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On April 20, 2018, Laurie A. Carter was inaugurated as the seventeenth president of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania. The inauguration ceremony was the capstone in the many events encapsulating the President's "Making Waves" themed inauguration celebration. In addition to several events during the week leading up to the inauguration ceremony, the President sponsored 17 days of kindness, symbolizing her role as the University's seventeenth president.

Carter's appointment to the presidency of Shippensburg University represents a return to her academic roots. She earned her first academic credential, a Bachelor's of Communication, from Clarion University of Pennsylvania, another member of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. She then went on to earn a Master's of Communication from The William Paterson College of New Jersey and a Juris Doctorate from Rutgers Law School, Newark. Carter received an Honorary Doctorate from Snow College in Ephraim, Utah.

Prior to coming to Shippensburg University, President Carter was the executive vice president and university counsel for Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). As executive vice president, Carter served on the president's cabinet and assumed responsibility for the university in the president's absence.

Before her time at EKU, Carter was vice president for arts education at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, where she was responsible for providing strategic leadership, external relations, and administrative management of the third-largest arts education program in the United States. Previously, she held various positions over almost twenty-five years at The Juilliard School.

She is a member of the Kentucky and New York State bars, the National Association of College and University Attorneys, and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. She sits on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce and recently was appointed by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf to the Tuition Account Program Advisory Board. She is an associate member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and a member of the Harrisburg Chapter of The Links, Inc.

JCJC staff were honored to attend the inauguration event and participate in the celebration of President Carter's leadership and continued partnership between Shippensburg University and JCJC.



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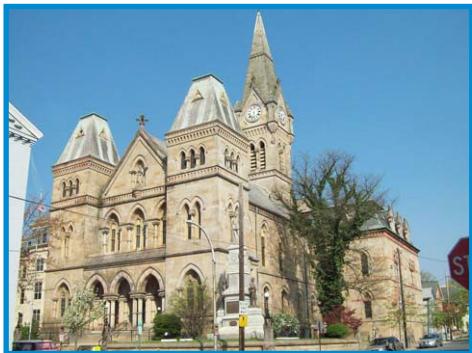
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COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

2017-2018 GRANT RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT:

BLAIR COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE'S JUVENILE DRUG COURT

By Clark Shehe, Blair County Juvenile Drug Court Officer



The Blair County Juvenile Drug Court has been in operation under The Honorable Elizabeth A. Doyle since 2009; in which it began to target moderate to high risk youth (ages 12 to 18) with substance abuse issues. To date, the drug court has served 188 children, 264 parental figures, and hundreds of other family members or loved ones who were impacted by juvenile drug addiction. Out of the current 188 total participants, 76 have graduated from the program successfully.

Two full-time probation officers persistently and intensely supervise each participant by attending multiple home visits or school visits per week, in which drug tests are administered. However, there is much more happening behind the scenes other than just intensive supervision and drug testing. The probation officer forms a professional alliance with the youth and family in order to develop a meaningful relationship with them. Evidence-Based cognitive

techniques and tools are used to directly be a part of the juvenile's treatment.

Of course, probation officers are not alone in this effort to help these high risk youths. The juvenile drug court program contains an entire team of participants who are stakeholders in each juvenile. This team, known as "The Treatment Team" meets every other week an hour before the Juvenile Drug Court proceeding begins. Other members of the Treatment Team include a judge, an assistant district attorney, a public defender, family counseling service providers, and drug and alcohol counseling service providers. Each child and family is discussed at length in the Treatment Team, where a plan is developed for the next two weeks to best meet their needs.

Immediately following the Treatment Team meeting, the juvenile drug court proceedings begin. As a requirement to be accepted into the program, each participant needs to have one strong family support who is willing to transport them to the hearings every other week. The youth and their support are called up before the judge together to discuss their progress or lack thereof over the past two weeks. It is at this time

where either an incentive or sanction is issued. Incentives can be monetary, praise, or a unique experience; while sanctions can be intense reflections, loss of privileges, or increase in responsibilities.

Overall, the goal of the Blair County Juvenile Drug Court is to make a meaningful change in the community by reducing harm caused by addiction with a treatment based approach. There is no cure for addiction or for other high risk behaviors associated with it, but our program is structured to inspire behavioral change. The support is always present for participants, but in the end, it is their choices which guide them forward or backward. Providing unconditional support and access to treatment provides the participants with the ability to make changes on their own. No change can be forced, but it can be assisted within the juvenile drug court approach.



COMMENCEMENT HELD FOR CLASS OF 2018



Seated from left to right: Honor Rounsville, McKean; Santana Rivera, York; Stacey Wellman, Franklin.

Standing from left to right: James Dodson, Philadelphia; Chris Grunthaner, Elk; Brian Clark, Mercer; Dwight Penberth, Jr., Lebanon; Charles Hartman, Montgomery; Dan Henry, Philadelphia; Chris McIntyre, York; Miles Smith, Philadelphia

Graduate Student of the Year. She 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 8, 2018. 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.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018 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 11, 2018. 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.

Stacey Wellman, a probation officer from Franklin County, was named the



Stacey Wellman 2018 award recipient, along with The Honorable Carol Van Horn.

CONGRATULATIONS

In addition to celebrating the JCJC Cohort of graduate students, we congratulate Jaelin Smith and Brett Paul, both interns with JCJC/CJJTR for the Spring 2018 semester. Jaelin and Brett graduated with their Master's in Administration of Justice from the traditional graduate program with the Criminal Justice Department at Shippensburg University. Congratulations, Jaelin and Brett, and thank you for your amazing work throughout the spring semester!



From left to right: Brett Paul, Robert Tomassini, Rick Steele, Kelly Waltman-Spreha, Jaelin Smith

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

VICTIM AWARENESS WEEK WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Submitted by Westmoreland County

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is an awareness event during the month of April which enables Victim/Witness Liaisons to inform the community about what resources are available. This year our main focal point was to ensure that every crime victim feels comfortable as we take steps with them through the court process. Here at the Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation Department we welcomed the National theme of **Expand the Circle, Reach all Victims**. We also feel that it is of the utmost importance to show the community the collaborative effort between Law Enforcement, Probation Officers, professionals, organizations, and community agencies working together to reach our victim community. As advocates, it is our duty to properly inform all of the involved victims regarding the court process.

During the week of April 8th-14th, the Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation Department recognized Victim Awareness Week. Beginning on Monday, April 9th, Karen Evans from the Blackburn Center came to present to the Probation Officers about the services that the agency offers to victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence. The Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation Department proudly wore red in support of the movement to stop Rape, Sexual Assault, and Gender Violence. During this eventful day, we started a week-long donation drive for items to help supply the Blackburn Center Emergency Shelter for current and former residents.

On Tuesday, April 10th, therapy dogs Chloe, Emma, and Digger were brought into the Juvenile Probation Office to demonstrate how a therapy dog may be beneficial to a victim or witness by helping to relieve agitation, anxiety, and stress. Therapy dogs can assist victims and the witnesses during the legal process by offering a supportive presence that helps victims and witnesses keep their composure during a hearing or stressful situation.

The afternoon schedule of events for Tuesday consisted of the teachings of Art Therapist, Patti Ghrubril, from Seton Hill University. She educated our staff on the therapeutic benefits Art Therapy has to offer. When provided by Mental Health and Human Services professions, Art Therapy enriches the lives of individuals, families, and communities through the creative art process. Art Therapy can be used in a trauma-related situation where it allows the victim, who is unable to express feelings with words, to have a safe place that encourages the client to express the feelings of the traumatic event in the art form. Art making provides a certain amount of distance and control, and thus provides a sense of containment for the client (Johnson, 1987; Lev-Weisel, 1998).

Tuesday was ended **mindfully** by having Angela Merendino come to our facility to demonstrate a Mindful Meditation Practice. Angela spoke about resilience and how it is a person's ability to be able to bounce



*Westmoreland County
Victim/Witness Services strive
to empower victims of crime
in the Criminal and Juvenile
Justice System.*

*This is accomplished by ensuring
that all victims of crime are ad-
vised of their rights as afforded
by the victim's bill of rights and
are, therefore, given a voice in
the prosecution of their offender.*



COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

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back after difficult life events, such as victimization. Angela listed 8 factors involved in resilience: Emotional Regulation, Impulse Control, Realistic Optimism, Causal Analysis, Empathy, Self-Efficacy, Reaching Out, and Positive Resistance. Angela showed us how to properly meditate and pay attention to what is happening at each moment. Mindfulness provides the ability to improve emotion regulation, mood, empathy, confidence, self-esteem, coping and social skills, and can increase one's level of control over his or her reactions when experiencing fear.

This week we wanted to engage the community through

a constructive way to ultimately spread awareness; Jennifer McCune had the vision of using peace dove cutouts to symbolize the crimes that have impacted victims (see picture above). The peace doves were displayed on the front window of our lobby for everyone that entered the building to see. There were a



multitude of different colors and each color represented a different crime (assault, burglary, robbery, arson, homicide, DUI, etc.). Each person that was directly affected or knew someone who was affected by one of these crimes, would pick the color dove of a crime that they or a loved one have been affected by, and place that dove on the window. This display signifies the ripple effect that crime causes. In our Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation Department, several of our Probation Officers have received training on how to effectively deliver the Victim Awareness Class Curriculum to juveniles. The importance of the display of peace doves corresponds to the class and with what is discussed among the juveniles in the class, such as how one crime can affect not only the direct victim but their family and friends and the entire community, thus the ripple effect of crime.

According to the Office for Victims of Crime, "more than 5 million violent crimes occur in the U.S. each year. Violence hurts you and your community". Our goal at the Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation is to restore the victim to pre-crime status financially, emotionally, and physically. This year our recognition of the National Crime Victims' Rights Week brings us one step closer.

SAVE THE DATE

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Christy Nailor at 717-477-1385 or cnailor@pa.gov.

COMPLEX CASE PLANNING BULLETIN

Jay Leamy, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Chester County Juvenile Probation

The Complex Case Planning bulletin, which was issued in December 2010, was intended to offer guidance and structure to child-serving entities for case planning for youth and families with multifaceted needs up to age 21. In the context of juvenile justice-involved youth, the bulletin offers guidance to effectively develop case plans that help support family stability, while protecting the community, promoting accountability for the offenses committed, and providing the youth with opportunities for competency development. Often, youth that come in contact with the juvenile justice system present with needs that require interventions and services from more than one system. As a result, a cross-systems, collaborative approach must be employed to promote effective case planning. This approach should be strength-based and, when possible, youth and family-focused. Counties have developed local business practices for developing plans and delivering services to youth and families based on the needs identified by the agencies involved. Many counties have developed cross-systems, collaborative processes that engage the county human services departments, managed care organizations (MCOs), the education system, the physical and behavioral health systems, and formal and informal support systems. This is consistent with the Integrated Children's Services Planning process that was developed in 2004. In the event presenting issues are unable to be resolved at the county level, processes have been established to engage the Department of Human Services (DHS) at the regional and state level.

Collaborative case planning efforts should be initiated at the local level. Likewise, services should be delivered at the local level and should draw upon any natural resources and supports to promote the youth and family success. Consideration should be given to the least restrictive level of care and intervention to meet the needs of the youth and family, while maintaining the balanced attention to the protection of the community, promoting accountability of the offenses committed, and offering opportunities for the youth to develop competencies to become more responsible members of our communities. Case planning should be individualized and strength-based, while consider-

ing developmental, social, cultural, physical and behavioral health needs. Following the system-of-care (SOC), single-plan-of-care (SPOC) approach, representatives from all the involved systems, in collaboration with the youth and family when developmentally appropriate, should define goals, develop the case plan, identify, define, and provide appropriate resources and supports to the youth and family, and evaluate progress. Case planning is a dynamic process.

There is a wide array of services in the Commonwealth that can be accessed at the county level, however, what is available will differ from county to county. A descriptive list of services can be found in the Complex Case Planning bulletin.

Most of the time, youth and family needs can be met through established case planning processes at the county level. Effective case planning requires collaboration, innovation, and flexibility. The planning process should be initiated when the needs are identified, not when a crisis-situation develops. In those situations where more sophisticated planning is needed, options and potential solutions have been exhausted at the county level, and the presenting issues cannot be resolved, the matter should be referred to the Regional office for consideration. Any individual or local agency can refer the matter to their Regional Office. Notification to the Regional Office should be done in a timely manner and will require the local cross-systems collaborative team to continue their efforts to resolve the issues at the county level. The Regional staff will assist with connecting the county level staff to state level coordination teams that are designed to handle issues with youth involved in multiple systems, presenting with complex funding issues, and youth possessing physical and behavioral health needs.

The criteria to be reviewed by the DHS Complex Case Team can be in the Complex Case Planning bulletin. Additionally, a Complex Case Services Planning checklist for each level of review is contained within the bulletin. Any questions about the bulletin can be directed to the Regional Office staff.



Did you know...

JCJC Events Management System (JEMS) underwent a security update on May 21, 2018. This update was made to meet the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) that is currently being adopted by all departments, boards, commissions, and councils under the Governor's jurisdiction.

So, What does this mean for you?

Since the changes to the application are focused on password encryption, you will see a one-time change to the login process for only the first time you access JEMS after the update.

You will be directed to a page that will prompt you for your JEMS user name (full email address). You will then receive a temporary password at that email address, which you can use to log in.

Once successfully logged in with your user name and the temporary password, you will be redirected to a page where you can then customize your password.

Please contact us at ra-jcjcevents@pa.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

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RESEARCH BRIEF

STRENGTH FACTORS BOOST OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH

Reprinted with Permission from: Colorado Division of Probation Services. (February 2018). Evaluating the utility of 'strength' items when assessing the risk of young offenders. Retrieved from: https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Administration/Probation/ResearchInBriefs/RIB_YLS-CMI_Feb18.pdf

Source Document: Shepherd, S., S. Strand, et al. (2018). "Evaluating the utility of 'strength' items when assessing the risk of young offenders." *Journal of Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology*. DOI: 10.1080/14789949.2018.1425474.

Summary/Conclusions

This study sought to examine the role strengths play in the desistance of youth offenders. Utilizing a sample of 212 youth in Australia, researchers conducted semi-structured interviews and completed the Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI) assessment. To determine the impact of strengths, researchers compared assessment and recidivism data. The data showed significantly better outcomes for youth that possessed at least one strength. They were 3.2 times less likely to generally re-offend than those without a single strength.

The criminal justice field has been largely focused on the risk to re-offend. Researchers in this study explored how the presence of strengths can impact re-offending. The present study included a sample of multi-cultural in-custody youth between the ages of 10 and 20.

Individuals in custody were approached about a voluntary study. Youth who agreed to take part in the study completed a semi-structured interview for approximately 90 minutes. Two formally trained clinician-researchers completed the YLS/CMI assessment. They indicated the presence of a strength in each subscale using a binary measure (yes or no). The rules for scoring strengths differ for each subscale. Researchers collected follow-up data on the youth to determine recidivism rates. For the study, recidivism was defined as any future police charge, except technical violations of orders and parole. The youth were followed for a minimum period of 6 months after they were released from custody. The average follow-up time was 112 days. Over 70% of the sample had re-offended within 100 days upon release.

The most frequently identified strength in the study was education/employment (19.8%), followed by peer relations (10.8%), and family relations/parenting circumstances (9%). Youth that possessed at least one strength were 3.2 times less likely to generally re-offend. This result held true even when controlling for risk level. There were no significant differences for the presence of strengths and violent offending. Researchers also discovered significant differences in the number of strengths for various ethnic groups in the areas of education/employment, substance use, and leisure/recreation. Indigenous youth had fewer strengths in these areas than culturally and linguistically diverse youth and English-speaking youth. Females were also significantly less likely to have a strength in education/employment.

Practical Applications

- Provide ongoing feedback on completed assessments with youth to highlight areas of strength.
- Document a youth's strengths in notes and reports.

RESEARCH BRIEF *(continued)*

- Ask youth about their motivation in various areas. While someone may not have employment or educational completion, motivation to work on those areas may be a benefit.
- Create opportunities to ask individuals about their strengths.
- To avoid bias, always use assessment scoring guides to increase accuracy. An individual being overtly difficult may not pose increased risk.
- Use affirmations to highlight and reinforce a youth's strengths.
- Acknowledge and reinforce behaviors you want the youth to repeat.
- Increase your skills by asking a supervisor or peer to coach you on how well you seek, acknowledge, and reinforce youth strengths.

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.

Limitations of Information

The present study was completed on a small population of Australian youth offenders. The population may differ considerably from the youth on probation in Pennsylvania. Of the 212 youth, 142 were high or very high risk. While the researchers conducting assessments had strong interrater reliability, researchers noted that identification of strengths "lacked operational exactitude". It was unclear if the yes/no system was adequate to capture the strengths present in those youth.

DAWN HOOTON RECEIVES EXCELLENCE AWARD

On May 11, 2018, Lebanon County Juvenile Probation Officer Dawn Hooton was awarded the Community Excellence Award by the Lebanon County Council of Human Service Agencies. This award was presented to her in recognition of her tireless work with court-referred youth suffering from sexually problematic behaviors. Accompanying this award, PA State Representative Frank Ryan presented Dawn with a commendation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Dawn supervises a specialized juvenile sex offender caseload of approximately 25 youth, coordinating services and meeting the needs of juveniles both in the community and residential settings. A 2015 graduate of the JCJC Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University, Dawn has directly contributed to the expansion of community-based programming available to Lebanon County juveniles charged with sexually-based offenses. Her positive collaboration with community-based providers and commitment to rehabilitation has resulted in a reduction of out of home placements for court-involved youth under her supervision. The Lebanon County Probation Services Department values Dawn's contributions to the juvenile justice system and congratulates her on this achievement.



Dawn Hooton and Pennsylvania State Representative Frank Ryan

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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:

- [Supporting Tribal Youth: Training and Technical Assistance and Youth Leadership Development](#). Applications are due by June 18, 2018.
- [Drug Treatment Courts Program](#). Applications are due by June 21, 2018.
- [Evaluation of Internet Crimes Against Children Training](#). Applications are due by June 25, 2018.



Resources:

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

OJJDP ADDS COURT DATA TO STATISTICAL BRIEFING BOOK

OJJDP has updated its [Statistical Briefing Book](#) to include national estimates of delinquency and petitioned status offense cases processed in juvenile courts through 2015.

Resources include:

- A [Data Snapshot](#) describing the characteristics of delinquency cases handled in juvenile court in 2015.
- Three Data Analysis and Dissemination Tools: [Easy Access to Juvenile Court Statistics](#), [Easy Access to State and County Juvenile Court Case Counts](#), and [the National Disproportionate Minority Contact Databook](#).
- Frequently Asked Questions about [Juveniles in Court](#) and [Juveniles on Probation](#).



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-sponsored [National Juvenile Court Data Archive](#).

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

SPRING ISSUE OF AMBER ADVOCATE NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE

OJJDP has released the spring 2018 issue of [The AMBER Advocate](#) newsletter. This issue features articles on:

- AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program Administrator Jim Walters' vision for the future of child protection.
- Faces of the AMBER Alert Network.
- The role an Idaho AMBER Alert played in the recovery of two sisters.
- AMBER Alert in Indian Country.
- AMBER Alert in international news.



The U.S. Department of Justice and the [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#) coordinate the [AMBER Alert program](#) nationally. As of March 2018, a total of 924 children had been successfully recovered through the AMBER Alert system.

Resources:

Access [previous issues](#) of the newsletter.

Learn more about the [AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program](#), funded by OJJDP.

Learn more about the AMBER Alert program.

Find [AMBER Alert](#) on Facebook.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR SCHOOL-JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform](#) has released a request for applications for the [2018 School-Justice Partnerships and Diversion Pathways Certificate Program](#) to be held September 24-28, 2018, in Washington, DC. This program, held in partnership with the [American Institutes for Research](#) and the [National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice](#), will provide an intensive, week-long training to help school and district staff, court professionals, law enforcement, and child-serving leaders address the needs of youth involved in—or at risk of entering—the juvenile justice system. [Apply](#) by June 15, 2018.

Resources:

Read CJJR's new bulletin, "[Keeping Youth in School and Out of the Justice System: Promising Practices and Approaches](#)."

Read OJJDP's new [Diversion Programs I-Guide](#).

See OJJDP's Model Programs Guide literature review on [diversion from formal juvenile court processing](#).

Learn about OJJDP's [School-Justice Partnership Project](#).

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