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2019 JAMES E. ANDERSON PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

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, was held on November 6-8, 2019 at the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers. This year, over 900 individuals registered for the conference.

Judges/Hearing Officers Training

On Wednesday, November 6th, over 80 judges and hearing officers from across the Commonwealth participated in a training session titled: "How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Judicial Decision-Making." The session was led by Ms. Jennifer Lopez, Executive Director of Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children and designed specifically to increase the court's understanding of trauma; create an awareness of the impact of trauma on behavior; and develop trauma-informed responses.

Professional Caucuses

On Wednesday, November 6th, participants of the 2019 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice had an opportunity to join with colleagues from their area of specialty/interest within Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system to discuss issues of mutual concern and interest. A summary of the professional caucus discussion will be included in next month's newsletter.

Juvenile Defender Training

On Wednesday, November 6th, over 50 juvenile defenders from across Pennsylvania attended a training developed exclusively for them. Presentations for the juvenile defenders included: "It's Not Me, It's Them: Implicit Racial Bias and Defenders", "The Reasonable Black Child: Race, Adolescence and the Fourth Amendment", "It's Miller Time, Making the Most out of the US Supreme Court's Recognition of Juvenile Difference", and "Representing Victims of Sex Trafficking." A "Judges Roundtable" was also held on Thursday, November 7th, at which time juvenile court judges joined the juvenile defenders for lunch and a roundtable discussion centered around "Residential Placement in Pennsylvania."

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Youth Awards Program

Attended by nearly 500 people, the 2019 Youth Awards Program was held on Wednesday evening, November 6th. Young people were recognized for being selected as winners in Creative Expression and Outstanding Achievement award categories. Additionally, the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges presented two deserving youth with James E. Anderson Juvenile Justice Youth Scholarship Awards, each in the



amount of \$1,500. This year's Youth Awards Speaker was Amanda Carter, executive director of City Art Space, a non-profit organization based in Harrisburg. A recording artist, songwriter and

educator, Amanda used those skills to convey a message of support, empowerment, and opportunity to youth, while encouraging them to explore and express themselves creatively.

Morning Plenary

On Thursday morning, November 7th, Judge Kim Berkeley Clark, Chair of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, gave the "Conference Welcome". The morning plenary session, "Why What We Do Matters," featured Judge Victoria Pratt, a fierce advocate committed to criminal justice reform. Using personal experiences and audience participation, Judge Pratt



delivered a powerful message on how justice can be delivered to court participants in a respectful manner that increases their trust in the legal system and changes their behavior.

Workshops

Nearly 700 people registered to attend 14 different workshops on Thursday, November 7th. In an effort to allow participants to maximize exposure to the selected topics, all workshops were offered during both the morning and afternoon. Workshops and materials, if available, are featured on www.jcjc.pa.gov on our Annual Conference page.

Thursday Afternoon Plenary Session

The afternoon plenary session entitled "Remembering "Kids for Cash:" Never Again? Let's Be Sure," featured the Honorable John M. Cleland, Chair of the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice (ICJJ). During this session, Judge Cleland looked back on the events that have been called "the biggest judicial corruption scandal in



Pennsylvania history, or even in American legal history", while also explaining and outlining the work and recommendations made by the ICJJ. In addition, Judge Cleland described the work done locally and statewide to correct juvenile court processes and procedures, and to instill a renewed sense of purpose and professionalism to the work of the juvenile court. Following the summary of events, Judge Cleland facilitated a panel discussion consisting of members of the ICJJ, who reflected on their experiences while also sharing their thoughts regarding the ongoing efforts needed to ensure what occurred over a decade ago will never happen again.

Annual Awards Program and Dinner

Thursday's activities concluded with the 39th Annual Awards Program and Dinner. The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers honored both individuals and programs for their outstanding work in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system (See pages 4-5 for this year's award winners).

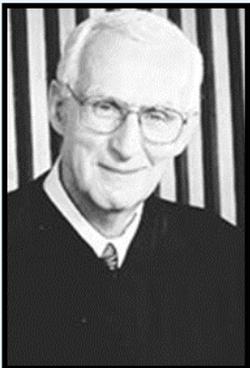


Resource Day

The 2019 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice concluded with Resource Day on November 8th. Conference participants had the opportunity to learn about new, innovative, and creative approaches to working with juveniles. Representatives from private and public residential programs, informational services, technology services, and other vendors were available to present information and discuss products and services.

Thank you for making this year's event a huge success!!! The 2020 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice will be held November 4-6, 2020, at the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers.

HONORABLE JUDGE FRED P. ANTHONY PASSES



The Honorable Judge Fred P. Anthony, 84, of Millcreek, passed away Sunday, September 29, 2019, at the Cleveland Clinic, surrounded by his family. He was born on August 26, 1935, in Erie, Pa., to the late Frederick P. Anthony and Marion R. (Scharrer) Anthony.

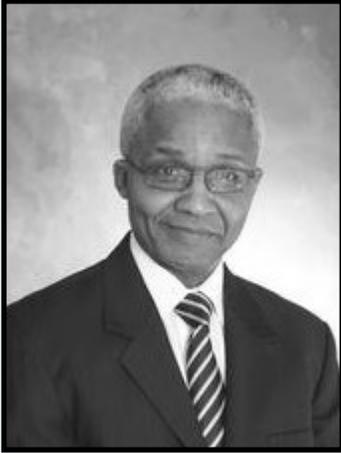
Judge Anthony served as judge in Erie County for 43 years, with most of that time being devoted to juvenile court attending to delinquency and dependency matters. He retired in 2005, having been first elected at the age of 36. He was very active in his community, serving on numerous professional and civic boards, and also at one point served as the President of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. Judge Anthony was instrumental in the initiation of many new and innovative programs to Erie County and Pennsylvania to assist juveniles and families.

Judge Anthony was a member of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission for over thirty years, completing his last term in September of 2003. During that time, he was elected as chairman of the Commission and served in that capacity from 1975 through 1980. He often advocated for reforms and changes in the juvenile justice system. In a 2005 interview at the time of his retirement, he said his most important fight came in the 1970s when he and other judges statewide battled to retain judicial control over juvenile placements in Pennsylvania at a time when the state was pushing to take the power away. His leadership and influence significantly impacted the activities of the Special Crime Session of 1995, leading to our Balanced & Restorative Justice statutory mission. In 2003, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's "Chairman's Award", presented periodically to individuals demonstrating exceptional leadership, dedication, or service to Pennsylvania's juvenile court system, was renamed as the "Judge Fred P. Anthony Award" in honor of his contributions. Past Anthony award winners include Ron Sharp, Jim Anderson, and Judge Art Grim.

Judge Anthony will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his many friends and colleagues, all of whom have been positively impacted by his presence in their lives.

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission congratulates all of the

2019 Award Winners



OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD
Hon. Nathaniel C. Nichols, Retired
Delaware County Court of Common Pleas



DR. THOMAS L. AUSTIN
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Cam Strohe
Bangor, PA



RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM
OF THE YEAR
Trey Carruthers
Williams House
Adelphoi Village



COMMUNITY-BASED
PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
Rebecca Bieber
JusticeWorks Youthcare, Inc.

COURT OPERATED
PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
Cindy Bettinger
Dauphin County Juvenile Probation
Diversion Program



Congratulations!

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VICTIM ADVOCATE
OF THE YEAR
Jennifer McCune
Westmoreland County



JUVENILE COURT SUPPORT
SERVICE AWARD
Michelle Fischer
Montgomery County

MERITORIOUS
SERVICE AWARD
Darian Colbert
Cohesion Network



JUVENILE PROBATION
OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Mary Lynn Bolla
Chester County



JUVENILE PROBATION
SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
David Daniels
Delaware County

CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION
OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Kathleen McGrath
Franklin County



Congratulations!



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Act 147 of 2018 DNA Provisions Become Effective on December 1, 2019

Act 147 of 2018 was signed into law by Governor Wolf on October 24, 2018. Among other items, Act 147 amends Title 44 (Law and Justice) relating to the submission of DNA samples by individuals convicted of, adjudicated delinquent, or accepted into ARD as a result of felony sex offenses and other specified offenses. Specifically, Act 147 expands the definition of “other specified offenses” at § 2303 to include all misdemeanors of the first degree and certain misdemeanors of the second degree under Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles).

Act 147 also amends Title 44 by adding § 2316.1 which requires the provision of a DNA sample as a condition of accepting into the Commonwealth an individual for supervision from another jurisdiction under the Interstate Compact or other reciprocal agreement if that individual has been convicted or adjudicated of an offense equivalent to offenses as per § 2316.

Act 147 does not alter in any way the process by which DNA samples and fingerprints are currently being collected. It simply expands the list of offenses which will now require the submission of DNA upon adjudication of delinquency.

Act 147 becomes effective on December 1, 2019.

The Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission has modified the PaJCMS in order to provide alerts to probation staff when cases are entered which would be impacted by Act 147 charges when subject to adjudication.

Should you have any questions relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Rick Steele at 717-787-6910 or at ricsteele@pa.gov, or Bob Tomassini at rtomassini@pa.gov.

Thank you.

Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure Amended in Hearing Officer Recommendations

On October 1, 2019, the Supreme Court amended Rule of Juvenile Court Procedure 191 to provide a written advisement to juveniles of their right to challenge a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer’s recommendation of an adjudication of delinquency.

Currently, Pa.R.J.C.P. 191(B)(1) requires a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer to advise a juvenile of the right to challenge a recommendation for an adjudication of delinquency pursuant to Pa.R.J.C.P. 192. Amended Rule 191 provides a “plain language” form to assure that the advisement is thorough and understandable to the juvenile of the right to challenge the recommendation. This approach is consistent with the written information provided to a juvenile advising of post-dispositional rights. The requirement for a written advisement pursuant to Pa.R.J.C.P. 191(B)(1) is only intended when there is a recommendation for an adjudication of delinquency; it is not intended for other types of recommendations.

The amendment will become effective January 1, 2020.

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

FRANKLIN COUNTY SPEP™ KICK-OFF MEETING

Franklin County Juvenile Probation held a SPEP™ Kick-Off Meeting on October 28, 2019, during the Franklin County Children's Roundtable Meeting. The Honorable Judge Krom hosted the meeting and Magisterial District Judge Shockey was also in attendance. Chief McGrath invited the Juvenile Justice Sub-Committee to attend. Representatives from various government agencies within Franklin and Fulton Counties were in attendance to include Juvenile Probation, Children and Youth, Human Services, and Court Administration. Representatives from several service provider agencies also attended the meeting.

The presentation gave a comprehensive view of the SPEP™ Project from 2013 to the present. Angela Work, Director of Quality Assurance from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission began the presentation with PA State data that provided a background for trends as it relates to the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy. Chief McGrath shared data that reflect trends in Franklin County that would be of particular interest to juvenile justice stakeholders. Shawn Peck, SPEP™ Project Manager from Penn State EPISCenter, presented on the footprint of the SPEP™ at a national and state level. Stacey Wellman, Franklin County Juvenile Probation Officer, explained the importance of the partnership between probation and service providers as it pertains to the SPEP™ Process. Lisa Freese, SPEP™ Implementation Specialist, also from the EPISCenter, presented on the research behind the SPEP™ from Vanderbilt University.

Franklin County is one of eighteen counties that are implementing the SPEP™ to develop systematic change by partnering with providers in aligning services to evidence-based practices. Nine counties have probation staff trained to interpret the SPEP™ findings to improve decision making within their juvenile courts.

For more information about the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™), contact Shawn Peck, SPEP™ Project Manager, or a Regional SPEP™ Implementation Specialist. Their contact information can be found on the Penn State EPISCenter website at www.episcenter.psu.edu.



Stacey Wellman, Franklin County Juvenile Probation Officer, listens to questions about the SPEP™ Lifecycle during the presentation.

FIRST CQI FORUM HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2019

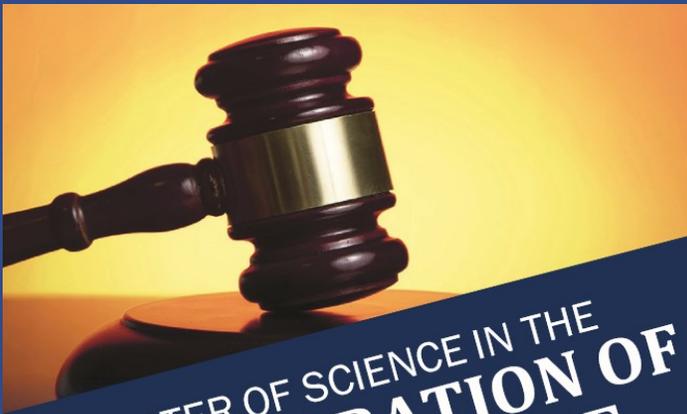
Over 70 juvenile justice professionals from Pennsylvania's juvenile probation departments gathered in State College on October 17 to examine two continuous quality improvement topics and begin writing local CQI action plans. The Continuous Quality Improvement Committee recently completed the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Sustainability Planning Guide. The development of the guide was an initiative of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). Its goal is to help Pennsylvania juvenile probation chiefs, as well as those responsible for the development and implementation of quality assurance, establish a continuous quality improvement plan in key areas related to risk reduction and to avoid "drift."

A webinar about the guide was held on June 17, 2019. In preparation for the webinar, juvenile probation departments were surveyed to determine which of the seven CQI areas covered in the guide were of greatest interest to them. Of these seven areas, two were selected for a “deeper dive” during the fall forum. Juvenile justice practitioners were invited to the forum.

The daylong CQI forum was largely attended by local probation department teams, as it was designed as a working session requiring robust discussion involving local contextual issues, current CQI efforts, and existing or potential obstacles. Participants heard from two peer panels made up of their counterparts who have developed policies and practices in one of the two highlighted CQI areas. The participants then used a planning workbook to document what they needed to do in the weeks and months to come from a CQI point of view. Onsite technical assistance was provided to those who sought it.

Feedback received after the forum indicated that it successfully achieved its purpose of highlighting two CQI areas and giving local departments the information and impetus to take the next steps in developing their local CQI plans. The CQI Committee is considering holding a second CQI forum sometime in 2020 to similarly examine one or more of the remaining five CQI areas covered in the planning guide: YLS/CMI, PaDRAI, case planning, graduated responses, and cognitive-behavioral interventions.

A special thanks to chair Nicole Mattern (Supervisor of Program and Development, Dauphin County Probation Services), Mark Carey, (President, The Carey Group), Bob Tomassini (Deputy Director, Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission), and the sixteen CQI Committee members from juvenile probation departments across the state for their contribution to advancing CQI and, more specifically, for planning and organizing the Forum event.



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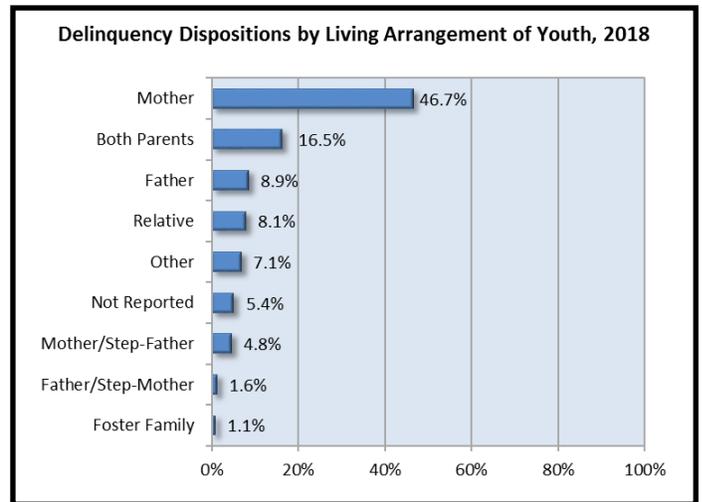
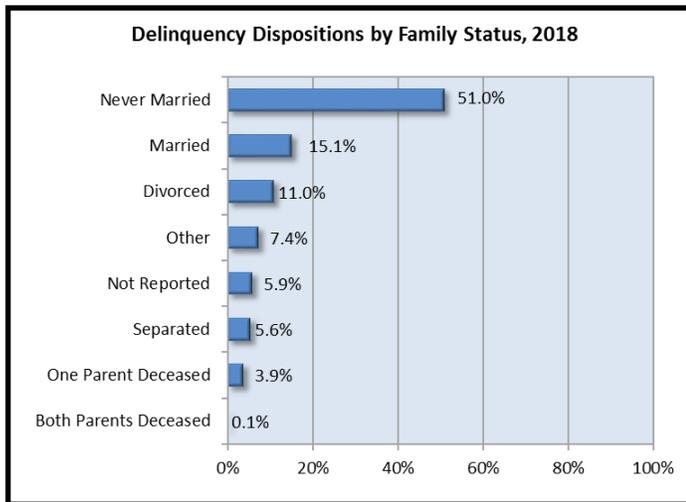
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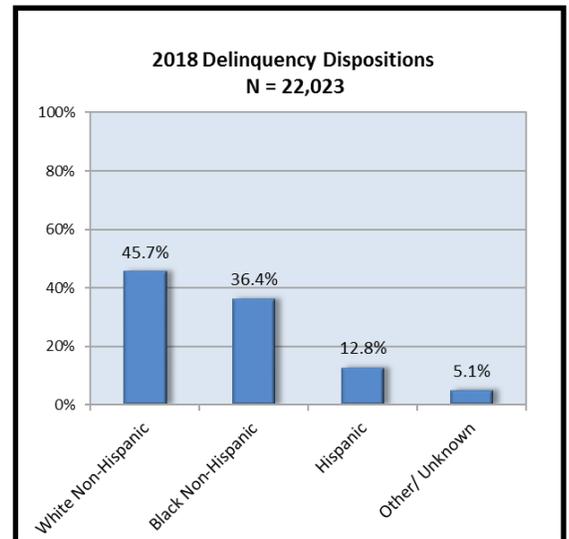
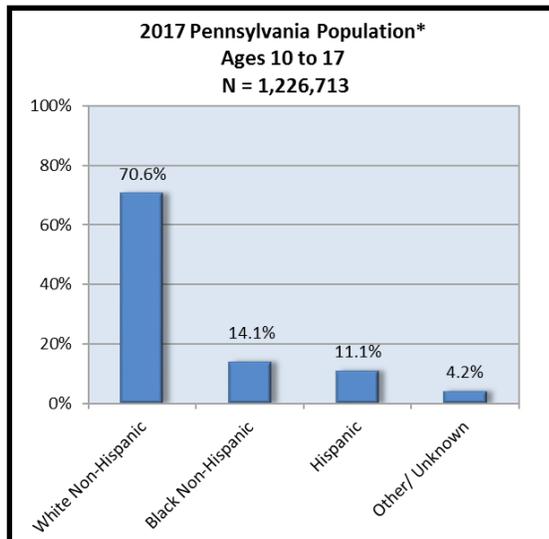
Juvenile Demographics - Family Status, Living Arrangement, and Race/Ethnicity

As we continue with the series of newsletter highlights on the Pennsylvania 2018 Juvenile Court Annual Report, this issue examines the family status, living arrangement and race/ethnicity of juveniles who were active with Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice in 2018.

In juvenile delinquency dispositions, youth whose parents were reported as never married represented the largest group—greater than 50%. In only 15.1% of cases, the parents were reported as married at the time of disposition. The majority of youth (46.7%) resided only with their mother, while only 16.5% of juveniles resided with both parents.



In 2018, White Non-Hispanic youth represented the largest racial/ethnic category for all delinquency dispositions. However, in comparison to the racial/ethnic distribution of all youth in Pennsylvania ages 10-17, the representation of Black Non-Hispanic youth is disproportionate: 14.1% of the total population versus 36.4% of all delinquency dispositions. When excluding Philadelphia County and Allegheny County, Black Non-Hispanic youth represent 8.2% of the youth population, but 27.1% of all delinquency dispositions.



*At the time of publication of the Pennsylvania 2018 Juvenile Court Annual Report, the 2018 Population Estimates had not yet been published. We have included the 2017 Population Estimates in the chart above. 2017 Population Estimates retrieved from The Centers for Disease Control available online at <http://wonder.cdc.gov/bridged-race-population.html>.

County-specific data on juvenile demographics can be found in the appendices of the [Pennsylvania 2018 Juvenile Court Annual Report](#).

CHIEFS COUNCIL AND JCJC RECERTIFY YOUTH LEVEL OF SERVICE MASTER TRAINERS

The YLS Assessment Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers in partnership with the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission recently completed three events developed specifically to recertify all county-based YLS Master Trainers. The events were held in Harrisburg (June 11), State College (October 1), and Greensburg (October 22). A total of 213 YLS Master Trainers attended a recertification event.

All three YLS recertification events followed the same agenda. Topics discussed included the following:

- The interconnectivity of the activities within the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy
- The Role of the Master Trainer
- The YLS Ratings Guide and Frequently Asked Questions
- Policy Refinement
- Quality Assurance (QA) Processes and The Use of Data in QA
- Test Case Discussion
- Stakeholder Education and Engagement

YLS Master Trainers are a critical component to the sustainability of Pennsylvania's use of an actuarial risk assessment tool. In each county in the Commonwealth, Master Trainers are responsible for local training, coaching, policy development, and quality assurance related to the risk assessment process. Consequently, recertification is an essential piece of the State level quality assurance infrastructure. Biennial recertification events, ongoing training, and participation in regular YLS conference calls provide Master Trainers with opportunities to develop and maintain the unique skillset required to serve in this capacity.

A BALANCED AND RESTORATIVE APPROACH TO TREATING TRAUMA IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Submitted by Kim Mulik, Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Carbon County

There has been an increasing amount of youth entering into the Juvenile Justice System who have experienced significant episodes of trauma in their lives. Many times, the reaction to these traumatic events are a causal factor that leads the youth to become involved in unlawful activities to include defiant behavior, sexual misconduct, truancy, episodes of aggression, illicit substance usage, and a myriad of problematic social behavior. These trauma reactive youth often engage in high-risk or illegal behavior as a means of relief from the negative emotions/cognitions related to their past experiences of victimization, exposure to violence, or neglect. Such high-risk behavior continues to perpetuate the "victim-offender-victim cycle" that often leads to either engagement with legal authorities or puts the youth at additional risks to being re-victimized.

When a youth is placed under the supervision of the juvenile justice system, many of their problematic trauma reactive behavior that are considered self-medicating strategies and self-regulating behavior are expected to immediately cease. If not, in a rather short period of time, the youth typically violate their terms of probation and will need to be placed in a restrictive setting or detention facility. If the youth is placed in a forensic residential facility that is not adequately trained for trauma-reactive youth, the youth typically continue to decompensate and receive additional discipline without any positive behavior change noted, thus having the youth interned for extended periods of time due to not receiving adequate mental health treatment for trauma.

In order to better address the issue of traumatized youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System, Kimmy Mulik, the Deputy Chief of the Juvenile Court Office for Carbon County Pennsylvania, along with Dr. John P. Seasock, a Specialist/Consultant with Renaissance Psychological and Counseling Corporation Inc., provided advanced workshops on an in-depth understanding of the complexities of providing interventions for treating trauma-reactive youth within the juvenile justice system as well as a step-by-step approach to providing a balanced and restorative trauma-informed treatment/supervision model that is designed to be utilized with youth in forensic and community settings. They have presented recently at the 26th National Conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children held in New Orleans in June 2018, and at the 25th International Conference on Violence Abuse and Trauma held in San Diego in September 2019.

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

Act 147 Changes to DNA Notifications in PaJCMS

Act 147 of 2018 expanded the requirement for the submission of DNA samples to now include those juveniles adjudicated delinquent on all Title 18 and Title 75 misdemeanors of the first degree and select misdemeanors of the second degree. Previously, only those juveniles adjudicated delinquent based on felony sex offenses and other specified offenses were required to provide a DNA sample upon adjudication of delinquency.

PaJCMS currently notifies juvenile probation departments of the DNA sample requirement for felony sex offenses and other specified offenses. Starting December 1st, PaJCMS will also notify juvenile probation departments of those juveniles requiring a DNA sample as a result of the new law. The DNA notification in PaJCMS will not change and will still be shown on the Juvenile Face Sheet page as it is currently.

As a refresher for PaJCMS users, if a juvenile has been adjudicated on one of the specified offenses, a “DNA Needed” button will appear on the juvenile’s main Juvenile Face Sheet page. The button has a red glow to make it stand out and looks like the one shown here.

SSN#:

DNA Needed

Once the juvenile has been DNA tested and the DNA screen is complete, the DNA Needed button turns to a DNA Completed button shown here.

DNA Completed

The information tracked regarding the DNA testing of juveniles includes the fields on the screen below. The application also allows a user to record if a previous DNA test had already been completed by another county or agency. That information can be stored by clicking the DNA Research button and entering the information regarding who had completed the original DNA screening.

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If you have any questions regarding the new DNA testing requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the PaJCMS Helpdesk at 717-477-1199 or RA-JCJHELPDESK@pa.gov.

2019 JUVENILE JUSTICE WEEK EVENTS

Allegheny County

Submitted by Marchelle Wright

Juvenile Justice Week offers several different activities for the youth and staff to participate in. There are different activities planned for each day of the week. This year's activities began on October 5, 2019, with the Annual AIDS walk. This was the 19th annual walk and the 15th year that Allegheny County Juvenile Probation has participated in the event. We walked away with the trophy for the second year in a row with the most participants, including both staff and youth. We had BARJ pledge banners on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and they were first signed by Family Division's Supervising Judge Dwayne Woodruff, Chief Probation Officer Russ Carlino, and Assistant Chief Probation Officer David Evrard. Afterwards, staff, youth, and anyone entering the building could sign the banners acknowledging victim restoration, youth competencies, and community protection.



BARJ Banner

On Tuesday, there were staff training workshops, which included medical marijuana provided by Craig Amos, DRE-PA DUI Association; Safety Awareness, presented by our Safety Unit; and Retirement Information, presented by the Retirement Office. There was Open House on Wednesday where we had 126 students and chaperones from dif-



Chief Russell Carlino @ Open House

ferent school districts. During Open House, the students attended different workshops, learning about collateral consequences, presented by Juvenile Probation's Assistant District Attorney Meghan Black; learning what a probation officer does from Probation Officers Kacey Simpson and Gilbert Pohodich; listening to guest youth drug and alcohol speakers of the court's D & A Unit; and going on a Sheriff's tour, given by Deputy James Scholtz.



Supervising Judge Dwayne Woodruff @ Open House

Thursday's events began in the afternoon with a probation officer swearing-in ceremony. There were five new probation officers being sworn in and two of them, Joshua Clark and Antonio DiMaria, were promoted from being CISP Community Monitors. Before the probation officers took the Oath of Office and received their badges, Chief Probation Officer Russell Carlino and Judge Dwayne Woodruff both gave speeches. Chief Carlino spoke first and congratulated the new probation officers. He spoke about achieving the BARJ mission, including the most recent components added, which are evidence-based practices, data-driven decision making and professional development. He informed the probation officers that one of the ways to check that the goals are being met, is



Probation Officer Swearing-In Ceremony



2019 JUVENILE JUSTICE WEEK EVENTS

the annual report. Chief Carlino talked about how Pennsylvania Juvenile Probation Officers are the most trained in the country and Allegheny County ones are the most trained in the state. He also spoke about the importance of engaging with juveniles, their families, and the community at large. Judge Woodruff followed next, speaking to them about how they are entrusted with our most valuable assets, the youth we serve. Judge Woodruff informed the probation officers that he expects a lot from the children and that also applies to the probation officers, as well. Before the probation officers took their oath of office, he also informed them that you must have a special heart and dedication to do this job.

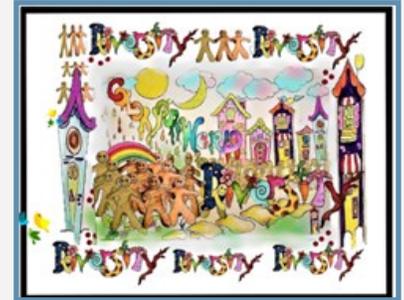
There were several events on Thursday evening. One was an award ceremony recognizing youth creative expression winners, parent of the year winner and Allegheny County's JCJC provider nominee. This year's parent of the year winner, who is the mother of 6, gave a very moving speech. She spoke to the youth about decisions they make being a choice, and the consequences of those choices. She told the youth even though they know they should not do certain things, they do so, because they want to appear cool. Her son, who was in the CISP program, is the eldest of her children and she spoke about the importance of being a role model to his siblings. The provider winners were HSAO (Human Service Administration Organization), Outside In, and Jenny Hempen of PAAR (Pittsburgh Action Against Rape).



Gerry Florida & Chief Carlino

The evening also included youth art recognition winners and presentation of a check to the Center for Victims. There were several youth from the Hill CISP program who received certificates

for participating in the "Why Art" project with Gerry Florida of Studio Blue. Ms. Florida has received several accolades for her recycled and jewelry art. There were also three youth that worked on a Diversity poster. That poster won a contest and is currently featured on Allegheny County Port Authority buses. Before the evening ended, the CISP program gave the Center for Victims a check for \$793.00. The CISP program donates the money earned from a car wash to the Center for Victims yearly.



Diversity Poster

Juvenile Justice Week concluded on Friday with a staff luncheon recognizing our JCJC nominees, Rookies of the Year and Person on the Go. JCJC nominees this year were Probation Supervisor Lisa Rusko, Probation Officer David Bonini, Support Service Bonnie McAdams and Court Operated Program of the Year, Provider Services Unit.



Assistant Chief PO Kim Booth, Supervisor Gary King, Secretary Bonnie McAdams, Chief Carlino



Provider Services Unit

Our Rookie of the Year awards Support Staff Ashley Zastawniak, Probation Officer Joshua Hudak, CISP staff Briana Neal and Person on the Go Provider Liaison Bill Shultz.



NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OJJDP NEWS @ A GLANCE, SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of [OJJDP News @ a Glance](#), September/October 2019. This issue highlights the 45th anniversary of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and OJJDP's recent [National Training Conference](#) to support states and territories in implementing the Title II Formula Grants program. Other features in this issue—



- [OJJDP Launches Redesigned Website To Improve Access to Information](#)
- [OJJDP Observes National Gang Violence Prevention Week](#)
- [October Is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month](#)
- [Stakeholder's Corner: National Gang Center Provides Information and Tools To Help Communities Address Gang Violence](#)
- [Research Central: OJJDP Study Examines Safe Harbor Legislation](#)
- [Upcoming Events](#)
- [News in Brief](#)
- [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](#), September/October (NCJ 253287) is available [online](#).

OJJDP AWARDS \$10.75 MILLION TO BBBSA FOR YOUTH MENTORING

On October 21, 2019, Office of Justice Programs Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan [announced](#) OJJDP awards of almost \$11 million to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America during a press event at the Tampa Police Department. Funding will support youth mentoring in Florida and nationwide. "Much of that funding will be used to mentor kids caught up in the opioid crisis, which has destroyed far too many lives and left too many young people feeling helpless and hopeless," said Sullivan.



RESOURCES:

- PDAAG Sullivan's press event [remarks](#).
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