



### **PCCD RELEASES THE 2019 JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PLAN**

In alternating years, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) releases a juvenile justice and delinquency prevention plan to the Governor of the Commonwealth. PCCD is legislatively required to complete the research and create this plan under the auspices of its Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJJPC). Members of the JJJPC are gubernatorially appointed and contribute a wide array of expertise from across the juvenile justice spectrum. Developed under 71 P.S. Section 1190.23, the Plan to the Governor is based on an analysis of the Commonwealth's needs and problems, including juvenile delinquency prevention. 2019 is a Plan year, and this year's Plan was largely written by James Anderson, former Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and former Chairman of the JJJPC. The Plan serves as an excellent resource document for background on the most current issues challenging Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system and its practitioners. In addition, it provides a series of recommendations to lay the foundation for a comprehensive delinquency and violence prevention strategy for the state; expedites the implementation of Pennsylvania's highly regarded Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy; and addresses key legislative and policy matters of critical importance to the achievement of these goals.

The 2019 Plan contains 16 recommendations and related background split equally between chapters on delinquency prevention and juvenile justice system improvement. Recommendations dealing with delinquency prevention support greater coordination of the annual state dollars that are allocated to the various state agencies for delinquency prevention programming. The Plan also supports a more stable funding source for the juvenile justice system and amendments to the Human Services Code that include both juvenile justice and child welfare goals that are consistent with the statutory mandates of the Juvenile Act.

As well as the recommendations to improve and strengthen the foundation of the system, the Plan includes recommendations related to direct services, policies and procedures. These include extending educational services in residential programs from 180 to 250 days; using research to inform the development of nondiscrimination policies and procedures addressing the needs of LGBT/GNCT youth; program development to help reduce disproportion in the numbers of minority youth entering the sys-

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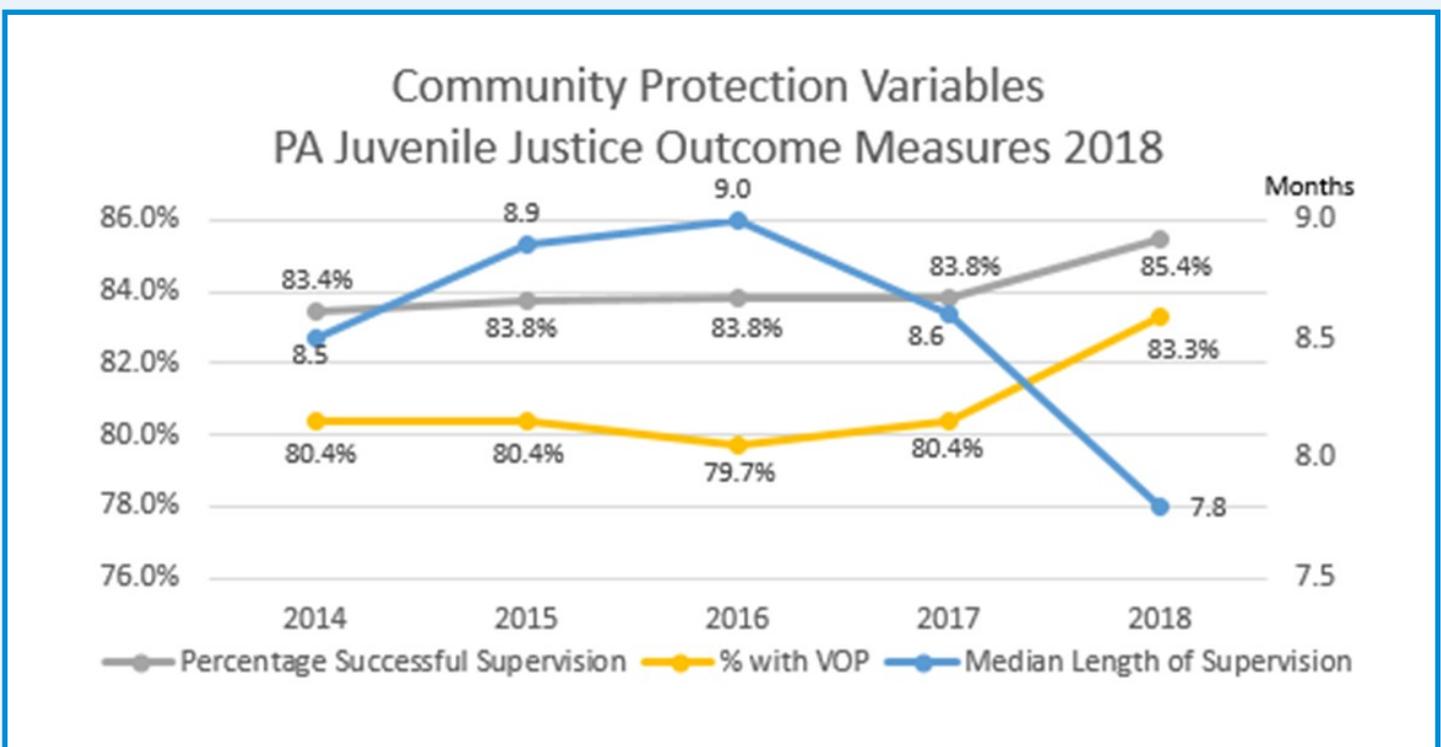
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tem; and advocacy for greater scrutiny of how decisions are made that may result in deeper system penetration and access to services. A closer examination of justice-involved youth with complex cross-system needs is recommended, to define the service gaps and the unmet needs of this group, and to develop a plan to address these issues. The Plan also brings to the foreground issues around staffing in residential treatment facilities and improving access to high quality secure detention services.

Many individuals and agencies contributed to the research and development of the 2019 Plan. The plan to the Governor is an excellent source of data that has been culled through existing partnerships that PCCD and the JJDPDC have with the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the Evidence-Based Prevention and Intervention Support (EPIS) Center, and the Departments of Education, Human Services, and Drug and Alcohol Programs. The Plan is a blueprint for moving forward. It contains high levels of background information that explain the significance of each recommendation and why each is contained in the Plan. The 2019 Plan will be posted on the PCCD website in June 2019 and may be accessed at [www.pccd.pa.gov](http://www.pccd.pa.gov). Anyone with questions about the Plan may reach out to Michael Pennington at the PCCD Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at [mpenningto@pa.gov](mailto:mpenningto@pa.gov).

## 2018 PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS OUTCOMES REPORT RELEASED

The 2018 Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System Outcomes Report has been released and can be viewed at <https://www.jcjc.pa.gov/Research-Statistics/Documents/2018%20Pennsylvania%20Juvenile%20Justice%20Outcome%20Measures%20Report.pdf>. It has been a successful last five years for our system as our Community Protection variables have experienced continuous improvement. Over the next several months, we will provide a closer look at additional sections of this report within this newsletter.





# Call for Presentations

## The 2019 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

**November 6 - 8, 2019**

Harrisburg Hilton and Towers

The 2019 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, sponsored by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges will be held November 6-8, 2019, at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers.

Each year the Conference includes workshops that highlight practices, programs and initiatives that exemplify best-practices related to the various components of Pennsylvania's Balanced & Restorative Justice mission and our Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). This year's workshops will take place on Thursday, November 7, 2019. The workshops will be 90 minutes in length and will be repeated via morning and afternoon sessions.

We enthusiastically welcome submissions for presentations. Interested parties can complete and submit the following presentation proposal form. Please note that up to two facilitators from each selected workshop will receive free Conference registration and meals (facilitators are responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses).

Submissions for presentations are due by Monday, June 3, 2019, and can be directed to Leo J. Lutz, Director of Policy and Program Development at [lelutz@pa.gov](mailto:lelutz@pa.gov).

Presentation Proposal Form  
Click here to download  
or visit:



<https://www.jcjc.pa.gov/Program-Areas/AnnualConference/Documents/Call%20for%20Presentations%202019.docx>

# 2019 JCJC AWARD PROGRAM NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that nominations for the 2019 JCJC Awards Program are now open and include eight professional categories, as well as the youth awards contest. The awards will be presented at the 2019 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice on November 6 and 7, 2019 at the Harrisburg Hilton.

Nomination packets have been sent to juvenile court judges, chief juvenile probation officers, and agencies currently serving delinquent youth in the juvenile justice system. The Awards Committee requests that all juvenile justice professionals encourage youth under their jurisdiction to participate in the contest. Both Professional and Youth Awards materials must be postmarked by **June 1, 2019**.

We encourage you to help honor exemplary performances by individuals and programs serving children in Pennsylvania. Please contact Keith Graybill at 717.705.9006 or [kgraybill@pa.gov](mailto:kgraybill@pa.gov) if you have any questions or need further assistance. Thank you for your partnership and ongoing commitment to this program.

## 2019 Professional Awards Program

The 2019 Professional Awards Program includes the below categories:

**Juvenile Probation Supervisor of the Year** - any individual who supervises probation officers, but who is not a Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, as of the date of the nomination letter's postmark. This category includes all Deputy Chiefs, Assistant Directors, Supervisors, and others functioning in a similar capacity.

**Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year** - any individual who is employed as a Juvenile Probation Officer, but who is not a Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Deputy Chief, or Juvenile Probation Supervisor, as of the date of the nomination letter's postmark.

**Residential Program of the Year** - any public or private sector program serving alleged and/or adjudicated delinquent youth in a residential setting. This includes foster homes, group homes, residential treatment programs, general child care facilities, shelter care facilities, detention centers, independent living programs, and other programs providing out-of-home, overnight care to children. Award winners prior to 2015 are eligible for nomination.

**Community-Based Program of the Year** - any public or private sector program, not operated by the Court, which provides community-based, non-residential care to alleged and/or adjudicated delinquent youth, including but not limited to, day treatment programs, in-home services, Boys and Girls Clubs, and outpatient services.

**Court Operated Program of the Year** - any program operated by court employees which serves alleged and/or adjudicated delinquent youth.

**Meritorious Service Award** - any individual not receiving remuneration for working with at risk, alleged and/or delinquent children. This individual is a volunteer committed to furthering the development of youth in the juvenile justice system.

**Juvenile Court Support Service Award** - any individual who provides clerical, secretarial, management, information technology or other support services to the Juvenile Court. This includes receptionists, secretaries, clerk/typists, information technology specialists, fiscal specialists, office managers, and others functioning in a similar support capacity.

**Victim Advocate Award** - any individual who works on behalf of crime victims in a district attorney's office, juvenile probation department, or in a community-based agency. This individual does not need to be in a position that is entirely dedicated to victims of juvenile crime, but it should be a significant part of their position.

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**2019 YOUTH AWARDS PROGRAM** - additionally, the JCJC will again sponsor a Youth Awards Program to honor youth selected as winners in the Creative Expression and Outstanding Achievement contests. This year's theme is "**Resilience - My Journey, My Voice, My Opportunity**". The requirements of each nomination can be found by clicking the links below.

**[Creative Expression Contest Entry Form](#)**  
**[Outstanding Achievement Contest Entry Form](#)**

# ASERT'S AUTISM JUSTICE INITIATIVE

*Submitted by Kate Hooven, Justice System Consultant*

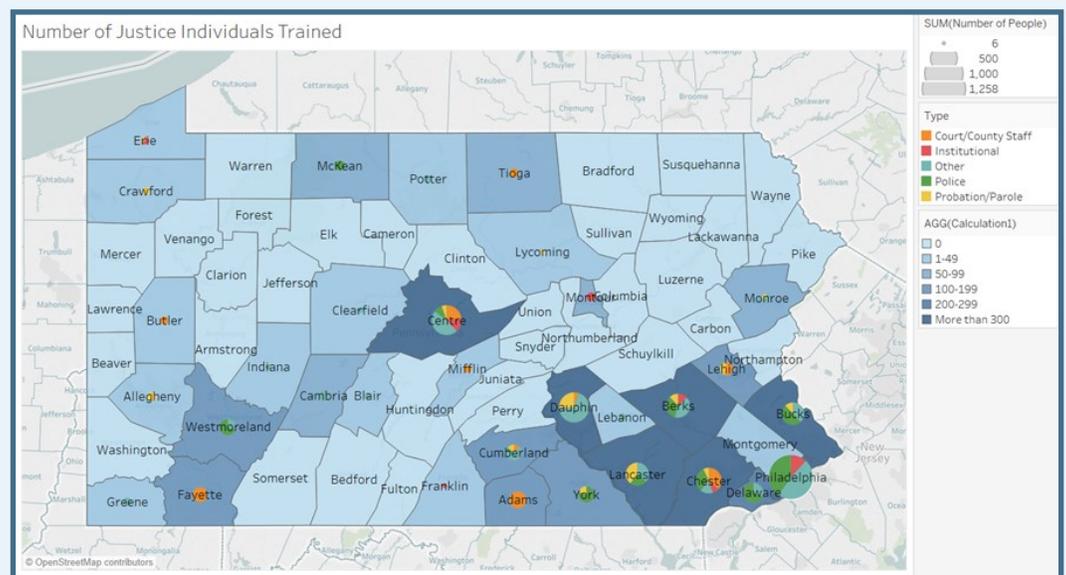
Autism not only has a profound effect on individuals with an autism diagnosis, but also on their families, government agencies, the educational system, the justice system, the healthcare system, and beyond. The Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training (ASERT) Collaborative is a partnership of medical centers, centers of autism research and services, universities, and other providers involved in the treatment and care of individuals of all ages with autism and their families. The ASERT Collaborative is funded by the Bureau of Autism Services: Office of Developmental Programs (BAS: ODP), Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) and has been designed to bring together resources locally, regionally, and statewide. The mission of ASERT is to improve access to quality services and information, provide support to individuals with autism and caregivers, train professionals in best practices and facilitate the connection between individuals, families, professionals and providers.

From 2009 to 2014, the [Pennsylvania Autism Census Project](#) found that the number of Pennsylvanians with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) receiving services increased from nearly 20,000 individuals to over 55,000 individuals. The number of individuals with ASD who had contact with the juvenile or criminal justice systems also increased. The location, the circumstances, and the outcomes are different in each case, but there is an underlying theme in each incident; a call for training for law enforcement and justice system professionals on how to identify autism and how to interact with individuals with ASD. To support this goal the [Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training \(ASERT\) Collaborative](#) is offering **free** training to justice system personnel across the Commonwealth.

Training on ASD through ASERT is available for Juvenile and Adult Probation, District Attorneys, Public Defenders, Domestic Relations, Police, Child Welfare, Sheriffs, and other court personnel in Pennsylvania by contacting [ASERT@drexel.edu](mailto:ASERT@drexel.edu) or calling **215-571-3181**. ASERT has trained over 5,800 juvenile and criminal justice professionals throughout the Commonwealth, including: juvenile and adult probation, child welfare workers, juvenile detention staff, adult correctional staff, police officers, foster care families, and residential treatment facility staff.

Training can be customized but includes a clinical overview of ASD, including core deficits and symptoms, results from the ASERT statewide survey of justice professionals, and tools and strategies for justice system professionals, including:

- Interviewing
- Testifying
- Appearing in court
- Obtaining samples



The ASERT Collaborative utilizes data on individuals with autism, the services they use, and their justice system interactions in an area to tailor training to the needs of specific geographic areas, age groups, and other characteristics. The training is presented by the ASERT staff and Kate Hooven, a Justice System Consultant, former Juvenile Probation Officer and Juvenile Court Consultant, and a mom of a 17-year-old son with autism. To request a free training, email [ASERT@drexel.edu](mailto:ASERT@drexel.edu) or call 215-571-3181.

## How ASERT Can Help

ASERT can help individuals with autism, their families, their communities, and the providers who support them.

- Call our Statewide Resource Center (877-231-4244) in English or Spanish or email ([info@paautism.org](mailto:info@paautism.org) or [ASERTespanol@paautism.org](mailto:ASERTespanol@paautism.org)). With a database of information, our resource specialists are able to provide up-to-date and accurate information and resources.
- Request a free training or presentation.
- Learn more with our eLearning platform including courses with free CME/CE credits for Pennsylvania providers.
- Large online database of resources, events, and news including our Justice Resource Collection <http://www.paautism.org/resources/All-Resources/All-Resources-Details/itemid/7152/Justice-Resource-Collection>.
- Tailored data analysis.



## COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



### MONTGOMERY COUNTY SPEP™ KICKOFF EVENT

On March 14, 2019, a SPEP™ Kickoff meeting was hosted by Montgomery County Juvenile Probation, in conjunction with the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC), and the Penn State EPISCenter. The event was held during the Montgomery County Children's Round Table chaired by the Honorable Wendy Demchick-Alloy. The purpose of the presentation was to introduce and educate key leaders, service providers, and stakeholders about how the SPEP™ Project aligns services to evidence based practices within the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES).

Deputy Chief Michael Yoder provided the introduction and overview of the Montgomery County Quality Improvement Unit, and described the department's adoption of the SPEP™. Angela Work, Director of Administration and Grant Programs, JCJC, presented on how the JJSES Statement of Purpose works to achieve the Balanced and Restorative Justice mission of employing evidence-based practices with fidelity, at every stage of the juvenile justice process. This is achieved by collecting and analyzing the data necessary to measure the results of these efforts; and striving to continuously improve the quality of decision making. The SPEP™ falls within JJSES Stage Three - Behavioral Change; Service Provider Alignment to effectively engage in evidence-based programming and interventions to enhance Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system.

Shawn Peck, SPEP™ Program Manager and Amy Herb, SPEP™ Implementation Specialist, Penn State EPISCenter, provided an overview of the SPEP™ history in Pennsylvania along with the research, findings, and implications of the SPEP™. Andrew Backlund, Angel Cobbold, and Charlie Root of the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Quality Assurance Unit, presented an overview of the SPEP™ Process and how it is used to engage stakeholders to service the right youth, in the right service, for the right amount of time.

The EPISCenter and Montgomery County Juvenile Probation would like to extend their appreciation to all who attended the event, including the several residential and community-based providers, school district leaders, police officers, probation officers from Montgomery County Juvenile Probation, ADA Sharon Giamporcaro, Chief of the Juvenile Division of the District Attorney's Office, Adrienne Koskinski from the Juvenile Division of the Public Defender's Office, and Laurie O'Connor, Director of the Office of Children and Youth.

The SPEP™ Process will strengthen the current partnerships and ultimately enable the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department to determine and implement the best interventions for youth to promote success. For more information about the SPEP™ Process, please review the materials at the EPISCenter website located under juvenile justice tab: [www.episcenter.psu.edu](http://www.episcenter.psu.edu).

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### May

- 16 Graduated Response Systems Forum  
State College
- 22 MI Forum  
State College
- 30-31 Understanding Mood Disorders and Why Youth  
with Trauma and Attachment Disorders Have  
Anxiety and Depression  
Harrisburg

### June

- 11 YLS Master Trainer Recertification  
Harrisburg

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

### August

- 6-7 Motivational Interviewing 101  
State College

### September

- 12-13 Level 1 SPEP Specialist Training  
State College

### October

- 1 YLS Master Trainer Recertification  
State College
- 2 Case Plan Forum  
State College
- 22 YLS Master Trainer Recertification  
Greensburg

## SPEP™ INFORMED

### UNDERSTANDING RESEARCH, INFORMING PRACTICE

A new statewide training is being developed to engage counties across Pennsylvania to learn more about the benefits of the SPEP™. While it is the intention for more counties to be trained to implement the SPEP™, we recognize probation departments have different needs and capacities which impact their ability to become fully involved with the SPEP™ project.

The SPEP™ Informed training will enable all juvenile probation departments to gain a better understanding of how SPEP™ is affecting the services they utilize. Upon completion of this free ½ day training, probation staff will be able to:

- *Interpret* SPEP™ research findings and implications to adjust recommendations for Dispositional Hearings in terms of risk, criminogenic needs and responsivity factors.
- *Explain* this information to court personnel, including but not limited to: judges, district attorneys, public defenders, resource management, placement liaisons, and community-based providers.
- *Make informed decisions* and recommendations to the Court which match dosage and duration targets outlined in the research. This will assist communication with families in understanding length of stay or assigned weeks in community-based services.
- *Understand* service provider needs as the alignment between juvenile probation and the service provider become clear.
- *Decide* if they want to attend the SPEP™ Level 1 training to administer the SPEP™ in their area.

SPEP™ Informed trainings will be offered this Fall through the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R). This training can also be facilitated in individual probation departments or regionally. For more information about the SPEP™ Informed training or inviting this training to your area, please visit <http://episcenter.psu.edu/juvenile> or contact Shawn Peck at [smp31@psu.edu](mailto:smp31@psu.edu).



JJES Implementation Survey 2018

# STAGE III: BEHAVIORAL CHANGE

## STANDARD PROGRAM EVALUATION PROTOCOL (SPEP™)

Does your department reference the SPEP™ scores on PCCD's website?

8% said yes, for the majority of decisions involving service provider alignment.

29% said yes, but not for the majority of decisions involving service provider alignment.



Across the state there are 26 total SPEP™ certified staff members.

74% No/unknown.

26% Yes.

Residential Providers.



32% Yes.

Community-Based Providers.

In your county, have the following participated in the SPEP™ process?

68% No/unknown.

For more SPEP™ data information, please visit: [www.pccd.pa.gov](http://www.pccd.pa.gov) keyword: SPEP™.



21% of departments plan to implement new SPEP™ activities during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.



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JUVENILE COURT JUDGES' COMMISSION

## TECHNOLOGY CORNER

### REQUEST FOR ONLINE TUTORIAL TOPIC IDEAS FOR PaJCMS



We are requesting your ideas and suggestions for tutorials that we can create for the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS). These would be items that will be made available to all county probation staff.

Topic suggestions could include: instructions on how to enter specific information, specific items to orient new staff to processes in juvenile justice, or questions that are asked frequently by staff, and should be topics that can be quickly accessed and completed in 20 minutes or less.

Please email suggestions to the PaJCMS Helpdesk Staff at [RA-JCJCHELPDESK@pa.gov](mailto:RA-JCJCHELPDESK@pa.gov) with topics you would like to see developed.



# SAVE *the* DATE

*Harrisburg Hilton and Towers*

**NOVEMBER  
6-8, 2019**

*2019 James E. Anderson*

**PENNSYLVANIA  
CONFERENCE  
ON JUVENILE JUSTICE**



# Aggression Replacement Training® (ART) Funded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Free training to help youth serving professionals learn to improve youth social skills, moral reasoning and self-control using the Aggression Replacement Training® (ART) model.

**2019 Dates and Locations:**

- May 2-3 in State College, PA
- May 13-14 in Erie, PA
- June 3-4 in Pittsburgh, PA

**Who can participate?** Interested parties include (but are not limited to) the following: probation departments, child welfare, non-profit and/or community agencies, and mental health providers.

**Cost?** No registration fee, agencies must cover participant travel and cost of facilitator's manual which can be ordered here: <https://www.researchpress.com/books/409/aggression-replacement-training>

**To register?** Email Jake Wisniewski with Education & Treatment Alternatives at [jakewisniewski7@gmail.com](mailto:jakewisniewski7@gmail.com)

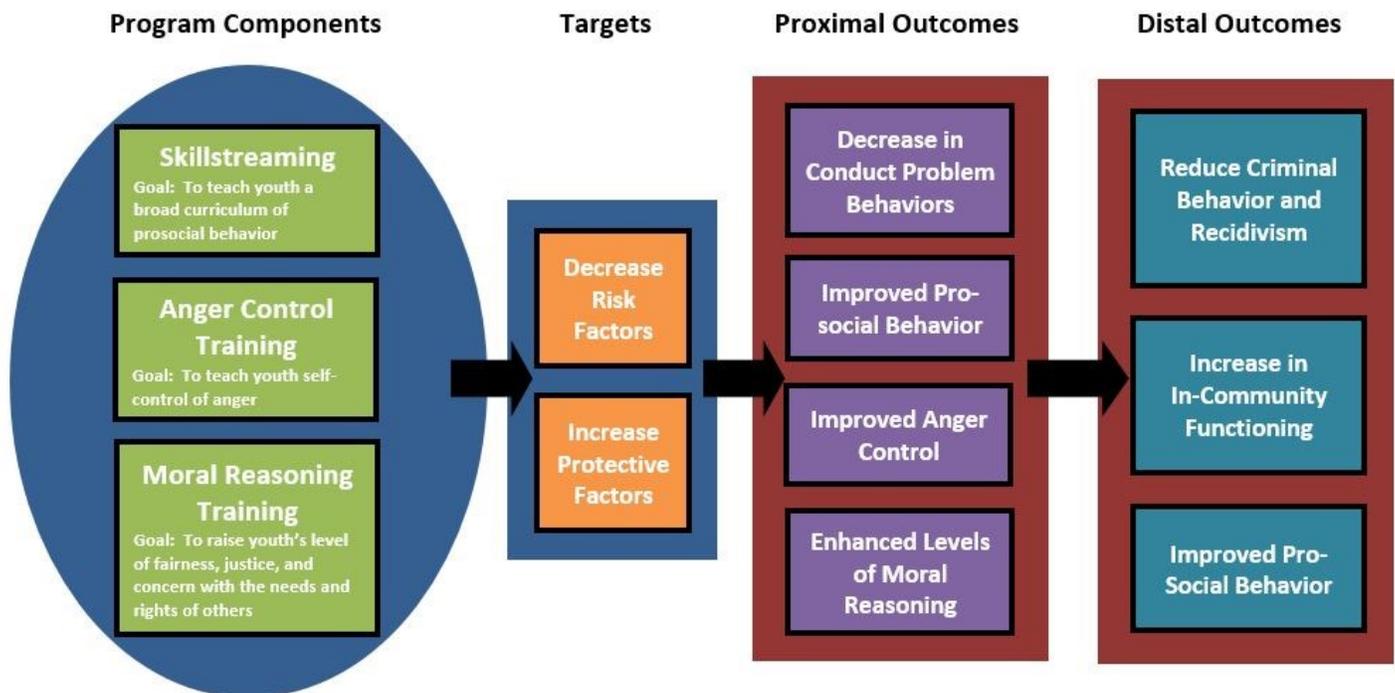
**Limits?** Each entity may register up to five (5) participants.

**General questions?** For more information about this model or other evidence-based programs contact EPIS at [episcenter@psu.edu](mailto:episcenter@psu.edu) or 814-863-2568 or visit our website at <http://www.episcenter.psu.edu/>

**Aggression Replacement Training®**

Program developed by Arnold P. Goldstein, Ph.D., Syracuse University; Barry Glick, Ph.D., New York State Division for Youth; and John C. Gibbs Ph.D., Ohio State University

*Logic Model created by the Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support Center (EPISCenter) at Penn State University.*



**Researched Delivery Model:**

- targets aggressive adolescents, ages 12 to 17
- goal of reducing recidivism of delinquent youth
- program must be facilitated by staff trained in ART®
- 30 one-hour program sessions delivered 3 times per week over 10 week period

\$\$ Please visit the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) website for current information regarding the Benefit-Cost Results for ART. \$\$ <http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/BenefitCost?programSearch=aggression+replacement+training>

BECOME A CERTIFIED TRAINER  
APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR  
MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE  
TRAIN-THE-TRAINER EVENT

BOSTON, MA | JUNE 26-28, 2019

The [National Center for Youth Opportunity and Justice](#) is now accepting applications from individuals interested in becoming a certified **Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice (MHT-JJ)** trainer.

Developed specifically for juvenile probation, detention, and corrections professionals, the MHT-JJ provides critical information and practical strategies for interacting with youth who are experiencing mental, substance use, and traumatic stress conditions. The MHT-JJ provides research-based instruction that increases juvenile justice practitioner knowledge and develops and enhances skills to support effective and safe interactions with youth.

Up to **40 participants will be selected** to attend the next **MHT-JJ Train-the-Trainer**, scheduled for **June 26-28, 2019, in Boston, Massachusetts**. Applications will be accepted through **Friday, May 24, 2019**.

[Click here to learn more and apply for the MHT-JJ TTT](#)



**JDCAP**  
Juvenile Detention Centers  
and Alternative Programs

## NPJS TRAINING FOR TRAINERS

Presented by:

**National Partnership for Juvenile Services**

**Hosted by: Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs**

**When:** August 5 - 9, 2019  
Mon -Thu 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Fri 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Where:** County Commissioners Association of PA  
2789 Old Post Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

JDCAP is once again hosting a week long (4.5-day) Training for Trainers designed to engage agency trainers in developing the skills necessary to enhance performance of staff working with troubled youth. Attendees will participate in experiential learning to better apply adult learning methodology to their agency training events. The session will utilize the new National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS) training curricula as a foundation for this event.

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



# Open House

## North Central Secure Treatment Unit Boys & Girls Programs

**WHAT:** Join us for our first **North Central Secure Treatment Unit Open House.**

Come tour our facilities and meet our staff to see what treatment and vocation services our youth receive: DBT, T4C, Forward Thinking, Trauma-Informed Care, Education, Career & Tech, Reintegration services & much more.

**WHO:** Juvenile Justice stakeholders including but not limited to Juvenile Probation teams and Judges in the following counties:

Berks, Bradford, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Columbia, Delaware, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Philadelphia, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne and Wyoming.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 10:00am

**WHERE:** North Central Secure Treatment Unit, 36 Kirkbride Drive, Danville PA, 17821

**HOW:** RSVP by May 3, 2019 by emailing your contact information to: [spavelko@pa.gov](mailto:spavelko@pa.gov). Further details will be sent upon receipt of registration.

\*Please note that an invite for a future open house will be sent to our stakeholders in the Central and Western counties at a later date.

## The Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services YDC/YFC System

*Mission Statement: The Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services (BJJS) will provide a system of individualized treatment services that values strong child, family & community partnerships; promotes competency development & victim awareness; & enhances the quality & coordination of our juvenile justice system.*



# NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## AVAILABLE NOW: REDLINED VERSION OF JJPA AS AMENDED BY THE 2018 JJRA

In December, President Trump signed into law the [Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018](#) (JJRA), reauthorizing and substantially amending the [Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974](#) (JJDP).

OJJDP continues to carefully review changes to the legislation and we are committed to sharing implementation resources with the field in a timely manner. One resource now available is the [2018 JJRA redline](#), which will allow users to closely track changes implemented by the new law. We are creating additional resources and guidance documents, which will be available on our website in the coming weeks.

### RESOURCES:

- View amended [JJPA](#).
- Visit our JJPA core requirements compliance [webpage](#).

## OJJDP ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OJJDP has announced the following fiscal year 2019 funding opportunities:

- [Comprehensive School-Based Approach to Youth Violence and Victimization](#)

Applications are due by May 20, 2019.

- [Coordinated Assistance to States Program](#)

Applications are due by May 28, 2019.

- [Family Drug Court Program](#)

Applications are due by May 29, 2019.

- [Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program](#)

Applications are due by May 30, 2019.

- [Supporting Victims of Gang Violence Grant Program](#)

Applications are due by June 10, 2019.

### RESOURCES:

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

## APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is [National Child Abuse Prevention Month](#), a time for communities nationwide to encourage action to improve the safety and well-being of youth. According to a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [report](#), 3.5 million children were subject to at least one maltreatment report in fiscal year 2017. OJJDP is partnering with the HHS Administration for Children and Families' [Children's Bureau](#), the [National Children's Alliance](#), and OJJDP's [National Mentoring Resource Center](#) to promote community partnerships and support efforts to address child abuse and neglect. [Learn more](#) about these partnerships and what you can do to end child abuse.

### RESOURCES:

- [Learn](#) how children's advocacy centers coordinate the investigation, treatment, and prosecution of child abuse cases.

## OJJDP NEWS @ A GLANCE, MARCH/APRIL 2019

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of [OJJDP News @ a Glance](#), March/April 2019. This issue's [top story](#) and [Message From the Administrator](#) discuss National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Other features in this issue—

- [OJJDP Participates in National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#)
- [National Summit on Youth Homelessness Held in Washington, DC](#)
- [OJJDP Observes Second Chance Month](#)
- [Stakeholder Corner: Youth Collaboratory](#)
- [Research Central: OJJDP Releases Findings From Study on Dual System Youth](#)
- [Upcoming Events](#)
- [News in Brief](#)
- [New Publications](#)
- [News From the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#)
- [News From the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice](#)

### RESOURCES:

- OJJDP News @ a Glance, March/April (NCJ 252570) is available [online](#).

## OJJDP'S UPDATED AMBER ALERT BEST PRACTICES GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

The Office of Justice Programs has announced the publication of OJJDP's updated "[AMBER Alert Best Practices](#)" guide. This resource provides a "what works" approach to responding to cases of missing or abducted children at the state and regional levels. "Protecting children—especially those whose lives are in imminent danger—is fundamental to the mission of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention," said OJJDP Administrator Caren Harp. "This new resource will give our regional, state, and local AMBER Alert partners the latest information, solicited from veteran public safety officials and seasoned experts, on how to respond swiftly and effectively to child abductions."



### RESOURCES:

- [Learn more](#) about the AMBER Alert program.
- Access Child Abduction Resources for Victim and Families [website](#).





# NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## OJJDP RELEASES FACT SHEET ON DELINQUENCY CASES IN JUVENILE COURT

OJJDP has released "Delinquency Cases in Juvenile Court, 2016." This fact sheet presents statistics on delinquency cases handled in U.S.



juvenile courts from 2005 to 2016. During the 12-year period, the number of delinquency cases involving juveniles declined 49 percent. Decreases were experienced across four offense categories: property, public order, person, and drug law violations. The estimates are based on data from more than 2,500 courts with jurisdiction over 86 percent of the nation's juvenile population in 2016. Read the OJP press release.

### RESOURCES:

- Learn more about the OJJDP-sponsored [National Juvenile Court Data Archive](#).
- See OJJDP's [Statistical Briefing Book](#) for additional information on juvenile court case processing.

## APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR LOCAL SCHOOL-JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform](#) (CJJR) has released a request for applications for a field-based version of the [2019 School-Justice Partnerships and Diversion Pathways Certificate Program](#). This new version of the training will be held September 23-27, 2019, in partnership with the National Association of Counties, American Institutes for Research, and the National Center for Youth Opportunity and Justice. This year's program allows a total of seven multi-disciplinary teams, of up to eight people each, from one state to jointly apply to hold the training locally. The program will focus on creating a safe and supportive school climate, addressing exclusionary disciplinary policies, school-based diversion programs, and more. [Apply](#) by May 24, 2019.

### RESOURCES:

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

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT @ THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS

The Pew Charitable Trusts is currently accepting applications for the position of Juvenile Justice Research Manager for the Public Safety Performance Project.

The position is located in Washington, DC. The successful candidate will:

- manage and mentor a team that conducts juvenile justice research while also funding and overseeing external research contracts;
- craft a research agenda that informs juvenile justice policy making and helps move the juvenile justice field forward;
- develop deliverables to inform stakeholders of relevant research work; and
- help translate juvenile justice data and research for policy making audiences as part of a project that helps states and localities implement data-driven, research-informed solutions to challenging juvenile and criminal justice problems.



The ideal candidate:

- has experience conducting research with state or federal justice system data;
- possesses at least eight years of specialized experience in criminal or juvenile justice research and policy analysis;
- is familiar with contemporary topics in juvenile justice research and has a vision for what the field needs in order to evolve further; and
- has managed people and projects effectively.

For more information, please visit the following site:

<https://jobs-pct.icims.com/jobs/5882/job?mo-bile=false&width=985&height=500&bga=true&needsRedirect=false&jan1offset=-300&jun1offset=-240>

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