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## Dr. Delbert S. Elliott to be keynote speaker at the 2002 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice



**D**r. Delbert S. Elliott will present the keynote address at the 2002 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice on Thursday, November 7, at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. Elliott is the director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, and Director of the Program on Problem Behavior. Both programs are part of the Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado, in Boulder.

Elliott's scholarly work involves both theory development and validation, primarily in the areas of delinquency and violent behavior, but relative, also, to other forms of problem behavior (substance abuse, drunk driving, sexual deviance, and domestic violence). His lecture in November will look at *What Works, What Doesn't .....and Why* in juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.

Dr. Elliott served as chair for the Criminal and Violent Behavior Review Committee (National Institute of Mental Health) from 1983–1986; as a member of the National Research Council Panel on Criminal Careers (1983–1985); the National Consortium on Violence Research Advisory Board; and as a member of the MacArthur Foundation Research Program on Successful Adolescent Development, the National Academy of Sciences/Institute of Medicine Committee on Youth Development; and the National Board of Counselors for the Carter Center's Not Even One Program. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), having served as president in 1992-1993. In 1995, he received the prestigious ASC Edwin H. Sutherland Award for outstanding contributions to the field of criminology, and in 1998 received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention within the U.S. Department of Justice.

Elliott's publications include; *The Social Psychology of Run-away* (1978, with T. Brennan and D. Huizinga ); *Explaining Delinquency and Drug Use* (1985, with D. Huizinga and S. Ageton); *Multiple Problem Youth: Delinquency, Drugs and Mental Health Problems* (1989, with D. Huizinga and S. Menard ); and *Violence in American Schools* (1998, with B. Hamburg and K. Williams). He is the editor of "Blueprints for Violence Prevention," a series of monographs describing 11 model violence-prevention programs.

## Susan Blackburn assumes role of Assistant Director of Training

**S**usan Blackburn, who has served as the Commission's Balanced and Restorative Justice Specialist since 1998, has assumed new responsibilities within the agency. Effective July 1, 2002, Ms. Blackburn began work in her new role as the Assistant Director of Training at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research.

As the Commission's Balanced and Restorative Justice Specialist, Blackburn has been responsible for providing the vision and leadership for Pennsylvania's Balanced and Restorative Justice initiative. Her experience and expertise will now bring a targeted focus on the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice to the Commission's training program.

In addition to her new responsibilities as Assistant Director of Training, she will be coordinating a major initiative within the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission to expand the agency's capacity to provide expert technical assistance, training, and consultant services statewide regarding the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice. She will continue to be a central point of contact at the agency regarding these issues. Blackburn can be reached at 717- 477-1411 and by email at [sblackburn@state.pa.us](mailto:sblackburn@state.pa.us).

Prior to joining the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission in 1998, Ms. Blackburn was the Director of



Susan Blackburn

Probation and Youth Services for Somerset County. She began her career in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system as a Somerset County Juvenile Probation Officer in 1979. In 1986, she received the Outstanding Student Award in the JCJC-sponsored Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University. She is also a gubernatorial appointee to PCCD's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee.

## Governor Schweiker makes Commission appointments

On July 25, 2002, Governor Schweiker re-appointed Judge Marilyn J. Horan as a member of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. Judge Horan, from Butler County, has served as a member of the Commission since 1997. In addition, Governor Schweiker appointed Judge Cheryl Allen to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Judge Kathleen Mulligan. Judge Myrna P. Field was also appointed to the Commission to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Judge Paul Panepinto.

Judge Mulligan, who was appointed to the Commission in 1999 by Governor Ridge, recently completed her term as the Administrative Judge of the Family Court Division of the Allegh-

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## New Balanced and Restorative Justice trainers

On Friday, June 28, 2002, sixteen people graduated from a Balanced and Restorative Justice Training-of-Trainers sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth, and Family Services (PCCYFS). The training consisted of 20 hours of pre-training preparation and 80 hours of training at the Radisson Hotel in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania. The graduates are pictured with Bernard Beattie, Probation Supervisor and BARJ Coordinator from York County, who was the event facilitator, and Susan Blackburn, BARJ Specialist from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.

Jim Rieland, Administrator of the Juvenile Section of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, presented information on Pennsylvania's Juvenile Act, which was amended in 1995 to incorporate Balanced and Restorative Justice principles. Valerie Bender serves on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Juvenile Advisory Committee (JAC) and the JAC Grants Review Subcommittee, The Balanced and Restorative Justice Subcommittee, and the Arrest, Prosecution, and Victims' Services Subcommittee. She presented Act 86, which is the enabling legislation for victims of juvenile offenders to have meaningful involvement in all phases of the court process beginning with prosecution until the offender leaves the system.

Bender co-authored the curriculum entitled *Victim/Community Awareness: establishing a restorative justice community* and authored *Victim Community Awareness: an orientation for juveniles*. She is nationally renowned for her work in generating awareness for victims' issues. Participants were fortunate to have Bender with them throughout the ten days, providing informative presentations, constructive feedback, support, and technical assistance.

Rich Brunner, Training Coordinator/Program Specialist, DPW Bureau of State Children and Youth Programs and Alice Peeples, Training Program Specialist at Newcastle Youth Development Center (YDC), provided skills for training adult learners, including techniques for using technology to develop effective presentations. Lee Bryan, Activities Specialist at Newcastle YDC provided a variety of icebreakers and similar activities for getting and keeping the attention of adult learners.

The group was honored to welcome Patricia Lupson from Remembering the True Victims, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland, for a moving presentation on the impact of crime for families of victims of violent crime. Aleshia Hough and Billie Jo Hack, both Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) Training and Technical Assistance Project Coordinators for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), followed Lupson's presentation with further training on the impact of crime.

Participants also provided their own training as each took a turn presenting materials provided to them and augmenting the information with their own rich and varied backgrounds. Five of the ten days of training were structured for participant presentations. Facilitators provided coaching, technical assistance, and suggestions for improvement where needed.

Other individuals who assisted during the ten-day training included Susan Blackburn, JCJC, Juvenile Court Consultant and Balanced and Restorative Justice Specialist; Rose Farrell, BARJ Coordinator for Cornell Abraxas; and Reid Jamey, BARJ Coordinator for Allegheny County. Carol Kalgren, PCCYFS Regional Director, initiated the Balanced and Restorative Justice Training Project and coordinated the event. Carol Zimmerman, PCCYFS Western Region Administrative Assistant, did an excellent job keeping all necessary records and coordinating details for lodging, event meals, and other activities, and provided assistance where needed.

Funding for the training was provided through a grant from PCCD.

## JCJC elects officers for 2002-2003

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission has re-elected Judge Carol McGinley (Lehigh County) as its Chairman. Judge Arthur Grim (Berks County) was re-elected as Vice-chairman and Judge John Leete (Potter County) was re-elected as Secretary. Judge McGinley has served as the Commission's Chairman since July of 2000.



Listed from left to right are the graduates of the recent BARJ training-of-trainers held at the Radisson Hotel in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania.

**Back:** Steve Rial, Specialized Treatment Services; Ray Benedict, Cornell Abraxas I; John Amato, Family Links; Nathan Michael, Cornell Abraxas LDP; David Rogers, Delaware Cty. Juv. Detention; John Frain, Spectrum Family Network

**Center:** Bernard Beattie, York County Juv. Probation (Facilitator); Judy Klimcheck, Wesley Institute; Andrea Doyle, Centre County Youth Service Bureau; Kirsten Turowski, Harborcreek Youth Services; Matt Louise, George Junior Republic; Keith Graham, Pressley Ridge School; Michael Kaelin, Pressley Ridge; Susan Blackburn, JCJC Juvenile Court Consultant

**Front:** Kevin Stichter, Concern; Thomas Kershaw, Cornell Companies Schaffner Youth Center; Lester Weldon, Cornell Abraxas Community Treatment; Mark Anderson, Cornell Abraxas I

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eny County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Craig is the Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Section of the Family Division.

Judge Panepinto was initially appointed to the Commission by Governor Ridge in 1996, and was re-appointed in 1999. Judge Field succeeded Judge Panepinto as the Administrative Judge of the Family Court Division of the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas.

## New CTC consultant

**M**ichelle M. Timulak joined the Center for Juvenile Justice Training & Research on August 6, 2002, as a Regional Strategic Consultant for the Communities That Care (CTC) initiative. She will be the consultant for the Central Region of Pennsylvania. Her duties include providing technical assistance for the CTC sites in her region and working with state agencies that focus on prevention programs for children.

Timulak received a B.S. in Psychology from Penn State. In addition, she is a Restorative Justice Trainer and earned a Certificate of Academic Accomplishment in the Counselor Education Chemical Dependency Program. Prior to joining the Center, she was a community-based juvenile probation officer in Somerset County and was responsible for the operation of the juvenile drug court. She began her career in juvenile justice as a Treatment Specialist II for the Adolescent Inpatient Unit of Twin Lakes Center in Somerset.

Timulak can be reached at 717-477-1237, or via email at [mmtimu@wharf.ship.edu](mailto:mmtimu@wharf.ship.edu).



Michelle Timulak



# Balanced and Restorative Justice implementation making significant progress

County juvenile courts reported great gains in their efforts to implement Balanced and Restorative Justice. According to a recent survey conducted by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, it appears that juvenile justice professionals throughout Pennsylvania are committed to enhancing their local juvenile justice system by incorporating the values, principles and goals of Balanced and Restorative Justice. All 67 juvenile probation departments were contacted and responded to the survey questions.

The survey consisted of questions that were modified from a survey conducted in March, 2000, by Douglas Thomas, Research Associate for the National Center for Juvenile Justice. The NCJJ survey provided a baseline of data to which the recent survey results were compared. The objective of this survey was to determine the extent that local policies, practices and programs reflect the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice.

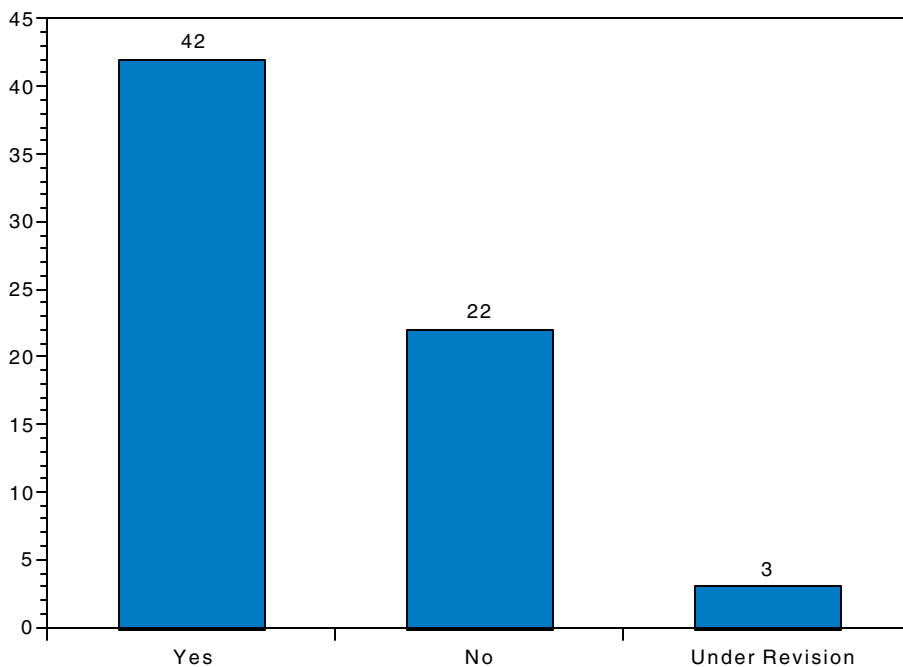
The survey was comprised of ten items. They involved inquiries about the agency's mission statements, staff training, local planning boards and action plans, policy, procedures and programs, which reflect the mission and suggestions for additional training and technical assistance. The responses to the items in this survey were then compared to the 2000 data with the results revealing significant improvement in most areas.

All of the respondents stated that their agencies had developed policies and/or procedures to incorporate the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice, with 94 percent of the counties utilizing case plans that reflect Balanced and Restorative Justice goals and 96 percent reporting that office forms and paperwork reflect specific balanced and restorative justice goals. Case closing forms, which reflect the goals of Balanced and Restorative Justice, are used in 48 counties.

The most common programs reported by the counties include community service (99 percent), restitution (94 percent), and competency development programs (96 percent). An increase in services to victims of juvenile offenders was reflected across the board. A majority of respondents relayed that, although not a requirement, community outreach and engagement is "expected" of staff. Many of the respondents expressed an interest in additional Balanced and Restorative Justice training for staff.

As the graph illustrates, 63 percent (42) of the juvenile probation agencies in Pennsylvania reported a change in department mission statements to reflect the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice. The 2000 survey reflected that only 33 percent of the counties had revisited their mission statements. The results of this survey will be posted on the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers website

[www.pachiefprobationofficers.org/](http://www.pachiefprobationofficers.org/) in the near future. For any additional information you can contact Susan Blackburn at 717-477-1411 or email [sblackburn@state.pa.us](mailto:sblackburn@state.pa.us).



## JCJC seeking juvenile court consultant

A vacancy within the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission currently exists for a Juvenile Court Consultant. This will be a civil service position, and a civil service testing program will be opening in the near future. The position will be responsible for performing the following duties:

- Serve as a primary point of contact for juvenile court judges and chief juvenile probation officers regarding Specialized Probation Services Programs;
- Provide on-site monitoring and evaluation of county programs receiving Specialized Probation Services funding to ensure compliance with relevant JCJC Standards;
- Prepare written reports regarding Specialized Probation Program audits;
- Provide on-going technical assistance to judges, chief juvenile probation officers, juvenile justice agencies, and community organizations regarding the implementation of balanced and restorative justice principles;
- Assist juvenile probation departments in assessing organizational adherence to the principles of balanced and restorative justice through the administration and updating of an organizational self-assessment, and provide technical assistance as needed;
- Analyze organizational self-assessments to enable the JCJC to identify and respond to balanced and restorative justice implementation issues on a local and statewide basis;
- Conduct comprehensive evaluations of juvenile probation departments and make recommendations for the improvement of juvenile probation services; and
- Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, to explain and interpret juvenile justice programs, issues and concepts to a variety of audiences.

Considerable overnight travel will be required. A minimum of five years of experience in juvenile probation and a Masters Degree in Social Work or the behavioral sciences is required. The pay range for the position is \$42,621 to \$64,763.

Individuals who are interested in acquiring a civil service announcement for this position should contact Keith Snyder at 717- 787-5634, or at [ksnyder@state.pa.us](mailto:ksnyder@state.pa.us).

## Act 112 amends provisions of Title 18 pertaining to the sale and purchase of tobacco

Governor Schweiker signed HB 1501 (4173) into law as Act 112 of 2002 on July 10, 2002. This legislation amended 18 Pa. C.S. §6305 "Sale of tobacco." to provide new penalties for individuals and retailers who sell or furnish tobacco products to minors.

Act 112 also adds a new 18 Pa. C.S. §6305(a.1) to provide that any person under eighteen years of age is guilty of a summary offense if he purchases, or attempts to purchase, a tobacco product or knowingly and falsely represents himself to be at least eighteen years of age or older to a person for the purpose of purchasing or receiving a tobacco product. Upon issuing or filing a citation charging a violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §6305(a.1), the affiant is required to notify the parent or guardian of the minor charged.

Under the provisions of Act 112, a minor who violates 18 Pa. C.S. §6305(a.1) shall be sentenced to any or all of the following:

1. Not more than 75 hours of community service;
2. Completion of a tobacco use prevention and cessation program approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health;
3. A fine not to exceed \$200; or
4. A thirty-day suspension of motor vehicle operating privileges.

Act 112 provides that an offense under §6305(a.1) is not a criminal offense of record, shall not be reportable as a criminal act, and shall not be placed on the criminal record of the offender. Act 112 also provides that failure of a minor to comply with a sentenced imposed shall not constitute a delinquent act.

The provisions of Act 112 became effective on August 9, 2002.

# A community says farewell and honors two heroes

by John Cookus, Luzerne County Juvenile Probation

A hero by definition is someone admired for bravery, great deeds, and noble qualities. The community of Luzerne County is mourning the loss of two everyday heroes who not only served as members of the law enforcement community but who served their communities and the youth of those communities. The Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC) of the Luzerne County Juvenile Probation Office will honor Trooper Thomas Kobeski, 39, who suffered massive heart failure while driving his troop vehicle. The Thomas Kobeski Community Spirit Volunteer Award will be established in his memory. In addition, JCEC will recognize Chief James S. Keiper, 52, who lost a five-year battle with cancer by establishing the James S. Keiper Youth Volunteer Award.

Hours before his death, Trooper Kobeski participated in the Law Enforcement Memorial Service at Troop P, Wyoming. Trooper Kobeski was named 2001 Trooper of the Year for Troop P, Wyoming. In 2000, Trooper Kobeski was honored as Trooper of the Year at Troop R, Dunmore.

Kobeski was a role model for both youths and adults. His work with the Little League, Boy Scouts, soccer, and his church community went above and beyond the call of any citizen's duty. His enthusiastic spirit was contagious. Even if you knew him for only a brief time, you became excited about one of his projects. Kobeski's three sons, Thomas, Matthew, and Zachary and his wife, Jackie, shared his community spirit. Each year, JCEC will select an adult from the community who volunteers his or her time to work with youth and who promoted the community-spirit flag that Tom Kobeski waved so proudly and humbly.

James S. Keiper served Kingston Borough as the police department's juvenile officer from 1977 to 1989 and as Chief from 1997 to 2002. During his 27-year career, he was a faithful volunteer with the youth of the community. He served on social service agency boards, Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, Jay-

cees, the fire department and the ambulance department. Chief Keiper was a coach, a friend, an advocate, and a role model for all youth and for his nephew, Eric, and niece, Kristen.

When Chief Keiper called the juvenile probation office, his first words were "I want to tell you about this kid. He/She is really a good kid—a bit rough around the edges but not a bad student." Then he would end by saying, "Oh, and by the way, I arrested him. Just tell the Judge to put the kid on community probation and assign her/him to me." The juvenile probation office will remember Chief Keiper as a great probation officer. It was very important to him for youth to know they had to make a contribution to their community. Each year JCEC will select a youth who volunteers her/his time to help improve the community and who serves as a role model within the peer group.

Luzerne County's juvenile probation office is honored that Jackie Kobeski and James Keiper, the chief's brother, have allowed us the honor of establishing these awards. Thomas Kobeski and James Keiper truly deserve to be called heroes.

