

# PENNSYLVANIA

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.  
Tom Wolf, Governor



# Juvenile Justice

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE COURT JUDGES' COMMISSION

Volume 28, Number 4

April 2017

## CENTER FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE TRAINING AND RESEARCH WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission is pleased to announce that Kelly Waltman-Spreha has been named as the Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Training & Research at Shippensburg University. She will be responsible for the administration and oversight of all operations and staff at the Center, including training and professional development, the graduate education program, detention monitoring, the Information and Technology Division (including the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System) and all agency-related research projects.



Kelly originally joined the staff of the JCJC on January 5, 2015 as Director of Training and Graduate Education where she administered both the Center's Training Program and the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University. She also provided technical assistance and advice to juvenile court judges and chief juvenile probation officers.

Ms. Waltman-Spreha began her career in Dauphin County; initially as a crime victim advocate with the Dauphin County Victim/Witness Assistance Program, and then serving as a probation officer with Dauphin County Juvenile Probation. Kelly has also worked as a program director for a behavioral health services provider, and as an instructor for Messiah College, Temple University, Shippensburg University, and Harrisburg Area Community College.

The first female director of the Center, Kelly is also a PhD Candidate in the Criminal Justice Department at Temple University. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Messiah College and her Master's Degree in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University. In 2005, she received the Dr. Anthony F. Ceddia Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Juvenile Justice. She can be reached at 717-477-1185 or [kewaltma@pa.gov](mailto:kewaltma@pa.gov).

### INSIDE:

Save the Date  
James E. Anderson Conference  
on Juvenile Justice ..... 2

2017 James E. Anderson  
Conference on Juvenile  
Justice Call for Workshop  
Presentations ..... 2

Wilcox Award ..... 2

Females in Residential  
Placement Facilities ..... 3

Registration Open for the  
Third Motivational Interviewing  
Coaches Forum ..... 6

Save the Date  
Initial Training Program  
Per JCPR 182 and 1182 ..... 6

Staff Development  
Highlights ..... 6

PACCJPO 50th  
Anniversary Celebration ..... 7

SAPEN Conference ..... 8

National  
Announcements ..... 9

## 2017 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

**NOVEMBER 15-17, 2017**

**Harrisburg Hilton & Towers, Harrisburg PA**

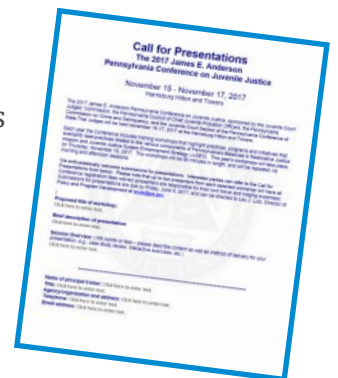
### 2017 JAMES E. ANDERSON CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE CALL FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

The 2017 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, sponsored by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, will be held November 15-17, 2017 at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers.

Each year the Conference includes training workshops that highlight practices, programs and initiatives that exemplify best-practices related to the various components of Pennsylvania's Balanced & Restorative Justice mission and Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). This year's workshops will take place on Thursday, November 16, 2017. The workshops will be 90 minutes in length, and will be repeated via morning and afternoon sessions.

We enthusiastically welcome submissions for presentations. Interested parties can refer to the [Call for Presentations](#) form at right. Please note that up to two presenters from each selected workshop will have all Conference registration fees waived (presenters are responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses).

Submissions for presentations are due by Friday, June 9, 2017, and can be directed to Leo J. Lutz, Director of Policy and Program Development at [lelutz@pa.gov](mailto:lelutz@pa.gov).



## Congratulations

We congratulate Chief Teresa A. Wilcox, McKean County, in being recognized by PCCD for her leadership.

Teresa was awarded the Linda K. M. Ludgate, CJAB Excellence in Leadership Award earlier this month.

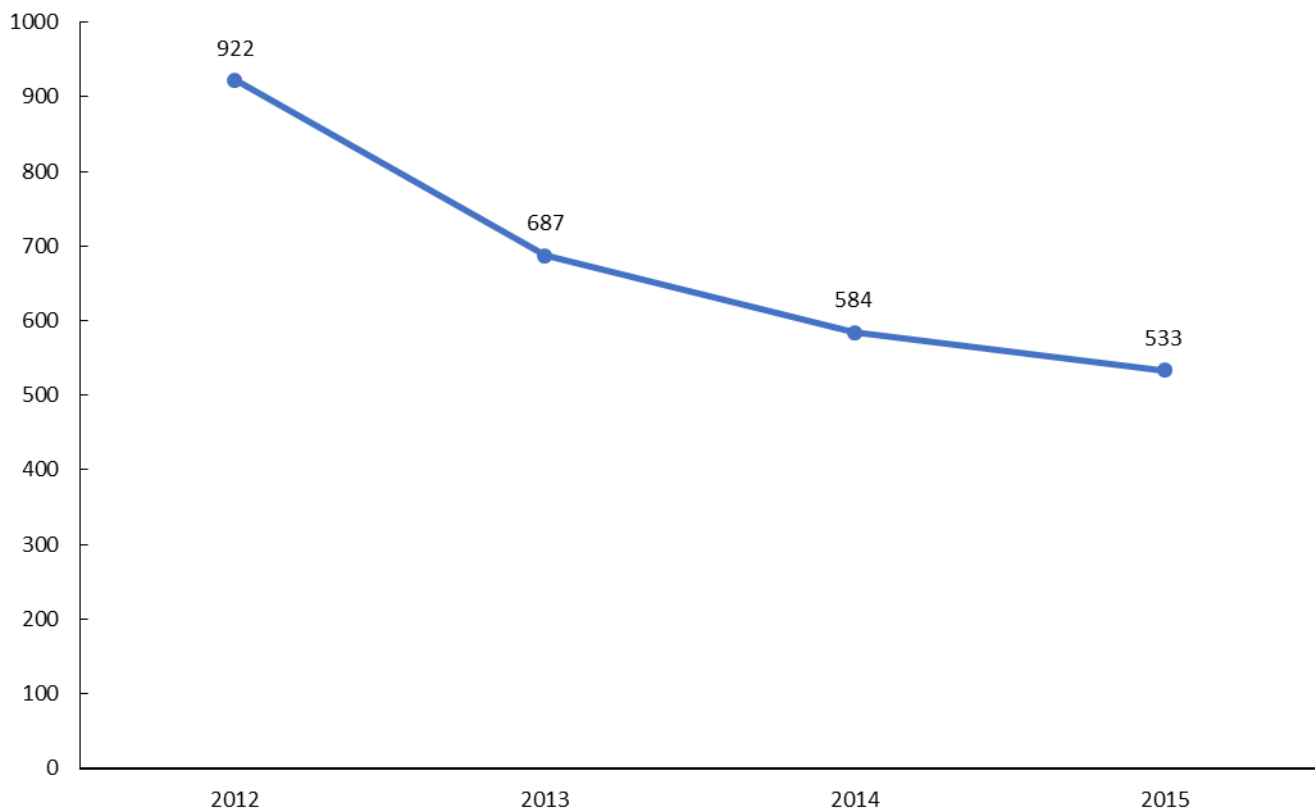


## FEMALES IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FACILITIES

This article is the first in a series of two that examines statistics about females in juvenile residential placement facilities in Pennsylvania. The following analyses were conducted using a sample of female juvenile offenders who had a placement disposition on a case in juvenile court that occurred between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016. Only the initial placement disposition on each case was used for the analyses. For example, if the female experienced one or more changes in placement on a particular case, only the first placement record is captured in these figures. Some females may be represented more than once in the figures if they had multiple unique cases with placement dispositions that fell within the time range. Ultimately, 1,940 unique females were included in the analysis, representing 2,986 unique cases with placement dispositions.

The number of placement dispositions that occurred for females dropped by 389, or about 42%, between 2012 and 2015<sup>1</sup>.

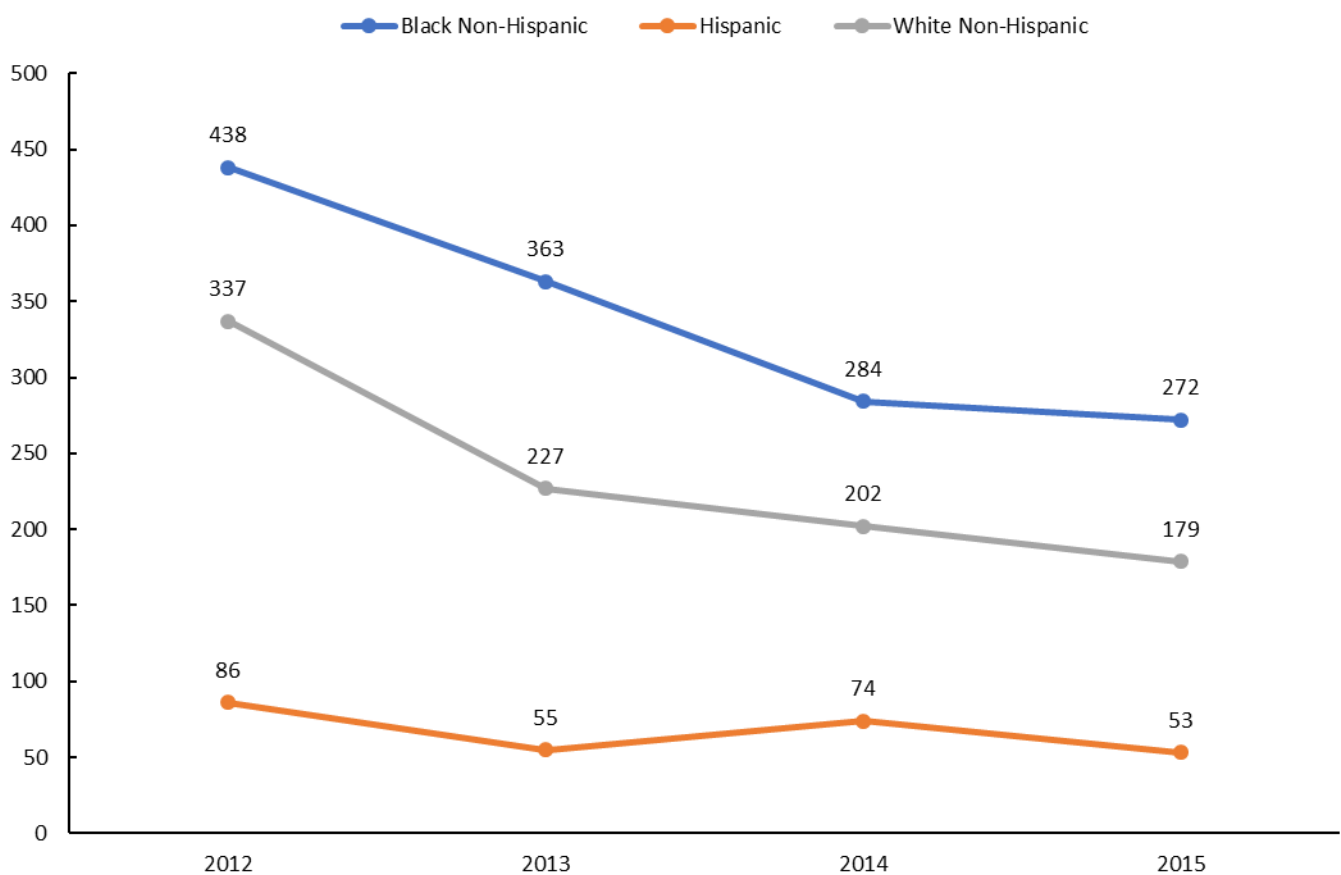
**Number of Placement Dispositions by Year:  
Females with Placement Dispositions between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2015**



<sup>1</sup> 2016 placement dispositions were excluded from this analysis since data was only available from January 1, 2016-June 30, 2016. As of June 30, 2016, there were 260 placement dispositions.

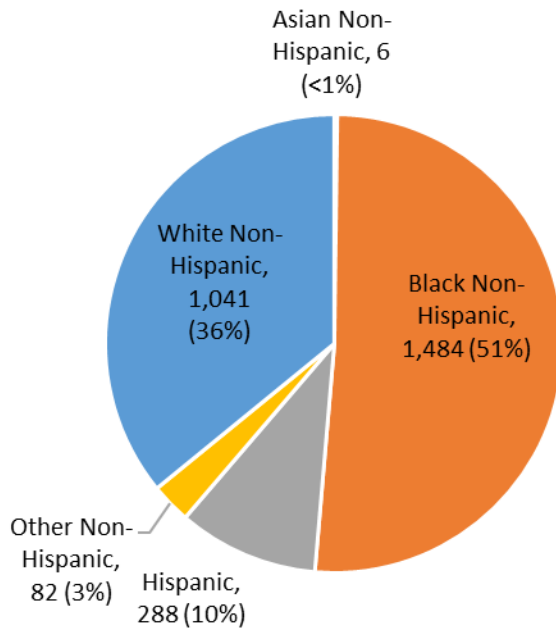
Between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2015, the number of females who had placement dispositions decreased across all major race and ethnicity groups<sup>2</sup>. Black Non-Hispanic females experienced a 39% (n=166) decrease in placement dispositions. White Non-Hispanic females experienced a 47% (n=179) decrease in placement dispositions. Hispanic females experienced a 38% (n=33) decrease in placement dispositions.

**Trends by Race and Ethnicity:  
Females with Placement Dispositions between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2015**



<sup>2</sup> 2016 placement dispositions were excluded from this analysis since data was only available from January 1, 2016 - June 30, 2016.

**Breakdown by Race and Ethnicity:  
Females with Placement Dispositions  
between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016**

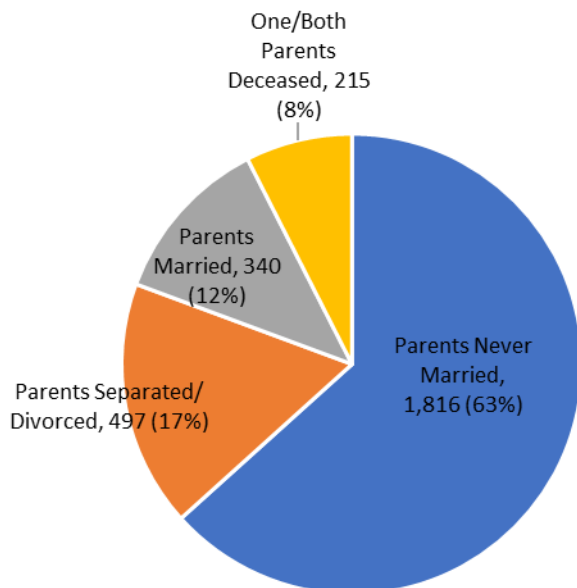


More than half of the females who had a placement disposition between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016 were Black Non-Hispanic. About one in three (36%) were White Non-Hispanic, and one in ten (10%) were Hispanic. Approximately 3% were either Asian Non-Hispanic or Other Non-Hispanic.

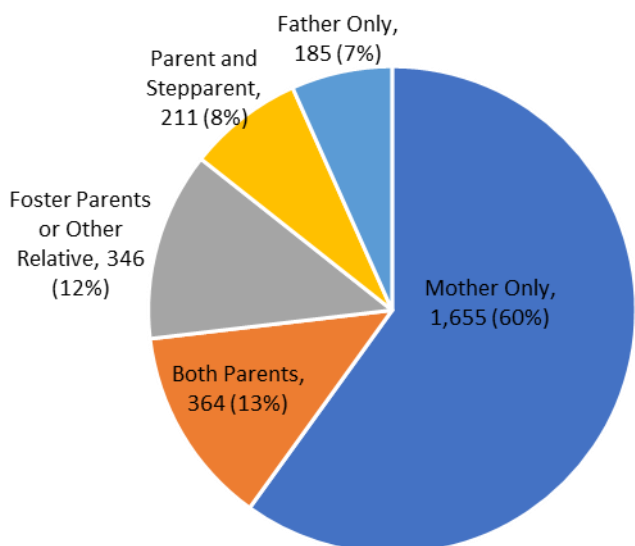
About two out of three (63%) females who had a placement disposition had a family status of parents never married. About one in six (17%) had a family status of parents separated/divorced, and approximately one in eight (12%) had a family status of parents married. About 8% had a family status of one or both parents deceased.

The majority of females who had a placement disposition had been living with their mothers only (60%). One in four were living with both parents (13%) or foster parents/other relatives (12%). The remaining females had been living with a parent and stepparent (8%) or their father only (7%).

**Breakdown by Family Status:  
Females with Placement Dispositions between  
January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016**



**Breakdown by Living Arrangement:  
Females with Placement Dispositions between  
January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016**



# REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE THIRD MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING COACHES FORUM

Registration is now open for the third Motivational Interviewing Coaches Forum. The event, open to all Motivational Interviewing Coaches, will take place on June 1, 2017 at the Days Inn, State College, PA. The event will be facilitated by members of the State Motivational Interviewing Committee of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy Leadership Team.

The full day event will consist of large group and breakout sessions aimed at providing information to Motivational Interviewing Coaches on the employment of various resources developed by the Committee, and conducting creative booster sessions that connect Motivational Interviewing to other activities within the JJSES. The forum will also provide an opportunity for coaches to share lessons learned with fellow coaches from around the Commonwealth. Additionally, the forum facilitators hope to gain valuable feedback from participants that will help to refine our unique approach for the advancement of Motivational Interviewing in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system.

To register for this event, please go to the JCJC Event Management System at [www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us](http://www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us).

## SAVE THE DATE

### Initial Training Program per JCPR 182 and 1182

**June 6, 2017**  
(Dependency)      **June 7, 2017**  
(Delinquency)

Location: Child Welfare Resource Center, 403 East Winding Hill Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Per JCPR 182 and 1182, this is a mandatory session  
for all current Dependency and Delinquency Hearing Officers

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!  
THIS OPPORTUNITY IS AVAILABLE  
ONE TIME ONLY.**



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### May

24-25 Social Media: Teens & Technology

### June

1 MI Coaches Forum

14 YLS Master Trainer Recertification

15 Mental Health and Delinquency

28-29 MI 101

### September

7-8 Youth Mental Health First Aid

11-15 Orientation Academy

26 YLS Master Trainer Recertification

28-29 Ultimate Educator

### October

12 Enhancing Professional Alliance through  
Cultural Competency

17 Adolescent Development

18 YLS Master Trainer Recertification

25-26 Refusal Skills

25-26 YLS Master Trainer Certification





## Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers

### 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary Celebration

Honoring the Council's Commitment to Excellence in Juvenile Justice: Past & Present

**When:** Thursday November 30, 2017  
Reception from 6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Dinner and program to follow from 7:00 – 11:00 PM

**Where:** Nittany Lion Inn, State College

**Hotel Information:**

Contact the Nittany Lion Inn at (800) 233-7505  
A block of rooms has been reserved at \$135/night  
Code: **PACC17C**

<p><b>Registration Deadline: October 31, 2017</b></p>
---

**Cost:** \$40 per person, includes dinner/ Cash Bar

For further information contact Robert J. Blakely, Chief Erie County Juvenile Probation Office at (814) 451-6052 or [bblakely@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:bblakely@eriecountypa.gov)

---

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency/Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Select Dinner Choice: Beef Braised Ribs or Salmon*

**Special Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers.

Send to the attention of:

Robert J. Blakely, Chief Erie County Juvenile Probation Office,  
140 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 401, Erie, PA 16501-1076

**JULY 26-28, 2017**  
**Days Inn, State College, PA**

# SAPEN

Sexual Abuse Prevention & Education Network



Keynote Speaker

**Matthew Sandusky**



Reunification

**Cynthia King, LCSW**



Trauma Informed Care

**Jessica Gahr, MA**



Undercover as a Pedophile:

Six Years in Their Shoes

**Robert Hugh Farley, MS**

PosterMyWall

**REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.SAPEN.ORG](http://WWW.SAPEN.ORG)**





# NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NCJFCJ 80TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) will host its [80th Annual Conference](#) on July 16–19, 2017, in Washington, DC. This conference will feature



cutting-edge topics related to the juvenile and family court systems. Constitutional and civil rights scholar Dr. Erwin Chemerinsky will deliver the opening keynote. The deadline for early bird registration is May 31. Resources:

[Register](#) for the 80th Annual Conference.

## CENTER FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TWO CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform](#)



[Center for Juvenile Justice Reform](#) - working across systems of care - georgetown university -

[reform](#) (CJJR) at [Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy](#) is accepting applications for two initiatives designed to help juvenile justice agencies and partners improve outcomes for youth, families, staff, and communities:

- [Evidence-Based Decision-Making in Juvenile Justice Certificate Program](#). This new program, hosted in partnership with Vanderbilt University's Peabody Research Institute, will provide juvenile justice practitioners with instruction on how to use the appropriate tools, including the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol, to develop an environment that supports comprehensive, evidence-based decision-making. The program will run from August 7 to 11, 2017. Apply by May 5, 2017.
- [Youth in Custody Practice Model Initiative](#). This new program, offered in partnership with the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators, will help juvenile correctional agencies and facility providers implement a comprehensive approach for serving youth in residential care. The 18-month training and technical assistance period for this second round of the initiative will begin September 1, 2017. Apply by May 19, 2017.

Resources:

Contact Sarah Silberman at [jjreform@georgetown.edu](mailto:jjreform@georgetown.edu) or 202-687-4942 with questions.

Learn about [CJJR's certificate programs](#).

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR JUDICIAL INSTITUTE ON DOMESTIC CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), in partnership with OJJDP and [Rights4Girls](#), will host the [National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking](#) on



June 5-7, 2017, in San Diego, CA. This interactive training will provide judges and judicial officers with tools to better work with youth who are victims or are at risk of becoming victims of child sex trafficking. The training will feature hypothetical case scenarios, practical courtroom exercises, small group discussions, and lectures. Participants will increase their ability to identify victims and youth at risk of domestic child sex trafficking and learn intervention strategies to respond to individualized victim needs.

Resources:

[Learn more and register](#) for this free training.

[Learn more](#) about OJJDP's programs and resources addressing commercial sexual exploitation of children.

See OJJDP's Model Programs Guide literature review on [commercial sexual exploitation of children/sex trafficking](#).

This publication is produced monthly by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. Guest articles are welcome; please submit by e-mail to [ra-oajcnews@pa.gov](mailto:ra-oajcnews@pa.gov).

To subscribe to Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice, please send your request to [ra-oajcnews@pa.gov](mailto:ra-oajcnews@pa.gov) to be added to the distribution list. You will receive an e-mail alert each month when the latest edition is available.

