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## THIRD JUVENILE JUSTICE ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS REVISED DELINQUENCY BENCHBOOK

On April 28-30, 2019, fifty-one juvenile court judges from throughout the Commonwealth participated in the third Juvenile Justice Academy developed by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) in cooperation with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC). The program was held at the Nittany Lion Inn, State College, and was moderated by JCJC members Judge David Workman (Lancaster) and Judge Carol Van Horn (Franklin/Fulton).

On Sunday evening, April 28, the Honorable John M. Cleland, Senior Judge in McKean County, provided opening remarks entitled "*Searching for Wisdom: Henry Campbell, Judge Richard Stanley Tuthill, and the Lessons of History*". His remarks laid the foundation for the intensive work to follow during the remainder of the Academy activities.

On Monday morning, James E. Anderson, former Executive Director of the JCJC, delivered a presentation entitled "*The Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Story*". The remainder of the Academy activities were presented by the various chapter authors of the recently updated and distributed *JCJC Pennsylvania Juvenile Delinquency Benchbook*, with the Benchbook contents serving as the reference to statute, Rule, and best practices related to each topic. During opening remarks, Judge Carol Van Horn, who chaired the Benchbook Revisions Workgroup, noted that the updated version represents over two years of dedicated and hard work by her Workgroup members. Each of the ensuing topical presentations included various forms of interactive exercises for participants.

Judge Christopher Hauser (McKean) presented the topic of *Commencement of Proceedings/Intake/Diversion/Informal Adjustment* and was assisted by Chief Juvenile Probation Officers Kathleen McGrath (Franklin) and Teresa Wilcox (McKean). The presentation focused on the process by which complaints against juveniles in Pennsylvania are received, screened, and either petitioned or diverted from the system.

Judge Carol Van Horn and Chief McGrath followed with an overview of *Detention*, emphasizing its limited purposes and how it fits into the broader purposes of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. Judge Hauser and Judge Craig Miller (Clinton) then reviewed *The Adjudication Hearing* and the requirements for "informal but orderly" hearings under the Juvenile Act.

Judge John Hall's (Chester) presentation on *Delinquency and Disposition Determinations* reviewed the proper conduct of hearings to determine whether a juvenile is in need of treatment, supervision, or rehabilita-

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tion and what form a disposition should take. He concluded his presentations with a juvenile justice-customized game of *Jeopardy*, eventually won by Judge Walter Olszewski (Philadelphia).

During Monday dinner, Judge Rea Boylan (Bucks) served as a moderator in an exercise to explore the range of emotions experienced within a juvenile court setting, along with the practical strategies to de-escalate situations and move towards positive outcomes. As a backdrop and inspiration to the discussion, Judge Brian Johnson (Lehigh), Judge Oliver Lobaugh (Venango), and Robert Tomassini (JCJC) role played a hearing where matters quickly escalated due to some less than skillful interactions amongst the participants.

On Tuesday morning, Judge Boylan and Judge Kathryn Hens-Greco (Allegheny) presented *Probation and Placement Reviews*, which reviewed disposition follow-up and review procedures, including probation revocations, routine placement reviews, modifications and transfers, home pass authorizations, and case terminations. Judge Workman then discussed *Transfer To and From Criminal Proceedings* by examining issues to be considered and factors to be weighed in proceedings to determine whether or not juveniles should be tried as adults.

Judge Cleland then provided an overview of *Juvenile Court Administration*, along with various related topics.

The Academy concluded with a group discussion of topics of mutual concern, moderated by Judge Workman, who also served as the Chair of the J.J. Academy Planning Committee.

The 2019 Juvenile Justice Academy was well-received by those in attendance. Planning has already been initiated for the next Academy to be held sometime in 2021.

## JCJC WELCOMES DR. MICHAEL SCHLOSSMAN



The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is pleased to announce that Michael Schlossman has joined the staff as lead Research Analyst. He will be responsible for directing research into Pennsylvania juvenile justice policy and practice. He will continue to expand on the agency's research into recidivism and the Youth Level of Service (YLS), while also branching out into other topics—and utilizing diverse research methodologies—to investigate the impact of various elements of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES).

Dr. Schlossman comes to JCJC with almost a decade of experience researching the juvenile justice system in Pennsylvania. His dissertation examined how Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ), along with programmatic innovations, such as the Community Intensive Supervision Program (CISP), fostered change in local practices and policies in the Allegheny County juvenile court. More recently, he was the Co-Coordinator of the Second Chance Act Grant Evaluation (in Allegheny County and statewide) where he analyzed the grant's implementation and the effectiveness of aftercare programming. He has published several articles on how the juvenile justice system adapted to calls to "get tough" on youth offenders in the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s, and on recent declines in juvenile incarceration. His academic and policy research has also covered topics such as community-based alternatives to incarceration, restitution and monetary sanctions (fees and fines), delinquency prevention, and Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC).

When he's not doing research, he enjoys playing all racquet sports (especially pickleball and tennis) and at the suggestion of his colleagues, may find his way back on the golf course after a 10-year break. Dr. Schlossman received his Bachelor's Degree from Amherst College, where he majored in Sociology and Anthropology, and his Ph.D. in Sociology from Princeton University. He can be reached at 717-783-7836 or at [c-mschloss@pa.gov](mailto:c-mschloss@pa.gov).

## TECHNOLOGY CORNER

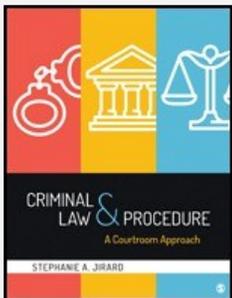
### TIM WRIGHT ACCEPTS POSITION WITH PSP



On May 24, 2019, Tim Wright ended his tenure with the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) to pursue a position with the Pennsylvania State Police. Tim has been a valuable member of the Information Technology Division of JCJC's Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) since January 2000. Since that time, Tim has worked in the support, development, and training of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS). PaJCMS has gone through many transitions over the years, from a DOS-based, Client-Server based system into the current Web-based application with a centralized database. When Tim started, there were only 42 Pennsylvania counties using the CJJT&R supported case management system. Today, however, all 67 counties utilize the PaJCMS for their case management operational needs. Many of you have gotten to know Tim through his excellent customer service as a member of the PaJCMS Help Desk team, in addition to his work on other data-related projects. Tim has represented CJJT&R on many workgroups related to the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSSES), including the YLS, Case Plan, PaDRAI, Outcome Measures, and Graduated Responses workgroups, always providing valuable insight and serving as a bridge between the policy/practice side of juvenile justice and the information technology/data integrity side.

We thank Tim for his years of dedication to JCJC/CJJT&R and to the many stakeholders within Pennsylvania juvenile justice, and we congratulate him on his new position. Tim will be transferring to the Public Safety IT Delivery Center at the Pennsylvania State Police Headquarters as a Business Analyst 3 working to identify key data needs throughout the Commonwealth to ensure the safety of Pennsylvania's citizens and communities.

We wish Tim all the best as he begins this new career journey!



### SU FACULTY PUBLISHES BOOK

Kudos to Shippensburg University Professor Stephanie Jirard on the publication of her new book, "Criminal Law & Procedure: A Courtroom Approach." Professor Jirard regularly teaches courses for the JCJC Graduate Education program at Shippensburg University.

Congratulations on this great accomplishment, Professor Jirard!

## 2018 JJSSES IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY RESULTS

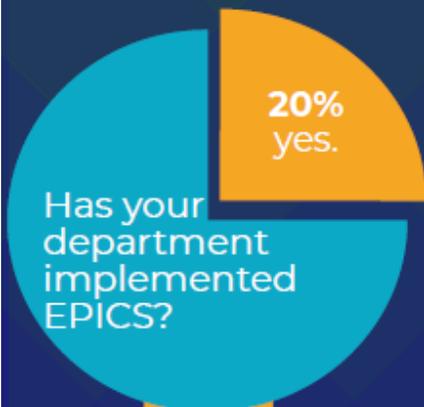
Pennsylvania's statewide implementation of Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) began in October of 2016. The purpose of the EPICS model is to learn how to apply the principles of effective intervention and core correctional practices to community supervision practices. With the EPICS model, juvenile probation officers have learned to deliver a more intense intervention to higher risk clients and target criminogenic needs to reduce the risk for recidivism while using approaches in cognitive behavioral therapy. The EPICS model helps to put the risk, need, and responsibility principles into practice through a structured approach. The 6<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania EPICS pilot will begin in a few short weeks as 30 juvenile probation officers from 9 Pennsylvania counties are scheduled to participate in the pilot beginning on June 17, 2019. At the conclusion of this pilot, over 300 juvenile probation officers will have been trained in Pennsylvania.



# JJSES Implementation Survey 2018

## STAGE III: BEHAVIORAL CHANGE

### EPICS



If no...



19% plan to implement EPICS during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

If yes...

23% have an EPICS policy.

Does your department have a trained internal EPICS Coach, who is responsible for the training and quality assurance practices?

77% said yes.

8% said no.

15% said "in progress".

82% that answered yes, stated they use audio taping as a quality assurance method.



30% state they will be implementing new EPICS activities during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.



Statewide, there were 12 departments which reported having an EPICS coach or in progress of such.



# MICHAEL PENNINGTON SELECTED TO RECEIVE *TONY GOBAR* OUTSTANDING JUVENILE JUSTICE SPECIALIST NATIONAL AWARD



Michael Pennington, Director of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, was selected to receive the *Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award* by the Coalition

for Juvenile Justice (CJJ). The CJJ works closely with the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to improve juvenile justice policy and practice at the national level. He will receive the award at a celebratory luncheon during the CJJ's National Conference at the Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel in Washington, DC. on June 20, 2019.

The *Tony Gobar Award* is given in honor of Tony Gobar, a long-time Juvenile Justice Specialist from Mississippi. It is intended to recognize a state Juvenile Justice Specialist who has exemplified excellence in service to others, has been dedicated and committed to improving the juvenile justice system, and has demonstrated compassion and concern for youth and their advocates.

Mike began his juvenile justice career in 1995 and served in various capacities in residential programs. He was hired as a Treatment Supervisor at the Abraxas Leadership Development Program at South Mountain, and was quickly promoted to Assistant Director of South Mountain's Secure Treatment Program. He also served as the Program Director of the Danville Center for Adolescent Females. In 2000, he transferred to PCCD to serve as Program Manager of the Office of Victims' Services during the time when Pennsylvania was in the early stages of developing its balanced and restorative juvenile justice system.

Mike began to have a broader impact upon Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system in 2003 when he transferred to PCCD's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and became its Director in 2005. For instance, Mike spearheaded the creation of the Resource Center for Evidence-based Preven-

tion and Intervention Programs and Practices (EPISCenter) at Penn State University in 2008, which was subsequently recognized by the National Criminal Justice Association as the "Outstanding Criminal Justice Program" in the northeast region of the United States.

In 2010, the concept for Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) was born and, since that time, Mike has served on the JJSES Leadership Team to develop and implement JJSES activities. Through Mike's leadership, and that of PCCD's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee, PCCD has contributed millions of dollars to sustain and enhance various JJSES initiatives.

During a brief period of time from 2013–2016, Mike served as the Director of the Department of Human Services' Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services (BJJS). During his tenure there, Mike oversaw the closure of two large state-operated secure residential programs and the reinvestment of significant dollars into juvenile delinquency prevention services. He also established the BJJS as the base of operations for Pennsylvania's Academic and Career/Technical Training (PACTT) Alliance, which continues to enhance academics and vocational training programs offered by both residential and community-based service providers.

In 2016, Mike returned to PCCD as its Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. His reach expanded nationally in 2018, when he was named the federal OJJDP's National Juvenile Justice Specialist. He represents all Juvenile Justice Specialists across the country during interactions with the federal OJJDP Administrator Caren Karp and her staff.

Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system is very fortunate to have Mike Pennington as one of its key leaders. He understands important issues, has the ability to work collaboratively and influence others, and has passion for his work with children and communities. Congratulations Mike!

## COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

# LYCOMING COUNTY CJAB RECEIVES CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM BEST PRACTICES AWARD

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April 29, 2019 -- WILLIAMSPORT -- The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) and Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) recently bestowed a 2019 Criminal Justice System for the 21st Century Best Practices Awards to Lycoming County.

Under the 2019 Criminal Justice System for the 21st Century Best Practices Awards program, the Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) Best Practices Award was presented to the Lycoming County Criminal Justice Advisory Board during PCCD's annual CJAB Conference on April 9, 2019, at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College.

The Commonwealth's CJAB Regional Specialists submitted nominations based on their interaction with county CJABs in their application of best practices with Lycoming County carefully chosen to receive this year's state-wide award.

The Lycoming County CJAB is chaired by President Judge Nancy L. Butts.

Over the past few years, the Lycoming County CJAB has accomplished many goals including: providing mental health first aid training to court staff, law enforcement professionals, and prison staff; implementing a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT); hiring a CIT Coordinator that serves both Lycoming and Clinton counties; establishing the Lycoming County Reentry Services Center; creating the Youth Enrichment for Success (YES) program with STEP, Inc.; working with Williamsport Area School District to employ Aggression Replacement Training; creating the Lycoming County Reentry Coalition in cooperation with a five-year strategic plan; supporting the creation of a jail-to-treatment program; working with the PA Opioid Overdose Reduction Technical Assistance Center and forming the Lycoming County Substance Abuse Coalition; supporting the application of the Supportive Housing and Master Leasing programs; helping to provide naloxone kits to local law enforcement; assisting with the Canine in the Courts program; working collaboratively to reduce the number of people with mental illness in the Lycoming County Prison; as well as many others.

The Lycoming County CJAB, established in September 2002, is a local criminal justice planning group that includes county stakeholders who work with state agencies, recommend best management practices, and promote communication throughout systems. Membership is diverse, including representatives from the Courts, corrections, law enforcement, government offices, community-based organizations, executive



Pictured behind President Judge Nancy L. Butts, left to right, are Jeffrey Snyder, CCAP First Vice President and Clinton County Commissioner; Jennifer McConnell, Director of Court Services and Facilitator of the Lycoming County CJAB; Ed Robbins, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and Chair of the Lycoming County CJAB Youth At-Risk Subcommittee; John Stahl, Deputy Chief Officer of the Adult Probation Office and Chair of the Lycoming County CJAB Reentry Services Center Subcommittee; Shea Madden, Executive Director of the West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission and Co-chair of the Lycoming County CJAB's Substance Abuse Coalition; Keith Wagner, Executive Director, Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Board/Administrator, Lycoming-Clinton MHID Programs and Co-chair of the Lycoming County CJAB Mental Health Subcommittee; Chris Ebner, Deputy Warden of Inmate Services and Co-chair of the Lycoming County CJAB Mental Health Subcommittee; and Taylor Paulhamus, Court Clerk and Chair of the Lycoming County CJAB Elder Law Task Force Subcommittee.

branch of county government, health and human service agencies, and victims' services agencies.

The mission of the Lycoming County CJAB is to improve the safety of the citizens by providing a forum for communication regarding critical issues and concerns and to foster a collaborative effort of key decision makers by evaluating, analyzing, planning, and recommending action that facilitates the efficiency and effectiveness of the overall system.

Yearly, the Lycoming County CJAB conducts a review and update of its strategic plan assuring the most significant, critical and helpful priorities are being addressed. The CJAB's process is comprehensive by engaging all members, incorporating across-the-board input.

For 2019, the CJAB will work together to focus on the following priorities: mental illness; substance-related disorders; prison reentrants; youth at-risk; and elderly at-risk.

According to CCAP's website, the awards program is conducted by the Committee on County Criminal Justice Systems for the 21st Century and is sponsored by CCAP, Pennsylvania County Corrections Association along with the Pennsylvania Prison Wardens Association, CCAP Insurance Programs and Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs. The goal of the awards program is to recognize and acknowledge actual practices known to be in existence in Pennsylvania.

## ADELINE "ADDIE" BEIGHLEY RETIRES AS CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY

*Submitted by Norman Mueller*



After more than four decades of service to the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System, Adeline "Addie" Beighley retired from the Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation Department. She began her career as a Probation Officer I on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1978. Addie was the only female probation officer in the department and was responsible for all female juveniles on probation in the county. On July 1, 1982, Addie was promoted to a Probation Officer II. Her title was Coordinator/Training Officer. She was responsible for training new probation officers, youth commission members, and coordinating all training for probation and detention staff. On January 1, 1987, Addie was promoted to the position of Juvenile Probation Supervisor. She was still in charge of all training while also assuming management functions in the office. On April 1, 1997, Addie was promoted to the position of Director of the Juvenile Probation Office. Addie served as the Director for over twenty-two years. In 2004, Addie was named Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year through the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC).

There have been two major paradigm shifts in Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice in the last 25 years. The first was the introduction of a new mission for Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice in 1995; Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ). The second was in 2010 when the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) was introduced into Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice. Addie was responsible for successfully introducing and implementing both of these initiatives into the Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation Office. Addie's passion and enthusiasm for Juvenile Justice is unparalleled. Over the years, Addie established many, many relationships and was held in high esteem by her colleagues. Addie was very active and involved in the PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers where she served as Secretary for two years then as Vice President until her retirement in May of 2019. Addie will be sorely missed by her staff and her legacy in Westmoreland County will continue on for many years.

## 2018 Outcome Measures - Accountability

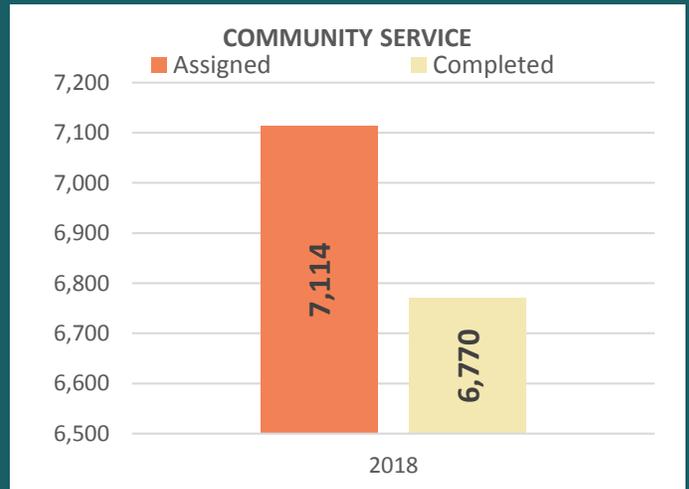
In Pennsylvania, when a crime is committed by a juvenile, an obligation to the victim and community is incurred. The juvenile justice system has a responsibility to ensure that juvenile offenders meet their obligation to repair the harm caused by their crimes.

### Community Service

The completion rate for community service assignments for the year of 2018 was 95.2%.

In 2018, juveniles served 305,927 hours of community service. At a minimum wage value of \$7.25 per hour, this equates to \$2,217,970.

Since 2009, juvenile offenders have completed 4,181,665 hours of community service. The total value of community service completed over the last 10 years is approximately \$30,317,071.25 based upon a minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour.



### Restitution

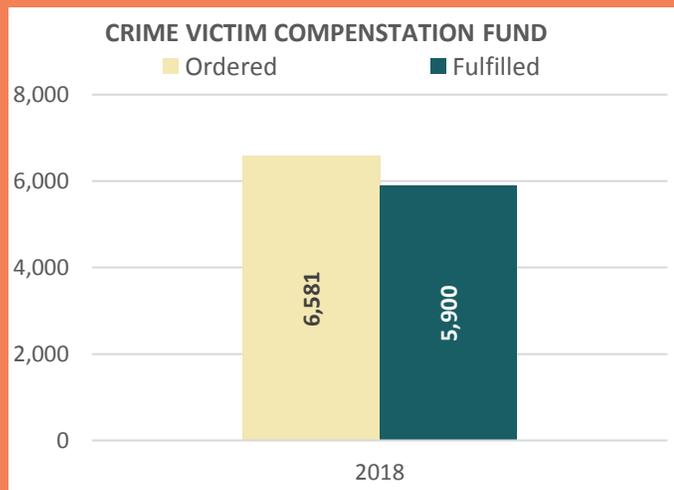


In 2018, juvenile offenders paid \$1,724,209.00 in restitution. 84.3% of those juveniles who were ordered to pay restitution to their victims did so in full during the year.

Since 2009, juvenile offenders have paid \$20,859,037 to their victims.

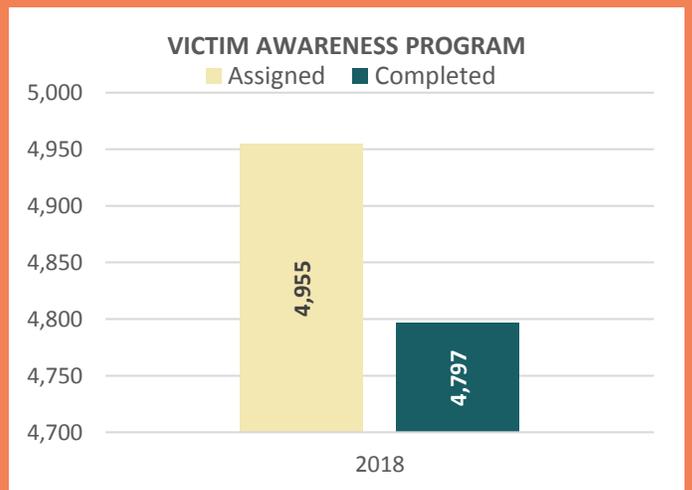
### Crime Victim Compensation

2018 had an 89.7% fulfillment rate for crime victim compensation fund payments. Total payments were \$203,089.00.



### Victim Awareness

2018 had a 95.6% completion rate for the victim awareness program.



# STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## GRADUATED RESPONSES IMPLEMENTATION FORUM

*Submitted by Andrew Benner*

The Graduated Responses Implementation Forum was held at the Toftrees Resort in State College on May 16, 2019. The forum was attended by over 70 juvenile justice professionals representing 35 counties across the Commonwealth. Lectures and round table discussions focused on the development and implementation of a graduated response program. Graduated response programs support the research that sanctions and interventions are effective in suppressing non-compliant behavior in the short-term, however, do not promote long-term behavior change. In consideration of this, a key aspect of an effective graduated response program not only focuses on establishment of consistently applied sanctions and interventions but also on incentivizing pro-social behaviors to promote long-term behavior change. Responses, whether sanctions or incentives, should be immediate, proportionate, specific, and consistent.



Participants engaged in discussions and activities that involved defining minor, moderate, and serious non-compliant behaviors and worked toward developing matrices that address these behaviors while also considering risk and need levels. Development of incentive practices to reward pro-social behaviors were also discussed. Implementation of graduated response programs can be challenging and stakeholder engagement is a crucial component of the process. Graduated responses are an evidenced-based practice that attempts to increase the frequency of positive behaviors and decrease the frequency of undesired behaviors. Attendees left the forum motivated and eager to implement graduated response policies within their respective counties. Questions regarding graduated responses can be directed to Angela Work ([awork@pa.gov](mailto:awork@pa.gov)) or Andrew Benner ([abenner@ccpa.net](mailto:abenner@ccpa.net)).

### June

- 11 YLS Master Trainer Recertification  
Harrisburg
- 17 CQI Sustainability Guide Webinar  
Online Only
- 17-19 EPICS  
State College

### August

- 6-7 Motivational Interviewing 101  
State College

### September

- 12-13 Level 1 SPEP Specialist Training  
State College
- 17-18 MI Coaches Training  
State College

### October

- 1 YLS Master Trainer Recertification  
State College
- 2 Case Plan Forum  
State College
- 15-16 YLS Master Trainer Certification  
State College
- 22 YLS Master Trainer Recertification  
Greensburg

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



# SAVE *the* DATE

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## **Dr. Thomas L. Austin Undergraduate Scholarship Fund**

We invite you to participate in supporting the Dr. Thomas L. Austin Undergraduate Scholarship Fund. Since 1986, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to an undergraduate student at Shippensburg University majoring in Criminal Justice. This scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Thomas L. Austin, who taught in the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission-sponsored Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University from its inception in 1982 until his retirement in 2011. The criteria for this scholarship are academic excellence and an interest in juvenile justice.

**Donate to the Juvenile Justice Scholarship Fund today!**  
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## Applications Being Accepted for Transforming Juvenile Probation Certificate Program and TA Package

**Applications Due by July 26, 2019.**

CJJR is pleased to partner with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Council of State Governments Justice Center to release an RFA for the [2019 Transforming Juvenile Probation Certificate Program](#).

As part of the package, the selected jurisdictions will attend a weeklong Certificate Program that will run from **November 4-8, 2019 at Georgetown University.**

[Click Here to Apply](#)



**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 [lawyer@pacounties.org](mailto:lawyer@pacounties.org) for more information.



# NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS' BLOG DISCUSSES BIGS IN BLUE MENTORING PROGRAM

The Office of Justice Programs has posted a new [blog](#) discussing the Bigs in Blue national mentoring program that matches youth with police in their community. Bigs in Blue, a program of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, has matched 1,090 police officers or "bigs" with children or "littles" who come largely from poor or single-parent homes or have an incarcerated parent. The blog highlights successful mentoring relationships. The blog also details OJJDP's investment in mentoring, including the more than \$83 million awarded last year to mentoring organizations.

### RESOURCES:

Access mentoring resources from [OJJDP](#).  
Learn about OJJDP's [National Mentoring Resource Center](#).

## OJJDP ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OJJDP has announced the following fiscal year 2019 funding opportunities:

- [Youth Gang Suppression Implementation Grants Program](#) Applications are due by June 24, 2019.
- [Second Chance Act Youth Offender Reentry Program](#) Applications are due by June 24, 2019.
- [Youth Gang Desistance/Diversion Grant Program](#) Applications are due by June 24, 2019.
- [Supporting Effective Interventions for Adolescent Sex Offenders and Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems](#) Applications are due by June 25, 2019.



### RESOURCES:

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

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARDS MORE THAN \$74.5 MILLION TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM

On April 25, 2019, the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs awarded more than \$74.5 million in grants to reduce recidivism among adults and youth after confinement. OJJDP, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the National Institute of Justice awarded grants to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions, research institutions, and organizations to support reentry. OJJDP awarded \$14.2 million to support reentry for detained juveniles with children and incarcerated parents.

More than \$7.2 million was awarded under OJJDP's Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents with Minor Children program. Nearly \$4 million was awarded under OJJDP's Second Chance Act Ensuring Public Safety and Improving Outcomes for Youth in Confinement and While Under Community Supervision program. In addition, OJJDP awarded nearly \$2 million to evaluate the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice's reentry improvements.

### RESOURCES:

View and download OJJDP's ["Reentry Starts Here: A Guide for Youth in Long-Term Juvenile Corrections and Treatment Programs."](#) Visit OJJDP's [Model Programs Guide](#) to learn about evidence-based reentry programs.

## OJJDP RELEASES BULLETIN ON GIRLS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

OJJDP has released ["Girls in the Juvenile Justice System."](#) This bulletin presents statistics on girls' involvement in the juvenile justice system from arrest through residential placement. The findings show that arrests involving girls fell by more than 50 percent between 2006 and 2015. Moreover, the number of delinquency cases, petitioned status cases, and residential placements involving girls were at their lowest levels since the 1990s. Females, however, accounted for a relatively large share of youth arrests involving larceny-theft, simple assault, and disorderly conduct.



### RESOURCES:

See OJJDP's [Statistical Briefing Book](#) for a [Data Snapshot](#) on Girls in the Juvenile Justice System.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS



[Accounting Specialist](#)

[Outreach and Engagement Coordinator](#)

[Planning Specialist](#)

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