



2018 JAMES E. ANDERSON PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE SPEAKER ANNOUNCED FOR YOUTH AWARDS PROGRAM AND DINNER

Eric Michael Frazier will be the featured speaker at the Youth Awards Program during the 2018 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, being held November 7-9, 2018, at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers in Harrisburg, PA.

Eric Frazier is a United States Marine Corps veteran and champion paralympic athlete who has won competitions in nordic skiing, hand cycling, marathons, alpine skiing, biathlon, and tennis. His journey from the rough streets of Pittsburgh through the juvenile justice system to college and through the United States Marine Corps shaped his



career as a paralympic athlete, wrestling coach, and inspirational speaker. His journey is a memorable and moving story that he shares to motivate, inspire, and provoke thought and reflection. His story has helped many to think differently about adversity.

Eric's life choices have led him to become a great father, husband, speaker, and friend to many. Come prepared to learn more about Eric, his journey, and the life lessons that resonate from overcoming challenges to inspiring and helping others.

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SPOTLIGHT ON FEMALES IN THE PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM DATA SNAPSHOT RELEASED

In January 2018, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) released a Data Snapshot, entitled [Spotlight on Girls in the Juvenile Justice System](#), to describe the national trends and characteristics of females in the juvenile justice system. Specifically, this snapshot compared the incidence of arrest, judicial processing, and detainment/placement of females to males. It also examined the offenses which females were most likely to commit.

A similar analysis was conducted using Pennsylvania-specific data for the year 2015. Akin to the national trends, substantial differences existed between males and females across all measures examined. For example, while arrests for both males and females have been declining, the proportion of youth arrests involving females has increased slightly in the same time-period (See Figure 1).

Furthermore, delinquency cases involving females were more likely to be diverted than cases involving males (See Figure 2) and among those cases that were petitioned, females were more likely than males to receive a consent decree or probation disposition. Males, on the other hand, were more likely to be petitioned than females. Similarly, males were more likely to be adjudicated delinquent and to receive a placement disposition compared to females.

Among all females who had a delinquency case in 2015 in Pennsylvania, 34% had committed a person offense, 33% had committed a public order offense, 21% had committed a property offense, and 12% had committed a drug offense. Furthermore, in 2015, females were more likely than males to be detained or placed for person offenses. Males were more likely to be detained or placed for all other groups of offenses (property, drug, and public order). See Figure 3.

To view the Snapshot in its entirety, please click [here](#).

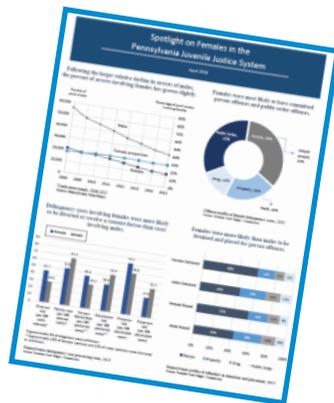


Figure 1: (Source: Pennsylvania State Police)

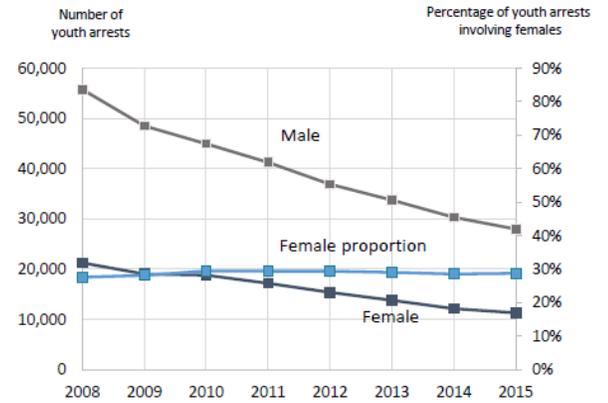


Figure 2: (Source: Juvenile Court Judges' Commission)

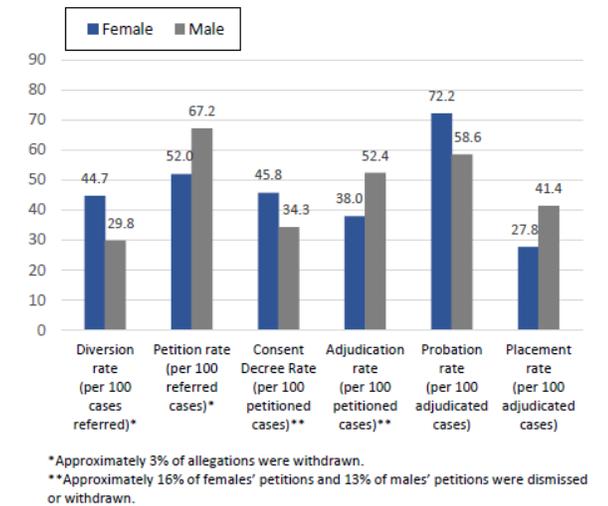
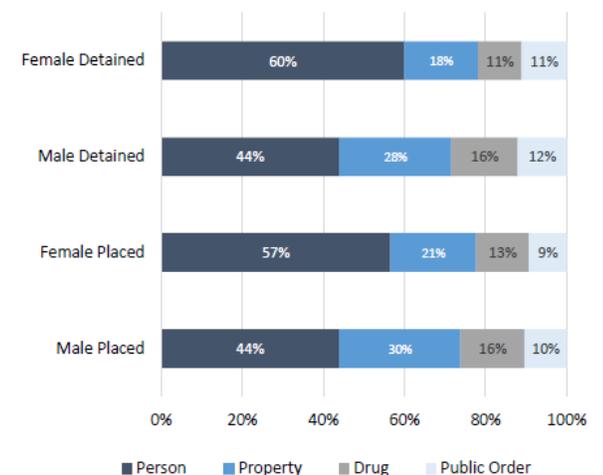


Figure 3: (Source: Juvenile Court Judges' Commission)



THE STONELEIGH FOUNDATION CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICANTS TO HOST EMERGING LEADER FELLOWS

The Stoneleigh Foundation is currently accepting applications from local nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, and public-sector agencies interested in hosting an Emerging Leader Fellow from September 2019-2021.

The Stoneleigh Foundation is a nonprofit organization that seeks to improve life outcomes for communities' most vulnerable youth by advancing change in the systems that serve them, including the juvenile justice system, the child welfare system, the educational system, and the health care system. Stoneleigh Fellows undertake projects that enhance how systems work together, improve practice, and generate new knowledge through action-oriented research.

The Emerging Leader Fellowship cultivates the next generation of leaders advancing system change to improve the lives of vulnerable young people. The Emerging Leader Fellowship is a two-year, hands-on learning opportunity for early career professionals in Greater Philadelphia. Fellows work collaboratively with a host organization to execute defined projects that simultaneously advance the mission of the organization and enhance Fellows' skills.

For more information on hosting an Emerging Leader Fellow, please click [here](#). Deadline to apply is September 13, 2018.



Interested in Hosting an Emerging Leader Fellow?

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JOIN US IN NOVEMBER FOR TRAINING WORKSHOPS, TWO AWARDS DINNERS, EXHIBITORS, AND NETWORKING WITH OVER 900 ATTENDEES.

2018 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

November 7-9, 2018

Sponsored by:
The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission
The Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers
The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
The Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges

Harrisburg Hilton & Towers

To be added to our Resource Day Exhibitor List and receive more information in August 2018, please forward your contact information to Christy Nailor at 717-477-1385 or cnailor@pa.gov.

ADDRESSING RESPONSIVITY THROUGH EXPANSION OF MAYSI~2 UTILIZATION

On June 20, 2018 in State College, representatives from 16 counties attended a seminar to assist in the implementation of the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument: Version 2 (MAYSI~2) into their screening and assessment practices. Participants received information on administration protocols of the MAYSI~2, meanings of the scales and scores, use of the scores to make decisions, importance of response protocols, and use of the web-based version of the MAYSI~2. A team of presenters consisting of Bill Keim, Berks County Assistant Chief Juvenile Probation Office; Tricia Ushler, Chester County Diversion Specialist; and Alan Tezak, JJSES Consultant, led the seminar.

The MAYSI~2 is a self-report questionnaire designed to identify potential instances of mental and emotional disturbance or distress in youth involved in the juvenile justice system. The instrument takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes to administer via the web-based application and the questions are provided at a 5th grade reading level in English or Spanish. The MAYSI~2 does not require clinical expertise to administer or score. Youths' scores are divided into 7 subscales (Alcohol/Drug Use, Angry-Irritable, Depressed-Anxious, Somatic Complaints, Suicide Ideation, Thought Disturbance, and Traumatic Experiences) and staff are alerted to higher-scoring youths via caution ("clinically-significant score") and warning ("highest 10% scoring in the subscale") cut-off scores.

Given its ability to prioritize the acuity of the mental or emotional disturbance or distress, the MAYSI~2 is useful in determining the level of response required for a youth experiencing potential behavioral health issues. The MAYSI~2 has also emerged as an important tool for juvenile probation officers in identifying possible responsivity challenges. Information reported by the youth within the individual scales of the instrument can provide insight into issues being experienced by the youth that may affect his/her responsiveness to interventions. The use of the MAYSI~2 is identified as a JJSES Stage Two activity. Please see the JJSES Monograph: https://pachiefprobationofficers.org/docs/JJSES_Monograph.pdf

Use of the MAYSI~2 at juvenile probation intake in Pennsylvania began as a pilot project under the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change Initiative. While there was attrition from the original participants in the pilot project for a variety of reasons, the release of the web-based version of the MAYSI~2 presents an opportunity to expand its use as an effective screening tool for potential behavioral health and responsivity issues of youth. With the most recent addition of counties that participated in the June 20th seminar, 28 Pennsylvania juvenile probation departments are involved in the use of the MAYSI~2.

As the use of the MAYSI~2 is a core Stage Two activity of the JJSES, the JJSES Leadership Team and the Behavioral Health Committee of the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers have made increasing its use among the counties a priority. While grant funding is currently not available for the web-based subscriptions, counties may use some of the operations portion of their JCJC Grant-In-Aid funding or use Needs-Based Budget funds. A one-year subscription for the web-based MAYSI~2 provides four user licenses. The National Youth Screening & Assistance Partners (NYSAP) have indicated that they will no longer offer the MAYSIWARE software. The cost of the one-year subscription is \$500.00 per year and requires a one-time purchase of the MAYSI~2 User's Manual & Technical Report which is \$125.00. Additional information regarding the MAYSI~2 can be found at: <http://www.nysap.us/MAYSI2.html>.

For counties that are interested in implementing the MAYSI-2, please contact Alan Tezak, JJSES Consultant at alantezak@comcast.net, Jay Leamy, Chair of PCCJPO Behavioral Health Committee at jdleamy@chesco.org, or Bob Williams, Stage 3 Co-Chair of the JJSES Leadership Team at rwilliams@countyofberks.com.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

September

- 6 Professional Reading Skills
- 13-14 YLS Master Trainer Certification
- 15 SPEP Readiness Informational Session
- 17-21 Orientation Academy
- 26-28 EPICS

October

- 4 EPICS Forum
- 10 The Next Generation: Cell Phones, Tablets, Gaming Systems, and Social Media
- 17 P.O. Well Being
- 23-24 Motivational Interviewing 101
- 30-31 Adolescents Sex and Drugs: Dual Companions

P.O. WELL BEING WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 17, 2018

ARE YOU PREPARED? This workshop will promote officer competence and confidence in the performance of their duties and increase global safety awareness. Additionally, this workshop will enhance officer safety skills and awareness in an effort to effectuate their essential functions as a probation officer and provide strategies and resources for a safe working environment (especially when it comes to field supervision). This will be an interactive and informative workshop. Search and seizure practices, current drug trends, weapons and contraband, officer mindset, and debriefing real life probation officer encounters that have occurred in the Commonwealth are a few of the officer safety subject matters that will be presented. Probation Officers, Probation Management, and Administration are encouraged to attend.

Registration available at
www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us

PROFESSIONAL READING SKILLS WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

The Professional Reading Skills Workshop is a six-hour time savings program conducted in one day and is designed for professionals and executives from entry level through senior management who must read and assimilate material with high rates of retention and accuracy.

Participants will see an increase in their reading rate and learn how to handle written communications more effectively and efficiently by improving both their study and reading abilities. Note-taking techniques to be used with textbooks, lectures, and research are included and an added benefit to anyone working toward a degree or certification.

This is a hands-on “learn-by-doing” course geared to all phases of reading from everyday business reading to in-depth study to critical and complex reading. Old “Dick & Jane” habits will be replaced by widening the span of perception, developing flexibility of rate and the use of selective reinforcement when higher levels of retention are required. There will also be a marked improvement in concentration and accuracy.

WHAT IS A DATA DASHBOARD?

There are many forms of ‘Dashboards’ in our daily lives, from the ones just beyond our vehicle’s steering wheel, to apps we find on our mobile phones. In general, these Dashboards are an information management tool which organizes large amounts of real-time data into a visual display to easily monitor key performance indicators (KPI’s). The data collection side of information technology is rapidly expanding, and a large amount of Dashboard applications are being developed to support that data. This is also the case with data managed by the Juvenile Court YLS Judges’ Commission (JCJC) which is entered into the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS).

The application of choice for the JCJC Data Dashboard is called “iDashboards.” This is a web-based application installed alongside the PaJCMS database and provides various dashboards for users within juvenile probation de-

partments throughout the state. Some of the KPI’s currently established provide high level juvenile information, such as total numbers of active juveniles on supervision, or totals of active detentions or placements. The graphical design of a dashboard allows for easy ‘drill-down’ to additional data groupings with the click of a mouse to provide additional details, such as demographic or even case level information.

While the Dashboard will never replace the details and format of a typical data report, it is one tool in the information technology world that can help manage the huge volumes of data in an organized manner. Those in the juvenile probation depart-

ments within our state that use the PaJCMS system to manage their cases may find more information on how these Dashboards can help them by contacting their PaJCMS Help Desk Representative.



SAVE THE DATE

2018 PA Juvenile Justice Services Conference hosted by JDCAP
Celebrating Juvenile Justice System Leadership for 40 Years;
Built on the Past, Inspiring the Future!

September 26-28, 2018



Kalahari Resort and Conference Center

Tentative Breakouts

Youth and Family Panel Discussion | Strategic Planning Sessions | Activity Based Learning | Dealing with Difficult People | PTSD in Special Population | Recidivism Reduction | Breaking Through Silos | Social Media | Creating a Positive Culture | LGBTQI Program/Housing | Autism | Substance Issues | And More

Conference Registration Rates

Members 300.00 – Non Members 350.00

Full Conference Details and Registration Information will be distributed at a later date.

Call 877-525-2427 for reservations use room block code JDCAP 2018 to receive the discounted room rates. Waterpark pass included in the room rates.

On behalf of JDCAP, I invite you to attend the 2018 PA Juvenile Justice Services Conference held at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Pocono Mountains, September 26-28. JDCAP will be celebrating 40 years as a juvenile justice service member association. This year's conference theme is ***Built on the Past, Inspiring the Future!*** In addition to the valuable networking opportunities, we have planned some excellent training sessions.

- ◆ **Conference Schedule** - Our conference is scheduled for September 26-28 at the Kalahari Resort and Conventions, in Pocono Mountains. Detailed conference agenda will be made available on the JDCAP website at www.jdcap.org. If you have any questions about the agenda, please call Wayne at (717) 736-4717 or email him at wbear@pacounties.org
- ◆ **Conference Registrations** - Complete form and mail with your check payable to "JDCAP" to the address listed on the form. If you have registration questions, please call Lori Lawyer, Information Systems Administrator at (717) 736-4712 or email her at llawyer@pacounties.org.
- ◆ **Hotel Reservations** - Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center with either a one night's deposit per room or credit card information.
- ◆ **The housing deadline is August 26 so don't delay - make your reservation as soon as possible.** The hotel cannot guarantee the conference rate after that date. Our Group Reservation Number for the JDCAP room block code is JDCAP2018. Make your reservation by calling the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center at (877) 525-2427.

Wayne Bear, JDCAP Executive Director



NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OJJDP ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OJJDP has announced the following fiscal year 2018 funding opportunities:

[Gang Suppression Planning Grants Program](#). Applications are due by August 27, 2018.

[Gang Suppression: A Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Approach to Address Gang Recruitment of Unaccompanied Alien Children](#).

Applications are due by August 27, 2018.

RESOURCES:

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



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR OJJDP COMPREHENSIVE GANG MODEL TRAINING

The [National Gang Center](#) is offering free training on the [OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model](#) at the [2018 Comprehensive Gang Model Workshop](#) on August 14

–16, 2018, in Houston, Texas. The OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model supports a collaborative approach to help communities prevent and reduce gang violence. This training is designed for local teams representing juvenile and/or adult probation and parole, schools, law enforcement, social services, public health, and the community. Teams will learn how to conduct a gang assessment, build community partnerships, and develop a plan using the Model's five core strategies. [Learn more and register to attend](#) the workshop.

RESOURCES:
For additional information, contact: information@nationalgangcenter.gov, or call (850) 385-0600 or (800) 446-0912.
View and download "[A Law Enforcement Official's Guide to the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model](#)."



OJJDP EXTENDS APPLICATION PERIOD FOR OPIOID FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

OJJDP has extended the application period for the following fiscal year 2018 funding opportunity:

[Opioid Affected Youth Initiative](#).

New deadline: Applications are due by August 2, 2018.

RESOURCES:

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



APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR REDUCING RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform](#) has released a request for applications for the [2018 Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities Certificate Program](#), which will take place November 5-9, 2018, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. This weeklong training will help juvenile justice, child welfare, and other system partners focus on strategies to address racial and ethnic disparities in their jurisdictions and reduce the overrepresentation of children of color in the juvenile justice system. The program will identify the most promising areas for system improvement at key juvenile justice system decision points. [Apply](#) by July 27, 2018.

WEBINAR TO DISCUSS CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN WITH OPIOID USE DISORDERS AND THEIR INFANTS

On July 31, 2018, 2 to 3:15 p.m.

ET, the [Office of Juvenile Justice](#)



Children and Family Futures
Strengthening Partnerships. Improving Family Outcomes

and [Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP), in collaboration with [Children and Family Futures](#), will present "[Planning for Safe Care — What Your Family Drug Court Needs to Know About Serving Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorders and Their Infants](#)." The webinar will feature a facilitated discussion between a nationally recognized family drug court judge and a women's health care and addiction medicine expert who will share their experiences and knowledge on best practices in the treatment of opioid use disorders.

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