



## RECENT ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF JUVENILE COURT PROCEDURE

Several modifications and amendments to the PA Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure have recently been ordered and are summarized below.

### **Amendment of Pa.R.J.C.P. 191 – Juvenile Court Hearing Officer’s Findings and Recommendation to the Judge**

On May 4, 2018, the Supreme Court amended Rule of Juvenile Court Procedure 191 to require that a juvenile be advised of the right to challenge a juvenile court hearing officer recommendation and for a colloquy and inquiry of post-dispositional rights when a juvenile court hearing officer recommends an adjudication of delinquency. Additionally, the Comment to Rule of Juvenile Court Procedure 140 was revised to update references to Rule 191.

### **Amendment of Pa.R.J.C.P. 409 – Adjudication of Delinquency**

On April 23, 2018, the Supreme Court amended Rule of Juvenile Court Procedure 409 to change the outcome from “termination of jurisdiction” to “dismissal of petition” when the court finds the juvenile is “not in need of treatment, supervision, or rehabilitation” as part of the adjudication proceeding.

The amendment is not intended to have a substantive impact on current procedure. Rather, it represents a change in terminology to more precisely identify the procedural outcome, to avoid conflation of “jurisdiction” with its use in other Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure, and to enhance correlation with Rule 170(A)(2).

Both amendments above will become effective on July 1, 2018.

### **Adoption of Pa.R.J.C.P. 415 – Challenge to the Weight of Evidence & Amendment of Pa.R.J.C.P. 620 – Post-Dispositional Motions**

On May 23, 2018, the Supreme Court adopted new Rule of Juvenile Court Procedure 415 and amended Rule of Juvenile Court Procedure 620 to provide a procedural mechanism for weight of the evidence claims to be raised before the juvenile court.

When the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania decided *In re J.B.*, 106 A.3d 76 (Pa.

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2014), it considered whether the juvenile waived a claim that a finding was against the weight of the evidence by failing to raise it first with the juvenile court. The Court observed that, unlike Pa.R.Crim.P. 607, the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure do not contain a provision addressing how or when a weight of the evidence claim should be raised.

The new rule and amendment create a mechanism to provide for weight of the evidence claims to be raised at two decision points in a delinquency proceeding: 1) the ruling on the offenses pursuant to Rule 408; and 2) the adjudication of delinquency pursuant to Rule 409.

These amendments will become effective October 1, 2018.

Should you have any questions regarding these amendments, please contact Richard D. Steele ([rsteele@pa.gov](mailto:rsteele@pa.gov)) or Robert Tomassini ([rtomassini@pa.gov](mailto:rtomassini@pa.gov)).

## NEW "FAMILY SKILLS WORKBOOKS" RELEASED AT KICKOFF EVENT

On May 30, 2018, over 100 juvenile justice practitioners, representing county juvenile probation departments and service providers, attended the Family Skills Workbook Kickoff Event in State College, PA.

Representatives from the Family Involvement Committee, comprised of family advocates, consultants, county juvenile probation personnel, and JCJC staff, facilitated the event. During the interactive workshop, the workbooks were unveiled, and the facilitators provided an overview training on utilizing the new tools. The training outlined the history of the committee and the development of the workbooks, in addition to role playing on how to introduce the workbooks to family members. The event also included a panel discussion of juvenile probation officers who piloted the tools during the development process.

A product of the JJSES initiative, and funded by PCCD, the workbooks were developed in partnership between the Family Involvement Committee, PACCJPO, JCJC, and Mark Carey. The workbooks, and the accompanying Facilitator Guides, are available for free download on the [JCJC website](#).



# PENNSYLVANIA FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING CONFERENCE

The 2018 Pennsylvania Family Group Decision Making Conference was held on April 16 and 17, 2018 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Over 350 state leaders and practitioners from across the state attended this bi-annual conference, which featured 17 unique workshop-training sessions focused on all aspects of the Family Group Decision Making practice model. This theme was “Growing Family Group Decision Making through Leadership” and showcased an array of opportunities for learning, building and expanding the strong base of Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) in existence. Justice Max Baer and Cathy Utz, Deputy Secretary, Office of Children Youth and Families welcomed the guests at the opening of the Conference, while Richard Steele, JCJC Executive Director offered a welcome during day two.

The conference provided an excellent opportunity for those involved in local teams to share successes and reenergize. The State Family Group Decision Making Leadership Team “envisions the use of FGDM as standard practice across all systems in Pennsylvania”. To learn more about FGDM go to: <http://www.ocfpcourts.us/parents-and-families/family-group-decision-making>

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## Family Group Decision Making

Family Group Decision-Making (FGDM) is a meeting about your family. It brings together your family, friends, case worker and service providers to work as a team.

It is an option that may be offered to you by your social worker if your children have been referred to Child and Youth Services. The meeting is about your family taking charge, and the goal is to help you work out a safety plan to address the care of your children. If you choose a Family Group Decision-Making meeting, you are allowing the important people in your lives to share their knowledge, their concerns and the strengths they see in your family to help you in making the best decisions possible for your children.

**Core beliefs...**

- Families are the best place to raise children.
- All families have strengths.
- Families want to protect their children.
- Families can make good decisions.
- Agencies can support families.
- Providers can help families to develop a safety plan.
- Creative solution-making is the focus of the Family Group Decision-Making meeting.

# POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TEXAS JUVENILE ADMINISTRATION

### Director of Juvenile Services

Interested professionals should contact:  
**Teresa Webster with CPS - HR Consulting: 916-263-1401 or at [twebster@cpsr.us](mailto:twebster@cpsr.us).**

Resumes will be accepted through mid-July 2018.

**Requisition Title: DIRECTOR OF JUVENILE SERVICES**  
**Primary Location: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-TEXAS**  
**Work Location: JUVENILE ADMIN - 2600 LONE STAR DRIVE 2ND FL - DALLAS, TEXAS 75241**  
**Organization: JUVENILE DEPARTMENT**

**Job Description:** Directs the juvenile services, programs and facilities for Dallas County and implements the directives and policies of the juvenile board relating to the delivery of these services and programs.

**Detailed Description:** Directs and manages programs and services to maintain compliance with Title 3 of the Texas Family Code and standards and other related state foster care standards. Promotes inter-agency and community collaboration to further the goals of the Department. Manages human resources through recruitment, selection, training and evaluation of the workforce. Facilitates effective processing of juvenile court cases by working with departmental personnel, District Attorney staff, District Clerk employees, juvenile justice attorneys and court personnel. Manages fiscal resources of the department to include budget preparation, development of performance measures and monitoring of expenditures. Develops and implements creative, effective, rehabilitative programs that address the needs of youths and the courts. Evaluates staff and program performance in all assigned areas of juvenile services to ensure the effectiveness of services provided. Develops departmental mission, goals and strategic plans designed to meet state service needs. Communicates effectively with the juvenile board on strategic plans and issues. Communicates effectively with staff, other County officials and the community. Performs other duties as assigned.

**Job Requirements:** Education and experience equivalent to a Master's degree from an accredited college or university in Business Administration, social and/or behavioral sciences or in a job-related field of study. Seven (7) years of management related experience including supervising and directing programs and services related to juveniles and/or other offenders. Ability to effectively communicate both verbally and in writing, and establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, department and the general public. Requires demonstrated ability to develop and implement effective programs proven managerial skills ability to exercise sound judgment ability to work with board members through knowledge and understanding of law, processes, and program regulations related to the field knowledge of the Court system among interpersonal skills and high ethical standards. Certification by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission as a Probation Officer is preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License, with a good driving record. Must pass an extensive background investigation. Mandatory drug testing prior to employment and will be subject to random, unannounced drug and alcohol testing during employment. Must reside in or be willing to relocate to Dallas County. Must remain on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Must be able to visit various office locations.

**Additional Details:** An extensive pre-employment background investigation will be conducted on all applicants who have been offered a position with Dallas County. The hiring process involves successful completion of each step. The steps include: Criminal History Review, Traffic Violation Record, Review of Personal History Statement and Documents, Physical Examination, and Background Investigation. Dallas County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Americans with Disabilities Act. National Security Allowance requirements, and persons with a criminal background and/or encouragement to apply.

**Minimum Salary:** \$4255.90 monthly  
**Maximum Salary:** \$7094.67 monthly  
**Currency:** US Dollar (USD)  
**Requisition ID:** 00095

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

### Finance Director

**NCFJC**  
**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES**

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY**  
**FINANCE DIRECTOR**  
 El Paso, Nevada  
 Application Deadline: Friday, July 20, 2018  
 Salary Range: \$110,000 - \$125,000 per annum, DOE  
 ELSA Status: Exempt

**Organizational Description**  
 The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCFJC), a national non-profit organization headquartered in Reno, NV, is seeking a **FINANCE DIRECTOR** to lead the exceptional 10-year record of integrity, youth and justice. This is a unique and exciting position that will be the backbone of many of our national initiatives and efforts. As a leader in continuing education opportunities, research, publication development, technical assistance, and policy development in the field of juvenile and family justice, the NCFJC is seeking a professional-level leader to provide financial and administrative support to the NCFJC's major initiatives. Please go to [www.ncfjc.org](http://www.ncfjc.org).

**The Mission**  
 The mission of NCFJC is to provide all judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juveniles, family, and domestic violence cases with the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice. NCFJC values staff who are independent, creative, innovative, resourceful, dependable, and passionate about their work. NCFJC staff work collaboratively in a team setting to achieve the mission.

**Government and quasi-governmental organizations have historically funded the NCFJC. Moving forward, we seek to create more support from individuals, foundations, and business and by partnering with similar community-based organizations. The transition from one-source to multi-source funding will require planning, networking and relationship building.**

**The Opportunity**  
 The NCFJC seeks a strategic Finance Director with a track record of experience in non-profit accounting and tax reporting, including experience with compliance requirements over expenditures of federal awards. The Finance Director is responsible for attaining financial resources with the mission and vision of the organization and identifying financial needs to support all programs. Financial resources and cost-control, such that NCFJC continues to be a fiscally sustainable organization.

**The Successful Candidate**  
 The successful candidate for this position must be able to relocate to Reno, Nevada. The NCFJC is not able to provide reimbursement for relocation expenses. With a population of over 225,000, Reno is the largest city in Northern Nevada. It is located on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and provides unlimited indoor and outdoor recreational activities. Spectacular Lake Tahoe and the world's largest concentration of art facilities are all within a 100-mile radius. Dining, shopping, hiking and mountain climbing are all activities that residents and visitors enjoy. The City of Reno was recently ranked as one of the top 20 most livable cities in the United States. Statewide employment opportunities are available at [www.nv.gov](http://www.nv.gov). For more information on the City of Reno, please visit [www.cityofreno.com](http://www.cityofreno.com). The City of Reno is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For more information on the City of Reno, please visit [www.cityofreno.com](http://www.cityofreno.com). For more information on the City of Reno, please visit [www.cityofreno.com](http://www.cityofreno.com). For more information on the City of Reno, please visit [www.cityofreno.com](http://www.cityofreno.com).

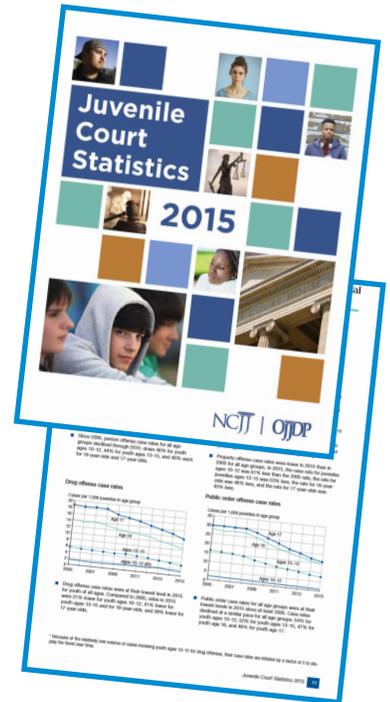
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# THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE RELEASES COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL REPORT

The National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) recently released a report entitled: *Juvenile Court Statistics 2015*. Drawing on data received from states for the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, the report describes delinquency cases and related trends in an effort to illustrate the workload of the nation's juvenile courts. Data include case counts and rates, detailed juvenile demographics, and offense-specific information.

The following are some of the major findings presented:

- In 2015, juvenile courts handled an estimated 884,900 delinquency cases.
- The number of delinquency cases peaked in 1997 and then fell 53% by 2015.
- Males accounted for more than 70% of the delinquency caseloads in 2015.
- Approximately 52% of delinquency cases in 2015 involved youth younger than 16.
- Approximately 43% of delinquency cases in 2015 involved white youth.
- More than one third of delinquency cases in 2015 involved simple assault or larceny-theft offenses.
- Person and public order offenses were consistently more likely than other offenses to involve detention.
- Probation was the most common disposition for adjudicated delinquent cases, with approximately 63% of adjudicated cases receiving this disposition in 2015.



The report also provides a historical perspective on these trends, reporting on incidences from 2005 through 2015. To view the full report, click [here](#).

# SAVE THE DATE

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](mailto:cnailor@pa.gov).

# TECHNOLOGY CORNER

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) Technology User Group was held Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at Days Inn, Penn State. The day consisted of reviewing the latest updates and enhancements in the following projects:

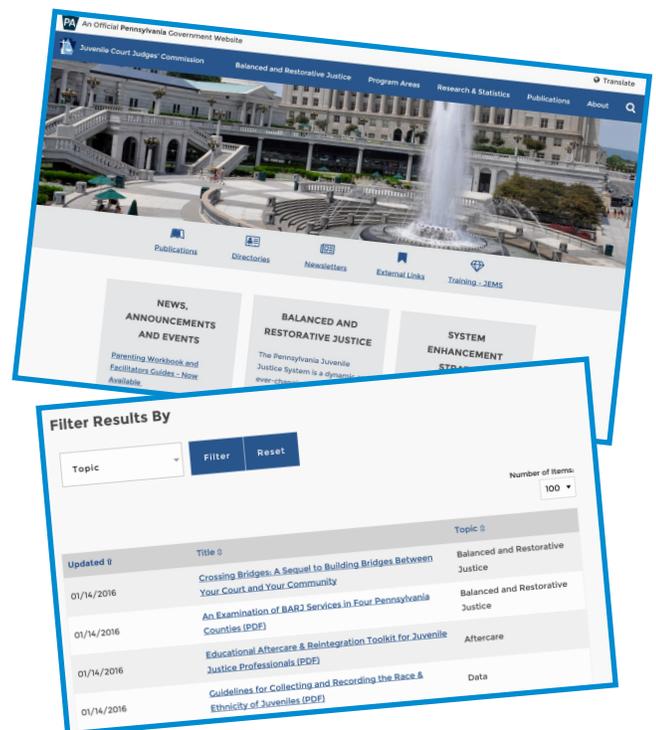
- ◆ **Best Practices/PaJCMS Data Integrity Project** – There was a Committee workgroup meeting to discuss best practices for entering data into PaJCMS. This meeting's discussion revolved around the use and definitions of juvenile court dispositions.
- ◆ **Research Projects** – Reviewed the Juvenile Court Disposition Report, Outcome Measures, and Recidivism Reports as well as the research and data request policy.
- ◆ **Staff Development/JEMS** - Introduced Sonya Stokes as the new Director of Professional Development, and reviewed the Graduate Education program's revised curriculum. Reviewed the process for accessing Online Courses, and future features.
- ◆ **PaJCMS Updates**
  - ⇒ **Victim Module** – Demonstrated various features in the new module.
  - ⇒ **Outcome Measures** – Reviewed new data collection requirements that will begin effective January 2019. Additional information will be provided.
  - ⇒ **Supervisor Module** - Demonstrated features of the module and made available to all counties the ability to use. Please contact your help desk representative to setup the supervisor module for your county.

## JCJC WEBSITE UPDATE

We invite you to take a moment to check out our newly updated website. We have recently completed our migration into SharePoint 2016. The process was a little more than a month-long project from the Governor's office. JCJC was selected as one of the first agencies to go through the process and we are happy to announce several new features on our site that will benefit our users, along with an even more responsive design for viewing on mobile devices.

- Centrally located search bar to search across the entire website.
- Document libraries listed with filters that enable easier searching.
- Shortcuts centrally located on the "icon bar" to get you to the most utilized sections in a simple click.
- Easier navigation of menu categories
- We will have several new features enabled soon.

Please visit us at [www.jcjc.pa.gov](http://www.jcjc.pa.gov) and let us know what you think using the new Contact Us button.



# RESEARCH BRIEF

## ROLE-PLAYS MAKE AN IMPACT

*Reprinted with Permission from: Colorado Division of Probation Services. (December 2017).  
Dosage is more than just counting program hours: The importance of role-playing in treatment outcomes.*

Retrieved from:

[https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Administration/Probation/ResearchInBriefs/RIB\\_Dosage17\\_Dec17.pdf](https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Administration/Probation/ResearchInBriefs/RIB_Dosage17_Dec17.pdf)

**Source Document:** Sperber, K. G. and Lowenkamp, C. T. (2017). "Dosage is more than just counting program hours: The importance of role-playing in treatment outcomes." *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation* 56 (7): 433-451

### Summary/Conclusions

In the present study, researchers were interested in the effect role-play exposure had on recidivism. The study examined the role-play frequency of 980 adult male offenders successfully discharged from a community-based corrections facility. For study participants, role-plays reduced the likelihood of recidivism for medium and high-risk offenders. Role-plays with lowest risk offenders did not show significant results.

Previous research has identified the importance of matching an offender's risk with the appropriate intensity and duration of treatment, and has largely focused on the dosage required for various offenders. The current research article explores the impact role-playing has on recidivism.

In this study, researchers used a sample of 980 male offenders successfully discharged from a community-based corrections facility. The sample was mostly composed of white males in their early 30's. Offenders were tracked, on average, for a period of 1,339 days. Researchers categorized the sample by race, risk level, hours of treatment completed, number of role-plays per week, and recidivism. Recidivism was defined as return to a state prison for any reason (technical failure or new crime). Statistical modeling on the data provided insight on the effect the number of role-plays had on outcomes for offenders.

Researchers discovered that the more role-plays high and medium risk offenders were exposed to each week, the likelihood of recidivism decreased. Only 17.95% recidivated when exposed to 3 or more role-plays per week. For medium risk, there was a similar effect with a 25% decrease in recidivism for offenders who were exposed to 3 or more roleplays per week. High risk offenders who were not exposed to any role-plays recidivated at a rate of 70.83%. Role-plays with the lowest risk offenders did not produce any statistically significant outcomes.

When role-plays and treatment hours were combined, statistically significant outcomes were produced for medium risk offenders with 100-199 hours of treatment and high risk offenders with 100-199 hours and 200+ hours of treatment.

# RESEARCH BRIEF *(continued)*

## Practical Applications

- Include role-play during skill practice to reduce recidivism. Officers may use role-play as part of structured appointments with youth.
- While the study did not mention the topic of the role-plays, try role-plays that connect to the youth's identified dynamic risk factors.
- Provide the youth with homework to practice various skills in role-plays with supportive family and friends.
- Consider treating appointments as a precious resource. Focus your time on higher risk youth.
- Extend appointments with high risk youth to work on skill building and role-plays.
- Keep in mind that youth may also be exposed to role-plays through treatment or cognitive groups.
- Ask youth if they want to practice skills they are learning in treatment during appointments.
- Coordinate with providers to maximize the number of role-play exposures the youth is experiencing each week.

## Limitations of Information

The population of the study was adult offenders, mostly Caucasian, from rural communities. While the study utilized recidivism, it was limited to incarceration in a state prison post-discharge from the program. Researchers could not distinguish exposure to role-play from offender engagement in role-plays. The study did not identify who facilitated the role-plays. Outcomes may be different depending on the professional role of individuals conducting the role-plays.

***Caveat:*** *The information presented here is intended to summarize and inform readers of research and information relevant to probation work. It can provide a framework for carrying out the business of probation as well as suggestions for practical application of the material. While it may, in some instances, lead to further exploration and result in future decisions, it is not intended to prescribe policy and is not necessarily conclusive in its findings. Some of its limitations are described above.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

### SPEP™ REGIONAL INFORMATION SESSIONS AND WEBINAR

Three additional SPEP™ information sessions on the SPEP™ will occur in July and August. Two sessions will be regionally located in Crawford and Lehigh Counties (details below). In order to ensure all counties have an opportunity to learn more about the SPEP™, a webinar is scheduled for August 1, 2018, with additional details forthcoming.

These sessions provide educational and informational opportunities to probation departments that have not formally adopted the SPEP™ process and who are interested in learning more about it. SPEP™ trained probation officers and EPISCenter representatives will discuss the SPEP™ and answer questions about the process and their experiences. The information sessions provide an opportunity for county leadership to assess their county's readiness to adopt SPEP™ and to complete an application to bring SPEP™ into their county. Regional sessions typically last about three hours, which allows sufficient time for presentation and questions and answers.

Three information sessions were held in April and May of this year in Allegheny, Bucks, and Centre Counties. Collectively, there were 51 participants representing 23 counties. Participants reported that the sessions gave them a much better understanding of the process and level of time commitment required by counties currently involved in the SPEP™.

Five counties have since submitted applications to adopt the SPEP™. The JJSES Leadership Team will review the applications and those selected will begin training on the SPEP™ in October 2018. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Additional county adoption and training opportunities will be available in 2019. Counties can download a readiness assessment and county application at any time by navigating to "**Regional Informational Session Documents**" on the EPISCenter website: <http://episcenter.psu.edu/juvenile>.

The time, date, and locations for the upcoming sessions are:

#### **Northwest**

##### **Community Center of Crawford County**

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

1034 Park Avenue, Meadville, PA 16335

#### **East**

##### **Lehigh County Government Center**

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

17 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown, PA 18101. The session will be held in the Public Hearing Room, which is on the first floor.

Register for either of these events through the JCJC Events Management System (JEMS):

[www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us](http://www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us)



# NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## OJJDP NEWS @ A GLANCE, MAY/JUNE 2018

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of [OJJDP News @ a Glance](#), May/June 2018. In this issue's Message from the Administrator, Caren Harp discusses OJJDP's commitment to support and provide resources to law enforcement officers who protect and rescue missing and exploited children. The top story highlights OJJDP's observance of National Missing Children's Day and agency-supported programs to address child abduction, sexual exploitation, and trafficking.

Other features in this issue—

- [Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Hanson Addresses AMBER Alert Symposium](#)
- [OJJDP Convenes Internet Crimes Against Children Commanders Meeting](#)
- [Stakeholder Corner: 4-H Mentoring Program Helps Mitigate Effects of Opioid Crisis on Youth in West Virginia](#)
- [Research Central: Assessing Collegiate Women's Mentoring of At-Risk Girls](#)
- [Upcoming Events](#)
- [News in Brief](#)
- [New Publications](#)

### RESOURCES:

[OJJDP News @ a Glance](#), May/June 2018 (NCJ251680) is available

## APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR SUPPORTING LGBTQ YOUTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform](#) has released a request for applications for the [2018 Supporting the Well-Being of System-Involved LGBTQ Youth Certificate Program](#), which will take place October 22-26, 2018, in Washington, DC. This program will provide a weeklong training to help juvenile justice, child welfare, and other system partners improve outcomes for system-involved LGBTQ youth. [Apply](#) by July 13, 2018.

## MORE THAN 2,300 SUSPECTS ARRESTED DURING OPERATION BROKEN HEART INVESTIGATION OF ONLINE CHILD SEX PREDATORS

The Department of Justice has [announced](#) that the recently concluded Operation Broken Heart led to the arrest of more than 2,300 suspected online child sex offenders. The OJJDP-funded [Internet Crimes Against Children \(ICAC\) Task Forces](#) conducted this operation during the months of March, April, and May 2018 as a coordinated investigation to identify and arrest suspected online child sex offenders. OJJDP launched the ICAC Task Force Program in 1998 to help federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies enhance their investigative responses to individuals who use the Internet, online communication systems, or computer technology to exploit children.

### RESOURCES:

Visit the ICAC Task Force [website](#).

## OJJDP ADDS JUVENILE FACILITY DATA TO STATISTICAL BRIEFING BOOK

OJJDP has updated its [Statistical Briefing Book](#) to include national and state data from the 2016 Juvenile Residential Facility Census.

Resources include:

A [Data Snapshot](#) describing facility screening practices and service availability.

The [Juvenile Residential Facility Census Databook](#).

Frequently Asked Questions about [facility characteristics](#) and [facility practices and services](#).

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 full list of [Data Snapshots](#) and [Data Analysis Tools](#) available from the Statistical Briefing Book.

Learn more about the OJJDP's [Juvenile Residential Facility Census](#).

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