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2022 JAMES E. ANDERSON PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

The 2022 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, sponsored by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, was held on November 2-4, 2022 at the Hilton Harrisburg. The conference theme was "Back and Better: Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice's Journey of Introspection and Improvement." This year, over 800 individuals registered for the conference.

Judges/Hearing Officers Training

On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, over 80 judges and hearing officers from across the Commonwealth participated in a training event entitled: "Data Every Juvenile Court Judge Should Know (Hint: And Is Currently Available)".

Honorable David R. Workman, Juvenile Court Judge in Lancaster County and Chair of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC), and Robert Tomassini, Executive Director of the JCJC, offered welcoming remarks to all attendees. Following this, Dawasy Michael Tan, Director of Information Technology Division at the JCJC's Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R), presented an overview of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS). He and Justine Fowler, Director of Research and Analytics at the JCJC, then presented a demonstration of the state-of-the-art digital dashboards developed specifically for jurists. These dashboards were designed to provide judges and hearing officers with real-time data from the PaJCMS and cover a broad array of topics, such as the use of secure detention and placement, lengths of time youth are outside the home, and the timeliness of court processing.

Next, best practice courtroom procedures were reviewed. Drawing on courtroom observations completed by the JCJC's ongoing court service visits, this session addressed those topics where there had been observed gaps between policy and practice. Particular attention was given to the consent decree hearing, the adjudication hearing, the disposition hearing, and the dispositional and commitment review hearings, including the applicable statutes and Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure. Through a faculty of fellow juvenile court judges, participants learned about best practice strategies for conducting effective delinquency proceedings. At the conclusion of the event, Angela Work, Deputy Director of the JCJC, provided information about the resources available to juvenile court judges to assist them in the courtroom.

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The JCJC extends their sincerest gratitude to the following juvenile court judges for their contribution to this session:

- Hon. Craig A. Dally, Juvenile Court Administrative Judge, Northampton County
- Hon. Royce L. Morris, Juvenile Court Judge, Dauphin County
- Hon. Mitchell P. Shahan, Juvenile Court Administrative Judge, Beaver County
- Hon. David R. Workman, Juvenile Court Judge, Lancaster County
- Hon. Elizabeth A. Doyle, President Judge, Blair County

Juvenile Defender Training

On Wednesday, November 2nd, the Juvenile Defender Association of Pennsylvania (JDAP) hosted a training for juvenile defenders across Pennsylvania at the 2022 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice. Approximately 35 juvenile defenders attended the training. Presentations included: “A Historical Perspective on Juvenile Justice from Its Beginnings to the ‘Kids for Cash’ Era and Beyond”; “Ethical Duties of Lawyers When Faced with Systemic Failures”; “Challenging Youth Restitution, Costs & Fines”; “Disability Rights Roundtable”; and a presentation by Ashli Jiles-Perkins and Paige Joki from the Education Law Center.

Professional Caucuses

The **Chief and Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Caucus** was facilitated by Chad Libby, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer from Dauphin County. Approximately 40 chief and deputy chief juvenile probation officers from across the state were in attendance. A robust discussion was had around the following topic areas:

- Hardships being experienced by the provider community including liabilities, staffing retention, and long waitlists,
- Statewide lack of access to quality detention services,
- Hiring and retention of juvenile probation officers and finding ways to incentivize joining and remaining in the juvenile justice field,
- Issues accessing services for youth with complex needs,

- Increasing transparency and standardization of the expungement of juvenile delinquency cases, and
- Staff safety.

The **Juvenile Probation Supervisor Caucus** was facilitated by Angela Mackley, Franklin County Deputy Chief Probation Officer. Almost 30 supervisors from across the state attended the caucus. The caucus allowed supervisors the opportunity to voice concerns and exchange ideas with colleagues around the following subject areas:

- The lack of facilities for moderate and high-risk youth; the lack of detention beds, providers’ waitlists, and the waitlist for state-run facilities,
- Juvenile probation officer safety,
- Discussion about counties’ options as it relates to diversionary options and treatment court, and
- Allegheny County’s YLS Unit and how it helps to reduce the backlog of assessments.

The **Juvenile Probation Officer Caucus** was facilitated by Michaella Mowers, Juvenile Probation Officer from Westmoreland County. More than 50 probation officers from across the state were in attendance. Following some opening and welcoming remarks, the group discussed various topics related to the field. The major topics discussed were:

- Juvenile probation officer safety as there has been an increase in gun-related offenses,
- Lack of detention and residential facilities for serious offenders,
- Need for additional community-based resources to assist in the development of graduated responses modules,
- Appropriate management of youth prescribed medical marijuana, and
- Experiences and strategies on addressing youth with unique medical/mental health needs.

The **Victim Services Caucus** was facilitated by Abigail Runk, York County Juvenile Probation Officer Supervisor and member of the Victim Services Committee of the Chief’s Council. There were four participants representing McKean, Philadelphia, and Allegheny counties and the Center for Victims - Pittsburgh. The discussion in the caucus began with a change to the rule, which has allowed for the de-

fense to make a motion to dismiss outstanding financial obligation, including restitution. The motion must be made at a court hearing and the victim must receive notification. There is concern that in some counties they have not yet made adjustments to accommodate the rule change. Suggestions were made to add this information to the hearing report and in one county the victim advocates have developed a system in order to make notifications to the victim.

The need for detention and placement beds across the state was discussed. The concern with the lack of detention and placement beds is that there are times when the victim and the offender stay in the same house. The caucus also talked about trainings that district attorneys receive regarding victims. In Allegheny County, the Healing Rivers Project -Center for Victims, offers professional trainings and education programs. Ms. Runk asked the participants about the use of the victim feedback form online and it does not appear there is much movement with its usage. Ms. Runk also informed the caucus participants that the Victim Services Subcommittee of the Chief's Council has openings on the committee, and if they know of anyone interested in joining, let the committee know.

Chief/Provider Forum

This year's Chief/Provider forum focused on Overcoming Secondary Traumatic Stress both for youth involved in the juvenile justice system as well as for professionals working in the field. Ariel James, a Juvenile Probation Officer and PTSD Project Coordinator in Westmoreland County, presented on the effects of trauma experienced by many youth in the juvenile justice system. Her presentation then shifted to Secondary Traumatic Stress (STS) and the impact hearing, reading, and viewing accounts of trauma can have on professionals working in the field. The presentation concluded with coping strategies and wellness tips to focus on self-care. Self-care is an essential practice that can improve personal and professional satisfaction and may improve work performance.

Additionally, Ms. James oversees the PA PTSD Project, which plans and provides mental health trainings to professionals. She is involved in the Southwest Regional Crisis Intervention Team, Ray of Hope Suicide Awareness and Prevention Task Force, and

Council on Substance Abuse and Youth. Ms. James' power point is available upon request, and if you are interested in further presentations for your staff, she can be reached at ajames@co.westmoreland.pa.us.

Youth Awards Program

On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, the 2022 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice hosted the Youth Awards Program to recognize youth from across Pennsylvania for being selected as winners of the Creative Expression Contest and recipients of the Outstanding Achievement Award. Additionally, the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges presented three deserving youth with the James E. Anderson Juvenile Justice Scholarship. To celebrate the youth award winners and this year's Youth Awards theme: "Unfiltered: See Me, I Am Enough," the event featured a video compilation of the youth award winners answering the question, "What does Unfiltered: See Me, I Am Enough mean to you?"

The Youth Awards Program concluded with a presentation from this year's Youth Award speaker, Will Kiefer, Founder and Executive Director of the Bench Mark Program in Lancaster, PA. Prior to attending the Youth Awards Program, youth award winners were given the opportunity to engage in a leadership workshop with Mr. Kiefer.



Morning Plenary

On Thursday morning, November 3rd, Judge David R. Workman, Chair of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, gave the "Conference Welcome". The morning plenary session, "Strengthening Fundamental Fairness: Our Commitment to Advancing Racial Equity and Inclusion in the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System," featured christian bijoux, a nationally recognized thought scholar and leader on race, equity, and anti-racism. Using spoken word video, personal and professional experiences, and audience participation, christian delivered a powerful message on every individual's responsi-



bility to work towards eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system.

Workshops

Nearly 700 people registered to attend 12 different workshops on Thursday, November 3rd. In an effort to allow participants to maximize exposure to the selected topics, all workshops were offered during both the morning and afternoon. Workshops and materials, if available, are featured on our website at www.jcjc.pa.gov on our Annual Conference page.

Afternoon Plenary



The afternoon plenary session entitled “Let’s Talk About Us: Recognizing the Significance of Vicarious Trauma and Self-Care,” featured Dr. Meagan Corrado. During this session, Dr. Corrado carefully explained the issues of vicarious trauma and burnout in the workplace. Dr. Corrado also engaged participants in a discussion on the importance of self-care, including practical strategies to incorporate self-care into one’s lifestyle.

Annual Awards Program

On Thursday, November 3, 2022, the 2022 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice hosted the 42nd Annual Awards Program. The Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission (JCJC) and the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers honored both individuals and programs for their outstanding work in Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system. Nearly 400 conference participants attended the event to celebrate and recognize award recipients.

During the Awards Program, the Honorable Kim Berkeley Clark, Allegheny County President Judge and former Chair of the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission, was presented the Fred P. Anthony Award, an award given periodically to individuals demon-

strating exceptional leadership, dedication, or service to Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Court System. The Fred P. Anthony Award is undoubtedly the highest honor awarded by the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission. Richard (Rick) Steele, recently retired Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission, was also presented the Dennis M. Maloney Award, given on rare occasions to individuals who have made remarkable contributions to Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice System. Additional details regarding these special awards will be included in next month’s edition of Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice.

The Annual Awards Program also celebrated the 40th anniversary of the JCJC-sponsored Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University with a video presentation. The video presentation included past graduates, professors, and staff of the JCJC describing their experiences, thoughts, and vision for the future of the Graduate Education Program.

On September 7, 2022, the JCJC’s Awards Committee convened in State College, PA to select the award recipients. This year’s JCJC Awards Committee included Chair, Patrick Micco (Lawrence County), Committee Members Mary Jo Battle (Erie County), Jon Frank (Blair County), Michele Howard (Allegheny County), Kimmy Mulik (Carbon County), Justin Popovich (Bradford County), Amy Warner (Philadelphia County), Abigail Wilson (PCCYFS), Angel Stewart (JCJC), and Keysla Rodriguez (JCJC). After much deliberation, the Committee’s selected 2022 Annual Award winners are shown on pages [5](#) and [6](#).

Resource Day

The conference concluded with Resource Day on Friday, November 4th. Conference participants had the opportunity to learn about new, innovative, and creative approaches to working with juveniles. Representatives from private and public residential programs, informational services, technology services, and other vendors were available to present information and discuss products and services.

SAVE the DATE! SAVE the DATE! SAVE the DATE! SAVE the DATE! SAVE the DATE!

Thank you for making this year’s conference a huge success! The 2023 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice is scheduled to be held on **November 1-3, 2023**.

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission congratulates all of the

2022 Award Winners



FRED P. ANTHONY AWARD
Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark
President Judge
Allegheny County



DENNIS M. MALONEY AWARD
Richard D. Steele
Executive Director (Retired)
Juvenile Court Judges' Commission

DR. ANTHONY F. CEDDIA
AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING
SCHOLARSHIP IN JUVENILE
JUSTICE
Michaella Mowers
Westmoreland County



DR. THOMAS L. AUSTIN
UNDERGRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Camden Yablonski
Shippensburg University



COURT OPERATED
PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
Kimberly Booth
Community Intensive
Supervision Program (CISP)

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM OF
THE YEAR
Steve Mortimer
Adelphoi Village
Middle Creek
Male Secure



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2022 Award Winners



COMMUNITY-BASED
PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
Lehigh Chapman-Nevil
Community-Based Family
Intervention Program (CBFIP)



VICTIM ADVOCATE
OF THE YEAR
Diane Weaver-Thomas
Center for Victims in
Allegheny County



JUVENILE COURT SUPPORT
SERVICE AWARD
Jenny Liebrum
Dauphin County



MERITORIOUS SERVICE
AWARD
Dr. Kimberly Eaton
Franklin County



JUVENILE PROBATION
OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Honor Rounsville
McKean County



JUVENILE PROBATION
SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
Kimmy Mulik
Carbon County

CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION
OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Donald (Don) Corry
Chester County



Congratulations!

TERESA WILCOX RETIRES FROM MCKEAN COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION



After 23 years of service to the Pennsylvania juvenile justice system, Teresa Wilcox has retired from McKean County Juvenile Probation. Teresa began her career with McKean County Juvenile Probation in 1999 as a school-based juvenile probation officer and Truancy Prevention Officer. In 2002, she was promoted to Placement Specialist, and three years later she was appointed as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, which is a position she held until retirement.

Teresa has been an active and dedicated leader at both local and state levels. She served as Co-Chair of the McKean County Criminal Justice Advisory Board and Chair of the McKean County Reentry Committee. She also served as a member of numerous committees and workgroups, including the PA Reentry Council through the Office of Attorney General, McKean County Collaborative Board, McKean County Department of Human Services Advisory Board, McKean County Community Foundation, McKean County Children's Advocacy Center, and Victims Resource Center Advisory Board, just to name a few. Teresa successfully implemented the Victim Community Awareness Curriculum and obtained grant funding to provide necessary resources to the victims in McKean County. She received the Linda K.M. Ludgate Criminal Justice Advisory Board Excellence in Leadership Award in 2017 and is a 2019 graduate of Leadership McKean.

At the state level, Teresa was a long-standing member with the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers (PCCJPO), serving as both Vice President and President during her membership with the Council. In 2012, she was appointed to serve as the PCCJPO representative on the PA Restitution Task Force. At the time of her retirement, she served as the Chair of the Membership Committee and was an active member of the Executive Committee. In the past, she also served as Chair for the Victim Services Committee, the Recognition Committee, and the Awards Committee. Teresa was also a contributing member to many other PCCJPO committees over the years.

Teresa was instrumental in the rollout of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) in her county and across the state. As Chief, she spearheaded McKean County Juvenile Probation Department's implementation of the initiative. Statewide, she worked tirelessly to advance the work of various JJSES activities, always willing to pilot a new activity or initiative. She assisted in the organization of the statewide Rural Summits for JJSES implementation and was always the voice for Pennsylvania's rural counties. Teresa also served on the JJSES Leadership Team as the Stage 4 Co-Chair for the last nine years.

Teresa obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in History/Pre-Law from College Misericordia, and through the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Graduate Education Program, she achieved her Master of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University. In addition to her formal education, Teresa is a certified Level One Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™) Specialist and occasionally teaches Criminal Justice courses for the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

Teresa resides with her husband Corey and their children Mackenzie, Corrine, and Colby. She enjoys the outdoors, crafting, and supporting her children in sports and academics. Teresa has accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency as a Program Analyst and will be providing monitoring and technical assistance to adult probation departments on grants, standards, and evidence-based practices. Best wishes to Teresa in her new role!

BERKS COUNTY COMMUNITY YOUTH AID PANEL CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Submitted and written by Deputy Chief Jeffrey Gregro and Assistant Chief Lisa Lewis, Berks County JPO

On October 27, 2022, the Berks County Community Youth Aid Panel celebrated their 20th (22nd) Anniversary with their annual volunteer recognition banquet held at the local Agricultural Center. This dinner is a yearly tradition meant to recognize the many community volunteers who devote their time to the panels and their communities. This was the first dinner held since 2019 due to COVID-19. The banquet in 2020, if held, would have celebrated the program's 20th anniversary. Over 80 community volunteers, police officer liaisons and, juvenile probation staff attended this year's banquet. The theme was #Throwback Thursday and was a retrospective of skits performed by JPO staff and volunteers over the last 20 years.



There are currently 12 panels with 27 participating police jurisdictions in Berks County. More than 5,500 juveniles have been referred to the program since its inception. The results speak for themselves: 93% of those juveniles have successfully completed the program, and for cases completed in 2019, 95% of juveniles have not had a subsequent referral to the juvenile probation office after two years. Four volunteers were recognized for volunteering with the Community Youth Aid Panel since its inception in 2000. Special guests were former Berks County Juvenile Court Administrative Judge Arthur E. Grim, also former Chairman of the PA Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, and retired Deputy Chief Laurie (Hague) Dykty, who oversaw the Community Youth Aid Panels for many years.



THE GIVING TREE

Submitted by Holly Varndell, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Crawford County

'Tis the giving season! Eight years ago, the idea for the "Giving Tree" was created and born by Meadville trauma therapist, Cheryl Forero, MA, LPC, and Meadville City Police Department, located in Crawford County, PA. Each year, a real tree is purchased and placed outside behind the police department, located across from the Crawford County Courthouse. Items are placed in weather proof bags and pinned to the branches on the tree. The tree and the gifts on its branches, consisting of warm items, hygiene items, and small gift cards are free for anyone in the community in need this time of year.

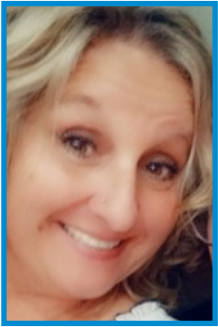


Cheryl has invited the young adolescents she works with in her trauma therapy practice to join in to help decorate the tree, placing bags of goodies all around the branches. Cheryl works with youth from all different walks of life, and at times those individuals also have connection to the Crawford County Juvenile Probation Department. Many of these youth have fostered positive relationships with not only Cheryl, but with their probation officers. For several years, the juvenile probation officers have been in attendance of the Giving Tree day and invite along certain youth to attend the festivity. The youth assist in the tree decoration and enjoy hot fresh pizza and holiday cookies Cheryl generously provides.



To add to the Giving Tree this year, Crawford County Juvenile Probation provided items for the tree through the established Graduated Response program, to include warm items for both boys and girls and tubes of Chapstick®. Graduated Response manager, JPO Nora Urey purchased and prepared the items and then they were hung on the tree by juvenile probation involved youth. This activity has been rewarding to the youth involved as they take part in learning to care for other others and build a sense of community connection. These items were hung on the tree in hopes it will help someone in need this holiday season.

HEATHER ARMSTRONG-SHUGHART ACCEPTS POSITION AT GENERAL GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY SERVICES



Heather Armstrong-Shughart started her 28-year career with the JCJC's Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research at Shippensburg University as a Network Administrator. With one server and a handful of users, Heather took on the hardware and software management responsibilities as the JCJC's staff and technical capabilities continued to grow. Heather also became the liaison with Shippensburg University regarding technical support, telecommunications, and purchasing hardware and software. Heather's role within the Center continued to grow and change over the years. Approximately 10 years ago, Heather became part of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS) Help Desk team. In this role, Heather used her hardware and software knowledge in providing technical support to the users of PaJCMS.

Heather took an I.T. lead position within the Commonwealth of PA. She is working for Client Management in the General Government Technology Services Office. We would like to thank Heather for her 28 years of service to the JCJC's Center for Juvenile Justice Training & Research and wish her the best in her future endeavors!

TORI CROUSE JOINS JCJC

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is pleased to announce that Tori Crouse has joined our team as our new Clerk Typist 3 at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) on November 21, 2022. In 2015, she earned her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Shippensburg University. Tori worked as an intake counselor at Roxbury Treatment Center from 2015-2017 where she admitted adult and juvenile patients seeking mental health and addiction treatment. Later, Tori worked as a Title Processor for Madison Settlement Services from 2017-2022. She assisted with the legal paperwork that goes into purchasing or refinancing a home loan.



In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends. She resides in Shippensburg, PA with her husband Zachary, who is a Pennsylvania State Trooper. She is a proud mother of one daughter Everleigh (3) and is expecting a little boy, Watson, in the beginning of January 2023. She is looking forward to learning her new role with the JCJC and becoming part of a great organization.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

December

- 1 Getting Comfortable with Feedback - Virtual
- 8 SPEPT™ Informed Community (SPEPT™InfoCom) - Q4 - 2022/Booster Training - Virtual

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EXPUNGEMENT REPORTS

Three new reports, as shown to the right, have been added into PaJCMS to aide the counties in identifying cases that are eligible for expungement. They can be found in the Expungement category under the PaJCMS Reports menu.

The criteria used for these reports has been defined pursuant to Rule 170 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure. We have also included a brief description of the criteria used for each report which can be found by clicking on Show/Hide Report Description button to the right of the report name. These reports are intended to help in the process of expungement, but before expunging any record, the end user is encouraged to review CPCMS for any subsequent criminal convictions or pending criminal proceedings in this same time period, as such would exclude this case as eligible for expungement, pursuant to Rule 170 of the Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure.

If you have any questions or need further guidance about the expungement rules, please contact your county's Court Consultant or Justine Fowler at c-jufowler@pa.gov.

Reports List	
JCMS Reports	
Expungement	
Adjudicated Cases Eligible for Expungement	i+
Dismissed-Withdrawn Cases Eligible for Expungement	i+
Diversion Cases Eligible for Expungement	i+

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APPROXIMATE TIME INVESTMENT:	2.5—5 hours per month	2—4 hours per month	1.5—3 hours per month	.5—1 hour per month

There has been significant interest and growth from county JPO departments around engaging in the SPEP™ project in 2022, with approximately thirty-five counties (35) participating in a variety of ways. Through an increased emphasis on the individual SPEP™ components, in combination with assessing a county's capacity and needs, the project has increased the flexibility for counties to participate and benefit from SPEP™. The newly tailored packages are outlined below.

If you would like to discuss an implementation package that meets your county's needs, please contact Kris Glunt at ktg10@psu.edu.

SPEP™ PACKAGES

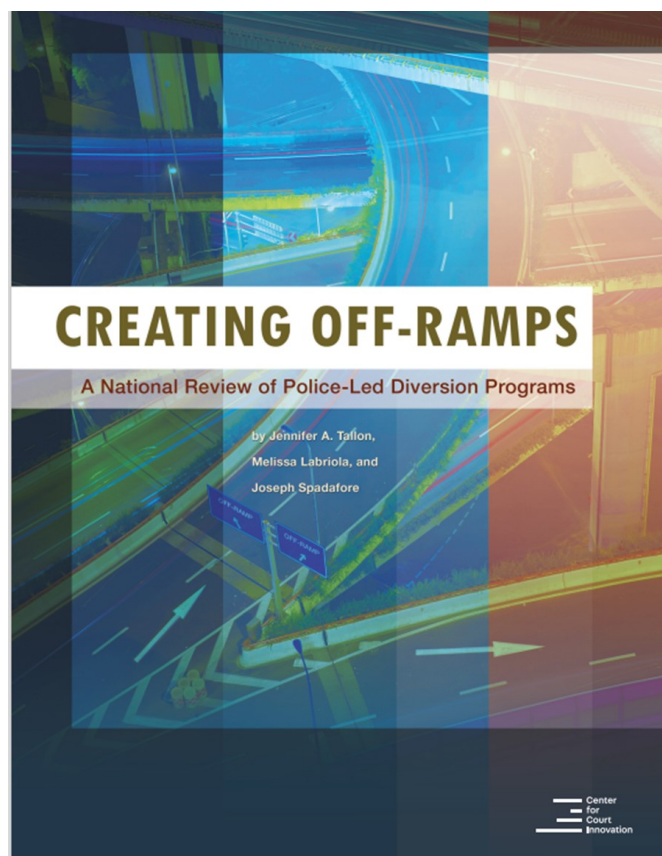
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	Full implementation of SPEP™ lifecycle for residential and/or community-based services.	Full implementation of SPEP™ lifecycle for residential and/or community-based services with regional assistance from existing Level 1 capacity .	Utilization of the SPEP™ components to improve programs and establish readiness for future implementation.
<i>Training</i>	<i>Level 1 Training</i>	<i>SPEP™ Informed</i>	<i>SPEP™ Informed</i>
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Residential/Community-Based</i>	<i>Residential/Community-Based</i>	<i>Community-Based</i>
<i>Minimum Capacity</i>	<i>Level 1 SPEP™ Specialist</i>	<i>Level 1 SPEP™ Specialist SPEP™ Informed JPO(s)</i>	<i>Level 1 SPEP™ Specialist SPEP™ Informed JPO(s)</i>
Type of Service	The work related to the SPEP™ lifecycle remains unchanged.	The work related to the SPEP™ lifecycle remains unchanged.	Existing Level 1 SPEP™ Specialist (regionally-based) assists with Classification of Service Type.
Quality of Service			EPIS TA provided to the service provider around best practices as related to Quality of Service Delivery.
Amount of Service			EPIS TA provided to the service provider and probation department around appropriate dosage and duration targets.
Level of Risk			EPIS TA provided to the probation department and service provider around level of risk referrals.
GENERAL EDUCATION			
SPEP™ Informed	Training opportunities provided to juvenile justice stakeholders regarding the history, research, and practical application of SPEP™ in the field.		



POLICE-LED DIVERSION PROGRAMS

One of the key building blocks of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy framework is diversion. Diversion helps lower-risk youth avoid the collateral consequences of juvenile justice system involvement while being held accountable. Police-led diversion programs serve youth who have not yet entered the juvenile justice system but who may be charged with a delinquent act. Police can divert youth before or after booking.

The Center for Court Innovation published *Creating Off-Ramps: A National Review of Police-Led Diversion Programs* in 2018 to identify best practices and inform future research. The report covers three types of police-led diversion programs: ones that serve youth, individuals with mental illness, and first-time offenders. The descriptive study, funded by the US Department of Justice, was conducted in two phases. First, researchers Jennifer Tallon, Melissa Labriola, and Joseph Spadafore identified common themes and critical issues influencing the development and implementation of police-led diversion programs through a literature review. Then, the researchers surveyed a representative sample of more than 2,000 law enforcement agencies across the country. They also developed case studies by conducting site visits at eight agencies in seven states, including three juvenile diversion programs: Durham County's (North Carolina) Misdemeanor Diversion program, Philadelphia County's (Pennsylvania) School Diversion Program, and Redwood City's (California) Juvenile Diversion Program.



Survey results included:

- 21% (n=395) of surveyed agencies have a formal, police-led diversion program, increasing to 39% among larger agencies.
- 89% of these programs serve youth.
- 11% use a formal risk assessment tool.
- Juvenile diversion programs often require the youth to be a first-time defendant, followed by having some community ties.
- The three most offered services were substance abuse treatment, substance abuse prevention programming, and mental health treatment.

The report is available online at https://www.courtinnovation.org/sites/default/files/media/document/2018/Creating_Off_Ramps.pdf.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

LYCOMING COUNTY

JOB TITLE: Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

DEPARTMENT: Juvenile Probation Office, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania

SUPERVISOR: Administrative Common Pleas Judge and Office of District Court Administrator

SALARY: \$57,318.59 - \$85,138.09

HOURS: 37.5 per week (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) with additional evening and weekend hours required

DATE POSTED: November 14, 2022

Lycoming County is seeking a Chief Juvenile Probation Officer to direct the operations of the Juvenile Probation Office.

For more information, or if interested in applying, please visit <https://jobs.keldair.com/lyco/jobs/53284/chief-juvenile-probation-officer>.

SAVE THE DATE

Family Group Decision Making Conference
Partnering with Families for Success

April 25-26, 2023

9:00AM - 12:00PM

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NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OJJDP-FUNDED ONLINE COURSES AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS YOUTH WITH PROBLEMATIC SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

OJJDP, in partnership with the Department of Defense and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, offers four self-paced courses through the [Problematic Sexual Behavior of Children and Youth \(PSB-CY\): Clinical Assessment and Treatment Overview](#) training series. The online training courses will help professionals assess, respond to, and treat youth with sexual behavior problems. These courses were created from evidence-based best practices and focus on youth between the ages of 9 and 14.

Each course is ongoing and offers free continuing education credits. The four courses are:

- [Clinical Assessment of Children and Youth with Problematic Sexual Behavior](#)
- [Caregivers Engagement in Assessment and Treatment](#)
- [Clinical Decision-Making and Treatment Planning](#)
- [Monitoring Safety Planning, Supervision, and Treatment Progress](#)

RESOURCES:

- [Learn](#) about the OJJDP-funded National Center on the Sexual Behavior of Youth.
- [View](#) OJJDP's webpage on youth with problematic or illegal sexual behavior.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS RELEASES REPORT ON SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION IN JUVENILE FACILITIES

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) has released *Facility Characteristics of Sexual Victimization of Youth in Juvenile Facilities, 2018 – Statistical Tables*. The report presents statistical tables of youth-reported sexual victimization rates by juvenile facility characteristics, including organizational structure, staff, and atmosphere. These tables supplement the full BJS report *Sexual Victimization Reported by Youth in Juvenile Facilities, 2018*.

The report also provides facility-reported data on staff hiring in juvenile facilities, staff training, and youth Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) education.

RESOURCES:

- Visit OJJDP's sexual exploitation of children [webpage](#).
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE RELEASES NEW SAG GUIDE ON YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The [Coalition for Juvenile Justice](#) has released "[Youth Partnership: A Call to Action for State Advisory Groups](#)," a new resource to help state advisory groups (SAGs) engage with youth impacted by the juvenile justice system. The guide focuses on ways that SAGs can build new partnerships with youth, further develop existing relationships with youth, and ensure youth voices are being heard. The guide provides action steps that SAGs can take to engage youth in areas such as recruitment, onboarding, and retention.



RESOURCES:

- [Visit](#) OJJDP's state support webpage.
- [Read](#) about the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES AWARDS TO SUPPORT YOUTH, REFORM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND PROTECT CHILDREN

The Department of Justice's [Office of Justice Programs](#) announced millions of dollars in grant awards from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to support programs designed to improve outcomes for youth, strengthen the juvenile justice system, and ensure child protection.

Descriptions of individual OJJDP awards can be found by clicking on the links below.

[More than \\$136 million to support youth and reform the juvenile justice system](#). The grants will support programs to reform state and local juvenile justice systems, prevent and intervene in youth violence, provide mentoring programs and reentry services for young people and their families, and study outcomes for justice-involved youth.

[Nearly \\$105 million to protect children from exploitation, trauma, and abuse](#). The grants will support programs to protect children from violence, abuse, and sexual exploitation, and to improve the judicial system's handling of child abuse and neglect cases.

RESOURCES:

- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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