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GOVERNOR WOLF APPOINTS JUDGE JENNIFER S. MCCRADY TO THE JUVENILE COURT JUDGES' COMMISSION



On June 7, 2022, Governor Tom Wolf appointed the Honorable Jennifer S. McCrady to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC). Judge McCrady is in her sixth year on the bench and presides in the Family Division of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

After graduating from Duquesne University, Judge McCrady spent several years working as a teacher and counselor at the Whale's Tale shelter for at-risk adolescent males, where she was named Staff of the Year. She went onto law school at Duquesne University School of Law. During this time, Judge McCrady also served as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer for the same family for seven years, earning the award of CASA Volunteer of the Year.

Prior to being elected to the bench, Judge McCrady spent 15 years at KidsVoice, the non-profit legal services organization that represents children in Allegheny County. At KidsVoice, Judge McCrady worked as a Staff Attorney, a Supervising Attorney, and the Program and Policy Coordinator. While there, she represented thousands of children, supervised attorneys, and social service professionals, managed the new hire training program, and led the effort in creating specialized advocacy units to ensure that all children receive quality wholistic advocacy. She spearheaded the creation of both a specialized unit focusing on the educational issues of children in care and a specialized unit focusing on youth transitioning out of the child welfare system. She has spoken to community leaders and various local and national conferences about issues relating to children, especially those issues that face children as they leave the foster care system and the educational challenges for system-involved youth.

Judge McCrady was listed as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising Star and received statewide recognition in 2013 when she was named Child Advocate of the Year by the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Currently, Judge McCrady presides over juvenile dependency, juvenile delinquency, and related family and orphan's court matters in Allegheny County. In addition, she serves as Co-Chair of the Allegheny County Children's Court Roundtable Transition Aged Youth workgroup. She co-chairs the Pennsylvania Bar Association Children's Rights Committee. She serves on several other local and statewide groups related to children and has spent the past three years working toward building a trauma-informed courthouse in Allegheny County.

Judge McCrady's appointment fills a vacancy on the Commission created when Judge Kim Berkeley Clark's term on the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission ended on June 7, 2022. Welcome to the JCJC, Judge McCrady!

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RICK STEELE RETIRES AS JCJC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Rick Steele retired from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) on July 15, 2022, following a long-lasting 43 years of service to Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. Rick began his career in 1979 as a juvenile probation officer in Northumberland County. While at Northumberland County, Rick was promoted to the positions of Supervisor in 1985, Director of Special Services in 1987, and Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in 1997. From 1998 to 2005, Rick served as the Deputy Executive Director at Northwestern Academy in Coal Township, Pennsylvania. In 2005, Rick became an Aftercare Specialist—a role developed to advance Pennsylvania's involvement with the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change Initiative. Rick joined the staff of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission as a Juvenile Court Consultant in 2008. He was promoted to the positions of Director of Policy and Program Development in 2009, Deputy Director in 2014, and Executive Director in 2016, following the retirement of Keith Snyder.

Throughout his career, Rick was a passionate member, and eventual leader, of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers—an organization he cared about deeply. During his involvement with the Council, Rick served on countless committees, and he chaired the Balanced and Restorative Justice Implementation Committee, the Balanced and Restorative Justice Higher Education Committee, and the Standards Committee. In addition, Rick served as the Council's Secretary from 1994 to 1995, Vice-President from 1996 to 1997, and President in 1998. During his career, it was a very rare occasion for Rick to miss a meeting of the Chief's Council.

Without a doubt, Rick's influence and leadership have been significant. He has led several major statewide juvenile justice system reform initiatives in Pennsylvania. He was an early leader in Pennsylvania's implementation of Balanced and Restorative Justice, following the passage of Act 33 of Special Session 1 of 1995. He was instrumental in advancing Aftercare as one of three areas of focus for Pennsylvania's Models for Change initiative. He also served as the Second Coordinator of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) beginning in 2014. As Executive Director of JCJC, Rick was a member of both the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee, and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Court's Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee.

During his tenure as JCJC's Executive Director, Rick led the response of the Pennsylvania juvenile justice system to several significant challenges. Rick led the charge to counter House Bill 218, which was introduced during the 2017-2018 Regular Session of Legislature. If it would have passed as introduced, the resulting legislation would have been catastrophic to Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. In fact, this bill sought to eliminate funding vital to the operations of county juvenile probation departments, and the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research. Fortunately, through the efforts of Rick and many others, House Bill 218 never became law. Rick also applied his experience and problem-solving skills to the unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. Finally, over the past two years, Rick worked long days to meet the demands of a strenuous Juvenile Justice Task Force process, as well as other current system challenges such as the shortage in secure detention services, and the lack of resources to meet the needs presented by the most complex juvenile justice cases. Unquestionably, Rick is widely known, respected, and sought after across the Commonwealth and beyond for his knowledge, commitment, and passion for the juvenile justice system and at-risk youth in general.

As per Rick's wishes for a "low key" sendoff, current and former members of the JCJC staff celebrated his retirement at a dinner held on June 30 at Englewood in Hershey, PA. The Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers also hosted a dinner in Rick's honor on June 9 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Rick holds a Bachelors in Psychology from Gettysburg College, and a Masters Degree in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University. In retirement, he plans to spend time with his family including his wife, Lori, their children and grandchildren. Additionally, Rick plans to golf, coach for his beloved Southern Columbia Tigers, and fly fish—a hobby he was introduced to by his father.

Rick will be greatly missed by all of those who had the opportunity and privilege to work with him. We wish him the best in retirement.

COMMISSION MEMBER UPDATES

On June 7, 2022, the Honorable Kim Berkeley Clark's term ended on the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC). Judge Clark was appointed to the JCJC by then Governor Tom Corbett on August 20, 2013 and was unanimously selected as Chairman of the JCJC during the Commission's July 22, 2015 meeting. Judge Clark served in this role until the end of her term. Judge Clark will be recognized for her extraordinary service and contributions to the Commission, and to Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system, during the 2022 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice. Additional details regarding Judge Clark's remarkable tenure on the JCJC will be included in a future edition of "Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice: The Newsletter of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission".

The Honorable J. Brian Johnson, Lehigh County, was also reappointed to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission for an additional three-year term effective June 7, 2022. Judge Johnson has served on the Commission since being appointed by Governor Tom Wolf on June 7, 2016.

Finally, the Honorable Royce L. Morris, Dauphin County, was reappointed to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission on June 7, 2022. Judge Morris was initially appointed to the Commission on January 29, 2022, to fill the remaining term of Judge Joy Reynolds McCoy, Lycoming County, who resigned from the JCJC in January 2022.

New Commission Officers

During their July 27, 2022, meeting, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission voted unanimously to endorse the following slate of officers as recommended by the JCJC's Nominating Committee:

Chairman: Judge David R. Workman, Lancaster County

Vice-Chairman: Judge Stephen P.B. Minor, Potter County

Secretary: Judge Mitchell Shahan, Beaver County

Congratulations to the new officers of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission!



Time is Running Out!

*The deadline for youth and professional award
nominations is quickly approaching.*

August 15, 2022

For nomination forms, please visit www.jcjc.pa.gov.

For questions, contact Angel Stewart at angstewart@pa.gov
or Keysla Rodriguez at keyrodrigu@pa.gov.

2022 JAMES E. ANDERSON PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE YOUTH AWARD SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED!

Will Kiefer and Nate Luvice from the Bench Mark Program located in Lancaster, PA, will be the featured speakers at the 2022 Youth Awards Program at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers on November 2nd. Will and Nate will also meet and engage with youth award winners prior to the Youth Award Program and Dinner.

Will Kiefer, the Founder and Executive Director of the Bench Mark Program, has worked with at-risk youth in Lancaster since his time as a senior at Franklin and Marshall College (2014). From his work with these youth, Will created the Bench Mark Program. Bench Mark is a strength-based mentoring program for older at-risk youth. Across various programs, Bench Mark uses a trauma-informed approach to help youth achieve fitness, scholastic, and career-related goals. Membership at Bench Mark is free, has no expiration date, and many youth engage with the organization for years at a time, often joining the staff team as mentors and coaches. Will has a passion for working with at-risk youth and spends the majority of his time growing and developing the Bench Mark Program to better serve the youth in his community. Outside of work, Will is a family man that devotes quality time to his wife and their adopted son.



Nate Luvice, a Behavioral Specialist at SESI Schools, initially joined Bench Mark as a youth participant in 2015. Prior to his involvement with the Bench Mark Program, Nate was an at-risk youth engaging in delinquent behaviors. This path caused Nate to experience a life-altering injury as a result of gun violence. Following this injury, Nate decided to make changes to his life, which led to joining the Bench Mark Program. After a few years as a youth participant in the program, Nate was offered the opportunity to join the Bench Mark staff as their Student Services Coordinator. Nate has used this job experience to springboard into a school-based role where he is now employed full-time. He continues in a part-time role at Bench Mark and

has spearheaded program endeavors including the launch of a video podcast showcasing the adversities their students have overcome and the power that hardships can have in bringing youth together to create unlikely friendships, face struggles, and fight the temptation of returning to old habits. In his free time, Nate is continuing his education and currently pursuing his Associates Degree. Nate also volunteers at Crispus Attucks Communities and participates in the Teen Elects Fatherhood program. When he is not working or volunteering, you can find Nate either spending time with his son or powerlifting with friends.

CHESTER COUNTY WINS NATIONAL ACCOLADE FOR FRESH START JUVENILE RECORD EXPUNGEMENT PROGRAM

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July 7, 2022 - by Marvann Pugh

WEST CHESTER, PA — Chester County has been honored with a national accolade for its Fresh Start Juvenile Record Expungement Program. The program, which offers juveniles who have successfully completed a diversion program the option to have their record expunged when they turn 18, was recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACo) with an Achievement Award in the category of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This is a great achievement for Chester County, and it is thanks to the hard work of the Chester County Juvenile Probation Office, County Clerk of Courts Office, District Attorney's Office, and President Judge that this program has been so successful!



Pictured from left to right: Yolanda Van de Krol, Chester County Clerk of Courts; Renee Merion, Deputy District Attorney in charge of the Juvenile Unit; and Don Corry, Chester County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. (Submitted Image)

Second chances are important. They give us an opportunity to show the world that we are not defined by our mistakes. They allow us to move forward, unencumbered by the weight of our past. And they remind us that it is never too late to start fresh.

The Fresh Start program in Chester County, Pennsylvania understands this. That's why, for the last two years, they've been helping juveniles expunge their records so that a one-time misdemeanor doesn't prevent them from future opportunities.

More than 150 people have benefited from the program so far, and I know that number will continue to grow. Because when we give people second chances, we all benefit. We create a more just and compassionate society, and we remind ourselves that everybody deserves a shot at a fresh start.

"We know that this is a valuable service for our residents and are pleased that NACo has acknowledged its importance too," said Chester County Clerk of Courts Yolanda Van de Krol. "It ensures those looking for jobs or looking to go to college who did not realize the importance of expunging their records, will not have any additional stumbling blocks in their way."

It's no secret that our justice system is far from perfect. Young people are especially vulnerable to being caught up in the system, and a single mistake can have lifelong consequences. That's why programs that offer first-time offenders the chance to avoid an adjudication of delinquency are so important. They give young people who have made a mistake the opportunity to put the past behind them and move on with their lives.

Chester County's Director of Juvenile Probation, Don Corry, knows this firsthand. "The typical profile for youth who participate in one of our diversion programs is first time offenders who have committed a relatively minor offense and are assessed as low risk for reoffending," he said. "Expungement at the age of 18 helps those young people who made one minor, yet still illegal, mistake put the past behind them as they move on to higher education, employment and become contributing adults in society." Programs like these give young people a second chance, and that's something we should all support.

Counties play a vital role in our everyday lives, and the NACo Achievement Awards recognize the 18 different ways they contribute to our health, safety, and well-being. From children and youth programs to criminal justice and public safety initiatives, counties are working hard to make our world a better place. This year's award-winning programs are a testament to that dedication and hard work.

2021 JJSES IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY RESULTS

Continuing a multi-part newsletter series, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is pleased to demonstrate the progress of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) in Pennsylvania with the Youth Level of Service (YLS) and Case Planning infographics. The YLS and Case Planning are integral components of Stage Two of the JJSES.

The YLS, which is arguably the cornerstone of the JJSES, is a valid and reliable risk instrument that assesses risk for recidivism by measuring 42 risk/need factors within eight domains. The calculated risk score helps identify who should receive juvenile justice interventions and treatment, while the domains identify what criminogenic needs must be addressed with the young person. Additionally, the responsivity portion of the tool highlights how treatment should be delivered. Beginning in 2009, a small cohort of juvenile probation departments were trained on the YLS and ultimately integrated use of the tool into daily practice. By 2012, 66 of 67 juvenile probation departments were trained on the YLS. In December 2021, the final probation department was trained on the tool.

Similar to the YLS, in 2009, a small number of juvenile probation departments throughout the state began using YLS-informed case plans. Over the next 12 years, the juvenile justice system would see nearly full implementation of case plans designed to specifically meet the individual risk and needs of each juvenile based on the results of the YLS. According to the 2021 JJSES Implementation Survey, 85% of juvenile probation departments are using YLS-informed case plans.

The JCJC, Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers (PCCJPO), and Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) continue to support the sustainability of JJSES activities over time. Similar to other JJSES activities, the state has provided ongoing training and support to develop a group of professionals that function as subject matter experts on the YLS and Case Planning. YLS Master Trainers and Case Plan Coordinators/Coaches are in turn available for training, technical assistance, peer support and mentoring, and have a significant role in the state's Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) efforts. The 2021 JJSES Implementation Survey results indicate 60 departments received YLS booster training from a YLS Master Trainer. In addition, there were at least 130 Case Plan Coordinators/Coaches throughout the Commonwealth in 2021.

A YLS Master Trainer Certification training is scheduled to take place October 6-7, 2022, at the Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill, PA. Following the training, participants will be certified to train probation staff in the use of the YLS and will be further positioned to provide future leadership in their jurisdiction through the critical stages of implementation, booster training, quality assurance and inter-rater reliability standards for their respective departments. Counties with staff interested in becoming certified as a YLS Master Trainer can register for the event in the [JCJC Event Management System \(JEMS\)](#).

JJSES IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY 2021

STAGE TWO: INITIATION

YOUTH LEVEL OF SERVICE (YLS)

99%
have implemented the YLS.

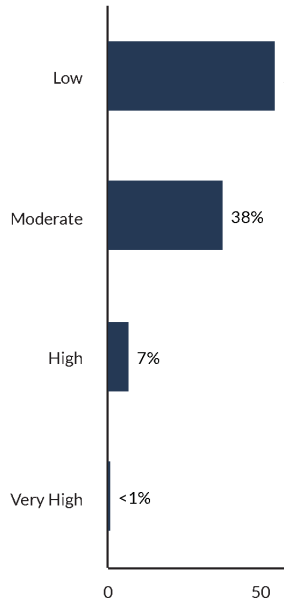
19,639
YLS assessments were completed in 2020.

74%
have a **service matrix** to address criminogenic needs of youth under supervision.

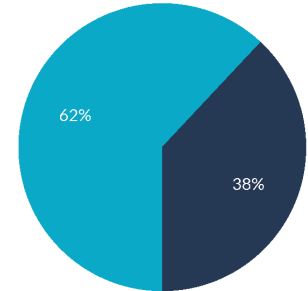
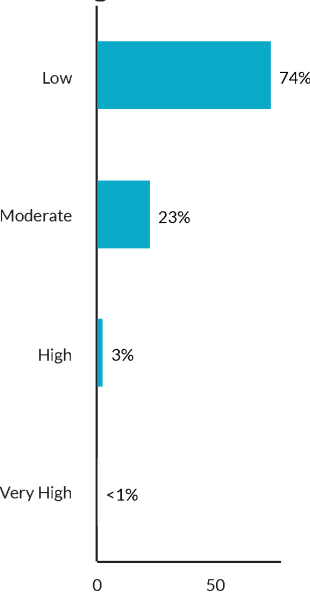
Have Included Additional YLS Activities in Their JJSES Plan for FY 2021-2022

91%
have received YLS booster training from a YLS Master Trainer.

YLS Risk Level Distribution for Initial Assessment



YLS Risk Level Distribution for Closing Assessment

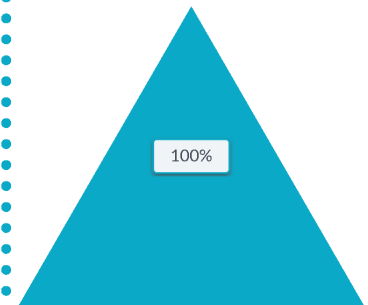


■ Yes (62%) ■ No (38%)

80%
completed the two YLS booster cases provided by the Assessment Committee.

Planning to Implement the YLS During FY 2021-2022

95%
have a YLS policy.



■ Yes (100%)

<1%
was the YLS override rate in 2020*.

Personality/Behavior
Education/Employment
Peer Relations
top scoring domains.
(Excludes Leisure & Recreation)

*Override of Overall Risk Score: The YLS allows flexibility for the juvenile justice professional to increase or decrease a youth's overall risk level as appropriate under prevailing conditions.



JJSES IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY 2021

STAGE TWO: INITIATION

CASE PLANNING

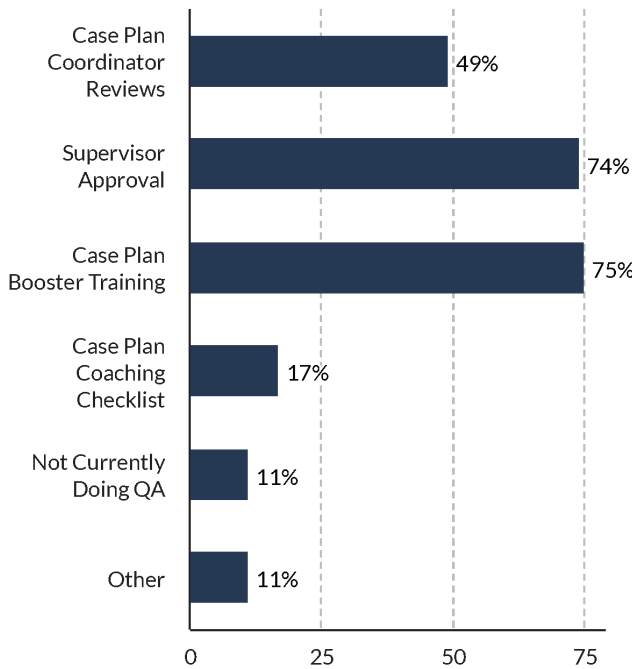
97%
have
implemented
case planning.

130
Case Plan
Coordinators.

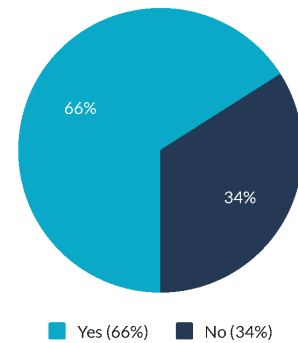
74%
have a case plan
policy.

88%
develop case plans
that incorporate
the results of the
YLS and activities
for juveniles and
their families in
the majority of
cases.

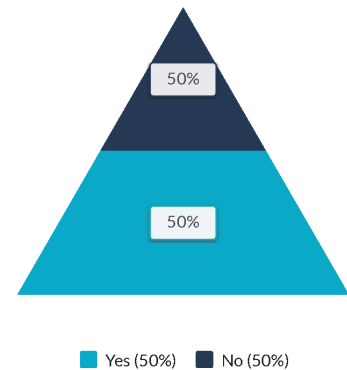
Case Planning Specific Methods of Quality Assurance



Have Included
Additional Case
Planning Activities in
Their JJSES Plan for
FY 2021-2022



Planning to Implement
Case Planning During FY
2021-2022



Top Criminogenic Needs

Youth Engagement

Family Engagement

were the **three best practice principles** most likely to be in case plans.



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STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

August

- 3 Victim/Community Awareness Curriculum Training for Facilitators Boosters - State College
- 29-30 The Internet, Social Media, and Data Privacy for Juvenile Justice Professionals - State College

September

- 8 Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) Coaches Forum - State College
- 15 Leading with Purpose: How to Center Success - State College
- 19-23 Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) - Virtual
- 26-30 Orientation for the New Juvenile Probation Professional - A Blended Learning Course - Camp Hill

October

- 4 Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument: Version 2 (MAYSI~2) - Virtual
- 6-7 Youth Level of Service (YLS) Master Trainer Certification - Camp Hill
- 12 Motivational Interviewing (MI) Coaches Forum - State College
- 17 Organizational Leadership Development for Criminal Justice Professionals - Virtual
- 18 Learning Community for MAYSI~2 & CTS Coordinators in PA's Juvenile Probation Departments - Virtual

December

- 1 Getting Comfortable with Feedback - Virtual

Registration available at www.jcjems.pa.gov

LEADERSHIP TRAININGS FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is excited to offer two upcoming management/leadership trainings to chiefs, deputy chiefs, supervisors, or anyone in a leadership role. Dr. Brian Lovins will be presenting, "Leading with Purpose: How to Center Success", on September 15, 2022, at the Scholar Hotel in State College. Dr. Lovins is a principal with the consulting group Justice System Partners. He routinely helps jurisdictions understand their local systems, helps stakeholders analyze and interpret their data, and provides practical, real-world solutions to addressing today's justice system challenges. Dr. Lovins recently delivered the closing plenary for the 2021 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice.



Over the past 20 years, we have seen a significant shift in juvenile justice. Once a mirrored image of the adult system, today's juvenile justice system has returned to its original roots. Juvenile probation departments across the country are embracing strategies to divert/deflect youth from the formal system and work more effectively with those that do enter. The juvenile justice system has spent the last 15 years providing training and coaching to the line staff to deliver more effective practices, it is now time for leaders to think about themselves. How can you be the most successful leader within your organization? How can you develop ways to take care of the people who take care of the people? And how can you create environments in which your staff can do their best work? In "Leading with Purpose: How to Center Success", the discussion will challenge you to rethink how your organizations are structured and why you need to change the context in which you do your work. Leaders will gain insight and develop strategies to reshape your organizations to align with the tools we have provided to staff to do great work.

On October 17, 2022, Dr. Francia Doñe Henry and Charles Chávez of MION Consulting will be presenting, “Organizational Leadership Development for Criminal Justice Professionals” virtually using the Zoom platform. Dr. Francia Henry is currently the head transformation management officer for Metropolitan Transit Authority of the State of New York and the President of MION Consulting. Dr. Henry retired from policing as a Police Patrol Commander having served as a police lieutenant, accreditation manager, policy analyst and public information officer with over 20 years of policing experience. Charles Chávez is a 22-year veteran of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and currently serves as Assistant Vice President and Deputy Chief of Administration and Investigations. Chief Chávez leads the Security Project Management Division which researches, identifies, develops, and plans agency security projects in collaboration with its partnering departments.

Through training and support from internal and external resources, the MION Consulting’s “Organizational Leadership Development for Criminal Justice Professionals” training seeks to train, encourage, and mentor the future leadership cadre of probation supervisors, managers, and future executive leaders through training and development to ensure that the organizational mission of leading through excellence and professionalism are cultivated and sustained for probation leaders now and in the future.

Both trainings are currently open for registration in the [JCJC Event Management System \(JEMS\)](#). Contact Sonya Stokes, Director of Professional Development, if you have any questions about these or any other professional development opportunities at systokes@ship.edu.

WHAT NIJ WANTS YOU TO KNOW ABOUT INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT

The National Institute of Justice’s (NIJ) “Five Things” series condenses complex topics into five statements. In only a few minutes, these snapshots bring busy practitioners up to speed on the latest research. NIJ released *Five Things About Juvenile Delinquency Intervention and Treatment*, its seventh and most recent installment, in March 2022. It gives juvenile justice stakeholders the bottom line on what to look for—and avoid—regarding intervention and treatment programs intended to prevent crime and reduce recidivism. The statements highlight findings from NIJ’s CrimeSolutions’ clearinghouse of justice-related programs and practices.



NIJ wants readers to know these five things about juvenile delinquency intervention and treatment:

1. Juvenile awareness programs (such as Scared Straight) may be ineffective and potentially harmful.
2. Cognitive behavioral therapy can effectively reduce aggression in children and adolescents.
3. Multisystemic therapy for juveniles reduces recidivism, rearrests, and the total number of days in juvenile justice facilities.
4. Intensive supervision of juvenile offenders — the conditions of which may vary — has not been found to reduce recidivism.
5. Incarceration-based therapeutic communities for juveniles with substance use disorders (i.e., residential drug-treatment programs in detention facilities for treating substance-abusing and addicted offenders) have not been found to reduce recidivism after release.

Taking 5 minutes to read these 5 things helps ensure that programs and policies are evidence-based, leading to better outcomes for youth, families, and communities. This report is available online at <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/five-things-about-juvenile-delinquency-intervention-and-treatment>.

PENNSYLVANIA'S 2021 JUVENILE COURT ANNUAL REPORT

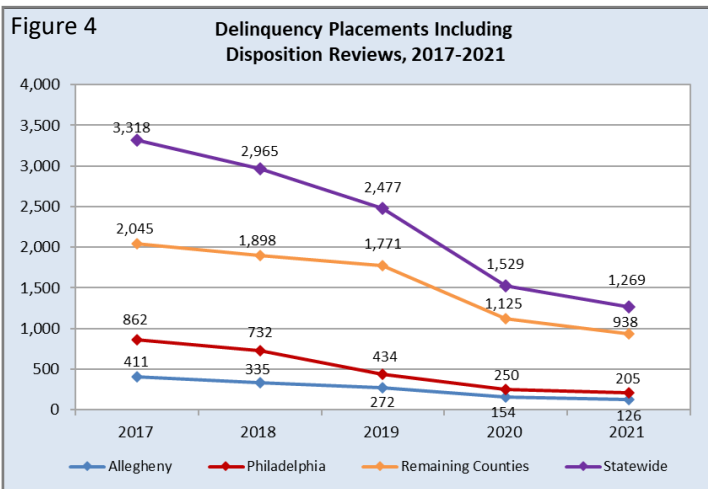
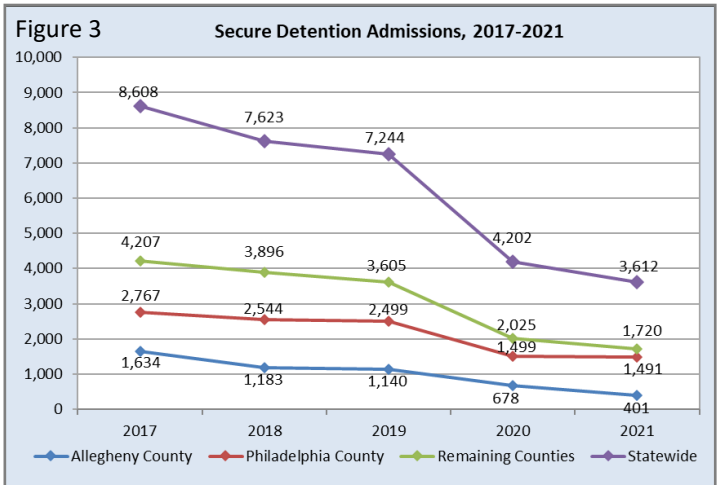
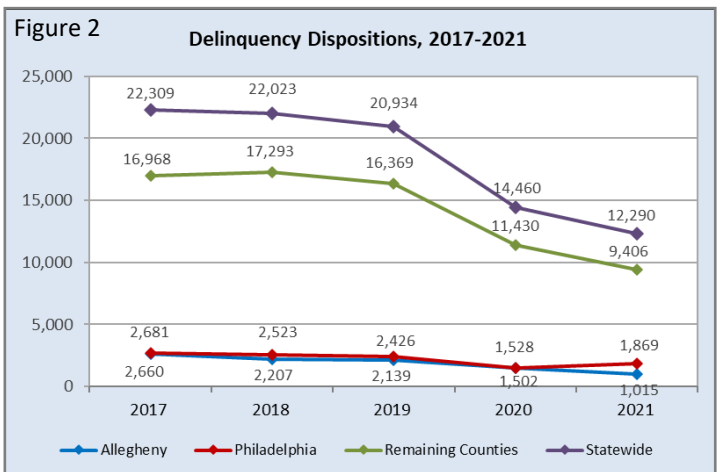
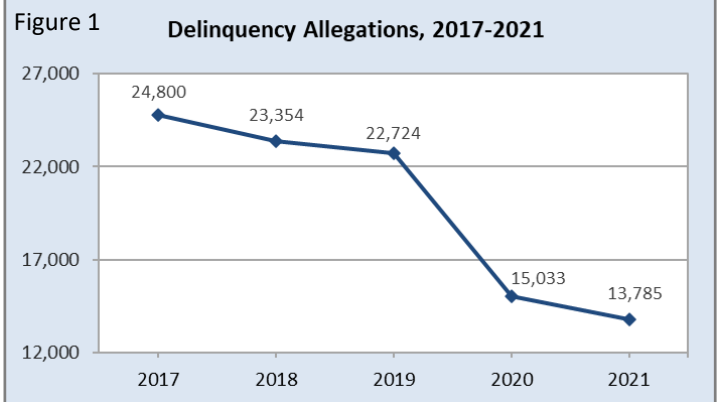
Allegations, Dispositions, Secure Detention, and Placements

There were 13,785 delinquency-related allegations in Pennsylvania during 2021. This represents a 44.4% decrease from 2017, and an 8.3% decrease from 2020 (see Figure 1).

Delinquency dispositions statewide in Pennsylvania have decreased in each of the last five years (see Figure 2). This includes a 15.0% decrease from 2020, and an overall decrease of 44.9% since 2017. Allegheny County reported a decrease of 33.6% from 2020 to 2021, and Philadelphia County reported a 24.4% increase for this time period.

Detention admissions have declined statewide since 2017, with a 58.0% overall decrease and a 14.0% decrease from 2020 to 2021 (see Figure 3). Allegheny County detention admissions decreased by 40.9% from 2020 to 2021, and Philadelphia County admissions decreased by 0.5% during the same time period.

Delinquency placements have declined each year between 2017 and 2021, with an overall decrease of 61.8% statewide during that time period (see Figure 4). Between 2020 and 2021, there was a 17.0% decrease in placements. The 1,269 delinquency placements in 2021 represented 4.8% of all delinquency dispositions. Delinquency placements in Allegheny County decreased 18.2% from 2020 to 2021 and placements in Philadelphia County decreased 18.0% for this time period.



County-specific data on delinquency allegations, delinquency dispositions, secure detention admissions, and delinquency placements can be found in the appendices of Pennsylvania's 2021 Juvenile Court Annual Report at: <https://www.jcic.pa.gov/Research-Statistics/Disposition-Reports/2021-Juvenile-Court-Annual-Report.pdf>.

See you
in Harrisburg!

SAVE *the* DATE

Harrisburg Hilton and Towers

**NOVEMBER
2-4, 2022**

**2022 James E. Anderson
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CONFERENCE
ON JUVENILE JUSTICE**

CONFERENCE – HOTEL INFORMATION - At the **Crowne Plaza** the contracted rate varies based on room type starting at \$117.00 a night. This room block will close on October 3, 2022. You may visit the customized link to book online, [ICJC Conference](#) or call the hotel directly at 717-234-5021 (Voucher Counties call 717-920-1792) / **Group Code: CAL**. The hotel will confirm your reservation. For general conference information, please contact us at ra-icjcevents@pa.gov.

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

What is Administrative Supervision? Administrative supervision is defined in the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS) as the status of a juvenile when they have met all requirements of their formal supervision, except the collection of payments/restitution, and they are under the age of 21.

In the most recent update to PaJCMS, probation staff are now able to utilize the new Administrative Supervision feature within the application to track juveniles after formal supervision has concluded while still accurately depicting the date of the end of formal supervision.

To achieve this, a new question has been added to the existing Open/Close Juvenile Record screen that must be answered when editing the juvenile record: Is this juvenile being placed on Administrative Supervision? If answered “no”, the juvenile record will look the same as before. If answered “yes”, then two date selection fields will appear allowing an Administrative Supervision Start Date and an Administrative Supervision End Date to be entered. Upon placing a juvenile on administrative supervision, a new banner will appear at the top of all pages when viewing their records to indicate that they have been placed under this status.

Action	Status	Open Date	Close Date	Supervised by Your Dept.	Admin Supervision
✓	Open	12/06/2016		No	No

Case Number	Allegation Date	Docket#	Allegation Source	Probation Officer	Status
C2010-30-000067	11/06/2016	JC-00-00-192798-1524			OPEN

When administrative supervision has ended, the Administrative Supervision End Date should be entered as well as the close date for the overall case. At this point, the youth is no longer under administrative supervision and is considered closed.

If you have any questions regarding administrative supervision, you may contact the PaJCMS Help Desk at RA-JCJCHELPDESK@pa.gov.



NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S BLOG POST HIGHLIGHTS THE LAUNCH OF OJJDP'S YOUTH AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP

In a new [blog post](#), OJJDP Administrator Liz Ryan announced the launch of OJJDP's Youth and Family Partnership Working Group. This internal working group will solicit input from justice-involved youth and their families to develop recommendations for OJJDP, establish best practices, and assess programs and performance measures for meeting the needs of youth.

"To be legitimate, OJJDP's work must be informed by youth," Administrator Ryan wrote. "I am excited to launch the Youth and Family Partnership Working Group, and I look forward to hearing from the field on how OJJDP can move forward on this important endeavor."

The working group will update policy guidance on youth and family engagement and develop a strategic plan that will inform how OJJDP elevates the voices of youth and families.

RESOURCES:

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NEW ISSUE OF THE AMBER ADVOCATE AVAILABLE NOW

The latest issue of [The AMBER Advocate](#) newsletter—the 50th since the publication launched in 2006—features articles on:

Janell Rasmussen and her first year as AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program Administrator.

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A multi-state AMBER Alert effort that led to the safe recovery of children missing from Tennessee.

AMBER Alert international news and briefs.

RESOURCES:

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- Read about [AMBER Alerts on Instagram](#).
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BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS RELEASES 2021 SCHOOL CRIME AND SAFETY REPORT

The [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(BJS\)](#) and the [National Center for Education Statistics \(NCES\)](#) have released [Report on Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2021](#). This annual report provides the most recent data on school crime and student safety from several sources, including national databases and surveys of students, teachers, principals, and post-secondary institutions.

The report highlights select findings from [23 indicators](#) on various school crime and safety topics. It examines different types of student victimization, including violent deaths and school shootings, nonfatal criminal victimization, and bullying victimization. The report also presents data on school conditions—such as discipline problems, gangs, hate-related speech, weapons, and illegal substances—as well as data on student perceptions of school safety. This report supplements [Incidence of Victimization at School and Away From School](#) in the Condition of Education report, which BJS and NCES released in May 2022.

RESOURCES:

- See [OJJDP's Model Programs Guide](#) to learn about programs promoting school safety.
- View the federal school safety website, [SchoolSafety.gov](#).
- [Learn more](#) about federal resources available to support youth after a mass shooting.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).



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