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2011 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

The 2011 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 November 2-4, 2011 at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. This year, nearly 1,100 individuals registered for the conference.

Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Update for Judges and Masters

On Wednesday, November 2nd, the JCJC, in partnership with the Supreme Court, the Office of Children and Families in the Courts, and the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, sponsored a "Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Update" for judges and masters/hearing officers in conjunction with the 2011 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice.

Moderated by George D. Mosee, Jr., Philadelphia Deputy District Attorney and Chairman of the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee, this training provided an opportunity for judges and masters to discuss the very significant modifications to the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure that became effective on July 1, 2011, and to discuss implementation issues that have arisen within local jurisdictions.

Panels of juvenile and family court judges were featured in the comprehensive review of the Rules modifications. Topics of discussion included: the appointment of educational decision makers; the use of advanced communication technology; the presumption that juveniles are indigent; the use of restraints during juvenile delinquency proceedings; juvenile probation authority and training; on-the-record dispositional and permanency hearing statements; and mandatory hearings to ensure a dependent child's successful transition to independent living.

Professional Caucuses

The Conference began on November 2nd, with an opportunity for participants to join with colleagues from their area of specialty within Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system in Professional Caucuses, and to discuss issues of mutual concern and interest. Caucuses were held in the following areas of specialty: Chief and Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officers; Juvenile Probation Supervisors; Juvenile Probation Officers; Victim Services; and Service Providers. A summary of issues discussed in each of these caucuses will appear in next month's newsletter.

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Reminders:

December:

National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month

January:

National Mentoring Month

Juvenile Defender Training

Over seventy juvenile defenders from across Pennsylvania attended the 2011 Conference on Juvenile Justice, and participated in a separate training track developed exclusively for them on Wednesday, November 2nd. Presentations for juvenile defenders included: Effective use of a Psychologist in Dispositional Planning and Transfer Hearings; How to Use a Social Service Advocate or Social Worker in Dispositional Planning and Transfer Hearings; Ineffective Assistance of Juvenile Defense Counsel: Protecting Your Client and Yourself; Maximizing Effectiveness in Inter-legal Advocacy; and a Procedural Rules Update. A “Judges Roundtable” was also held on Thursday, November 3rd, at which time juvenile court judges joined the defenders for lunch.

Youth Awards Program

The 2011 Youth Awards Program was held on Wednesday evening, November 2nd, and was attended by close to 600 people. Young people were recognized for being selected as winners in Poster, Creative Expression, and Outstanding Achievement award categories.

This year’s Youth Awards Speaker was the Honorable Dwayne D. Woodruff, Allegheny County Court



Joy Woodruff, Hon. Dwayne Woodruff and Hon. Kim Berkely Clark

of Common Pleas Judge and a member of the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission. Judge Woodruff, who played professional football for the Pittsburgh Steelers for twelve seasons, and was a member of Pittsburgh’s Super Bowl XIV Championship team, is now as well known for his work as a juvenile court judge and statewide leadership on juvenile justice issues as he is for his athletic achievements. Judge Woodruff spoke about the hard work and perseverance required of him to successfully attend and complete law school, and then practice law for two years, all while playing professional football. He encouraged the youth in attendance to employ the same sense of determination to overcome past mistakes and achieve success in life. Judge Woodruff also spoke about what a privilege he considers it to be to be a role model and to give guidance to youth on a daily basis, especially the young black males who appear before him in court.

Judge Woodruff was elected to the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas in 2005. He was appointed to the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission in 2006 and was reappointed in 2009; appointed by the Supreme Court to the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee in 2008 and reappointed in 2011; and was appointed by the Supreme Court to serve on the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice in 2009.

Conference Welcome and Keynote Presentation

On Thursday morning, November 3rd, Judge Arthur E. Grim, Chairman of the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission, gave the “Conference Welcome”, and noted that with its unique combination of training, professional caucuses, awards programs, and Resource Day, Pennsylvania’s



Mark Carey

annual juvenile justice conference is regarded as the premier state-level juvenile justice conference in the nation.

The Keynote Presentation was provided by Mr. Mark Carey, President of The Carey Group which provides training and technical assistance to both criminal and juvenile justice agencies at the federal, state and local levels in the area of evidence-based decision-making.

Mr. Carey is currently providing training and technical assistance in the area of evidence-based practices to several juvenile probation departments in Pennsylvania, and is also providing technical assistance to assist Pennsylvania with the implementation of its Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy. Mr. Carey provided background on the principles of evidence-based practices and highlighted recent work accomplished in this area by juvenile courts in Pennsylvania and other jurisdictions across the nation.

Workshops

Over 750 people registered to attend ten different workshops on Thursday, November 4th. A smaller selection of workshops than in previous years was offered, as each workshop was specifically selected to address various aspects of evidence-based proba-

tion practice and the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy. As such, the morning workshops were repeated in the afternoon session in an effort to allow participants to maximize exposure to the selected topics. The workshops included:

- Evidence-based Juvenile Justice Practices: What a Judge needs to Know (Morning Session Only)
- Motivational Interviewing 101
- Implementing Evidence-based Assessment and Case Planning
- Promising Approaches to Enhancing Family Involvement in Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System
- The Berks County Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project: Laying a Foundation for Statewide Reform
- Keys to Effective Diversion Policy and Practice
- Pennsylvania's EPIS Center: Supporting Evidence-based Programs Through Training and Technical Assistance
- Pennsylvania's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
- EBPs in the YDCs: A Comprehensive Framework for Effective Programming
- Building an Evidence-based Juvenile Probation Department: Lessons Learned

Thursday Afternoon Plenary Session

The afternoon plenary session, entitled "Developing Evidence-based Programming for Delinquent Youth: The Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol", was presented by Dr. Mark Lipsey, Director of the Peabody Research Institute and a research professor at Vanderbilt

University. Dr. Lipsey specializes in program evaluation with a focus on programs for at-risk children. In his presentation, Dr. Lipsey discussed his meta-analysis on interventions with juvenile offenders which identified common characteristics of effective programs that led to the development of the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) to better translate this research into practice. Dr. Lipsey's Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol is a primary component of the Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project (JJSIP) sponsored by the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University. Pennsylvania is one of four states in the nation selected to participate in the JJSIP, with Berks County as the initial implementation site.



Mark Lipsey

Annual Awards Program and Dinner

Thursday's activities concluded with the 31st Annual Awards Program and Dinner. The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers honored both individuals and programs for their outstanding work in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. (See page 4 for this year's award winners)

In addition to the traditional award winner categories, two other special awards were presented. Judge Kim Berkeley Clark (Allegheny County) was presented with the Outstanding Leadership Award for her service as a JCJC member from May 2004 through July 2011. Dr. Thomas L. Austin (Shippensburg University, Criminal Justice Professor Emeritus) was presented with the Judge Fred P. Anthony Award for his contributions to Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. Dr. Austin taught in the JCJC-sponsored Graduate Education Program since its inception in 1982 until his retirement in August of this year. The Undergraduate Scholarship Award was renamed the "Thomas L. Austin Undergraduate Scholarship" in his honor.

Resource Day

The 2011 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice concluded with Resource Day. 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. Attendees of Resource Day, which totaled more than 550 people, were eligible to participate in a raffle that was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. Attendees could receive one raffle ticket from each vendor, which made them eligible for 1 of 4 prizes that were awarded in two raffle drawings throughout the morning. Prizes included: a free registration to the 2012 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice; a weekend stay at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers; a Kindle E-reader; and an I-Pad Touch.

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission congratulates all of the

2011 Award Winners



RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
A. Mark Amendola
Perseus House Florence Crittenton
Maternity/Mother-Baby Program



JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Rebecca Arnold
Dauphin County



OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR
ANTHONY F. CEDDIA AWARD
Theresa A. Kline
Luzerne County



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD
Jennifer M. Kominsky
Westmoreland County



UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Benjamin Leedy

Congratulations!

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JUVENILE COURT SUPPORT SERVICE AWARD
Wendy A. Munley
Luzerne County



JUVENILE PROBATION SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
Diana Munson
Chester County

COURT OPERATED
PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
Andrew Schneider
Allegheny County
Juvenile Probation
Education Specialists



VICTIM ADVOCATE
OF THE YEAR
Jenna Wheale
Dauphin County



COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
Leon Wilkerson
Dauphin County
Alternative Rehabilitation Communities
Neighborhood Reporting Center



CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Robert N. Williams, Chief
Berks County

Congratulations!

Philadelphia Juvenile Court Enhances Family Support Service

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<http://pachildrensnews.org/archives/1139>

The Juvenile Court in Philadelphia recently committed additional resources toward the work of Family Advocates who support families of children involved with the juvenile justice system. The Family Advocates are from Parents Involved Network (PIN), a peer-to-peer (family-to-family) run program of the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania (MHASP). Advocates are family members who have life experience with child serving systems and have been trained to help families effectively understand and navigate these systems.

This fall, the Philadelphia Juvenile Court provided a designated space for PIN to meet with families, acknowledging that PIN has been able to effectively provide quality services to Philadelphia families. Now families are able to have more in depth and private conversations with the PIN advocates on court days at Family Court. Families meet with advocates before their child's case is heard. PIN advocates offer families information, support, referrals and advocacy to help them understand and effectively work with services their children are involved with, including juvenile justice.

Since 2006, family advocates have been available in the juvenile court hearing waiting rooms. Two PIN advocates attend the court hearing days twice a week, or as needed. In the first nine months of 2011, they have supported or served more than 100 families. This service is designed to help families support their children with court and probation involvement. Additionally, the advocates provide support to the juvenile probation officers who regularly meet with advocates asking for information about other child serving systems.

PIN was originally invited to meet with families at juvenile court by the Honorable Kevin Dougherty, Administrative Judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas-Family Division. Judge Dougherty was familiar with the PIN advocates because they accompanied families they were serving to his court. He recognized the benefit that families received from working with these advocates, and invited them to attend juvenile court hearing days, and meet with families as they waited for their children's cases to be heard.

This is a unique, grassroots example of a juvenile justice family support service. It is believed to be the first and only such program in the nation. Because families are supported to effectively participate in their child's juvenile justice experience — as well as understand and access other needed services, such as changes to their child's educational program, accessing appropriate behavioral health services, or working collaboratively with the child welfare system — their children are able to better succeed in all areas.

For more information about PIN, and its Juvenile Court or other family programs, contact the following MHASP resources:

Direct Phone Line: 267-507-3836

Warmline: 267-507-3860

Email for Lisa Snitzer, Director of Family and Youth Division- Lsnitzer@mhasp.org

Email for Becky Español, Parents Involved Network/Supervisor- bespanol@mhasp.org

Website: www.mhasp.org

Upcoming Staff Development Opportunities:

Please continue to check the Staff Development Schedule for Juvenile Justice Professionals which is available on the JCJC/JEMS website. The Center's spring training offerings will be posted and open for registration in the coming weeks. The next cycle of **Orientation for New Professionals** is posted and is open for registration. The live portion of Orientation, held as usual at the Park Inn in Mechanicsburg, is scheduled for **February 6-10** and to conclude on **February 27 - March 2**. Registrants may begin by taking the distance learning portion of the Orientation program on the Juvenile Act in the intervening months prior to the start of the live training.



Among the programs that will be hosted this spring is **“The Trajectory of Gangs in the 21st Century”** that will be led by Jason Soles, a former gang leader who turned his life around and currently teaches on the faculty of the Minneapolis-based Metropolitan State University in Minnesota. This workshop will be held on **March 22-23** in State College. In addition, on **March 6-7**, Barb Ulmer will return to present **“Understanding the Mental Health System.”** This program will be held at the Child Welfare Competency-based Training Center in Mechanicsburg.

YLS Master Trainer Forum Held

The First Annual YLS Master Trainer Forum was held September 29 – 30, 2011 at the Child Welfare Training Center in Mechanicsburg. Over 100 individuals representing forty-five of the fifty-one Youth Level of Service (YLS) project counties, along with YDC/YFC staff, were in attendance. Attendance was limited to individuals who have been certified as YLS Master Trainers in either the Phase I, II or III portions of the YLS project. Master Trainers are largely responsible for all phases of YLS implementation, particularly staff training and booster training, in their home jurisdictions or state residential facilities.

The purpose of the forum was to provide an opportunity for this highly specialized group of Pennsylvania juvenile justice professionals to share their experiences in the implementation of the YLS risk/needs assessment instrument in their respective jurisdictions. It also provided a vehicle by which the group could train jointly in a specialized manner geared towards increasing the quality of staff booster training and quality assurance techniques in their home jurisdictions. Drs. Gina Vincent and Laura Guy of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and the National Youth Screening & Assessment Project (NYSAP), along with Beth Fritz and Shannon Semmel of the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department, and Rick Steele of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, facilitated the day's activities.

Topics of discussion included a review of the criminogenic risk/need domains, YLS assessment completion, service matrix design, use of case planning, quality assurance techniques and a review of the preliminary Pennsylvania implementation outcomes as measured through data collection and analysis by Drs. Vincent and Guy. The group also completed two separate case study reviews and YLS evaluations as part of the Master Trainer booster training process.

As the use of risk/need assessment becomes increasingly critical as a component of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES), the role of the YLS Master Trainers will continue to grow in importance. With this in mind, additional YLS Master Trainer Forums are anticipated in the future.

If your jurisdiction has yet to become involved with the YLS project and you are interested in learning more about the experience and opportunities to participate, feel free to contact Rick Steele at 717-705-5633 (ricsteele@state.gov) or Beth Fritz at 610-782-3349 (elizabethfritz@lehighcounty.org).

“Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) Building Blocks for a Better System”



JJSES STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To work in partnership to enhance the capacity of Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system to achieve its balanced and restorative justice mission by: employing evidence-based practices, with fidelity, at every stage of the juvenile justice process; collecting and analyzing the data necessary to measure the results of these efforts; and, with this knowledge, striving to continuously improve the quality of our decisions, services and programs.

Part 4 of a series: *“JJSES Building Blocks”*

Stages of Change

The importance of identifying criminogenic risks and needs through the use of a well-researched, actuarial instrument, such as the Youth Level of Service (YLS), was described in a previous edition of the ***“Building Blocks”*** series. (JCJC Newsletter, October 2011) Identification of risks and needs is only the first step in the process. The development of a meaningful case plan designed to address these risk and needs is vital to reducing the youth’s likelihood to re-offend. This, of course, normally involves changes in behavior for the youth and the family. One of the strategies for setting the stage for change is the use of “Motivational Interviewing” (JCJC Newsletter, September 2011). In employing *Motivational Interviewing* techniques it is important to understand how individuals change their behavior.

One model of behavioral change that is frequently cited is *Stages of Change* Theory. (Prochaska, DiClemente, and Norcross, 1992; Prochaska and Levesque, 2002) This model was originally developed to explain how individuals change addictive behaviors, and has been useful in understanding behavioral change in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. According to the model, changes in behavior normally occur over time. It recognizes various stages that an individual will move through in order to change behavior. The *Stages of Change* can be summarized as:

Precontemplative: The individual does not recognize a need for change and sometimes views it as an over-reaction by others. The individual may deny or rationalize the behavior, and consider the costs to outweigh the benefits to change the behavior.

Contemplation: The individual may think that a problem exists and is willing to consider a need for change; however, is uncertain as to what actions need to be taken. This could appear as ambivalence or mixed feelings.

Preparation: The individual recognizes that there is a need for change and is determined to begin altering behavior. There is a willingness to begin planning action that will start with initial incremental steps. An improvement in attitude toward making the change is present.

Action: The individual admits that a problem exists and commits to making the change. There is a willingness to modify environments, relationships, and behaviors. Purposeful measures are taken to avoid temptations and triggers that caused the problem behavior.

Maintenance: The individual employs strategies maintain the changes in behavior over time. There is a recognition that risks exist to return to past problem behaviors and that these risks need to be self-managed.

Relapse: The individual may falter and return to past problem behaviors. There may be anger, feelings of discouragement or denial of behavior. Having learned from the relapse, the individual will re-enter an earlier stage. Relapse should not be considered a total failure if the individual is willing to re-engage in the change process.

It is crucial to understand at which stage an individual is cognitively operating in their willingness and ability to change behavior. Strategies must be designed to help move the individual through the *Stages of Change* to enable them to develop the skill and tools necessary to manage their behavior to reduce their risk to re-offend.

Additional information on the Stages of Change, Motivational Interviewing, and Evidence-Based Practices is offered in the National Institute of Corrections publication, *"A Guide for Probation and Parole: Motivating Offenders to Change"*. The document can be found at: <http://static.nicic.gov/Library/022253.pdf>

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The 2010 Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Dispositions report is now available to download from the JCJC website.

www.jcjc.state.pa.us



National Juvenile Justice Announcements

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

Call For Papers On School-Justice Partnerships To Keep Kids in School

The New York State Permanent Judicial Division on Justice for Children has issued a [call for papers](#) for its National Leadership Summit on School-Justice Partnerships, "Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court." The Summit will take place from March 11–13, 2012, in New York, NY, and will highlight the importance of partnerships between the education and justice systems.

Papers may be submitted on a variety of topics, including adolescent development, information sharing, courts and juvenile justice, multidisciplinary collaborations, federal and state policies and initiatives, and data, research, and evaluations. Abstracts are due by November 15 and may be submitted [online](#).

Resources:

For more information, and a complete list of topics, visit <http://www.ncjfcj.org/images/stories/pdf/s-j%20call%20for%20papers10-26-11.pdf>.

To submit an abstract, visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/AbstractSubmittalFormFor2012SchoolJusticeSummit.

New Juvenile Victimization Questionnaire Released

As a supplemental tool to the [National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence](#) (NatSCEV), the Crimes against Children Research Center has released the [Juvenile Victimization Questionnaire-2nd Edition](#) (JVQ-R2). The questionnaire, which is the core of NatSCEV, attempts to document the full range of victimization that youth experience, including conventional crime, maltreatment, peer and sibling victimization, sexual victimization, witnessing, and other exposure to violence. Moreover, it can help practitioners



determine youth's needs, assess whether victimization programs are effective, raise awareness on youth victimization, and improve victimization research.

The JVQ-R2 is free and available [online](#).

Resources:

For more information about the JVQ-R2, go to www.unh.edu/ccrc/jvq/index_new.html.

To download the JVQ-R2, visit www.unh.edu/ccrc/jvq/available_versions.html.

To view and download publications from the National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence series, visit www.ojjdp.gov/publications/PubResults.asp?sei=94

OJJDP Launches DMC Virtual Resource Center

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has launched the [Disproportionate Minority Contact \(DMC\) Virtual Resource Center](#). This online center provides DMC coordinators, state advisory group members, and other juvenile justice professionals with tools and resources to support their state and local DMC efforts.

The Web site also provides networking opportunities for users to exchange data and information, share DMC training materials, and notify others about upcoming conferences, events, and current policies, practices, and procedures. Regular Web site [spotlights](#) will feature state and local DMC delinquency prevention and systems improvement activities.

Resources:

To visit the DMC Virtual Resource Center, go to www.nttac.org/index.cfm?event=dmc.modelResource.

To read a spotlight on a state's DMC efforts, go to www.nttac.org/index.cfm?event=dmc.efforts.

JDCAP Conference held in State College

The Juvenile Detention Centers' Association of Pennsylvania (JDCAP) held their annual conference at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College PA from October 5-7, 2011. The conference, themed "New Generation/ New Solutions", was well attended given the travel restrictions imposed by many counties. Conference attendees were offered a variety of training sessions addressing the complex issues facing youth and providers. The topics that were offered covered issues that included caring for special populations like LGBTQI Youth, females, drug users, and autism spectrum disorder, as well as a series of sessions specifically designed for mid-management. The general sessions provided new information on new generational differences, cyber bullying, and applying practices which are based on evidence and outcomes.

This year's Awards Banquet included the recognition of the large number of individuals who have dedicated years of service to youth and their community. All JDCAP facility employees exceeding ten years of service received individual recognition awards. Additionally, JDCAP recognized the following individuals for their outstanding service and achievement:

- Chad Musser, Central Counties Youth Center – Rookie Staff of the Year;
- Dana Droll, Central Counties Youth Center – Staff Person of the Year;
- Steve Allen, Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center – Educator of the Year;
- Dan Meeder, R.N. Shuman Detention Center, Allegheny County – Nurse of the Year;
- Steve Thatcher, Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center – Distinguished Service Award Within the Field of Juvenile Detention;
- Mike White, Quest Services – Distinguished Service Award Outside the Field of Juvenile Detention;
- Girls Circle and More, Montgomery County Youth Center – Program of the Year; and
- Shelter Camp Out, Adopt a Highway Project, Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center – Special Event of the Year.

The Shuman Juvenile Detention Center was recognized for its accomplishments and support to JDCAP with the President's Award. Faith H., a Montgomery County youth who was accompanied by her proud mother and juvenile probation officer, was the winner of the annual poster contest. As the winner, Faith received a one hundred dollar savings bond for her entry.

Elections for the offices of Treasurer, Secretary and Training Chair took place during the conference. William "Jack" Simmons (Allegheny County – Shuman Juvenile Detention Center) was re-elected Treasurer, Drew Fredericks, (Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center) was re-elected Secretary, and Gerald Gay, (Philadelphia Youth Study Center) was elected Training Chair.

JDCAP will be hosting a Juvenile Justice Conference in October 2012 at the Marriot Pittsburgh City Center. Please let [Wayne Bear](#) know if you have any suggested session topics for the upcoming conference.

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