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PLENARY SPEAKER ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2018 JAMES E. ANDERSON PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Brittany Wagner, a nationally respected athletic academic counselor, speaker, consultant and life coach, will be the featured speaker for the morning plenary session of the 2018 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, November 8th, 2018, at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. Brittany was the “mother” to the most dominant junior college football program in the United States – the East Mississippi Community College (EMCC) Lions.



Brittany spent eight years on the EMCC athletic administrative staff where she was responsible for monitoring the academic well-being of the school’s 200 student athletes. EMCC’s athletic teams achieved tremendous classroom success during Wagner’s association with the college.

During her time in the junior college ranks, she helped over 200 football players and over 50 men’s basketball athletes reach the next level – many of whom are now playing professionally, including Quinton Dial, Denico Autry, Za’darius Smith, Jarran Reed, and Chad Kelly.

Ms. Wagner garnered worldwide fame as the television star of the hit Netflix documentary series, “Last Chance U” – which follows the three-time NJCAA national champions during their 2015 and 2016 football seasons. Known for giving “troublemakers” their last chance at making it to the NFL, Ms. Wagner is the vivacious mentor and mother-figure to these men – oftentimes the driving factor behind their future successes. Wagner’s stardom has landed her interviews with The Dan Patrick Show, *GQ Online*, *New York Times*, *New York Daily News*, and ESPN affiliates all over the country. Her common question, “Do you have a pencil?” has become a phenomenon across the world since the show’s debut.

Since leaving EMCC, Brittany has launched her successful consulting practice, 10 Thousand Pencils, which works with colleges, high schools, and communities to build programs that support student athletes’ success and growth athletically, socially, and academically.

Ms. Wagner earned her undergraduate degree in sports communication from Mississippi State University, followed by her master’s degree in sport administration. Wagner is a native of Clinton, Mississippi, and a single mom to her daughter, Kennedy.

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ACT 49 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR WOLF

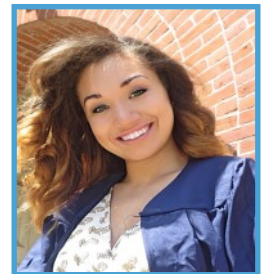
On June 28th, Governor Wolf signed HB 159 into law as Act 49 of 2018 which is the culmination of work initiated with an issue first raised to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission in the summer of 2014. Act 49 amends the Juvenile Act at §6302 by adding to the definition of "delinquent act" the failure of a child to comply with a lawful sentence imposed for a summary offense, in which event notice of such fact shall be certified to the court. Additionally, it clarified through amendment that a delinquent act shall not include summary offenses. It further amends §6304.1(a) relating to summary offenses by clarifying that a proceeding commenced pursuant to the review is a separate action from the underlying summary conviction. For the purposes of proceedings commenced pursuant to this section, failure to comply with a lawful sentence imposed for a summary offense is an alleged delinquent act. Furthermore, it also provides that any reference to the underlying summary conviction is solely for the purpose of the certification from the magisterial district judge to the court of common pleas that the juvenile was convicted of the summary offense and failed to comply pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S.A. §4132(2) (relating to attachment and summary punishment for contempts).

Act 49 further amends the Juvenile Act at §6341(b) regarding adjudications of delinquency. It is in response to a 2017 Superior Court case *In the Interest of N.C.* where the court noted the Juvenile Act is silent in regard to the required burden of proof for establishing "whether the child is in need of treatment, supervision or rehabilitation" necessary to make a finding of delinquency. Act 49 establishes the burden of proof for this finding as "a preponderance of the evidence".

Act 49 becomes effective on August 28, 2018.

KEYSLA RODRIGUEZ JOINS THE STAFF OF JCJC

Keysla Rodriguez has joined the staff of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) and Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) as a Juvenile Justice Quality Assurance Assistant. In this role, Keysla will be assisting in the development of reports, the collection and analysis of statewide surveys, and ongoing research projects which support the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's mission and commitment to advancing the field of juvenile justice. Keysla will also have a role in the development of online training programs designed for juvenile justice professionals, and the processing of juvenile court expungement orders.



Prior to joining the staff at JCJC, Keysla worked at the Lancaster Youth Intervention Center as a PULSE Youth Care Worker, leading evidence-based and psycho-educational curriculums for adolescents aged 13-18. She also worked as an independent contractor with the Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers to develop several online training programs.

Keysla is a 2017 graduate of Shippensburg University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. During her time at Shippensburg University, Keysla was a part of the Mock Trial team and was captain of the Shippensburg University Color Guard. She also was the recipient of the Dr. Thomas L. Austin Undergraduate Scholarship Award at the 2016 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice. In Keysla's free time, she enjoys couponing with friends, playing with her puppy Bella, and going on vacations with her family.

Keysla can be reached at 717.783.8960 or keyrodrigu@pa.gov.

ONLINE CURRICULA FOR ASPIRING JUVENILE COURT HEARING OFFICERS RELEASED

On July 13, 2016, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court adopted amendments to Rules 182 and 1182 of the Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure. Pursuant to these amendments, which took effect on August 1, 2017, in order to preside as a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer over cases within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Act, an individual must complete six hours of instruction, approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board. Furthermore, the instruction must specifically address the following topics: the Juvenile Act; the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure; the penal laws of Pennsylvania; the Child Protective Services Law; evidence rules and methodology; child and adolescent development; and the collateral consequences of an adjudication of delinquency.

To conform with these rule amendments, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts' (AOPC) Office of Children and Families in the Court (OCFC), partnered to design online training programs for aspiring Juvenile Court Hearing Officers. Two different training programs were designed—one specifically for dependency matters, and one for delinquency matters. The training programs are delivered via Articulate (JCJC's Learning Management System) and are available only to attorneys who are pending appointment as a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer. Many thanks to the staff at both JCJC and OCFC who put in many hours to bring this project to fruition in a short period of time. For more information on these training programs, please contact Leo Lutz at lelutz@pa.gov.

SHAWN PECK ACCEPTS NEW ROLE AS SPEP™ PROJECT MANAGER



On July 1, 2018, Shawn Peck accepted a new role as SPEP™ Project Manager at the Penn State Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support Center (EPISCenter). In this role, Mr. Peck will handle day-to-day management and administration of the SPEP™ project, an essential process in the advancement of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). He will oversee the expansion of the SPEP™ into additional counties, influence continuous quality improvement practices, and supervise six regional Juvenile Justice System Improvement Specialists (JJSIS).

Prior to becoming SPEP™ Project Manager, Mr. Peck worked as a JJSIS beginning in 2013 and until his recent promotion. In the role of JJSIS, Mr. Peck provided technical assistance for Allegheny, Dauphin, Lebanon, and McKean counties as they implemented the SPEP™. He assisted in the development of the SPEP™ Performance Improvement Process and the training processes for Level 1 SPEP™ Specialist and Level 2 SPEP™ Trainer. Mr. Peck is in the process of achieving Level 3 Master Trainer of the SPEP™ training, and with this training he will be intimately involved with all levels of SPEP™ training. Additionally, he has been a member of the Balanced and Restorative Justice Committee and has ongoing collaboration with other JJSES committees and workgroups.

Before joining the EPISCenter, Mr. Peck worked for Abraxas Youth and Family Services in various capacities for ten years. While with Abraxas, Mr. Peck was the Senior Agency Trainer for Aggression Replacement Training (ART®).

Mr. Peck obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies from East Coast Bible College, in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is scheduled to graduate from Penn State Harrisburg with a Master of Public Administration in May of 2019. Within his community, Mr. Peck is an active member of his church where he teaches 4th grade children's ministry. He also enjoys spending time with his family and hunting. He can be reached at 717-265-8449 or at smp31@psu.edu.

JCJC/CJIT&R FEATURED IN SHIP U MAGAZINE



Shippensburg University publishes *Shippensburg University Magazine* three times a year for alumni, parents, friends, and associates of the University. A regular feature in the magazine, “Behind the Scenes,” is a spotlight of campus personnel and programs. The most recent edition of the magazine featured the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJIT&R) and its director, Kelly Waltman-Spreha. The article highlights the work conducted in partnership between JCJC/CJIT&R and Shippensburg, along with discussing the work being accomplished in the juvenile justice system more broadly. The article can be accessed on the SU Mag website:

<http://www.sumag.org/spotlights/2018/7/5/behind-the-scenes-with-kelly-waltman-spreha-05>

GIVE BACK!

Dr. Thomas L. Austin Undergraduate Scholarship Fund

We invite you to participate in supporting the Dr. Thomas L. Austin Undergraduate Scholarship Fund. Since 1986, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to an undergraduate student at Shippensburg University majoring in Criminal Justice. This scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Thomas L. Austin, who taught in the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission-sponsored Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University from its inception in 1982 until his retirement in 2011. The criteria for this scholarship are academic excellence and an interest in juvenile justice.

Donate to the Juvenile Justice Scholarship Fund today!

<https://tinyurl.com/JJScholarshipFund>

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

FRANKLIN COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION HOSTS FOUR SQUARE TOURNAMENT

This Spring, Franklin County Juvenile Probation staff went back to the playground. Designed as an effort to get staff up and moving around, as well as a team-building activity, the Activities Committee held its first ever Four Square Tournament. There were seven players in the tournament, one scorekeeper, and several other staff came out and watched. Everyone had a good time and plans to have another tournament are in the works.



OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PUBLISHES REENTRY TOOLKIT



In April 2018, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) released a critical resource for juveniles in residential settings. This toolkit, *Reentry Starts Here: A Guide for Youth in Long-Term Juvenile Corrections and Treatment Programs*, was developed to help young people in juvenile corrections and treatment programs prepare for both reentry and success in the community.

The guide, which encourages youth to begin thinking about and planning for reentry as early as possible, is broken into sections: 1) planning for reentry while in placement, and 2) successful reentry into the community. Topics covered in the first section include: building a reentry team, connecting to the support needed, planning ahead for school and work, and understanding the role of aftercare. Topics covered in the second section include: using available services, making a list of important contacts, moving beyond the placement experience, following established court and probation requirements, and keeping up with school and work.

The toolkit speaks to many common barriers experienced by youth before, during, and after reentry and provides several action steps to be taken to overcome those barriers. The resource also has several blank pages that allow youth to take notes as they move through each section. Finally, the toolkit concludes with an abbreviated two-page pocket guide that juveniles can use to collect the essential information needed for release and successful reentry, such as where they are going to live, what their different goals are, where their important documents can be retrieved, and who will serve as mentors in the community.

To view the toolkit, visit the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's [website](#).

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

Today there are many fraudulent methods intended to fool individuals into giving sensitive information and money. These methods can involve things like investments, IRS, charity, government grants, telephones, computer repair, or other methods to trick you out of money or get access to your personal information.



According to the Internet Crimes Report released by the FBI (https://pdf.ic3.gov/2017_IC3Report.pdf), it received over 300,000 complaints with victim losses exceeding \$1.4 billion in 2017. Pennsylvania is listed as the 5th highest state based on reported victims. The Federal Trade Commission reports that nearly 1 in 5 people who reported an imposter scam lost money in 2017. Debt collection was listed as the top scam (<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2018/03/top-frauds-2017>).

These scams can happen to anyone. Just ask Google, Facebook, NSA, Microsoft, Yahoo, or the Democratic National Convention. James Linton, using nothing more than an iPhone from his bedroom in England, tricked high ranking officials and CEOs to reply to his emails. Even Deloitte, considered to be one of the top cybersecurity companies in the world, had highly sensitive information violated by responding to emails requesting sensitive information.

One of the more popular methods used by fraudsters is called Phishing. Phishing is a trick to deceive users to obtain sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and monetary account numbers. The word is created as a homophone of fishing due to the idea of casting a bait to catch a victim. It is one of many social engineering techniques used to make people divulge confidential information. Some phishing scams will provide a

link which imitates a legitimate website (such as Facebook, Google, popular bank websites, etc.), but when clicking login, it sends your username and password to unauthorized individuals.

There are many types of phishing scams:

- Spear phishing is a technique intended for a certain individual or a certain company. Instead of a generic email, the email is written containing knowledge of the intended recipient to represent a real email.
- Whaling is intended for CEO or executive persons.
- Clone Phishing “clones” a legitimate email from a legitimate company and slightly changes it to impersonate it.
- Vishing is phishing but done over the phone and SMishing is done via text message.

The Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission (JCJC) representatives should never ask you for any username or password for any sites, including Pa-JCMS. If you should receive a request asking for your PaJCMS username and password, please contact JCJC to let us know.

Some of the ways to spot a phishing email are:

- 1) Bad spelling or grammar;
- 2) Unsolicited requests for sensitive information;
- 3) Requests for money; and
- 4) Emails from places outside of the U.S.
- 5) Another way is to look at the email address. While the email may say, for example, it comes from PayPal, the email address may be a slight variation from the legitimate one, such as paypal1.com instead of paypal.com. The most effective way of not being a victim of phishing scams is to never reply to an unsolicited email with any sensitive information.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

September

- 6 Professional Reading Skills
- 13-14 YLS Master Trainer Certification
- 15 SPEP Readiness Informational Session
- 17-21 Orientation Academy
- 26-28 EPICS

October

- 4 EPICS Forum
- 10 The Next Generation: Cell Phones, Tablets, Gaming Systems, and Social Media
- 17 P.O. Well Being
- 23-24 Motivational Interviewing 101
- 30-31 Adolescents Sex and Drugs: Dual Companions

P.O. WELL BEING WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 17, 2018

ARE YOU PREPARED? This workshop will promote officer competence and confidence in the performance of their duties and increase global safety awareness. Additionally, this workshop will enhance officer safety skills and awareness in an effort to effectuate their essential functions as a probation officer and provide strategies and resources for a safe working environment (especially when it comes to field supervision). This will be an interactive and informative workshop. Search and seizure practices, current drug trends, weapons and contraband, officer mindset, and debriefing real life probation officer encounters that have occurred in the Commonwealth are a few of the officer safety subject matters that will be presented. Probation Officers, Probation Management, and Administration are encouraged to attend.

Registration available at
www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us

PROFESSIONAL READING SKILLS WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

The Professional Reading Skills Workshop is a six-hour time savings program conducted in one day and is designed for professionals and executives from entry level through senior management who must read and assimilate material with high rates of retention and accuracy.

Participants will see an increase in their reading rate and learn how to handle written communications more effectively and efficiently by improving both their study and reading abilities. Note-taking techniques to be used with textbooks, lectures, and research are included and an added benefit to anyone working toward a degree or certification.

This is a hands-on “learn-by-doing” course geared to all phases of reading from everyday business reading to in-depth study to critical and complex reading. Old “Dick & Jane” habits will be replaced by widening the span of perception, developing flexibility of rate and the use of selective reinforcement when higher levels of retention are required. There will also be a marked improvement in concentration and accuracy.

SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US IN NOVEMBER FOR TRAINING WORKSHOPS, TWO AWARDS DINNERS,
EXHIBITORS, AND NETWORKING WITH OVER 900 ATTENDEES.

2018 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
The Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges

November 7-9, 2018

Harrisburg Hilton & Towers

To be added to our Resource Day Exhibitor List and receive more information in August 2018,
please forward your contact information to Christy Nailor at 717-477-1385 or cnailor@pa.gov.

Save the Date

5TH ANNUAL TRAUMA INFORMED & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

Building Your Toolkit

Over 15 workshops to choose from with take-away tools.

Monday, September 24th, 2018

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Frank G. Pogue Student Center

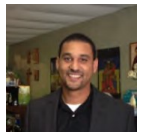
Registration starts at 7:45 am - Conference 8:45 am - 3:45 pm

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS AVAILABLE

Sponsored by Crawford County System of Care, System of Care Erie, and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Rev. Paul Abernathy is the Director of FOCUS Pittsburgh, a non-profit focused on Trauma Informed Community Development located in the Hill District, Pittsburgh Pa. He has a B.A. in International Studies from Wheeling Jesuit University, and holds a Master in Public and International Affairs degree from the University of Pittsburgh, as well as a Master of Divinity from St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Under his leadership, FOCUS Pittsburgh programming has been developed as part of an overall initiative to address community trauma. A former Non-Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Army, Father Paul is a combat veteran of the Iraq War, and currently the pastor of St. Moses Orthodox Christian Mission also located in the Hill District.



Desiree Davis is a motivational speaker who shares her powerful message of transforming hope with others. She encourages people to use life's challenges as a catalyst for their own change by finding balance and embracing new opportunities. She will share how her Depression, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Anxiety lead to several suicide attempts and hospitalizations. Her presentation will explore how individuals do not need to be defined by past traumas. Desiree will discuss how self-change in thinking, habits and social interactions often lead to personal healing and growth, as well as what helped her in her personal journey towards stability and health.



Sign up to receive conference updates, workshop descriptions & registration info:

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Erie County: Melissa Bible at 814-451-6800 or mrbible@eriecountypa.gov

SAVE THE DATE

2018 PA Juvenile Justice Services Conference hosted by JDCAP
Celebrating Juvenile Justice System Leadership for 40 Years;
Built on the Past, Inspiring the Future!

September 26-28, 2018



Kalahari Resort and Conference Center

Tentative Breakouts

Youth and Family Panel Discussion | Strategic Planning Sessions | Activity Based Learning | Dealing with Difficult People | PTSD in Special Population | Recidivism Reduction | Breaking Through Silos | Social Media | Creating a Positive Culture | LGBTQI Program/Housing | Autism | Substance Issues | And More

Conference Registration Rates

Members 300.00 – Non Members 350.00

Full Conference Details and Registration Information will be distributed at a later date.

Call 877-525-2427 for reservations use room block code JDCAP 2018 to receive the discounted room rates. Waterpark pass included in the room rates.

On behalf of JDCAP, I invite you to attend the 2018 PA Juvenile Justice Services Conference held at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Pocono Mountains, September 26-28. JDCAP will be celebrating 40 years as a juvenile justice service member association. This year's conference theme is ***Built on the Past, Inspiring the Future!*** In addition to the valuable networking opportunities, we have planned some excellent training sessions.

- ◆ **Conference Schedule** - Our conference is scheduled for September 26-28 at the Kalahari Resort and Conventions, in Pocono Mountains. Detailed conference agenda will be made available on the JDCAP website at www.jdcap.org. If you have any questions about the agenda, please call Wayne at (717) 736-4717 or email him at wbear@pacounties.org
- ◆ **Conference Registrations** - Complete form and mail with your check payable to "JDCAP" to the address listed on the form. If you have registration questions, please call Lori Lawyer, Information Systems Administrator at (717) 736-4712 or email her at llawyer@pacounties.org.
- ◆ **Hotel Reservations** - Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center with either a one night's deposit per room or credit card information.
- ◆ **The housing deadline is August 26 so don't delay - make your reservation as soon as possible.** The hotel cannot guarantee the conference rate after that date. Our Group Reservation Number for the JDCAP room block code is JDCAP2018. Make your reservation by calling the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center at (877) 525-2427.

Wayne Bear, JDCAP Executive Director



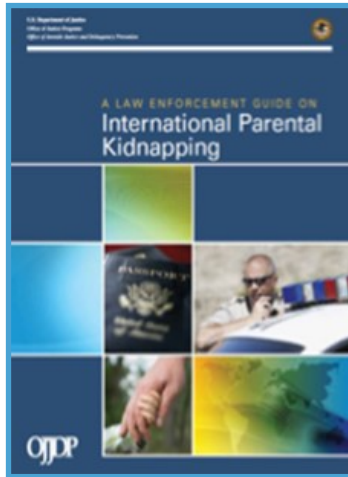
NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OJJDP RELEASES LAW ENFORCEMENT GUIDE FOR RESPONDING TO INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL KIDNAPPING

OJJDP has published "[A Law Enforcement Guide on International Parental Kidnapping](#)."

This guide is designed to help local, state, and federal law enforcement prevent and respond to international parental kidnapping cases. The guide describes law enforcement's role as initial responders and investigators, discusses laws and legal remedies for child recovery and reunification, and outlines considerations for criminal prosecution and extradition of offenders.



RESOURCES:

[Access](#) OJJDP's resources for victims and families of child abduction.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR GLOBAL YOUTH JUSTICE TRAINING

On October 2-4, 2018, [Global Youth Justice](#), in collaboration with the [National African American Drug Policy Coalition](#), will host its [20th Global Youth Justice Training](#) in Cape Cod, MA. Participants will learn strategies to establish or enhance local volunteer-driven juvenile justice and youth justice diversion programs called Youth/Teen/Student/Peer Court or Peer Jury. Training will address administrative, operational, programmatic, and fiscal topics related to implementing these early intervention programs. [Register](#) for the training.

OJJDP EXTENDS DEADLINES FOR GANG SUPPRESSION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OJJDP has extended the application period for the following fiscal year 2018 funding opportunities:

[Gang Suppression Planning Grants Program](#). The application deadline has been extended to October 4, 2018.

[Gang Suppression: A Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Approach to Address Gang Recruitment of Unaccompanied Alien Children](#). The application deadline has been extended to October 4, 2018.

RESOURCES:

Visit the [funding page](#) for details about these and other OJJDP funding opportunities.

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