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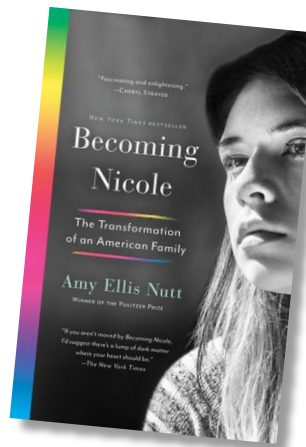


Nicole Maines will be a featured speaker for the Morning Plenary presentation at the 2017 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, November 16, 2017, at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. In 2015, Nicole was featured in the New York Times Bestseller, *Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family*. The book shares the true story of Nicole (a transgender girl), her identical twin brother, Jonas, and their family's journey to "understand, nurture, and celebrate the uniqueness in us all."

Throughout her journey, Nicole has worked as a tireless advocate for transgender youth and adults. When she was just thirteen years old, she worked closely with GLAD, Equality Maine, the ACLU, and the Maine Women's Lobby. Over the course of two days, she talked with almost every state leader to help provide much needed education and encouraged each member to continue to support the transgender community in Maine.

For her hard work and commitment, Nicole was named one of *Glamour Magazine's* 50 inspiring women of the year and was chosen to represent the state of Maine in the series "Hometown Heroes," titled "50 Phenomenal Women of the Year Who Are Making a Difference." She was also named one of the 14 Most Fearless Teens of 2014.

Nicole just completed her sophomore year in college and is studying art, news media, and communications. She currently lives in Portland, Maine with her brother, Jonas, her mother, Kelly, and her father, Wayne.



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SAVE THE DATE

Join us in November for training workshops, exhibitors, two awards dinners, and networking with over 900 attendees.

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

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Proposed title of workshop: Click here to enter text.
Brief description of presentation: Click here to enter text.
Session Overview: (100 words or less - please describe content as well as method of delivery for your presentation, e.g., case study review, interactive exercises, etc.) Click here to enter text.

Name of principal trainer: Click here to enter text.
Title: Click here to enter text.
Agency/organization and address: Click here to enter text.
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RECENT MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF JUVENILE COURT PROCEDURE

Several modifications and amendments to the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure have recently been ordered and are summarized below.

Juvenile Court Hearing Officer

On April 6, 2017, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court amended the Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure to change the term “master” to that of “juvenile court hearing officer.”

The term “master” was incorporated into the Rules from the Juvenile Act, and the continued use of the term “master” had been rejected by several judicial districts because it was considered archaic, subject to misperception, and inconsistent with the use of “hearing officer” in other proceedings. Accordingly, in some judicial districts, the title of “master” had been updated to “hearing officer,” which more accurately reflects the authority to preside over delinquency and dependency matters.

A proposal was published for public comment in the Pennsylvania Bulletin at 42 Pa.B 5480 (August 25, 2012) to replace “master” with “hearing officer.” In response to a comment and to differentiate among the different types of hearing officers in other proceedings, a post-publication modification to the proposal expanded the title from “hearing officer” to “juvenile court hearing officer.” This amendment becomes effective on September 1, 2017.

Post-Dispositional Rights Colloquy

On May 11, 2017, the Supreme Court amended Rule of Juvenile Court Procedure 512 to require that counsel review a colloquy of post-dispositional rights with the juvenile after disposition in a delinquency proceeding. Additionally, the juvenile court must ensure the colloquy had been conducted and the juvenile understood his or her post-dispositional rights. Rules 610 and 612 were also amended to include this requirement when there is a change in disposition that aggrieves the juvenile.

The process reflected in these amendments was guided by prior rulemaking concerning the use of a written admission colloquy in Rule 407(C). Further,

forms used in several counties to inform juveniles of their post-dispositional rights were examined to develop the post-dispositional rights colloquy.

Similar to the requirements of Rule 407, amended Rule 512 places primary responsibility on the juvenile’s attorney for conveying information about post-dispositional rights. Likewise, the juvenile court must then conduct an independent inquiry confirming the juvenile’s understanding. The proposed form in Rule 512(C) is intended to provide the minimum information to a juvenile, and a judicial district may add to the form pursuant to local rulemaking.

Additionally, Rule 610 and Rule 612 were amended to require this colloquy and inquiry when there is a change in disposition that aggrieves the juvenile. The term “aggrieves” was selected to indicate that the juvenile must be adversely affected by the decision for the colloquy and inquiry of post-dispositional rights to be required. These amendments will become effective on October 1, 2017.

Waiver of Detention or Shelter Care Hearings

On May 16, 2017, the Court amended Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure 240 and 1242 to preclude waiver of either a detention hearing or a shelter care hearing. Rule 242 was amended for perfunctory matters.

Rules 240 and 1242 have been amended to preclude waiver of detention hearings and shelter care hearings given the important function served by these hearings. See Pa.R.J.C.P. 242(A) & (C); Pa.R.J.C.P. 1242(A), (C), & (E). There may be circumstances when some matters may be uncontested. However, any stipulations or agreements among the parties about these circumstances should be entered onto the record at the hearing, subject to acceptance by the court. This amendment becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

Should you have any questions regarding these amendments, please contact Richard D. Steele (rsteale@pa.gov) or Robert Tomassini (rtomassini@pa.gov).

LUZERNE COUNTY DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT INITIATIVE

The Luzerne County DMC Work Group recently hosted its 3rd Youth/Law Enforcement Forum at Wilkes University in Wilkes Barre. The forums provide an opportunity for youth and officers to communicate, listen and be heard, and consider each other's views without endorsing either side as completely right or wrong. The goal of the forums is to reduce the number of volatile interactions between youth and officers on the street, to decrease arrests of minority youth, and to diminish the chance of injuries to officers and youth on the street.

Sixteen youth representing local schools (GAR High School, Meyers High School, and the Luzerne Intermediate Unit—Alternative Learning Center (LIU-ALC)) and 15 law enforcement officers representing the Pennsylvania State Police and Stroud Area Regional Police participated in the day-long event. Modules 1

and 2 promoted opportunities for real, candid discussion surrounding interactions on the street between youth and law enforcement. Topics such as stereotypes, perceptions, and roles/responsibilities were covered. After sharing lunch and conversation, the 2 groups were split: Module 3 for law enforcement



covering adolescence, adolescent brain development, culture, and trauma; Module 3A for youth covering perspective, the adolescent brain, safe interactions, and rights.

The group was reassembled for Module 4 which saw groups comprised of youth and law enforcement present role-plays. Kids played cops, and cops played kids; with each scenario being done twice—first, the wrong way and second, the right way, with both groups using the tools they learned over the course of the day. Reactions from the day were overwhelmingly positive. Feedback from the day included:

From Youth:

“You have to respect others to get respect.”

“Not every cop is the same; you can control a lot of how your police interaction will go.”

“Not all cops are bad.”

“I enjoyed the small group discussions.”

From Law Enforcement:

“I liked learning the opinion of today’s youth.”

“The interaction with young people was very positive.”

“I gained a deeper appreciation for the struggles many young people endure.”

“I really liked the one-on-one interaction.”



Two forums are currently being planned for the fall of 2017.

The Luzerne County DMC Work Group extends its gratitude to the DMC Youth/Law Enforcement Corporation for their facilitation, support, and assistance in implementing the DMC Youth Law Enforcement Curriculum, especially Rhonda McKitten and Paris Washington, who provided invaluable mentoring.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION AND WITF PARTNER TO HIGHLIGHT THE PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

The Cumberland County Bar Foundation, the educational and charitable arm of the Cumberland County Bar Association, began a project in 2015 to highlight the work of the County Juvenile Justice System. Project Chair, Ron Turo, Esq., the County Juvenile Defender, approached WITF (the Public Media Station for South Central PA) and requested that it partner with the Bar Foundation to provide public access to the closed juvenile justice court system. Thus, was born the unique feature that recently appeared on Radio Smart Talk and other WITF media outlets.

In pursuing the project, Turo believed that if the general public had access to the courts and the workings of the juvenile justice system, a better understanding would lead to greater support and appreciation for the work being done every day to help children and their families. With full access granted from the court, WITF reporters spent months observing court proceedings and following several juvenile offenders through their journeys. The reporters interviewed many active participants working in the system including juvenile probation officers, prosecutors, judges, families, offenders, and the Juvenile Defender. These interviews and observations led to the creation of a week-long se-

ries of episodes on Smart Talk, which included special daily highlights on the case of one offender, Brandi. The special broadcasts followed Brandi and her family through their progression while active with juvenile probation.

The Smart Talk episodes brought many juvenile justice professionals to the table for a more in-depth review of the status of the juvenile justice system, both in Cumberland County and statewide. Guests included chief juvenile probation officers, family advocates, a district attorney, judges, Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission (JCJC) staff, and the Juvenile Defenders of Cumberland County.

The episodes have been archived and can be accessed on the [WITF website](#).

The entire project has been well received and WITF is currently preparing a video documentary on the juvenile justice system in Cumberland County to be broadcast later this year. Further information or questions can be addressed to:

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 Cumberland County Bar Foundation
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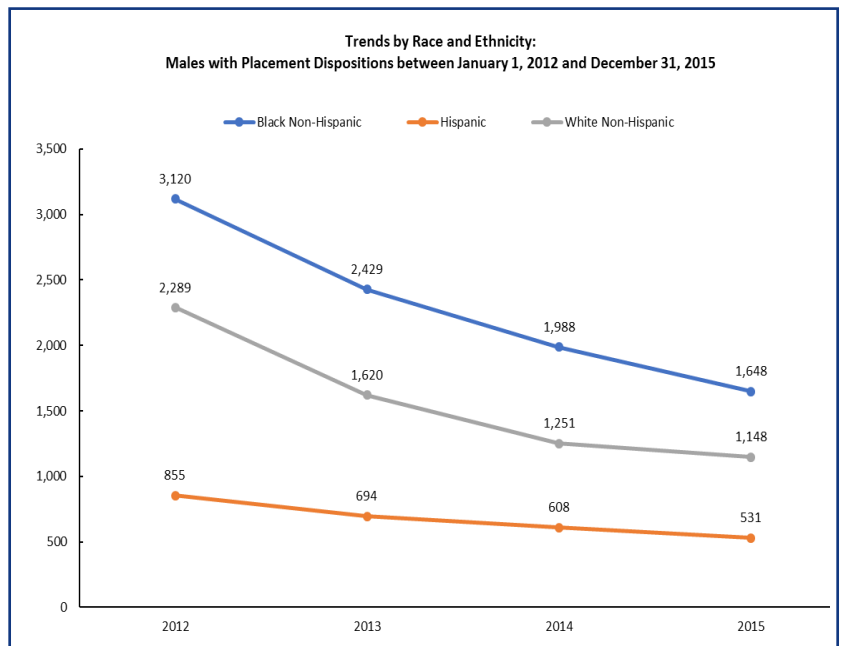
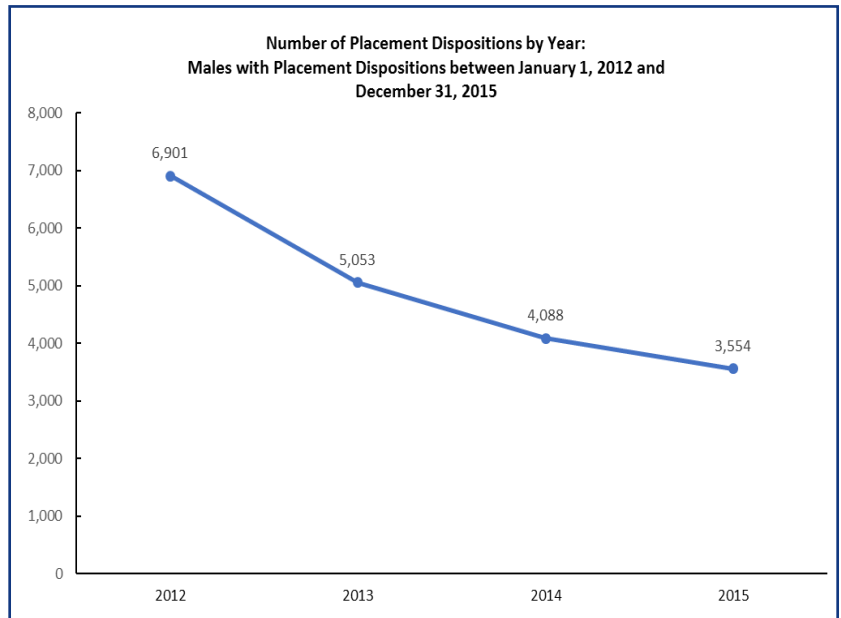
RESEARCH BRIEF

MALES IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FACILITIES

This article is the first in a series of two that examines statistics about males in juvenile residential placement facilities in Pennsylvania. It is a counterpart to a similar series of articles previously published describing females in juvenile residential facilities in Pennsylvania. The following analyses were conducted using a sample of male 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 male experienced one or more changes in placement on a particular case, only the first placement record is captured in these figures. Some males may be represented more than once in the figures if they had multiple unique cases with placement dispositions that fell within the timeframe. Ultimately, 11,693 unique males were included in the analysis, representing 21,436 unique cases with placement dispositions.

The number of placement dispositions that occurred for males dropped by 3,347, or about 50%, between 2012 and 2015¹.

Between January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2015, the number of males who had placement dispositions decreased across all major race and ethnicity groups². Black Non-Hispanic males experienced a 47% decrease in placement dispositions. White Non-Hispanic males experienced a 50% decrease in placement dispositions. Hispanic males experienced a 38% decrease in placement dispositions.

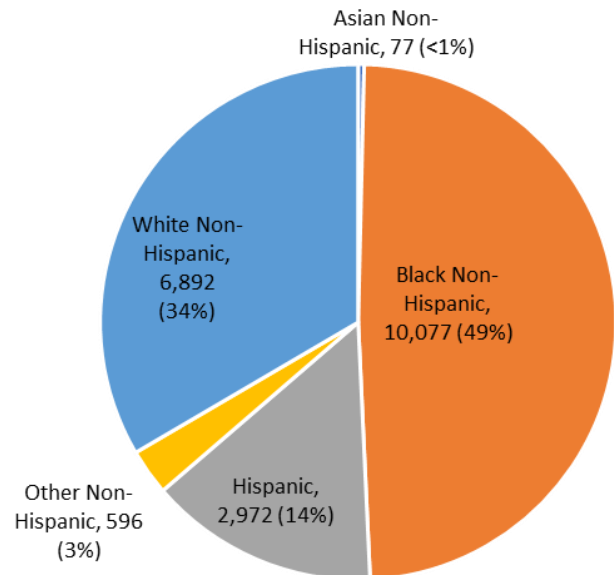


¹2016 placement dispositions were excluded from this analysis since data was only available from January 1, 2016-June 30, 2016. As of June 30, 2016, there were 1,840 placement dispositions.

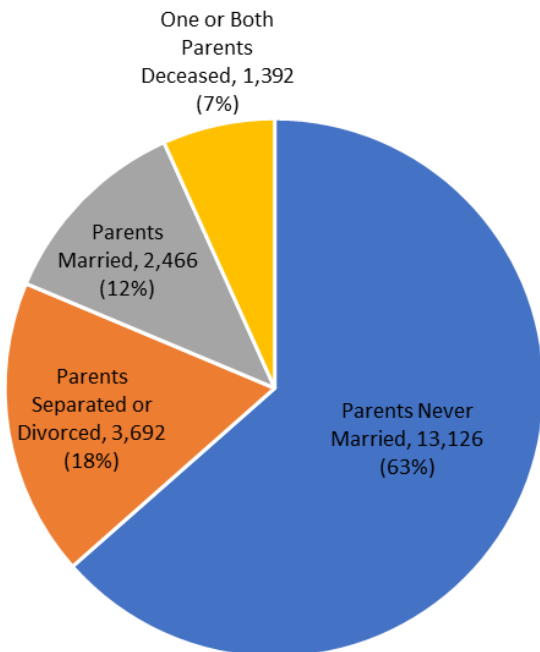
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Almost half (49%) of the males who had a placement disposition between January 1, 2012, and June 30, 2016, were Black Non-Hispanic. About one in three (34%) were White Non-Hispanic, and one in seven (14%) were Hispanic. Approximately 3% were either Asian Non-Hispanic or Other Non-Hispanic.

Breakdown by Race and Ethnicity



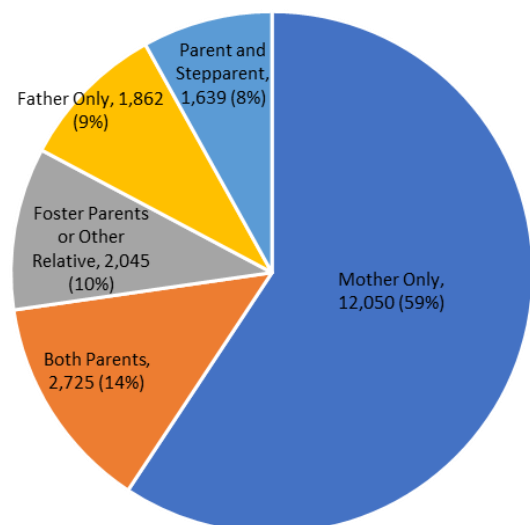
Breakdown by Family Status



About two out of three (63%) males who had a placement disposition had a family status of parents never married. About one in six (18%) had a family status of parents separated/divorced, and approximately one in eight (12%) had a family status of parents married. About 7% had a family status of one or both parents deceased.

The majority of males who had a placement disposition had been living with their mothers only (59%). One in four were living with both parents (14%) or foster parents/other relatives (10%). The remaining males had been living with a parent and stepparent (8%) or their father only (9%).

Breakdown by Living Arrangement



STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

June

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

November

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JUVENILE COURT HEARING OFFICERS RECEIVE TRAINING

On July 13, 2016, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court adopted amendments to Rules 182 and 1182 of the Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure. Pursuant to these amendments, which take effect on August 1, 2017, in order to preside as a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer over cases within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Act, an individual must complete six hours of instruction, approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board. Furthermore, the instruction must specifically address the following topics: the Juvenile Act; the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure; the penal laws of Pennsylvania; the Child Protective Services Law; evidence rules and methodology; child and adolescent development; and the collateral consequences of an adjudication of delinquency.

To conform with these Rules amendments, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts' (AOPC) Office of Children and Families in the Court, partnered to design training programs for all sitting Juvenile Court Hearing Officers. Two different training programs were designed—one specifically for dependency matters, and one for delinquency matters. The training programs took place on June 6 and 7, 2017, at the Child Welfare Resource Center in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Fifty-nine Juvenile Court Hearing Officers attended the delinquency session on June 7th. Attendees were welcomed to the event by JCJC member and Delaware County Juvenile Court Judge, the Honorable Nathaniel C. Nichols, and Richard D. Steele, JCJC Executive Director. Former JCJC member, the Honorable John M. Cleland, eloquently set the tone for the day with a moving address on the role of the Juvenile Court Hearing Officer.

An esteemed cadre of professionals delivered the bulk of the event's content. Daniel A. Durst, Chief Counsel of the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee, spoke on the Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure; and Professor Judith Ritter, from the Widener University School of Law, lectured on evidence rules and methodology. Christine Phillips, from the PA Department of Human Services, discussed the Child Protective Services Law and issues related to Shared Case Management Responsibilities. Adams County District Attorney, Brian Sinnott, delivered information on Pennsylvania's Penal Laws. The Collateral Consequences of an Adjudication of Delinquency were addressed by Adrienne Winney from the Juvenile Defenders Association of Philadelphia. Juvenile Court Judges' Commission staff, Kelly Waltman-



Spreha and Leo Lutz, facilitated presentations on the Juvenile Act, Child and Adolescent Development, and the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy.

JCJC Chair and Allegheny County Juvenile Court Administrative Judge, the Honorable Kim Berkeley Clark, closed the session by thanking the Hearing Officers for their attendance, and their service to the juvenile justice system. This event marks the beginning of what is hoped to be a clear and more active relationship with Juvenile Court Hearing Officers. Without a doubt, they are often the face of the juvenile court to youth and their families.



THIRD MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING COACHES' FORUM HELD

The third Motivational Interviewing (MI) Coaches' Forum was held on June 1, 2017, in State College, Pennsylvania. The forum, led by members of the State MI Committee, was designed to support MI coaches throughout the state via guided discussion of sustainability successes and challenges. The event was attended by Juvenile Probation staff from 25 counties and one provider. The variety of attendees added to the quality of the forum by providing for diverse interaction regarding strategies to advance the use of motivational interviewing. The forum included discussion on how motivational interviewing interconnects with other aspects of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES), and the MI Committee's plans to develop and provide juvenile justice specific training curricula for the Fundamentals of MI and for MI Coaching. Participants attended three breakout sessions focused on the delivery of effective booster training sessions. The boosters showcased the use of several tools that were developed by the MI Committee and recently distributed to coaches, including the *MI Coaches' Workbook*, the *MI Training Video*, and the *MI Bench Card*. Similar to past MI Coaches' Forums, the event provided coaches with opportunities to share lessons learned with fellow coaches from across the Commonwealth. Moving forward, the MI Committee plans to host the forum every other year.

MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE INTRODUCES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

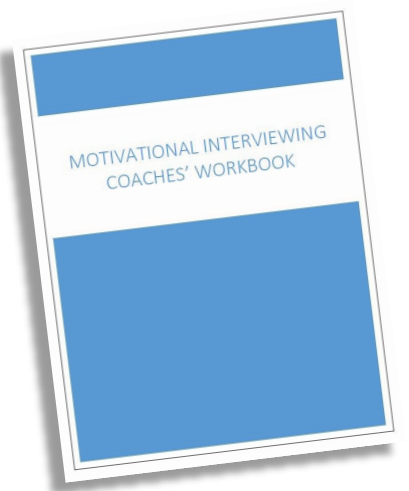
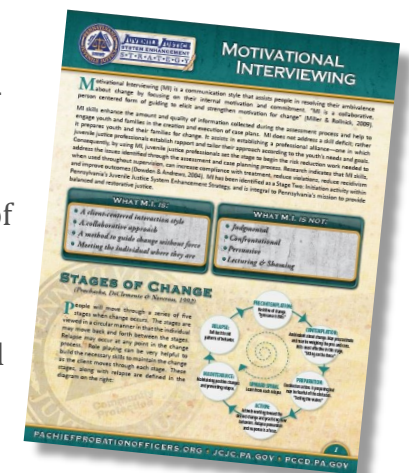
The *State Motivational Interviewing Committee* is pleased to announce the availability of three resources designed to support professional development related to the practice of MI.

These resources are summarized below.

1. The **Motivational Interviewing Gameshow**: This video provides practitioners and coaches with an interactive and fun approach to learning MI concepts and skills, and was produced in collaboration with Shippensburg University. The video is available at the Online Courses area of the JCJC Events Management System (JEMS).
2. The **Motivational Interviewing Bench Card**: Similar to other JJSES related bench cards, this resource provides a quick reference to MI related concepts and skills. The bench card is hot off the press, and is available on the JCJC website at: <http://www.jcjc.pa.gov/Publications/Documents/JJSES/Motivational%20Interviewing%20Bench%20Card.pdf>
3. The **Motivational Interviewing Coaches' Workbook**: This comprehensive document provides MI Coaches with handouts, exercises, video links, and other activities that can enhance professional development activities (information sharing, booster training, practice sessions, etc.). The document can be found on the JCJC website at: <http://www.jcjc.pa.gov/Publications/Documents/JJSES/Motivational%20Interviewing%20Workbook.pdf>

In order to promote their use, all three resources were showcased at the recent *MI Coaches' Forum* in State College.

If you would like more information on these resources, do not hesitate to contact Leo Lutz at JCJC (lelutz@pa.gov), or MI Committee Chair, Nick Caramenico (njcaramenico@buckscounty.org).



TECHNOLOGY CORNER

In the years since the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS) was adopted by counties across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and with the implementation of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES), the role of PaJCMS continues to expand. As more JJSES initiatives rely on the data from PaJCMS, and as County Juvenile Probation Offices track more information, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) and the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) seeks to ensure that PaJCMS remains both efficient and easily accessible for all users, while safeguarding the security and validity of the data.

With this goal in mind, JCJC and CJJT&R has accepted a proposal by Integrity Consulting Solutions, LLC, to assess PaJCMS and identify potential improvements in performance, security, usability, and technology. During the analysis, Integrity Consulting Solutions will work closely with JCJC and CJJT&R. This assessment will provide JCJC and CJJT&R with recommendations for ways to keep PaJCMS reliable and to be better prepared for the counties' and the Commonwealth's future needs for the system. This assessment is scheduled for July and August 2017. The final report will be reviewed internally and decisions will be made based on the findings.

JULY 26-28, 2017
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Sexual Abuse Prevention & Education Network



Keynote Speaker

Matthew Sandusky



Reunification

Cynthia King, LCSW



Trauma Informed Care

Jessica Gahr, MA



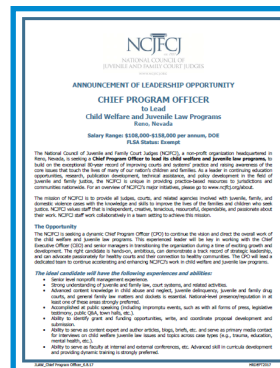
Undercover as a Pedophile:

Six Years in Their Shoes

Robert Hugh Farley, MS

REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.SAPEN.ORG

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT



National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges:
Chief Program Officer
to Lead Child Welfare and Juvenile Law Programs



JDCAP
Juvenile Detention Centers
and Alternative Programs

NPJS/NCYC TRAINING FOR TRAINERS

Presented by:
National Partnership for Juvenile Services
Institute of Applied Juvenile Justice Services (IAJJS)
Hosted by: Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs

July 10 – 14, 2017
Mon-Thu 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Fri 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

JDCAP is hosting a 4.5-day Training for Trainers designed to introduce 10 new NPJS training curricula while also focusing upon ensuring trainer's consistency of instructional techniques and enhancing their quality of instruction.

Contact lawyer@pacounties.org for more information.

BJJS AND OVR PARTNER TO SERVE SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH

The Department of Human Services' Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services (BJJS) and the Department of Labor and Industry's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) recently entered into an agreement to enhance the level of coordination and support provided to youth with disabilities, who are juvenile court involved and receiving services through a Pennsylvania Academic, Career, and Technical Training (PACTT) affiliate or the county juvenile probation offices.

Through this agreement, OVR will work with the PACTT affiliates to develop agency-specific plans that will afford them access to a wide range of services, including but not limited to: summer programming, increased pre-employment transition services, paid work experiences, joint training programs, outreach to families and community partners focused on employment/education objectives, targeted curriculum and training development, and a host of other opportunities designed to expand innovative programming designs that aim toward improved education and employment outcomes.

In addition to supporting PACTT affiliates, representatives from OVR will begin visiting the county juvenile probation offices within their respective regions. These site visits will focus on increasing awareness of the services that are available to eligible youth, accessing services, and improving interagency collaboration.

Questions related to this new initiative can be directed to Carolyn Stubler cstubler@pa.gov from PACTT or Randy Loss rloss@pa.gov from OVR.

The research that forms the foundation of the PACTT effort began in 2008 as a partnership that included The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, The Stoneleigh Foundation, The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), and The PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. On July 1, 2014, the effort was fully transitioned to BJJS, providing the project with much needed permanent support.

PACTT receives guidance for its services through utilization of an Executive Steering Committee that includes representation from all key system stakeholders including the PA Department of Human Services, The PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, The Juvenile Court Judge's Commission, PA Department of Education, PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency, PA Department of Labor & Industry, and the PA Council of Children, Youth & Family Services.

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Community**

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July 19 – 20, 2017

At the Radisson Hotel
Harrisburg in Camp Hill, PA

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Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers

50th 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**

Registration Deadline: October 31, 2017

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

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 6th Street, Room 401, Erie, PA 16501-1076



NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SPRING ISSUE OF AMBER ADVOCATE NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE

OJJDP has released the spring 2017 issue of [The AMBER Advocate](#) newsletter. This issue features articles on:

- A 2014 study on sex trafficking in Las Vegas that found more than half of underage victims were never reported missing.
- Faces of the AMBER Alert Network.
- The role AMBER Alert played in a Maryland infant recovery.
- AMBER Alert International.
- AMBER Alert in Indian Country.
- AMBER Alert briefs.



The U.S. Department of Justice and the [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#) coordinate the [AMBER Alert program](#) nationally. AMBER Alerts have led to the safe recovery of more than 865 abducted children to date.

Resources:

Access [previous issues](#) of the newsletter.

Learn more about the [AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program](#), funded by OJJDP.

[Learn more](#) about the AMBER Alert program.

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OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS' BLOG CITES OJJDP INITIATIVES SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

In a new [blog post](#) commemorating [National Police Week](#), Acting Assistant Attorney General Alan R. Hanson discusses how the Office of Justice Programs' agencies, including OJJDP, support law enforcement through tools, technology, and programs. Hanson highlights OJJDP's [Police-Youth Engagement](#) initiative, a partnership with the [International Association of Chiefs of Police](#) (IACP) and the [Coalition for Juvenile Justice](#) (CJJ) to support interactions between police and youth. Hanson also points to the OJJDP-funded toolkit "[Enhancing Police Responses to Children Exposed to Violence](#)," developed with IACP and the [Yale Child Study Center](#) to support law enforcement officers who work with children in the wake of violent incidents.

Resources:

Learn more about the OJJDP, IACP, and CJJ initiative [Police and Youth Engagement: Supporting the Role of Law Enforcement in Juvenile Justice Reform](#).

Read the [press release](#) on the launch of the OJJDP-funded toolkit.

Visit OJJDP's webpage on [Trauma's Impact on Children Exposed to Violence](#).

Learn about the [Changing Minds campaign](#) and visit [Changing-MindsNow.org](#).

ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM IN SEVERAL STATES

A new [article](#) posted on [The Pew Charitable Trusts](#) website highlights seven states taking the lead in system-wide, multicomponent, juvenile justice reform as part of Pew's Public Safety Performance Project. In the article, Project Director Jake Horowitz describes his testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee about policy reform in the first six states to join the project—Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, South Dakota, and West Virginia. Utah also recently passed comprehensive reform under this initiative. The states' reforms aim to lower juvenile incarceration, protect public safety, reduce recidivism, control costs, and reinvest savings into evidence-based programs. With funding from OJJDP, the [Crime and Justice Institute at Community Resources for Justice](#) is currently helping these seven states implement their recently enacted reforms. The states have already reduced the number of youth sent to state custody, closed juvenile correctional facilities, and reinvested nearly \$50 million in community-based services.

Resources:

Learn more about OJJDP's [Smart on Juvenile Justice](#) initiative.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR GLOBAL YOUTH JUSTICE TRAINING

On September 26–28, 2017, [Global Youth Justice](#) will host its [17th Global Youth Justice Training Institute](#) in Cape Cod, MA. Participants will learn strategies to enhance and establish volunteer-driven youth diversion programs—teen, peer, youth, and student courts and peer juries. Topics will include training sessions on recruiting and training adult/youth volunteers, data collection, juvenile referral sources, improving peer-imposed community service, community partnerships, wrap-around services, and types of juvenile crimes, offenses, and violations. A half-day grant writing session will also be offered.



Resources:

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