

## Marshall Davis Retires from Wyoming County



After working in Wyoming County for over 30 years, and serving as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of both Wyoming and Sullivan Counties for 28 years, Marshall Davis retired in October 2008. His initiative and commitment to juvenile justice issues are several of the many traits that will

be missed by his colleagues and friends throughout Pennsylvania.

Marshall provided leadership in various juvenile justice-related areas that enhanced and improved Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. These included: President of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers from 2002-2003; Vice-Chairman of the Pennsylvania County Probation and Parole Officers' Firearms Education

and Training Commission from 1996-2009, and Chairman of the Executive Commission of the Luzerne -Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Program. He also served on numerous committees that included: Keystone College Criminal Justice Advisory Board; Wyoming County Children and Youth Multi-Disciplinary Review Team; Wyoming County Community Awareness Committee; Tunkhannock Area School District Citizens Committee; and Alternative Education Program Advisory Committees.

In recognition of the outstanding dedication to the juvenile justice system in Wyoming County, he was presented with the Founders' Career Award by the Middle States Correctional Association. Marshall was honored in 2000 by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile of Probation Officers as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year. On September 19, 2008, Marshall was recognized for his contributions to the Pa. Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers at their General Membership meeting.

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When asked to comment on his long career in juvenile probation, Marshall said, "I have never thought of my service as a job, but as a profession. Where else, on almost a daily basis, do you get to use such a varied skill set to positively impact the lives of youth, their families and help to shape the communities in which we live? If that isn't significant enough, I was honored to carry out these duties in the company of one of the most eclectic groups of individuals who regularly demonstrate their collective dedication and creativity. This is a group which has grown to include many of my closest personal and professional friends. I cannot imagine another career that can be as potentially rewarding, although my new career as a college professor may come in second."

According to Wyoming County President Judge Brendan J. Vanston, "I started learning juvenile law and procedure from Marshall when I was a young defense attorney. That lasted for 7 years. I then worked closely with him when I was District Attorney, which

lasted 8 years. Marshall has since worked for me for the past 20 years. Marshall has been teaching me about the juvenile court system for 35 years. I have yet to fully tap his fund of knowledge."

Although Marshall has retired from Wyoming County, his new position as Director of the Administration of Justice Program at Pennsylvania State University's Wilkes-Barre Campus, assures that the future leaders of both the criminal and juvenile justice systems will obtain a greater depth of knowledge and an example of true leadership. He continues to serve the community with his participation on the Tunkhannock Borough Council and Chairman of the Tunkhannock Municipal Authority.

Marshall attributes his success to the support of his family. Marshall and his wife, Carol, have been married for 34 years and have four children: Corey and Danielle, both attorneys; Amy, a middle-school counselor; and Laura, a college freshman.

## **Juvenile Probation Departments Plan to Pilot YLS/CMI Risk Assessment Instrument**

Nine juvenile probation departments (Beaver, Berks, Blair, Bucks, Cambria, Cumberland, Lehigh, Northampton, and Philadelphia) plan to begin utilizing the Youth Level of Service / Case Management Inventory (YLS) risk assessment instrument on April 1, 2009.

The initiative began in June 2008, when Dr. Gina Vincent presented information on risk assessments during the annual retreat involving members of the Executive Committee of the Pa. Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers and staff of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. (Dr. Vincent is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and is a national expert on research-based risk assessment instruments. She is able to provide technical assistance on risk assessment instruments to Pennsylvania and several other states as part of the *Models for Change* initiative supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.)

During the retreat, Dr. Vincent presented formal reviews on four different risk assessment instruments that have been proven to be valid and reliable. A group of nine chief juvenile probation officers, interested in utilizing risk assessment instruments, further examined the four instruments presented by Dr. Vincent and subsequently reached consensus on implementing the YLS.

Dr. Robert Hoge, the author of the YLS, traveled to Pennsylvania to meet with the nine chief juvenile probation officers and discussed implementation issues in September 2008. (Dr. Hoge is Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Distinguished Research Professor at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, where he is involved in teaching and research in child and adolescent psychology, forensic psychology and psychological assessment.)

### ***Integration with the Pa. Juvenile Case Management System***

The chief juvenile probation officers participating in the project decided to utilize the electronic version of the YLS/CMI, and to develop an interface between the YLS and the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS). Information Technology Division (ITD) staff at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research reviewed the Software Developers Kit (SDK) associated with the YLS, and determined that an interface was feasible and could be developed with a target date of April 1, 2009.

ITD staff have recently attended specialized training to support this effort, with funds provided by the MacArthur Foundation through the Juvenile Law Center.

## **Use of the YLS in the YDCs**

Youth Development Center (YDC) staff have historically utilized screening and assessment instruments with juveniles referred to their programs, and have participated in several meetings with chief juvenile probation officers regarding this initiative. Plans are underway for Youth Development Center staff to begin using the YLS in their programs, effective July 1, 2009. Preliminary discussions have occurred regarding the need for juvenile probation departments and youth development centers to coordinate efforts.

## **Training**

Dr. Robert Hoge, author of the YLS, will conduct Master Trainer Certification training on March 30 – April 1, 2009 for juvenile probation officers from the nine participating juvenile probation departments, as well as youth development center staff. This “train the trainer” program is designed to provide participants with the theoretical background of the YLS, followed by intensive training in completing, scoring, and interpreting the instrument, training issues, and implementation/quality control measures. Discussion will also occur regarding the case management component of the instrument. A one-day, follow-up, quality assurance/booster training will occur several months after implementation of the YLS begins.

## **Case Planning**

One of the most important aspects of the YLS initiative is that the results from the YLS will be used to develop a more methodical case planning process for juveniles. The desired outcome is that this research-based risk assessment instrument will be used as a tool to help determine appropriate levels of supervision, establish measurable goals, and allocate resources.

To begin the process of reaching consensus about what an ideal case plan should look like, and how the PaJCMS might be utilized to create such a plan in conjunction with the YLS, information about several “case planning” initiatives currently underway in Pennsylvania was obtained. During a November 2008 meeting of the YLS Workgroup, Pat Torbet, of the National Center for Juvenile Justice, summarized the recently released document, *Probation Case Management Essentials for Youth in Placement*, which grew out of Pennsylvania’s Aftercare initiative. Although this document contains case planning recommendations for youth in placement, many of its principles can be applied to case planning for juveniles receiving probation supervision, as well. Russell Carlino and Shawn Forbes also presented information during the November meeting, regarding Allegheny County’s assessment process, and their development of supervision plans that are consistent with the principles of balanced and restorative justice.

A 3-day “Requirements Gathering” meeting is being planned to discuss the elements of a case plan that could be generated by the PaJCMS. It was noted that the development of this case planning function has implications beyond the nine juvenile probation departments participating in the YLS pilot project, since the components of the case plan will be available for all counties utilizing the PaJCMS. The goal is to reach consensus on the elements of a model case plan that combines the research-based results of the YLS with the principles of balanced and restorative justice.

## **Research**

In addition to the technical assistance she already provided, Dr. Gina Vincent will be conducting a research project in conjunction with the implementation of the YLS in Cumberland, Northampton, and Philadelphia Counties. Dr. Vincent and her assistant, Dr. Laura Guy, will coordinate the Pennsylvania research project with Dr. John Lemmon, a criminal justice faculty member at Shippensburg University. Through a grant to Shippensburg University, Research Assistants will be employed in each of the three juvenile probation departments involved in the research project.

## **A Continuum: Assessment; Case Planning; Outcomes**

With a risk assessment instrument, juvenile probation departments will be able to consistently view all cases through a standardized lens to determine the level of risk and needs of juveniles. A case plan can then be developed that is consistent with the principles of balanced and restorative justice, with clear, measurable goals to meet the risks and needs identified. It is through the accomplishment of the goals in each juvenile’s case plan, that the desired outcomes of Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system can be measured and achieved.

## **Costs**

Funding from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) will be used to pay for training costs, and to purchase YLS administrations at a cost of \$1.25 / test for the nine participating juvenile probation departments. Probation departments in the pilot project will administer the purchased YLS assessments for the time period of 4/1/09 – 6/30/10. It has been recommended that chief juvenile probation officers request funding in their FY 2010-11 Needs Based Budget submission to support the purchase of any assessments, beyond those which remain unused from the original purchase.

Updates regarding this project will be provided at the General Membership meetings of the Pa. Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. Please contact Keith Snyder at (717) 787-5634, or [ksnyder@state.pa.us](mailto:ksnyder@state.pa.us), if you have questions or desire additional information.



## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

### Juvenile Detention Centers Association of Pennsylvania 2009 Annual Conference

#### Juvenile Detention: Building a Strong Foundation

October 7-9, 2009 • The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, Pennsylvania

A limited number of workshop slots are available for individuals or groups interested in presenting at the JDCAP 2009 Annual Conference. To submit a proposal for consideration, download the Call for Presentations for at [www.jdcap.org](http://www.jdcap.org).

Please complete ALL of the information on the form email your submission. If email submission is not possible, submissions can be faxed or mailed. More than one proposal can be submitted. Submission deadline is February 27, 2009.

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## Senate Judiciary Committee Convenes Hearing on Juvenile Life Without Parole

On September 22, 2008, the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee called several experts and concerned citizens to testify before the committee regarding the issue of Juvenile Life Without Parole (JLWOP) in Pennsylvania. Under current state law, all felony murder charges carry a mandatory sentence of life without parole and juvenile offenders who are charged with murder may be tried and sentenced as adults, with the exception of capital punishment (*Roper v. Simmons*, 543 U.S. 551, 567 [2005]). Senator Stewart Greenleaf (R-Montco-Bucks), the Judiciary Committee Chairman, raised concerns surrounding the effectiveness and fairness of this practice, after becoming aware of a recent report released by Human Rights Watch, [The Rest of Their Lives: Life Without Parole for Child Offenders in the U.S.](#) The findings of this report include this history and current facts on the issue:

- In 1989, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) adopted a resolution that prohibits the use of JLWOP.
- In 1995, the United States signed the CRC without reservation. One hundred ninety-three countries have ratified the CRC, making it the most widely supported human rights treaty in the world.
- In 2006, the General Assembly passed a resolution by a vote of 185 to 1 (with only the United States in opposition) urging states to outlaw JLWOP as soon as possible.
- Currently, only four countries (including the U.S.) have people serving life without parole for offenses they committed before the age of 18. There are approximately one dozen such cases outside of the U.S. Within the U.S. there are 2,225 (most recent estimates are 2,284) people serving JLWOP.
- Pennsylvania currently leads the nation with 332 (most recent estimates are 444) people serving JLWOP.

The primary entities who were represented in favor of current JLWOP laws were the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and the Pennsylvania Victim Advocate. The Victim Advocate brought forth several family members to testify. Those opinions were wide-ranging and diverse regarding the public policy concerns surrounding this issue. Some family members essentially believed that their loved one did not get a second chance when murdered, so offenders should not get a second chance either. Others were more concerned with the potential for future violent crimes and the safety of the community. Some family members felt that JLWOP should be re-examined and that the possibility of parole should be offered.

Some of the entities who were represented and testified in opposition to current JLWOP provisions included the Defender Association of Philadelphia, the Juvenile Law Center, the Juvenile Lifers Committee, the PA Prison Society, American Civil Liberties Union of PA, the Sentencing Project, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and Public Citizens for Children and Youth. Much of the opposition was based on one of four arguments: 1) JLWOP is inconsistent with our modern understanding of adolescent development; 2) JLWOP neither advances the moral imperatives of the criminal law nor promotes "just deserts"; 3) JLWOP adds little to public protection; and 4) JLWOP is inconsistent with international law and with American Bar Association policy.

## Principal's Cabinet Utilizes Pennsylvania Youth Survey data for Prevention Planning in Erie County High School

General McLane High School, located in Southern Erie County has created a youth council to study the data from the 2007 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS). The students are using the data to target the school's specific high-level risk factors as a means of create a positive school environment. These risk factors have been proven to increase the probability of delinquency, violence, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, dropping out of school, and other behavioral problems in young people.

This particular youth council, also known as the Principal's Cabinet, is comprised of a cross-section of students in grades 11 and 12, selected by the school administration to be the planners, and ambassadors of a youth-driven approach. The aim of this council is to reduce adolescent problem behaviors like underage drinking, depression, truancy and bullying. The Principal's Cabinet utilizes both the 40 Developmental Asset and Communities That Care (CTC) models. Under the direction of building principals, Mr. Rick Scaletta and Mr. Dan Mennow, as well as Penn State University's Joe Markiewicz (who also serves as Pennsylvania's Northwest Region CTC Training & Technical Assistant consultant), the students have analyzed their school district's PAYS data and compared it to county, state and national data to establish priority areas of concern.

This data was then used in the development of a strategic plan to improve the climate in their high school while reducing harmful risk factors that lead to problem behaviors. The council has identified underage drinking and depression as its main areas to focus on for the 2008-2009 school year. As part of the strategic plan, the council has identified six areas that they feel will have a positive impact on reducing adolescent problem behaviors:

- Special school-wide events
- Anti-drug/Alcohol rallies
- Support for troubled teens
- Alternative activities for non-traditional students
- Outreach
- Family involvement

In February 2009, General McLane High School will be conducting the "You Make a Difference" week that will put an emphasis on reducing depression,



anxiety and bullying through a school assembly kick-off event followed by a series of week-long events promoting civility, caring and support by all students school-wide. It is a blue ribbon event that includes videos, lectures and poster signing and is sponsored by the Principal's Cabinet members. Other events planned by the council for later in the 2009 school year include; after-school programs, clubs, rallies, parent meetings, buddy systems and youth speakers. The Principal's Cabinet has also been selected by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) to be workshop presenters at their annual conference for 2009: Project Blueprint: A "How To" Conference on Building effective Strategies to Reduce Dangerous and Underage Drinking. For more information on this conference, please visit their website at: [www.lcb.state.pa.us/edu](http://www.lcb.state.pa.us/edu).

In 2007, over 5,400 students from eleven school districts in Erie County participated in the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS). The data is being analyzed by the Community Prevention Subcommittee of the Erie County Policy & Planning Board which is the Communities That Care Board for Erie County. After the 3-5 priority risk factors are established, recommendations will be made for implementation of research-based prevention programs as part of the Communities That Care process. Erie County has been involved with CTC since 1995 and has implemented eight Blueprint Programs countywide as a result of their collaborative efforts. For more information, contact Joe Markiewicz at (814) 898-6515 or e-mail: [jhm21@psu.edu](mailto:jhm21@psu.edu).

# New partnership for youth takes three-pronged approach

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A teenage boy is picked on at school. His mother's got to put dinner on the table, and his father is working a second-shift job.

So, he heads to his room, upset, demoralized and without an older listening ear to help him sort through the situation.

If that happens too many times, that boy's anger may end up in the control of gang leaders who are eager to step in as his role model.

Such a realistic scenario drove Lycoming County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Ed Robbins to create "Partners for Lycoming County Youth," an organization made up of counselors and others who can direct these children to mentors, get them in touch with coaches and trainers, and improve the after-school opportunities at The Center at 600 Campbell St.

The three-pronged approach is meant to redirect youth who otherwise would spend their idle time getting into trouble or committing crimes.

"We had our third meeting," Robbins said of the partners.

After strategizing how best to tackle the juvenile issues, the group decided to work with Chris Deal of the West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission; Gregory Kahn, Wayne Fausnaught and Jim McCloy of Susquehanna House, a residential supervised juvenile center; and Melodie D. Russell, executive director of The Center, where boys and girls gather after school for athletic, artistic and educational activities.

Robbins and Deal are going to take on mentoring issues first. They'd like to draw adult volunteers, especially men, who want to show boys the right direction in life to take.

"We'd like to expand mentoring into school districts and organizations such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters," Robbins said.

The training and enhancements of The Center kind of meld together, and Russell said her agency needs volunteers to oversee activities at the gymnasium, especially after-school and evening programs.

Kahn, McCloy and Fausnaught said they will help toward that end to bolster support for those programs.



Partners for Lycoming County Youth gather outside the Lycoming County Courthouse. From left are Gregory Kahn, Susquehanna House; Melodie Russell, The Center; Jim McCloy, Susquehanna House; and Lycoming County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Ed Robbins. West Branch Drug and Alcohol Commission employee Chris Deal also is a participant but was not present when the photo was taken.

"Jim and I are working with Wayne to form a committee to train youngsters in athletics," Kahn said.

"These are our greatest assets," he said of today's youths.

"Williamsport has a rich history of good athletics, talented artists and hard-working youth activists, and we want to bring that back," Kahn said.

McCloy also said he would like to develop a boys-to-men basketball league, with games at The Center's gymnasium.

That kind of supervised recreation, with coaching tips not only on sports but in how to deal with the pressures of life, gives them a safe place to play ball and incorporate motivational speaker Joe Ehrmann's philosophies, Russell said.

Ehrmann, a former Baltimore Colts' defensive end who is an ordained minister, spoke earlier this year at the annual Youth Commission banquet. He urged adults to become mentors, training children in their formative years to be mature, so they become productive adults who can return the favor.

Besides the basketball league, other sports teams may form, such as those for football, soccer, tennis, baseball or whatever teaches principles based on team spirit, character building and respect for themselves and teammates.

"All you have to do is invest a couple of hours a week while having fun," McCloy said.

Volunteer women also are needed because they are so nurturing, she said.

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# 2009 SPRING STAFF DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE



The JCJC/CJJT&R Spring 2009 Staff Development Schedule has been posted on-line and is open for registrations. Printed versions have also been mailed. Web-based registration is required for all workshops and can be accessed by clicking on the [Spring 2009 Training Registration](#) link on the JCJC website under “Training” in the left margin. There are 25 training programs being offered this season, nine of which are new.

As has become our tradition, the first program of the season is the Orientation for New Juvenile Probation Officers. The “On-line Learners Orientation” and “Juvenile Act” online course should be completed prior to attending the second week of the live Orientation program for new probation officers in February.

We would remind you that for new officers who, because of their start date, miss this season’s Orientation program, beginning in March, newly hired officers can and should register for the fall live Orientation class. By

registering early they can also sign up for and complete the Juvenile Act distance learning class portion of the Orientation program in any of the intervening months. There is no need to wait until August to complete this portion of the training.

As the training season gets underway, we would like to draw your attention to the workshop **“Training and Mentoring New Officers: A Forum for Juvenile Probation Supervisors and Training Coordinators”** scheduled for **March 5 and 6, 2009 in State College, PA**. This workshop is designed for Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, Supervisors, and Training Coordinators who have these responsibilities with new officers.

Two other programs, set for early in the season, that we would urge you to consider having your staff attend are “Meth Lab Training for Probation and Parole Officers” held on February 19-20 at the Holiday Inn Mechanicsburg and “Shame-based Anger in Adolescence” on March 4-5 at the Days Inn Penn State. Both programs are new offerings in the Center’s training program and both are taught by veteran, highly praised trainers. Please refer to the staff development schedule for details.

Some of the **new features** in the training catalog include sections on **“Core Curriculum Workshops”** and **“Spring 2009 Workshops for Specific Audiences”** in the printed version, and [Guide to Selected Training](#) on the website. These pages are intended to serve as guides for staff, together with their supervisor, to make the most appropriate workshop selections as a part of an individualized staff development plan. Throughout the training booklet, you will find core curriculum courses designated with a blue box and a letter corresponding to the appropriate core curriculum subject area. Courses being offered this season that fulfill the core curriculum criteria are listed on page three, as well as workshops being offered this season that might be of interest to specific audiences, including chiefs, deputy chiefs, supervisors, training coordinators, and support staff.

We hope the new features developed this season will aid in the training selection process for new probation officers and encourage participation in core curriculum courses by all probation officers.

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Russell said it’s not only athletics. The Center features student displays of digital photography. The arts and music are strongly encouraged by staff, she said.

Right now, the Partners for Lycoming County is in its infancy, Russell said.

“We’re looking forward to working with a lot more volunteers, especially men in the community, who

can instill values in these youngsters that they can use for a lifetime.”

Robbins said the more activities, the better.

The purpose is to make them available, get these boys and girls mentors and role models, and that means fewer potential problems on the city streets, fewer referrals from police agencies and a better community as a whole.

# ViaQuest Behavioral Health Holiday Activities

By: Danielle Gilmore, ViaQuest Behavioral Health

## *Second Annual SummitQuest Academy (SQA) Holiday Family Day*

On December 7, 2008, SQA held its second annual Holiday Family Day for residents and their families to kick off the holiday season together. The Sanctuary Model was introduced to resident's families, and games and activities related to the Seven Commitments were enjoyed. Residents gave gifts they made for their families. Each resident also made a train car and houses out of cookies and candies. The "cookie village" was displayed in the cafeteria during lunch for the families to enjoy. There were even five lucky family members who won two trains and three houses in a raffle. A great time was had by all, and we look forward to doing this again next year.



## *Holiday Dinner for SummitQuest Academy Residents*

On December 22, 2008, the clinical staff at SQA hosted their 2nd Annual Formal Dinner for the residents and direct care staff. The clinical staff did all of the cooking and preparation for the seven-course event. The tables in the cafeteria were set beautifully and the evening started out with a toast of sparkling cider.

## *SummitQuest Academy "Adopts" a Family in Need*

SQA helped a family of four in the Ephrata area during the Holiday Family Day. This activity was also tied to the Sanctuary Model, as an example of social responsibility by the residents and staff.

In July 2008, a home fire tragically destroyed everything for a local family. A week later the father was laid off from his job. Although he started a new job in late October, they were very behind on their bills. The mother is a stay at home mom, due to the son having ADHD and multiple difficulties at home and at school. Their holidays looked bleak, as they need everything; food, clothes, blankets, sheets, kitchen items, bathroom items, and toys for their two children.

SQA staff and resident families brought in many needed items for the family, and during Holiday Family Day participants wrapped the presents. (This was the most popular station that day for the families, residents and staff!) We are sure our efforts helped the very grateful family have a happier and healthier holiday season!



Wrapped presents for our adoptive family.





**March  
16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>  
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4:30 pm**

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## Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Residential Treatment Curriculum

### Facilitator Certification Training

## Invitation to Attend

The Residential Treatment Curriculum Certification Training will held on Monday, March 16, 2009 through Friday March 20, 2009 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The training will be conducted at Scalise Center located on the Adelphoi Village campus in Latrobe, PA..

Attendees must have two years of adolescent group experience and a bachelor's degree. Masters preferred. Agencies must have a consulting relationship with a psychiatrist/psychologist. Agencies must also be able to provide regular clinical supervision for facilitators and maintain integrity to the curriculum model.

The cost to register for the week long certification training is \$725.00. Registration must be received by March 11, 2009.

- **An early registration and payment price of \$675.00 will be offered until February 23, 2009.**
- **Agencies sending three staff will be offered a fourth seat at no cost. This offer can be combined with the early registration discount.**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Wingate Inn at a cost of \$82.00 a night. Reservations with the hotel must be made by February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009 to secure this rate. Phone (724) 539-0400

Contact Deb Ciocco, the PTSD Program Coordinator for more details about the curriculum.

(724)830-1815

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**To enroll complete the attached  
registration form or contact:**

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**Posttraumatic Stress Disorder  
Residential Treatment Curriculum  
Facilitator Certification Training  
Registration Form**

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Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Business address:  
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**Payment Information:**

The cost to register for the week long certification training is \$725.00. Please make checks payable to Adelphoi Village and submit them to the address below by the corresponding deadline. Registration must be received by March 11, 2009. An early registration payment price of \$675.00 will be offered up to February 23, 2009. Agencies sending three staff will be offered a fourth seat at no cost. This offer can be combined with the early registration discount.

Hotel accommodations are the responsibility of the attending agency. Lunch will not be provided, however light refreshments will be available during breaks

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# National Juvenile Justice Announcements

The following January announcements are reprinted from [JUJUST](#), an OJJDP news service:

## January 12, 2009 – OJJDP Bulletin Describes Protective Factors in Girls' Delinquency



The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP) has published “[Resilient Girls—Factors that Protect Against Delinquency](#).”

Part of OJJDP’s Girls Study Group series, the bulletin describes how four factors (the presence of a caring adult, school connectedness, school success, and religiosity) influence girls’ propensity for delinquent behavior.

### Resources:

“Resilient Girls—Factors that Protect Against Delinquency” is available online at <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=241923>.

## January 14, 2009 – January Is National Mentoring Month



Calling on “the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring [and] to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities,” President George W. Bush has [proclaimed](#) January 2009 as [National Mentoring Month](#). “By sharing their time and experiences, mentors help instill important values that encourage America’s youth to set high goals and achieve their dreams,” the President affirmed.

January marks the eighth annual National Mentoring Month, a large-scale public service campaign held each year to recruit volunteer mentors to help young people achieve their full potential. The theme for this year’s observance is “Expand Your Universe: Mentor a Child.”

### Resources:

For further information regarding the observance of National Mentoring Month, visit [www.nationalmentoringmonth.org](http://www.nationalmentoringmonth.org).

Additional resources are available via the National Criminal Justice Reference Service at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/mentoringresources/>.

## January 16, 2009 – Cross-Systems Certificate Programs Announced for 2009

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University’s Public Policy Institute has announced its 2009 Certificate Programs. The programs focus on advancing cross-systems activities to enhance outcomes for youth involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Financial support is available to help subsidize the cost of travel, lodging, and tuition.

The programs are designed for public agency leaders and senior level management at the tribal, state, and local levels within the juvenile justice, child welfare, and related systems of care interested in cross-systems efforts.

**The 2009 programs, which will be held in Washington, DC, are scheduled as follows:**

### Certificate Program for Individuals

June 12, 2009–June 18, 2009

Application Deadline: March 2, 2009

### Certificate Program for Teams/Breakthrough Series Collaborative

July 24, 2009–July 29, 2009

Application Deadline: March 23, 2009

### Resources:

To obtain additional information and apply online, visit <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/certificate.html>.



Mark your calendar!

# The Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

## November 4-6, 2009

at the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers

Sponsored by

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission

The Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges

The Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers



### Youth Awards Program & Dinner

Wednesday, November 4

### Annual Training and Awards Program

Thursday, November 5

### Resource Day – 2009

Friday, November 6

The 2009 Annual Training and Awards Program will conclude by presenting Resource Day – 2009, during which representatives from residential programs, electronic monitoring companies, drug testing companies, and other service providers will “set up shop” to discuss their programs with the Pennsylvania juvenile justice community. This informal marketplace will offer an important opportunity for consumers to learn about new and innovative services.

### VENDOR INFORMATION WILL BE E-MAILED IN APRIL, 2009

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