



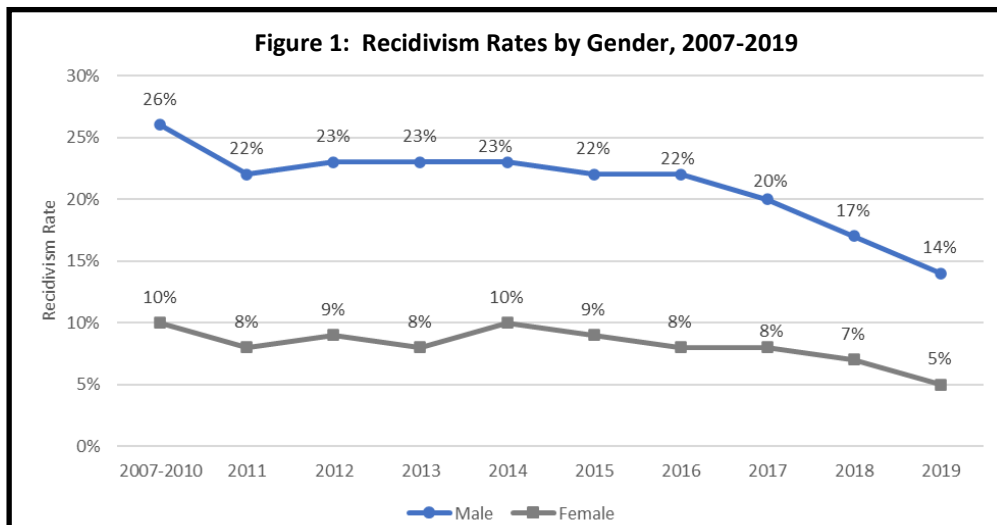
JCJC RECIDIVISM STUDY EXAMINES DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

In January 2023, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) released *The Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Recidivism Report: Juveniles Closed 2007-2019*, which measures the rate at which closed youth¹ are adjudicated delinquent in juvenile court or found guilty in criminal court for committing a new felony or misdemeanor offense within two years. This recidivism report is part of Pennsylvania's longstanding measurement of the juvenile justice system's impact on youth and the success of its Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy. Data for this project was compiled from the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Court's Common Pleas Case Management System.

This is the third of four newsletter articles that highlight the report's key findings. This article examines trends in the demographic characteristics of youth closed between 2007 and 2019 and how those characteristics relate to recidivism.

Consistent with prior recidivism reports and criminological research findings, the strongest demographic-based predictors of recidivism for youth closed in 2019 were gender and age.

As Figure 1 shows, over the last 13 years, males have consistently recidivated at a much higher rate than females. In 2019, 14% of males recidivated compared to 5% of females.



¹The term "closed youth" refers to youth terminated from juvenile court supervision. A youth could be on supervision for multiple individual cases at the time of closure.

INSIDE:

Welcome Chief Mark Rhoads
Forest County3

Welcome Chief Matt Yonkin
Lycoming County3

Welcome Chief Mylenea White
Cambria County4

Welcome Chief Julie Bullard
Venango County4

Denise Labuda Retires as Chief
Juvenile Probation Officer in
Columbia County5

James Miller Retires as Chief
Probation Officer in Montour
County5

Community Outreach: Taking
Action to Reduce Racial and Ethnic
Disparities6

Delaware County Hosts
SPEPTM Orientation7

Deadline Extended: JCJC
Graduate Education Program7

JCJC Releases New Fact Sheet8

Courtroom Skills Workshop8

Staff Development Highlights9

JCJC Staff Present at APPA
Regional Training Institute10

Technology Corner11

Save the Date:
2023 James E. Anderson
Pennsylvania Conference on
Juvenile Justice11

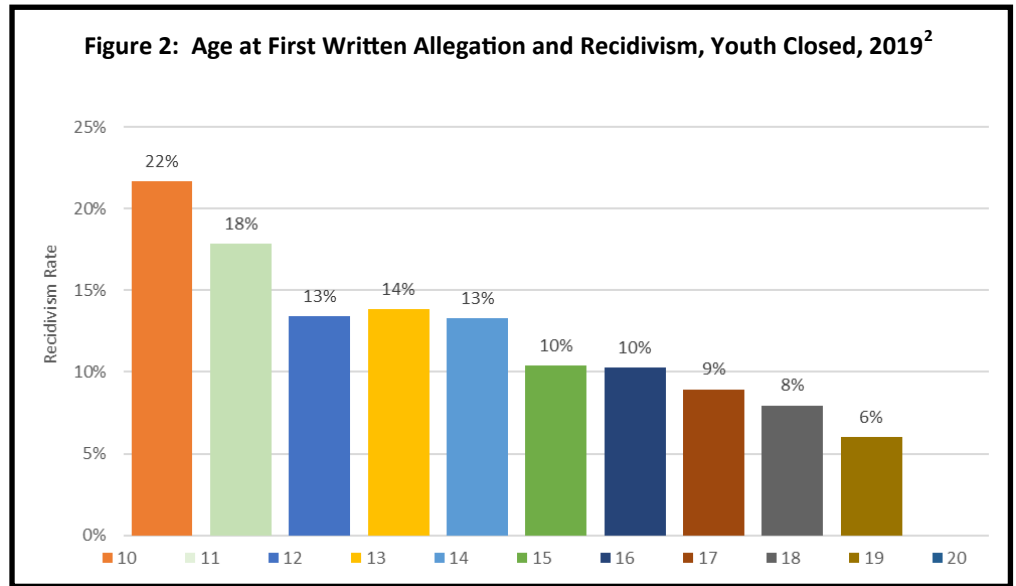
Call for Presentations:
2023 James E. Anderson
Pennsylvania Conference on
Juvenile Justice12

SAPEN Conference13

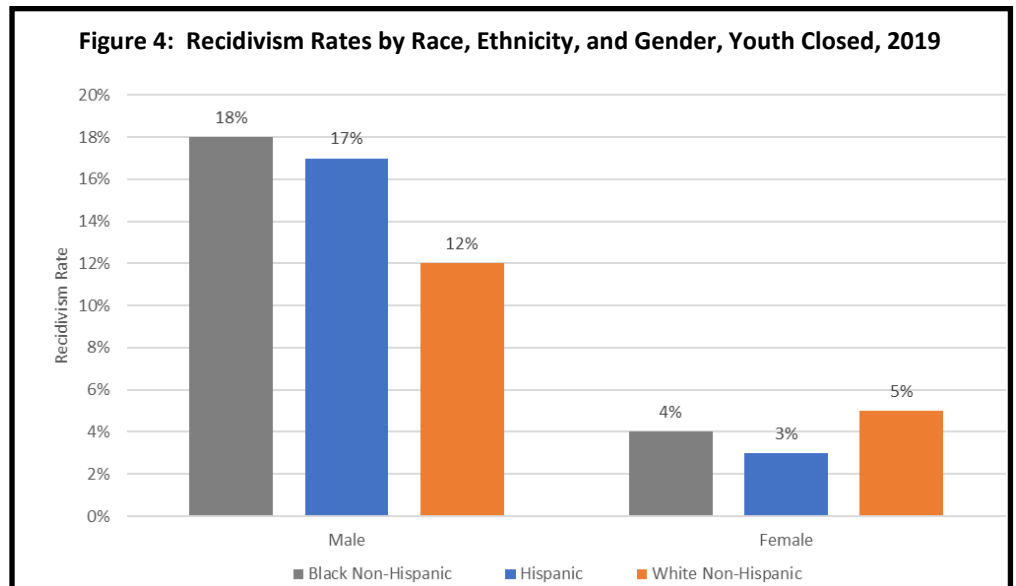
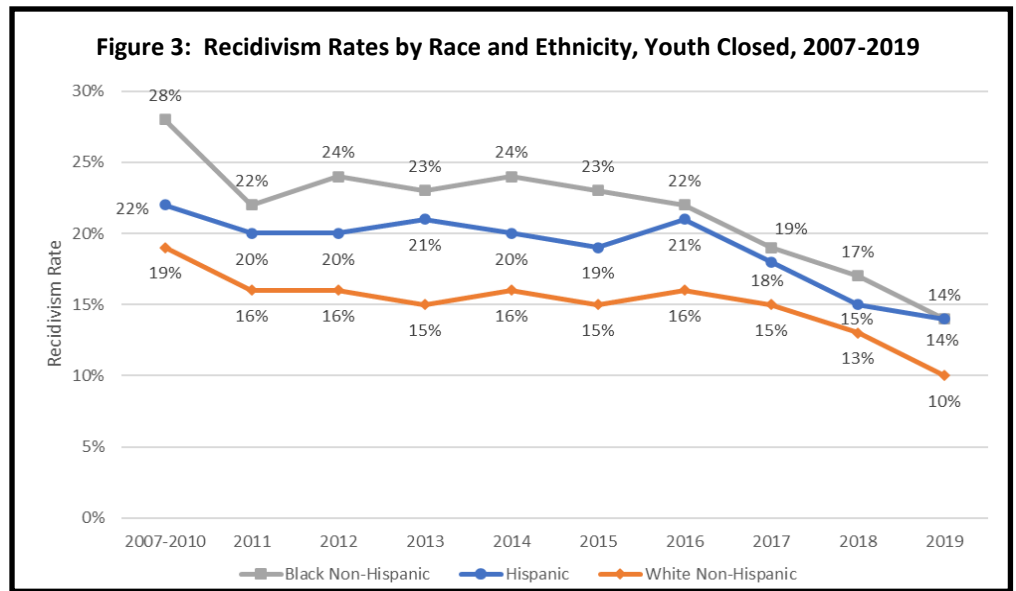
NCJFCJ Training Announcement14

National Juvenile
Justice Announcements15

As Figure 2 illustrates, youth closed in 2019 whose first written allegation occurred at a younger age were more likely to recidivate than youth whose first written allegation occurred at an older age. Twenty-two percent of youth whose first written allegation was at age 10 recidivated compared to 9% of those whose first allegation was at age 17 and 8% of those who were age 18 at the time of their first allegation.



Historically, Black Non-Hispanic youth recidivated at the highest rate. However, for youth closed in 2019, Black Non-Hispanic youth and Hispanic youth recidivated at the same rate, which was 14% (see Figure 3). Figure 4 shows that analyzing gender along with race and ethnicity highlights that recidivism rates are greater for males than for females. Among males, 18% of Black Non-Hispanic youth, 17% of Hispanic youth, and 12% of White Non-Hispanic youth recidivated. Among females, 5% of White Non-Hispanic youth, 4% of Black Non-Hispanic youth, and 3% of Hispanic youth recidivated.



The full report is available on the JCJC website at www.jcjc.pa.gov.

²In Pennsylvania, juvenile court jurisdiction ends when a youth turns 18 years old. There is sometimes a lag between when an alleged offense occurred and when a written allegation for that offense is received by the juvenile court.

Therefore, there are a small number of juveniles whose first offense occurred at age 17 but who did not receive their first written allegation until they were 18, 19, or 20 years old.

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME CHIEF MARK RHOADS FOREST COUNTY



On November 2, 2022, Mark Rhoads was appointed as Chief Probation Officer in Forest County by President Judge Maureen A. Skerda. He was named Acting Chief on September 14, 2022, after the passing of Forest Chief Probation Officer Steven T. Barnett. Mark fulfills this role for both the adult and juvenile probation departments. He is also the County DUI Coordinator.

Mark graduated from Ridgway High School in 2001. He attended Westminster College where he was a member of the soccer team and graduated in 2005 Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology with a Criminal Justice concentration. While at Westminster, he completed an internship with Elk County Juvenile Probation. Mark was hired on February 1, 2006 as a juvenile probation officer. He wrote a multi-county grant for JJSES initiation funding, and he is a YLS Master Trainer, MI Coach, and a Firearms Instructor. He transitioned to an adult probation officer in 2014.

His committee involvements include the Chair of the Forest County Personnel Policy Committee, the JCJC Awards Committee, and the Chair of the Forest County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. Outside of work, Mr. Rhoads enjoys coaching youth soccer in the local area. He is married to Diana Rhoads and has two children, Dawson, age 10, and Sophia, age 13.

WELCOME CHIEF MATT YONKIN LYCOMING COUNTY

On February 6, 2023, Matt Yonkin was appointed as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Lycoming County by Juvenile Court Administrative Judge Ryan M. Tira.

Matt earned his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Lycoming College in 1997. During his undergraduate education, Matt had the opportunity to intern at Lycoming County Juvenile Probation and felt right at home. After graduating, Matt was a case-worker for Bethesda Day Treatment Program first, and then Laurel Youth Services before accepting a school-based probation position at Lycoming County Juvenile Probation in 1998. Matt's well-rounded experiences with the department for the past 25 years also included work in diversionary programming and then later as coordinator for youth in placement. During this time, Matt graduated from the JCJC-sponsored Graduate Education Program through Shippensburg University with a Master of Science in Administration of Justice.



In his free time, Matt enjoys coaching high school wrestling at Montoursville. He is also the proud father of two children - his daughter, Maggie, a freshman at West Virginia University; and son, Cole, a junior in high school.

Matt is excited for his new role and looks forward to participating in state-level committees within Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system.

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME CHIEF MYLENEA “TONI” WHITE CAMBRIA COUNTY



On February 10, 2023, Mylenea “Toni” White was appointed as the Cambria County Chief of Adult and Juvenile Probation by President Judge Norman A. Krumenacker III. Toni received her Bachelor’s degree in Criminology from Mount Aloysius College in 2013. She went on to obtain her Master’s degree in Criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2018.

Toni began her career in 2014 as a Children and Youth Caseworker in Cambria County. In 2016, Toni was hired by the Cambria County Adult Probation Office where she served as a probation officer in the Day Reporting Center. She was promoted to Director of the Day Reporting Center in 2018. Toni serves as a board member for the United Way of Alleghenies and participates on the patient advisory board for Duke LifePoint.

While away from work, Toni enjoys spending time with her husband, five children, and one grandchild. In her free time, she is a band and color guard coach at Greater Johnstown High School.

WELCOME CHIEF JULIE BULLARD VENANGO COUNTY

On February 10, 2023, Julie Bullard was appointed as the Venango County Adult/Juvenile Chief Probation Officer by President Judge Marie T. Veon. Julie received her Bachelor’s degrees in Business Administration – Marketing and Spanish from Grove City College in 1990. She went on to obtain her Master’s degree in the Administration of Juvenile Justice through the JCJC-sponsored Graduate Education program at Shippensburg University in 2011. Julie was a Probation/Parole Officer 1 with the North Carolina Department of Corrections from 1998 to 2000. She began her career with Venango County Adult/Juvenile Court Supervision Services when she was hired as a School-Based Probation Officer in 2002. She went on to work as a Community-Based Probation Officer and Juvenile Intake Officer before being promoted to the position of Supervisor – Juvenile Division in February of 2017. She remained in the position of Supervisor – Juvenile Division until her appointment as Adult/Juvenile Chief Probation Officer.



Julie is a Level I SPEP™ Specialist and has been involved in the SPEP™ Process with Pathways Adolescent Center and Court Supervision Services’ in-house SPEP™. She is a YLS Master Trainer, Case Plan Coordinator, CRN Evaluator, MI Coach, and an NCTI™ Crossroads Facilitator. Within Venango County, she is involved with CJAB, the Prison Board, Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT), the Venango County Act 33 Near Fatality Team, the Venango County DUI Advisory Board, the Together We Can Prevention Council, and the Overdose Task Force. While away from work, Julie enjoys spending time with her parents, husband, and three children, Caroline (24), Christopher (21), and Christina (19). In her free time, she also enjoys gardening, kayaking, painting, and reading. As the newly appointed Venango County Adult/Juvenile Chief Probation Officer, Julie is looking forward to collaborating with other leaders in the field as they support the mission of Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system.

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

DENISE LABUDA RETIRES AS CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER IN COLUMBIA COUNTY



On February 27, 2023, Denise Labuda retired as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Columbia County following 28 years of dedicated service to Columbia County and the Pennsylvania juvenile justice system.

Denise began her career in juvenile justice in 1995 when she was hired as a juvenile probation officer in Columbia County. During her time as a probation officer, she implemented the Youth Aid Panels, which are celebrating their 20th year. In 2005, Denise was promoted to Deputy Chief and in 2011, President Judge Thomas A. James promoted her to Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. Within her first year as Chief, Denise began to implement JJSES in Columbia County. During her career, Denise has been a key piece of many stakeholder engagement activities. She represented the department at school career days and participated in National Night Out and Trunk or Treat activities. Denise also utilized the county Family Center to provide an educational program called “Baby Basics” that focused on increasing competencies in justice-involved youth to help prevent child abuse. In 2022, Denise implemented a “Fun Day” event in which office staff participated with youth under court jurisdiction in games and activities for engagement and social skills opportunities.

Denise graduated from King’s College in 1993 with a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. In 2005, Denise earned her Master’s degree in the Administration of Juvenile Justice through the JCJC-sponsored Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University. While Denise has retired from the probation field, she has been hired as the District Court Administrator for the 26th Judicial District which encompasses Columbia and Montour Counties. In her free time, Denise enjoys anything outdoors, specifically, gardening, walking, swimming, and enjoying the evenings around a campfire.

JAMES MILLER RETIRES AS CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER IN MONTOUR COUNTY

On March 10, 2023, James (Jim) Miller retired as Chief Probation Officer in Montour County following 33 years of dedicated service to Montour County and the Pennsylvania juvenile justice system.

Jim began his career when he was hired in 1990 as a probation officer and Domestic Relations Officer in Montour County. He quickly rose through the ranks in the probation department and was appointed Chief Probation Officer by Judge Gailey Keller in 1992. He served in that position until his retirement, a total of 31 years. Jim was responsible for both the adult and juvenile probation departments throughout his career.



He served on the Montour County CJAB board as the Secretary since its inception in 2014, served as a member of the Montour Human Services Coalition, and was a member of both the adult and juvenile chief’s Associations. Jim also attended the Deputy Sheriff’s Academy and has remained certified as a Deputy Sheriff since 1992. Jim graduated from Pensacola Christian College in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. In his free time, Jim loves to hunt and fish in both Pennsylvania and New York. In 2008, he started a business of buying and selling antiques. He intends to grow his business during his retirement.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: TAKING ACTION TO REDUCE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES

Written by Tanessa Moten, Dauphin County Probation Services

Carter Godwin Woodson, who is known as the Father of Black History, created Black History Month in February 1926. Since its origination, Black History Month continues to recognize all African Americans while acknowledging their contributions that continue to shape our country's history. In honor of Black History Month, Dauphin County Probation Services (DCPS) chose to embrace Woodson's vision by internally observing and celebrating its significance to our department.

With our internal and external communities in mind, staff of DCPS were provided with learning opportunities and tools to gain a greater awareness of Black History Month. The following two types of "Did You Know?" facts sheets were developed, utilized, and shared among staff and on our SharePoint and PowerDMS platforms:

- First, we focused on the colors Black (resilience), Red (the blood of innocent black lives shed throughout history), Yellow (optimism, justice, and equality for everyone), and Green (Africa's rich greenery and other natural resources) which are representative of the African American culture. Collectively these colors symbolize Unity and Pride; and
- Second, we focused on the differences between Black, African American, and BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color) individuals along with common misconceptions and truths of each population.

Additionally, DCPS celebrated Black History Month with its EDIT (Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Team) committee hosting our department's 2nd Black History Month Breakfast. During this time, attendees enjoyed a catered meal that included foods representative of the African American culture (fried catfish, sausage, grits, scrambled eggs, potatoes and onions, and assorted beverages). This breakfast was attended by President Judge, John F. Cherry; Juvenile Court Judge, Jeff Engle; Dauphin County Commissioner, George Hartwick; Dauphin County Director of Criminal Justice, John Bey; and Dauphin County Director of Human Services, Randi Yeager-Marker. Most significantly, through a PowerPoint presentation and the accompaniment of black jazz music, attendees were provided with an educational awareness for the rich black history of Dauphin County, which included information on black judges, funeral home directors, churches, musicians, politicians, educators, scientists, and poets and writers.

Through our Black History Month observance and the support of our management, Dauphin County Probation Services gained a greater awareness, understanding, and appreciation for engagement, the promotion of inclusivity, and the African American culture.

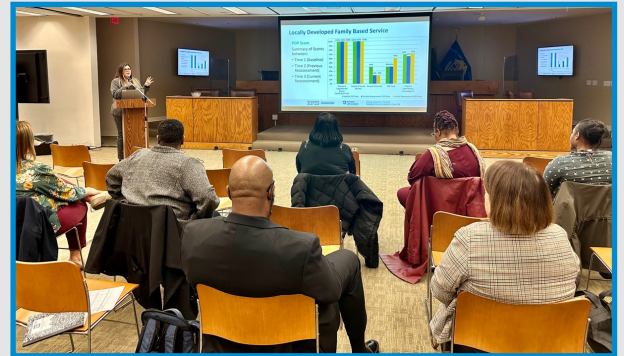


Pictured from left to right: George Miller, APO Supervisor and EDIT Co-Chair; Chenita Burwell, JPO School-Based; Joe Gifford, JPO Quality Assurance; Breana Britton-Roman, JPO School-Based; Tanessa Moten, Community Outreach Coordinator/Supervisor and EDIT Co-Chair; Angie Moody, APO Probation Officer; Elizabeth Umstead, JPO School-Based Supervisor; and Nicole Mattern, JPO Deputy Director.

DELAWARE COUNTY HOSTS SPEP™ ORIENTATION

Submitted by Danielle DiMatteo, Delaware County Juvenile Probation

On March 3, 2023, the Delaware County Juvenile Probation Department hosted a Key Leadership Orientation to further educate system partners about the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™). Angela Work, JCJC Deputy Director, presented important statewide data and the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) process. Delaware County leaders discussed overall JJSES progress in Delaware County and presented key data trends unique to Delaware County's Juvenile Justice System. Delaware County Resource Supervisor, Kiersten Keenan, reinforced the importance of the partnership needed to make the SPEP™ process successful. EPIS Center Staff, Dawn Karosik and Lisa Fetzer, educated stakeholders on the SPEP™ process, understanding the research, interpreting SPEP™ scores, and overall SPEP™ implementation in Pennsylvania.



Delaware County continues to roll out this evaluation tool focusing on community-based interventions. The SPEP™ is a data-driven rating system that assesses a service's predictive impact on recidivism reduction. Dr. Mark Lipsey from Vanderbilt University developed the SPEP™ from his meta-analysis of "what works" to reduce delinquency among youth. The use of the SPEP™ has been validated in Pennsylvania and it is a Stage 3 activity in the JJSES. The use of the SPEP™ improves the system through increased collaboration between service providers and juvenile probation to ensure that the **right youth are referred to the right services for the right amount of time.**

DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 10TH!



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN THE
**ADMINISTRATION OF
JUVENILE JUSTICE**
ENROLLING NOW FOR FALL 2023
Apply today at SHIP.EDU/APPLY

Key Program Features:

- Nationally recognized program, taught by highly qualified and experienced faculty.
- Free tuition and lodging provided by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.
- A hybrid 33-credit program.
- Summer coursework fully online and 3 face-to-face weekend sessions during the fall and spring semesters.
- A cohort-based program designed to enhance professional networking across the Commonwealth.
- Practical courses designed for juvenile justice professionals with an emphasis on evidence-based practices.



Program Contact: Sonya Stokes at systokes@ship.edu

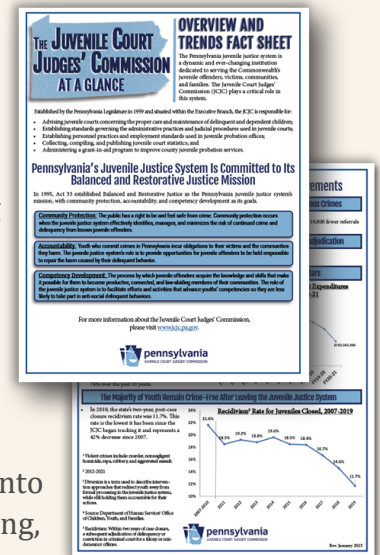
For program information, visit:
www.jcjc.pa.gov/Program-Areas/Graduate-Education

JCJC RELEASES NEW FACT SHEET

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is pleased to announce the release of its newest deliverable, "The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission at a Glance: Overview and Trends Fact Sheet".

The two-page document explains the role and responsibility of the JCJC in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system, with a particular focus on the agency's enabling legislation. Additionally, the deliverable also offers readers information related to the juvenile justice system's Balanced and Restorative Justice mission.

The document also highlights the achievements of the Pennsylvania juvenile justice system over the past decade, supported by collected and analyzed data. Overall, trends continue to indicate that the Pennsylvania juvenile justice system is achieving its Balanced and Restorative Justice mission, with fewer youth coming into the juvenile justice system, more youth being diverted from formal court processing, and fewer youth being placed outside the home. All of these positive outcomes have occurred while recidivism rates have continued to decline. To access the full document, please visit the [JCJC website](#).



COURTROOM SKILLS WORKSHOP

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is excited to offer a courtroom presentation training workshop. Professor Stephanie Jirard, J.D. is a Criminal Justice professor at Shippensburg University where she teaches law-related courses to undergraduate and graduate students. Prior to teaching, Professor Jirard was a trial attorney in the US Navy JAG Corp, worked at the US Department of Justice, was a federal prosecutor and a federal public defender, and ended her litigation career defending poor people facing the death penalty. Professor Jirard will incorporate her years of courtroom experience to offer an interactive workshop to help juvenile probation officers write strong and clear court submissions and to speak in court with confidence and ease.

This multistage training will pair a supervisor with one or more of their juvenile probation officers to assist the juvenile probation officer in improving their written and verbal presentation skills in the courtroom. The first stage of this training, "A Snapshot of Courtroom Presentations for Coaches", will be a three-hour virtual workshop for supervisors to serve as coaches for their juvenile probation officers during the second stage of the training. The "Courtroom Presentation: Come Learn Better Writing and Speaking Skills" workshop is the second stage of the training and a one day in-person training for juvenile probation officers. This workshop will use sample case studies to allow juvenile probation officers to practice writing court reports and presenting them orally in court. Due to this being a paired training learning experience between the juvenile probation officer and supervisor, juvenile probation officers should only register if their supervisor is registered for the "A Snapshot of Courtroom Presentations for Coaches" workshop scheduled for May 24, 2023. Additionally, supervisors should only register for this workshop if they have one or more juvenile probation officers registered for the "Courtroom Presentation: Come Learn Better Writing and Speaking Skills" workshop scheduled June 14, 2023.

These training workshops are opened 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.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

April

- 4-5 Probation Officer Well-Being: Officer Strategies That Can Promote a Safe Working Environment
State College
- 12-14 Victim/Community Awareness Curriculum (VCAC) Training for Facilitators
State College
- 17-21 Orientation for the New Juvenile Probation Professional - A Blended Learning Course
Camp Hill
- 18 MAYSI-2 & CTS Coordinator Meeting
Virtual
- 26-27 SPEP™ Level 1 Specialist Training
Virtual
- 26-27 Understanding the Language/Linguistics of Specific Cultures/Subcultures
Mechanicsburg

May

- 4 Being Color Brave and Culturally Humble
Virtual
- 11 SPEP™ Level 1 Learning Community - Hybrid
Virtual
- 15-17 EPICS End User Training
Reading
- 24 A Snapshot of Courtroom Presentations for Coaches
Virtual
- 30 SPEP™ InfoCom
Virtual

June

- 2 Child Adolescent Psychiatric Disorders
State College
- 14 Courtroom Presentation: Come Learn Better Writing and Speaking Skills
Mechanicsburg
- 15 YLS Master Trainer Recertification
Camp Hill
- 22 JCJC Technology User Group
Virtual

June (Continued)

- 29 Graduated Responses (GR) Peer Mentor Meeting
Virtual

August

- 14-16 EPICS End User Training
Greensburg
- 31 Growing Yourself Personally and Professionally
State College

September

- 6 Addiction 101
State College
- 12 MAYSI-2 101
Virtual
- 21 Graduated Responses (GR) Coordinator Group
Virtual
- 27 YLS Master Trainer Recertification
State College

October

- 2-6 Orientation for the New Juvenile Probation Professional - A Blended Learning Course
Camp Hill
- 16-18 EPICS End User Training
State College
- 17 SPEP™ Combine (Level 1 and InfoCom Collaboration)
Virtual
- 18 YLS Master Trainer Recertification
Greensburg
- 24 MAYSI-2 & CTS Coordinator Meeting
Virtual

November

- 9 Graduated Responses (GR) Peer Mentoring
Virtual

Registration available at www.jcjcjems.pa.gov

JCJC STAFF PRESENT AT APPA REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

Early this year, the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), the national professional membership organization for probation and parole officers, hosted five regional training events across the country. Philadelphia hosted a Regional Training Institute on February 12-14, 2023, at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. The institute featured informative workshops and plenary sessions, including two presentations by Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) staff.

Advancing Juvenile Justice in Pennsylvania through Research and Analytics

Melanie King, JCJC's Research Analyst, and Justine Fowler, JCJC's Director of Research and Analytics, presented "Advancing Juvenile Justice in Pennsylvania through Research and Analytics." This one-hour workshop gave an overview of the host state's juvenile justice system, including Balanced and Restorative Justice and the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy.

Participants were then introduced to the JCJC, its unique role within state government, and its statewide PaJCMS, which makes research and analytics possible. Finally, the workshop featured JCJC's relatively new Research and Analytics Unit and its internal and external projects.

The workshop was a worthwhile opportunity to share the JCJC's research and analytics resources with a national audience, including both public and controlled access dashboards; ground-breaking research, such as the annual recidivism study; and legislative analyses.

Pennsylvania's Graduated Response: Integrating Adolescent Development into PA's Juvenile Probation Departments

On February 13, 2023, leadership from the Graduated Response Steering Committee presented at the APPA Winter Regional Training Institute in Philadelphia, PA. This session provided information about Pennsylvania's juvenile probation departments' experiences with graduated response systems. First, Dr. Naomi Goldstein from the Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab at Drexel University provided an overview of graduated response systems as developmentally informed, research-based approaches to enhancing youth success on probation and long-term well-being. Second, Angela Work, JCJC Deputy Director, described the history of juvenile justice system enhancement in Pennsylvania. Angela also described how Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system is managing and leading the ongoing expansion of county implementation and sustainability, including technical assistance opportunities and statewide project management approaches. Finally, Cumberland County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Andrew Benner described local experiences with graduated responses, and answered questions regarding system development and implementation, challenges, benefits, collaboration and supports needed, and quality assurance.

APPA Regional Training Institute attendees left the session able to identify important concepts of adolescent development that impact youths' abilities to be successful on probation supervision, gained understanding of the components of a Graduated Response system and its application to juvenile probation supervision, and became familiar with the statewide approach and Graduated Response – Technical Assistance Mentorship (GR-TAM) model that the state is using to implement Graduated Responses in Pennsylvania.



TECHNOLOGY CORNER

The Juvenile Courts Judges' Commission (JCJC) Technology User Group was held on Thursday, March 16th at State College. Fifty-three participants from 32 counties attended this fascinating and informative event, which was the first in-person Technology User Group since 2018. The morning session covered IT Projects & Processes, Past Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS) Enhancements, Professional Development, Research Updates, Dashboard, and a demonstration of the new PaJCMS. The afternoon session included information on Expungement Processing, Reports, Services, Dependency Status, and PaJCMS and any related discussions. These sessions were well-received, and the feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. If anyone would like a copy of any of the presentation materials, then please contact the JCJC Help Desk at RA-JCJCHELPDESK@pa.gov.

Our next JCJC Technology User Group meeting will be held virtually and is scheduled for June 22, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Registration for this meeting is available through the [JEMS](#).



SAVE *the* DATE

Hilton Harrisburg

**NOVEMBER
1-3, 2023**

2023 James E. Anderson

**PENNSYLVANIA
CONFERENCE
ON JUVENILE JUSTICE**

CONFERENCE - HOTEL INFORMATION

We are pleased to announce the room block at the **Hilton Harrisburg** is open. Early reservations are encouraged to secure the contracted rates. Please see below for reservation details.

At the **Hilton Harrisburg**, the room block will close on 10/13/2023. Rooms are available on a first come basis. You may visit the customized link to book online, [2023 JCJC Annual Conference Room Block Booking](#) or call 717-233-6000 and identify yourself with the Conference using **Group Code: JCJC23**. The hotel will confirm your reservation.

For general conference information, please contact us at ra-jcjcevents@pa.gov.



Call for Presentations

The 2023 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

November 1 - November 3, 2023

Hilton Harrisburg

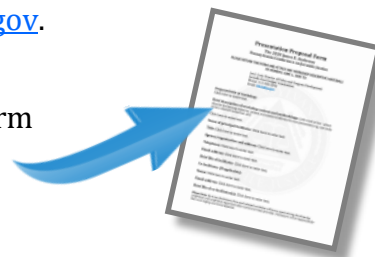
The 2023 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, sponsored by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges will be held November 1-3, 2023 at the Hilton Harrisburg.

Each year the Conference includes workshops that highlight practices, programs and initiatives that exemplify best-practices related to the various components of Pennsylvania's Balanced & Restorative Justice mission and our Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). This year's workshops will take place on Thursday, November 2, 2023. The workshops will be 90 minutes in length and will be repeated via morning and afternoon sessions.

We enthusiastically welcome submissions for presentations. Interested parties can complete and submit the following presentation proposal form. Please note that up to two facilitators from each selected workshop will receive free conference registration and meals (facilitators are responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses).

Submissions for presentations are due by **Friday, April 28, 2023**, and can be directed to Leo J. Lutz, Director of Policy and Program Development, at lelutz@pa.gov.

Presentation Proposal Form
Click here to download
or visit:



<https://www.icjc.pa.gov/Program-Areas/AnnualConference/Documents/Call%20for%20Presentations%202023.docx>

JULY 26-28, 2023
Graduate Hotel, State College, PA

SAPEN

Sexual Abuse Prevention & Education Network

Keynote Speaker CONFIRMED!!



Keynote Speaker

Elizabeth Smart

www.elizabethsmart.com

Additional speakers to
be announced SOON!!

Vendor Opportunities!!
Early Registration Discounts!!
One Day Tickets to be Available!!



REGISTRATION TO OPEN ON APRIL 1st!!

Questions?? Email us at Sapenconference@gmail.com



Justice Center
THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS



Courting Judicial Excellence: A Juvenile Justice Judicial Training Institute

September 24-28, 2023
Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque, New Mexico
No Registration Fee

**Space is limited to 50 Judicial Officers.
Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.**

WHY IS TRAINING NECESSARY?

Juvenile court judges are the most important public figures in the juvenile justice system — they decide whether hundreds of thousands of youth become court-involved each year and for how long, whether youth are involuntarily removed from their homes and communities, and which services they receive. Because of the important role that judges play in their communities, it is vital that they receive comprehensive training on juvenile justice issues.

However, based on a national study conducted by The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), many states lack specialized training, and many judges do not consistently receive the information and tools they need to make these critical decisions. To begin to address this gap, the CSG Justice Center and the NCJFCJ developed a first-of-its-kind judicial training institute: **Courting Judicial Excellence: A Juvenile Justice Judicial Training Institute**.

For more information, please visit:

[Courting Judicial Excellence: A Juvenile Justice Judicial Training Institute - NCJFCJ](#)



NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OJJDP ADMINISTRATOR INTERVIEW ON YOUTH JUSTICE

In a recent [interview](#), OJJDP Administrator Liz Ryan discusses the Office's priorities and goals for juvenile justice reform. Ryan talks about her role as administrator to ensure OJJDP is "innovating and leading in the field," including providing guidance on best practices and models. She highlights OJJDP's available training and technical assistance and grants, explaining her goal to make the Office "the go-to agency for states and localities when contemplating changes in their youth justice system."

The Administrator expresses her concern for the conditions of juvenile justice facilities, and their "haphazard" closure across the country. Ryan emphasizes OJJDP's support of community-based alternatives that support families, provide justice-involved youth with mentors, and create youth opportunities.

"Every time I hear from young people in the justice system about what they have had to endure and what we have put them through as a society, it is outrageous to me." Ryan says. "It's what fuels me to stay in this field and to stay focused."

RESOURCES:

- Read about OJJDP's [priorities](#).
- Read OJJDP Admin Liz Ryan's [blog](#) post on community-based alternatives to youth incarceration.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

NIJ RELEASES RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ON HATE CRIMES SOLICITATION

The [National Institute of Justice](#) (NIJ) is accepting applications for its [FY23 Research and Evaluation on Hate Crimes](#) solicitation. This program will support research and evaluation projects that inform efforts to prevent and combat hate crimes and their effects. The solicitation includes a category seeking proposals to study K-12 school-based hate crimes.

Grants.gov deadline: May 16, 2023

JustGrants deadline: May 30, 2023

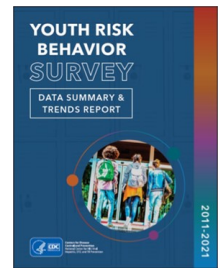
RESOURCES:

- Visit OJJDP's [Preventing Youth Hate Crimes & Identity-Based Bullying Initiative](#) website.
- Visit OJJDP's [funding page](#) for details about OJJDP funding opportunities.
- Visit NIJ's [funding page](#) for current research, development, and evaluation funding opportunities.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

NEW CDC REPORT HIGHLIGHTS YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR CHALLENGES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released the "[Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data Summary & Trends Report: 2011-2021](#)." This survey was developed to monitor health behaviors that contribute to death, disability, and social problems among youth in the United States.

This report focuses on behaviors and experiences among U.S. high school students related to their mental health and well-being, including substance use, experiences of violence, and sexual behavior. The data show that the same youth behaviors and experiences that were moving in the wrong direction before the pandemic, such as poor mental health, continued to worsen.



RESOURCES:

- Visit OJJDP's [Model Programs Guide](#) for information about evidence-based juvenile justice and youth prevention, intervention, and substance abuse prevention programs.
- Visit OJJDP's [Youth Violence Intervention webpage](#).
- Visit OJJDP's [Opioid Affected Youth Initiative website](#).
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

OJJDP RELEASES COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES TO YOUTH INCARCERATION INITIATIVE SOLICITATION

OJJDP is accepting applications for its [FY 2023 Community-Based Alternatives to Youth Incarceration Initiative](#) solicitation.

The initiative will support jurisdictions to close and repurpose youth detention and correctional facilities, assess and respond to the impact of these closures on facility staff and surrounding communities, and reinvest resources to support community-based services for justice-involved youth and their families.

Grants.gov deadline: April 11, 2023

JustGrants deadline: April 25, 2023

RESOURCES:

- Visit [OJJDP's funding page](#) for details about funding opportunities.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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

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

