated by Kathleen McGrath, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of Franklin County Juvenile Probation and Chair of the Victim Services Committee of Pennsylvania. Several individuals representing various victim service providers were in attendance.

The discussion at this year's caucus centered around several topics of interest to the participants, including the enhancements to the Pennsylvania Victim Community Awareness Impact of Crime Curriculum, the Restorative Juvenile Conferencing Initiative, restitution priority, and general concern for sustaining strong and focused attention on services to the crime victims of juvenile offenders.

Conversation also ensued about the importance of victims within the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy Framework. While offenders usually receive most of the "attention" from the juvenile justice system, it is vital for their victims to receive appropriate support and services.

Several suggestions for next year's annual conference focused on the possibility of a broader theme around repairing the harm to crime victims and victimized communities, as well as making available opportunities for victim restoration.

The **Service Providers** Caucus was facilitated by Teri Henning, 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 fifty-five attendees were present at this caucus.

Sam welcomed the group and provided opening remarks. Teri spoke of the two-year legislative session

ending and provided the group with legislative updates. During open dialogue, the group focused much of their discussion on complex cases, trauma services, court presentations, and rate methodology.

Providers recognize youth are placed in shelter or detention longer than anticipated because they are not being accepted for admission to certain programs. The group discussed youth placement at the YDCs as a result and suggested a solution may be for the YDC system to open a venue specific to complex cases.

There was also conversation about the issues of capacity and program funding. Providers talked about moving away from delivering specialized services due to the complexities with MCOs, the state, etc. The group discussed out-of-state placements and agreed there is a serious system need (adequacy issues) that

must be recognized by the state. There was a request for rate methodology with MCOs. The group suggested that support and joint efforts from juvenile probation departments may assist providers in increasing their rates.

Sam also led discussions on responsivity, the Trauma-Informed Decision Protocol (TIDP) research project with Dr. Keith Cruise, and ongoing partnerships with Dr. Cruise. Most providers indicated they are providing trauma services.

The session ended with a dialogue about court presentations. Attendees agreed there is a need to continue to work to improve courtroom presentations. There was consensus that court presentations should include linkage to case plans, criminogenic needs, treatment plans, and treatment needs.

## JHELD TEAM RECEIVES AWARD

On Wednesday, November 28, 2018, the team behind the Juveniles Held (JHELD) system received an Excellence in Technology Award at the PA Digital Government Summit. A joint effort between JCJC/CJJTR and PCCD, Mike Pennington, Marcella Szumanski, Seth Bloomquist, Steve Masciantonio, Monica Iskric, Troy Small, and Dan Oneufer were recognized for their work in re-architecting and rolling out an automated system, known as JHELD. The system allows Pennsylvania to account for, and meet revised federal requirements for juveniles that encounter police, detention centers, court holding facilities, jails or training schools.

The recent revisions included timers to ensure that juveniles are not held longer than the Juvenile Act specifies; the ability to account for a change from calendar to fiscal year accounting; and a full review process to ensure prescribed site visitation of all facility types.

The updated system allows for increased accuracy and efficiency when preparing for and completing federal audits with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The JHELD system saves staff over 250 hours each year when preparing for federal audits. Additionally, by ensuring federal regulatory compliance, the system secures \$288,000 in annual federal funding.

This is the only system of its type in the nation and is being shown as a model to other states for adoption. Congratulations, team!



Pictured from left to right: Sharon Minnich, Secretary of the Office of Administration; Monica Iskric, JCJC/CJJTR; Dan Oneufer, Project Manager for Computer Aid; John MacMillan, Deputy Secretary for Information Technology & CIO for the Commonwealth

### AMY SWIGART REPRESENTS U.S. AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Many people go to Jamaica for vacations that include the sun and the surf. For Amy Swigart, a juvenile probation officer for Butler County Juvenile Court Services and a mental health therapist and behavioral consultant, it was more about helping others help children than enjoying the warm temperatures and crystal blue seas.

Swigart had the honor to represent the United States by presenting at a conference on the island nation as part of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Conference December 2-5, 2018. She's also been invited back to help train and educate juvenile justice officials and staff for Jamaica. While there in Montego Bay, she also got to meet government officials, including the country's education minister representing the prime minister of Jamaica and a senator. She presented information on her specialties, trauma, reactive attachment disorder, severe regressive behaviors and anti-social personality. "I wanted to bring the state of Pennsylvania into my presentation. I requested numerous individuals in various positions in the state to provide comments/statements on trauma or juvenile delinquency. I had many individuals from different countries state how nice it was to see so many individuals' views on trauma from the United States," she said.



Pictured: Honorable Senator Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information of Jamaica; Amy Swigart, Butler County Juvenile Court Services

Swigart presented on the Comorbidity of Trauma and Juvenile Delinquency for representatives from different countries all over the world. The Prime Minister of Jamaica, Andrew Holness, had the Honorable Senator Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information represent him at the conference. Amy had the privilege to meet and speak with Senator Reid, along with Claudeth Hamilton, Director of Juvenile Services of Jamaica.

Swigart's 30 plus years of experience also includes being an instructor for the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. She consults for a number of placement facilities, juvenile courts, and programs, including Inspiring Change counseling center in Butler. She has gained national recognition for providing therapy, education, and consultation. For the last seven years she has traveled across the U.S. to help families and professionals learn and understand the effects of trauma. She has presented for the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Conferences, National Association for Rural Mental Health Conferences, Florida Behavioral Health Conferences, National Foster Care Conferences, and many more throughout the U.S.

There were more than 30 countries that had delegates present at the Jamaica conference. "The challenges of working in the various fields for children are immense. Seeing individuals from different cultures and languages coming together to making this a better world for children all over the globe was inspiring." Swigart will be participating in the International Middle East Regional Conference in Muscat Oman next fall.

# EVALUATION OF “MY LIFE” MENTORING PROGRAM INDICATES POSITIVE RESULTS

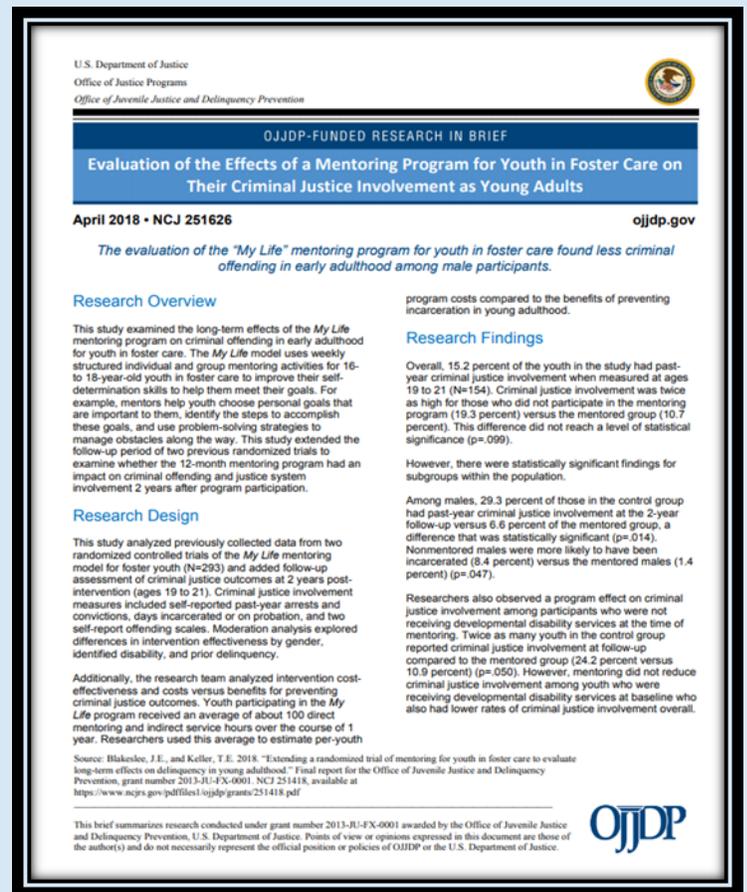
The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recently released an evaluation of the “My Life” mentoring program. This program utilizes weekly individual and group mentoring activities for 15- to 19- year-olds in foster care to improve their self-determination skills. The program, designed for youth in foster care, targets young adults who are able to go into the community with their program coach, including youth with disabilities and/or mental health conditions.

The purpose of “My Life” is to support young people in learning how to direct their lives and achieve their educational goals and transitional plans for adulthood. Grounded in self-determination, “My Life” provides youth with 9-12 months of: youth-directed relationship support; coaching in identifying and reaching goals; support for experiential activities aimed at goal achievement and guided skill practice; and workshops that bring together participants and successful peers who also have experienced life in foster care, for learning, peer support, and networking.

The program acknowledges that there are unique problems faced by youth transitioning out of the foster care system, which include lack of information, opportunity, support, and skills needed to actively strive toward their chosen goals; lack of experience in successfully managing barriers that emerge during transition; lack of adult allies; and lack of confidence. As such, each youth identifies and works towards self-identified educational and/or transition goals, shares his or her goals and support needs with important adults during a youth-led meeting, and develops at least one individual plan for future support with a trusted adult.

In the current evaluation, youth were tracked two years post-intervention to determine any subsequent criminal justice involvement. A group of youth who did not participate in the mentoring program were used as a comparison group. The results indicated that criminal justice involvement was nearly twice as high for those who did not participate in the mentoring program (19.3%) versus the mentored group (10.7%), though the difference did not reach a level of significance.

The research team also analyzed intervention costs versus benefits for preventing criminal justice outcomes. Youth participating in the “My Life” program received an average of about 100 direct mentoring and indirect service hours over the course of one year. Researchers then used this average to estimate per youth program costs compared to the benefits of preventing incarcerating in young adulthood. The cost-benefit analysis showed that it cost three times as much to incarcerate the youth in the non-mentored group who later reported having been incarcerated in young adulthood, compared to what it would have



cost to mentor them using the “My Life” program model 2 years earlier while they were in high school.

In short, the findings of this study suggest that a structured, weekly mentoring program specifically for foster care youth may reduce and prevent offending in early adulthood. These results have implications for child welfare policy and practice because many youth in foster care are also involved in the juvenile justice system and are at risk for future offending.

Moreover, the cost analysis suggests that the intensive mentoring programming offered in the “My Life” model, which requires investment in both staffing resources and program infrastructure to deliver as intended, may nonetheless be a cost-effective approach to prevent justice system involvement in early adulthood.

To read more about the “My Life” program, visit <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojdp/grants/251626.pdf>.



## Juvenile Justice Outcome Measures

Since the early 1990s, county juvenile probation departments have recorded Juvenile Justice Outcome Measures each time a juvenile’s involvement with that juvenile probation department has ended. These measures are used to complete the annual JCJC Outcome Measures Report and have provided an excellent historical summary of our system’s attention to our Balanced and Restorative Justice mission.

The JJSES Stage Four Data Workgroup was tasked with updating these measures to include outcomes associated with our statewide implementation of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy.

The Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission and the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research have developed a new module in PaJCMS that will allow for the collection of the new outcome measures.

Beginning in January 2019, these new outcomes will replace the existing outcome measures. The new module will continue to collect existing outcome measures data and will allow for the collection of improved measures including:

- Changes in YLS scores;
- Case Plan information;
- Enhanced educational and competency development information; and
- Reasons why conditions were not satisfied.

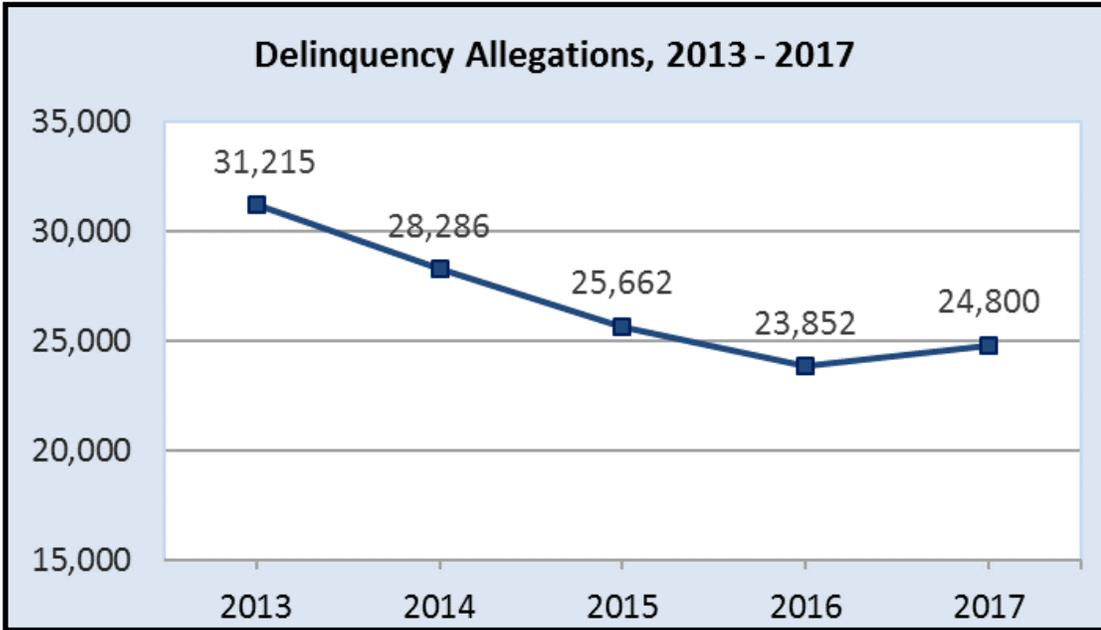
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# PENNSYLVANIA'S 2017 JUVENILE COURT ANNUAL REPORT

## Allegations, Dispositions, Secure Detention and Placements

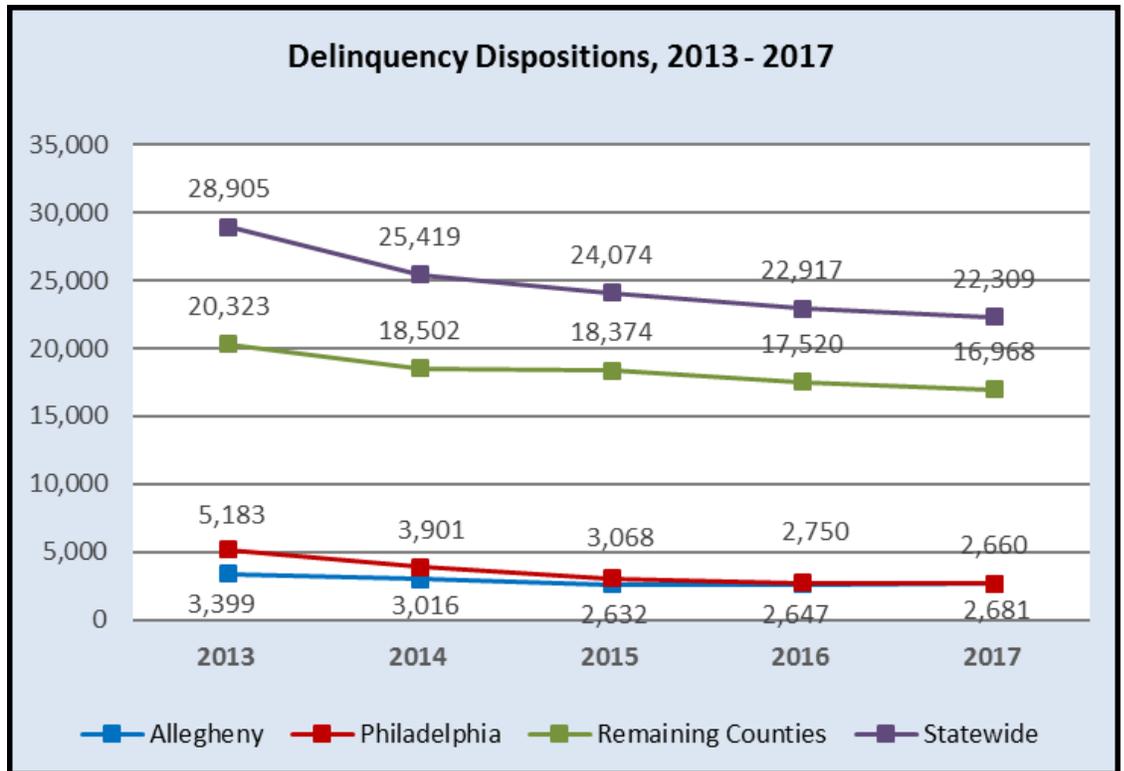
**Delinquency Allegations, 2013 - 2017**



There were 24,800 delinquency-related allegations in Pennsylvania during 2017. This represents a 20.6% decrease from 2013, but a 4.0% increase from 2016.

Delinquency dispositions statewide in Pennsylvania have decreased in each of the last five years. This includes a 2.7% decrease from 2016, and an overall decrease of 22.8% since 2013. Allegheny County reported an increase of less than 1% from 2016 to 2017, and Philadelphia County reported a 2.5% decrease for this time period.

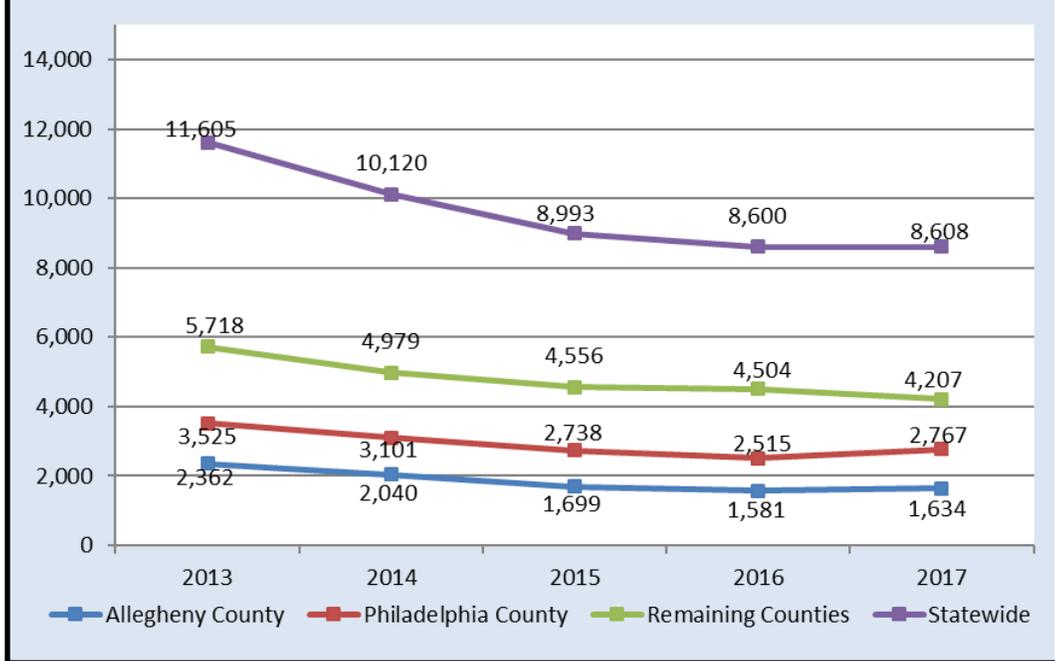
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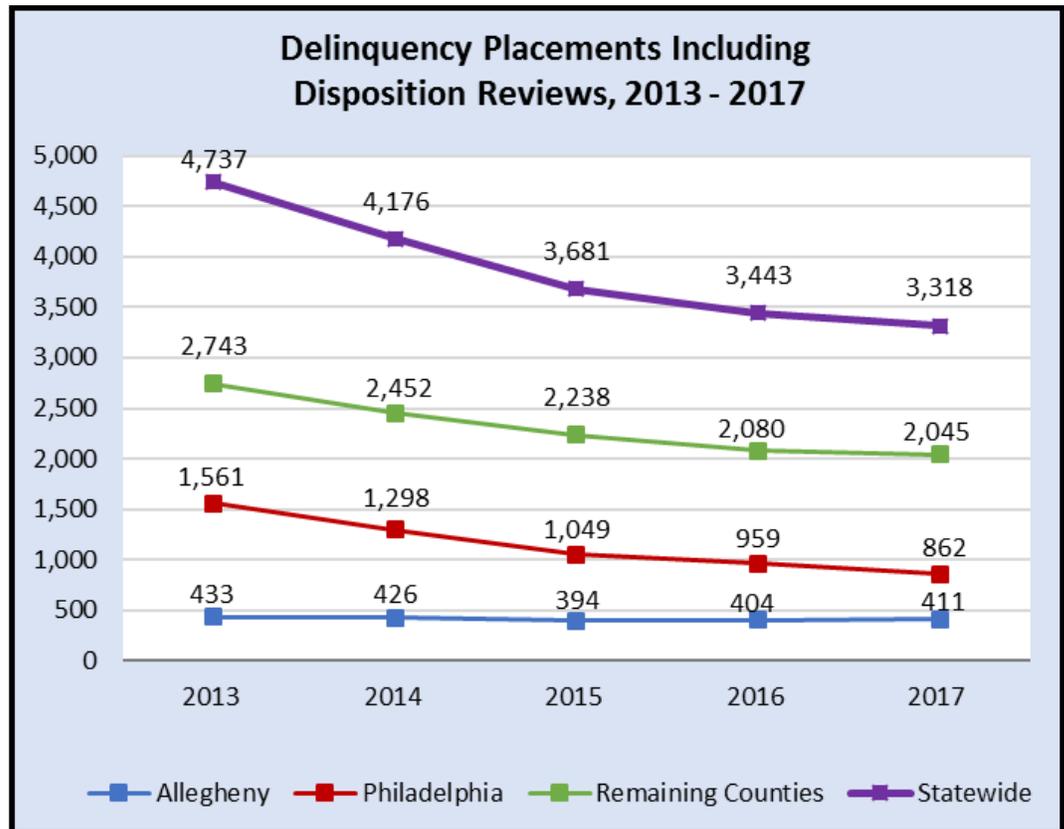
**Secure Detention Admissions, 2013-2017**



Detention admissions have declined statewide since 2013, with a 25.8% overall decrease. However, there was a less than 1% increase from 2016 to 2017. This was affected by the increase in admissions in the Commonwealth's two largest counties, Allegheny (3.4%) and Philadelphia (10.0%), which comprised 51.1% of statewide secure detention admissions in 2017.

Statewide, delinquency placements decreased by 30.0% since 2013, and by 3.6% from 2016 to 2017. The 3,318 delinquency placements in 2017 represented 6.9% of all delinquency dispositions. Delinquency placements in Philadelphia County decreased 10.1% from 2016 to 2017 and placements in Allegheny County increased 1.7% from 2016 to 2017.

**Delinquency Placements Including Disposition Reviews, 2013 - 2017**



County-specific data on delinquency allegations, delinquency dispositions, secure detention admissions, and delinquency placements can be found in the appendices of the [Pennsylvania 2017 Juvenile Court Annual Report](#).

# 27TH ANNUAL NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY JUVENILE COURT ADVISORY BOARD BANQUET

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**By The News-Item, Larry Deklinski, October 20, 2018** — COAL TOWNSHIP — An inspiring talk by Frank Rodriguez, owner of Against the Grain barbershop in Milton and founder of the “Morals over Money” movement, highlighted the 27th annual Northumberland County Juvenile Court Advisory Board banquet Thursday at the Northumberland County Career and Technology Center.

Rodriguez, 38, spent 17 years in prison, but has now dedicated his life to building-up communities and guiding youth. For the past two years, he and a number of like-minded individuals have traveled to the Kensington neighborhood of North Philadelphia to provide free haircuts, food, hygiene products, clothing — and more importantly — hope and love to the homeless and less fortunate.

Locally, he was recently appointed as a Northumberland County Youth Leadership Coordinator through Parent to Parent. His contributions have included the collection of Christmas gifts for disadvantaged youth and “Cuts for the Community,” an initiative that included free haircuts and food for youth returning to school in Milton. He has also provided youth coordination services and drug mentorship lecturing for educational departments throughout the region.



Shown are, from left: Jeannie Kleman, accepting on behalf of her daughter, Samantha; Frank Rodriguez, guest speaker; Alex Reichner; Jill Yablonski; and Kjerstin Brown.

## **Officer of the Year**

Northumberland County District Attorney Tony Matulewicz presented the Officer of the Year award to Trooper Mark Reasner.

The former mayor of Turbotville enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) in 2007 and has been appointed to Troop F in Milton. He has been active with youth in the area, serving as an assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 622, an assistant wrestling coach at Warrior Run High School, and a youth football and basketball coach. Since 1998, the 51-year-old has also volunteered as a Hunter Education instructor with the state Game Commission.

“He’s always been active in his community,” Matulewicz said. “He currently serves as a peer contact with PSP Members Assistance, which is a program that provides confidential service to PSP members and their families in crisis.”

Sgt. John McGeary accepted the award on behalf of Reasner, who was out of state. McGeary called Reasner a humble man who is dedicated to his family and community. “I did learn after being on the job for 25 years that it’s not always about us and it’s not always about arresting people; it’s about giving back to the community — and Mark is a prime example of that.”

## **Educator of the Year**

Kjerstin Brown, a member of the Juvenile Court staff, named recently retired Shikellamy School District teacher Mark Hoffman as the recipient of the Hon. William Harvey and Karen Wiest Educator of the Year award.

Hoffman was a teacher for more than 26 years and played a vital part in an outdoor education camp and organized the inaugural science fair at Oakland Elementary School. Prior to teaching, he worked with children with emotional and behavior concerns.

“Mr. Hoffman is more than a teacher,” Brown said of Hoffman, who could not attend the banquet. “He truly cares about the educational, emotional and social well-being of all students.”

## **Employee of the Year**

Lisa Donlan, deputy chief juvenile probation officer, presented Years of Service awards to Todd Nye, a supervisor who is retiring in January after 24 years, and Shawn Kalman, an employee of 25 years.

Donlan then presented the Juvenile Court Employee of the Year award to Kierstin Brown, a treatment court officer who has held various positions since joining Juvenile Court in 2002 as a community service officer.

“She is always willing to help any way she can,” Donlan said. “Her co-workers describe her as dependable, warm, caring and funny. She resolves and handles difficult situations with remarkable patience and tact.”

## **Kivko Memorial**

Robert E. Diehl presented Michael Kivko Memorial Youth Scholarship awards in the amount of \$1,000 and \$750 to Alex Reichner and Samantha Kleman, respectively.

The scholarship was created to provide educational opportunities for any individual whose involvement in the Juvenile Court or Children and Youth Services Agency resulted in positive adjustment and who wish to further their education at a post-secondary school.

Reichner was referred to the Juvenile Court services in February 2017. In July 2017, he was placed on a consent decree for six to twelve months. “Despite hardships, which included the loss of his mother in 2013 and substance abuse issues, Reichner refrained from drug use and became an advocate against drug use,” Diehl said.

“Another positive attribute is his loyalty to family and friends, which included taking a friend who

overdosed to the hospital,” Diehl told the audience.

Reichner’s main strengths during his court supervision, which successfully ended January 9th, was his school work and taking several honor courses during his junior year at Shikellamy High School. He now attends Pennsylvania College of Technology majoring in horticulture.

Kleman was adopted through Children and Youth on November 5, 2015. She has a good work ethic and has been employed at several businesses. She attends Temple University majoring in advertising.

Diehl said of Kleman, “She is polite, courteous, and thankful for any assistance or advice she receives.”

Kleman’s mother, Jeannie, who accepted the scholarship on behalf of her daughter, commented, “I am going to tear up because I am so very proud of her. We took her from foster care a few years ago and ended up adopting her. And she has come a long way.”

## **Fred Piermattei Youth Service Award**

The award is named in memory of the late Fred Piermattei, who was active in serving the youth of the county from 1969 to 1981. Outstanding contributions to the lives of county youth is a requirement of the award. This year’s nominees were Jill Yablonski and Don and Yun Schantz.

Dana Luce, a granddaughter of the award’s namesake, made the presentation to Yablonski following an emotional speech in which she recalled a newspaper article from 1977 about her grandparents and their work with foster children.

Luce said Yablonski has played a key role in guiding youth in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). “Through the league, she has improved sportsmanship and increased the number of players and organized a dance for the teams, among other things,” Luce said.

“Jill helps mentor the basketball league to show unity and teamwork,” Luce said. “She is constantly involved in CYO.”

Mark Gittens, master of ceremonies, concluded the banquet by thanking those in attendance and told court staff by working together they can accomplish great things.

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This 33-credit hour advanced degree program in the Department of Criminal Justice includes courses in research methods, theory, administration, and policy analysis.

## CAREER-CHANGE & GROWTH

Upon completion of the program, student learners should generally possess:

- An advanced understanding of administrative principles and practices found in juvenile justice agencies.
- Advanced knowledge of theories relating to crime causation and criminality.
- In-depth knowledge of the interdisciplinary nature of the juvenile justice system.
- Knowledge of contemporary technologies used to manage juvenile justice information.
- Skills that enable the learner to conduct and evaluate juvenile justice-related research.
- Advanced problem-solving skills that enable the learner to identify, analyze, and solve juvenile justice operational problems that affect the delivery of services.
- Advanced reading, writing, and verbal communication skills.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Nationally recognized program, taught by highly qualified and experienced faculty.
- Free tuition and lodging provided by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.
- A hybrid 33-credit program.
- Summer coursework fully online and 3 face-to-face weekend sessions during the fall and spring semesters.
- A cohort-based program designed to enhance professional networking across the Commonwealth.
- Practical courses designed for juvenile justice professionals with an emphasis on evidence-based practices.

This program is designed for:

- County juvenile probation officers and county juvenile detention staff, who will have at least two years of post-baccalaureate experience in the juvenile justice field prior to the start of classes
- Students who would like the opportunity to learn effective methods to efficiently evaluate juvenile programs and policies with the hopes of creating initiatives to address and reduce juvenile delinquency.
- Practitioners to be challenged and prepared for the evolving and ever-changing field of juvenile justice and provide them with the tools to offer outstanding youth services to help remediate juveniles.

Shippensburg University is a member of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and an equal opportunity educational institution.



## Industry-focused course options

### REQUIRED (21 CRS.)

AJJ 501: Seminar in Juvenile Justice & Delinquency  
AJJ 502: Advanced Criminological Theory  
AJJ 503: Leadership in Juvenile Justice  
AJJ 504: Advanced Research Methods  
AJJ 505: Quantitative Analysis  
AJJ 506: Strategic Planning, Budgeting & Finance  
AJJ 507: Seminar in Policy Analysis

### ELECTIVES (6 CRS.)

\*Elective courses are offered periodically

AJJ 520: Advanced Studies in Policing  
AJJ 521: Seminar in Victimology  
AJJ 522: Seminar in Social Justice  
AJJ 523: Mental Health & the Administration of Justice  
AJJ 524: Anatomy of Violence  
AJJ 525: Intimate Partner & Family Violence  
AJJ 540: Selected Topics  
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AJJ 550: Independent Study

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAPSTONE (6 CRS.)

AJJ 551: Practicum I  
AJJ 552: Practicum II

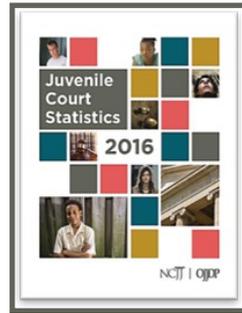


# NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS 2016 NOW AVAILABLE

The [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#) has released [Juvenile Court Statistics 2016](#). The report draws on data from the OJJDP-funded [National Juvenile Court Data Archive](#) and describes delinquency cases and petitioned status offense cases that courts with juvenile jurisdiction processed in 2016 and presents trends since 2005. In 2016, courts with juvenile jurisdictions handled an estimated 850,500 delinquency cases and an estimated 94,700 petitioned status offense cases.



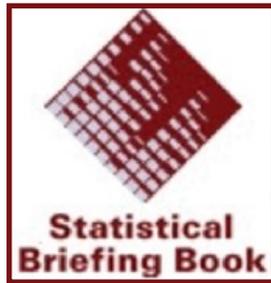
### RESOURCES:

- See OJJDP's [Statistical Briefing Book](#) for additional information on juvenile court case processing.

## OJJDP UPDATES STATISTICAL BRIEFING BOOK

OJJDP has updated data resources in its [Statistical Briefing Book](#):

- The [Easy Access to NIBRS Victims](#) data analysis tool has been updated to include data through 2016.
- FAQs describing the annual number of juvenile arrests and juvenile arrest rate trends found in the [Law Enforcement and Juvenile Crime](#) section have been updated to include data through 2017.
- FAQs describing juvenile arrest rates by offense and race in the [Special Topics](#) section have been updated to include 2017 data.
- FAQs describing [school crime victimization](#) trends in [youth victimization](#), [time of day](#) of youth victimization, and [sexual assault](#) victimization have been updated to include 2016 data.
- FAQs describing trends in [violent crime offending](#) by juveniles, [time of day](#) profiles for juvenile offending, and time of day comparisons between [juvenile and adult offenders](#) have been updated through 2016.



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:

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

## OJJDP ANNOUNCES 2019 NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY POSTER CONTEST

OJJDP invites fifth graders to participate in the [2019 National Missing Children's Day poster contest](#). The annual contest creates an opportunity for schools, law enforcement, and other child advocates to discuss the issue of missing and/or exploited children with youth, parents, and guardians and to promote child safety.

OJJDP will invite the national winner, parents, teacher, and state clearinghouse manager to Washington, DC, to participate in the [National Missing Children's Day](#) commemoration on May 22, 2019.

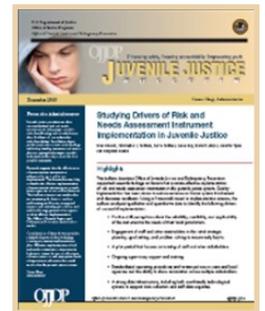
Submissions are due by March 5, 2019.

### RESOURCES:

- Visit the [poster contest](#) page for additional information, including contest rules and contact information for [state contest managers](#).
- [Email](#) questions to the Missing and Exploited Children's Program.
- Access resources for families of missing or exploited children on the [OJJDP](#) and the [Missing and Exploited Children's Program](#) websites.

## OJJDP BULLETIN EXAMINES RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT

OJJDP has released "[Studying Drivers of Risk and Needs Assessment Instrument Implementation in Juvenile Justice](#)." This bulletin examines findings from two OJJDP-funded research projects on factors that promote effective implementation of risk and needs assessment instruments in a juvenile justice setting. Research suggests that quality implementation of risk and needs assessment instruments can help reduce reliance on formal system involvement for some youth and decrease recidivism. The bulletin identifies the factors of implementation—such as staff training and buy-in, managerial support and operating procedures, and stakeholder engagement—that appear to drive effective implementation.



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