



## 2019 JAMES E. ANDERSON PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE SPEAKER ANNOUNCED FOR YOUTH AWARDS PROGRAM AND DINNER



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far as Paris, released a top ten album on college radio charts, aired music videos on national networks, and served as a voting member of the Recording Academy. Carter is commissioner of the newly reinstated Harrisburg Human Rights Commission and after having worked as an educator in the Harrisburg and Steelton-Highspire school districts, now serves as the Director of Youth Programs at the LGBT Center of Central PA.

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# 2018 PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE COURT ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is pleased to announce the release of the second edition of its Juvenile Court Annual Report. Prior to the publication of the 2017 report, Pennsylvania juvenile court statistics were presented in a yearly series entitled Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Dispositions. The series, which ran from 1972 to 2016, focused primarily on juvenile court dispositions.



Beginning in 2017, the annual report has been enhanced to include additional juvenile court statistics to better measure and quantify work across the state by juvenile justice professionals. Specifically, information related to delinquency allegations received by each juvenile probation department is included. Key indicators including the volume of allegations received, allegation sources, and the most serious alleged offense by youth are presented. This information is critical to understanding who is entering Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. It is anticipated this report will continue to evolve over time and will eventually include additional measures of juvenile justice workflow in Pennsylvania. Juvenile delinquency dispositions continue to be summarized in this report, as in the past.

Below are the statistical highlights of the 2018 Juvenile Court Annual Report. To view the report in its entirety, please click here: <https://www.jcjc.pa.gov/Research-Statistics/Disposition%20Reports/2018%20Juvenile%20Court%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

## 2018 Statistical Highlights

**23,354**  
Delinquency-Related Allegations

- ▼ 17.4% from 2014
- ▼ 5.8% from 2017

**22,023**  
Delinquency-Related Dispositions

- ▼ 13.4% from 2014
- ▼ 1.3% from 2017

**7,623**  
Secure Detention Admissions

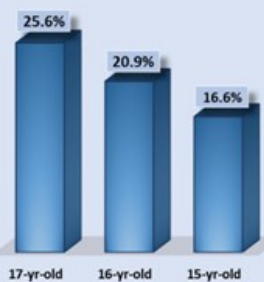
- ▼ 24.7% since 2014
- ▼ 11.4% since 2017

**2,965**  
Delinquency Placements

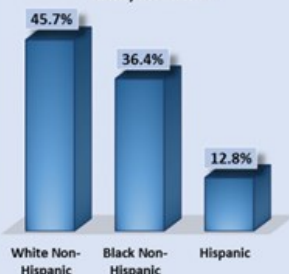
- ▼ 29.0% since 2014
- ▼ 10.6% since 2017



DISPOSITIONS BY SELECTED AGES



TOTAL DISPOSITIONS BY RACE/ETHNICITY



FAMILY STATUS OF YOUTH



YOUTH RESIDES WITH



# ANGELA WORK PROMOTED TO JCJC'S DIRECTOR OF QUALITY ASSURANCE IN JUVENILE JUSTICE



The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is pleased to announce that on June 22, 2019, Angela Work was promoted to the position of JCJC's Director of Quality Assurance in Juvenile Justice. Ms. Work has been employed with the JCJC since November 2017, as the JCJC's Director of Administration and Grant Programs.

In her new role, Ms. Work will be responsible for providing statewide leadership, support, advice, and training regarding Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES), including the development, implementation and sustainability of continuous quality improvement plans to reinforce desired evidence-based practices and fidelity of those practices.

Prior to joining the JCJC, Ms. Work was employed by the McKean County Juvenile Probation Department, where she was intimately involved with the major components of the JJSES activities both within McKean County and statewide. She currently serves on the JJSES Leadership Team as a JJSES Stage Three Co-Chair and is involved in numerous JJSES related workgroups and committees.

During the 2015 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, Ms. Work received the Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year Award. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals (PASAP).

Ms. Work obtained her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Pittsburgh with a dual major in Administration of Justice and Sociology, and her Master's Degree in Education, with a focus on School Counseling, from St. Bonaventure University. She can be reached at 717-705-6596 or at [awork@pa.gov](mailto:awork@pa.gov).

## GOVERNOR WOLF PROCLAIMS JUVENILE JUSTICE WEEK OCTOBER 6 - 12, 2019

Governor Tom Wolf proclaimed the week of October 6 – October 12, 2019 as Juvenile Justice Week in Pennsylvania. Juvenile probation departments across the Commonwealth are encouraged to utilize Juvenile Justice Week as an opportunity to engage the public about the mission and outcomes of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system.

The proclamation notes that Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system is charged with "providing programs of supervision, care, and rehabilitation, as well as providing balanced attention to the protection of our communities, the imposition of accountability for offenses committed by juveniles, and the development of competencies to enable children within the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system to become responsible and productive members of their communities."

We encourage Chief Juvenile Probation Officers to send media accounts of local Juvenile Justice Week activities to [ra-oajcjcnews@pa.gov](mailto:ra-oajcjcnews@pa.gov) for publication in a special section celebrating Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice week. Please have all entries submitted by October 18, 2019.





## COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

### FRANCIS J. SNOW RETIRES AS CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

On July 5, 2019, Frank Snow retired from Montgomery County as the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer following 43 years of service to the department. Mr. Snow began his career in the Montgomery County Probation Department as a probation officer in 1976. He was appointed Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in January 2016. During his tenure in Montgomery County, Frank worked in various capacities within the department, including line probation officer, intake officer, office manager, Supervisor and Deputy Chief. Frank was actively involved in the Executive Committee of the Chief Juvenile Probation Officers Council for the past 13 years. He was responsible for the successful implementation of many of the JJSES initiatives. He developed the In-Home Detention Unit as well as the Sex Offender Unit. He was also responsible for the development of a Quality Assurance Unit in Montgomery County.

Mr. Snow received his Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement/Corrections from Penn State University in 1976. In 1979, he obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Penn State University.

Everyone who met Frank was a witness to his humor and good-natured fun. His motto in the department was "work hard and have fun doing it". He lived this motto; regularly in the office before 6 am and often the last to leave. He was the "go-to" person when a question arose. He was always there for new probation officers and took part in the training of a majority of the probation staff. Frank often said he was only as good as the team that surrounded him. Frank attributes his success to a "supportive family, judges with faith in his vision, and a hard-working, knowledgeable staff".

He is married to Mary, whom he met when she was interning at Juvenile Probation. He has 3 lovely daughters, 3 son-in-laws, and 7 grandchildren. He loves spending time with his family and always looks forward to the family trips to the beach. In his retirement, Frank is looking forward to spending as much time as he can with family and not being confined to a schedule.

### MICHAEL S. YODER NAMED MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER



On July 8, 2019, Michael S. Yoder was named Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for Montgomery County by President Judge Thomas M. DelRicci, succeeding Francis J. Snow upon his retirement from the post. Michael served as the Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officer from 2016 until his recent appointment. He began his career with Montgomery County Juvenile Probation as a probation officer in 1990 and was later promoted to Juvenile Probation Supervisor.

Michael serves on the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers Ethics Committee and the Technology Workgroup. His various leadership contributions within the department have included significant role responsibilities for budgeting, development and implementation of policies, and numerous Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy activities.

Michael received his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from Shippensburg University in 1993. In 1996 he was awarded the Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. He received his Master's Degree in Administration of Justice with a concentration in Juvenile Justice, from Shippensburg University administered by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.

# WELCOME CHIEF NORM MUELLER

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION



On May 13th, Norm Mueller was appointed as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Westmoreland County by the Honorable Rita Hathaway, President Judge.

Mr. Mueller began his employment approximately thirty years ago as a Youth Worker in the Westmoreland County Juvenile Detention Center. He was quickly promoted to Shift Supervisor. In October of 1990, Mr. Mueller accepted a position with the Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation Department. During his time in the Probation Department, he served as a Line Officer for four years and was promoted to a School-Based Probation Officer position in 1994. In 2004, Norm was appointed to the position of Supervisor, and in 2015 he was appointed as the Deputy Director.

Recently, Mr. Mueller joined the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers as the Chair of the Court and Community Collaboration Committee. He is looking forward to working with the Chief's Executive Committee to promote Balanced and Restorative Justice in Pennsylvania, along with furthering evidence-based practices in Westmoreland County.

Mr. Mueller is also a Municipal Police Firearms Instructor, a certified firearms instructor for the Firearms Education and Training Commissions, and Glock Armorer. Mr. Mueller received an honorable discharge from the United States Army after serving in the Military Police.

Mr. Mueller graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts of Criminology and he achieved a Master of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University.

On a personal note, Mr. Mueller is an avid motorcycle rider, having ridden his Harley Davidson through all forty-eight lower states, as well as Northern Mexico, and by the end of this summer all ten Provinces in Canada.

## YORK COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION PARTNERS WITH YORK COUNTY PARKS AND MASTER GARDENERS ON INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PROJECT

*Article submitted by York County Juvenile Probation*

### Gardens at Rudy Park earns second place at international conference

The 2019 David Gibby Search for Excellence second place for Demonstration Gardens went to York County's Penn State Master Gardener program for its Gardens at John Rudy Park. The award was presented at the International Master Gardeners Conference, which was held in Valley Forge between June 18 and 21. There were representatives from many states, three Canadian provinces, and South Korea.

The county's Master Gardeners applied for the award before the conference, submitting information about the gardens and the roles their partners – York County Juvenile Probation and York County Parks – played.



The Gardens at Rudy Park is a partnership among the Master Gardeners, York County Parks, and the county's Juvenile Probation. The garden yields about 6,000 pounds of food each year that's donated to local food pantries. Watch this [video](#), produced by White Rose TV, to learn more about this county partnership.

Included is an image of the plaque, engraved into the cross-section of a tree, presented at the conference.

York County's Penn State Master Gardener program also was awarded second place for a research project on plants that attract pollinators. One of the beds at the Rudy Park gardens was part of that research project.

## OJJDP CONVENES A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WORKING GROUP

On July 15, 2019, Caren Harp, Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), convened a national restorative justice [working group](#) (pictured to the right) of leading restorative justice advocates and practitioners. This working group will meet several times over the next two years with the goal of producing a user friendly guide that contains definitions, principles, and implementation guidelines to help jurisdictions gain a better understanding of restorative justice and commit to putting restorative justice programs into action.

Restorative justice encompasses a wide range of practices and approaches to dealing with crime and conflict which focuses on identifying and repairing the harm caused by individuals and communities. These practices have expanded rapidly and now involve multiple models and approaches, including victim-offender conferences; group conferences, which can include family members, friends, and others in the community; and "peacemaking circles," a process adapted from ancient tribal conflict-resolution rituals.

"When properly defined and practiced, restorative justice programs can guide effective youth interventions, repair harm to victims, and enhance public safety," said Administrator Harp. "However, the juvenile justice field generally operates without an agreed-upon definition of restorative justice or a plan for implementation."



Many of the working group participants were active in providing support to Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System, such as Anne Seymour, co-founder and senior advisor to the Washington, DC-based nonprofit Justice Solutions; Doug Thomas, Policy and Implementation Manager for the Oregon Youth Authority's (OYA's) Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS); Honorable Steven Teske, Chief Judge of the Juvenile Court of Clayton County (GA); Kay Pranis, a restorative justice expert; and Dr. Sandra Pavelka, Professor of Political Science/Public Administration and Director of the Institute for Youth and Justice Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University.

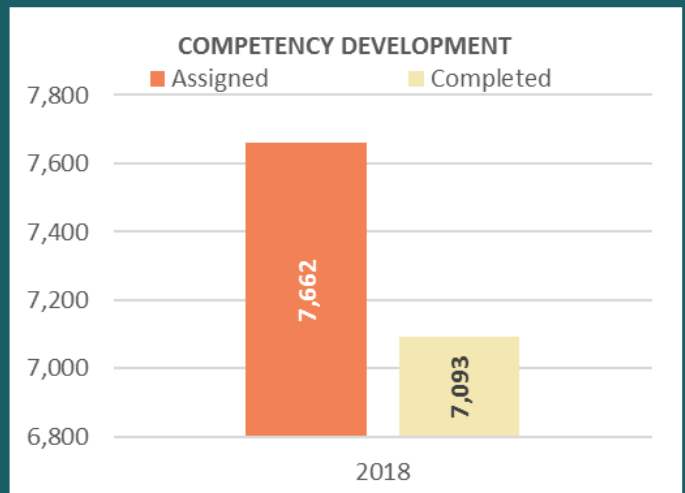
The Office has created a [mailbox](#) that the public may use to submit comments, suggestions, and ideas on the topic of restorative justice. The feedback may inform the working group discussion and the planned restorative justice guide. A Restorative Justice In Focus webpage that offers information about restorative justice practices, the working group members, and links to helpful resources will be released shortly.

## 2018 Outcome Measures – Competency Development

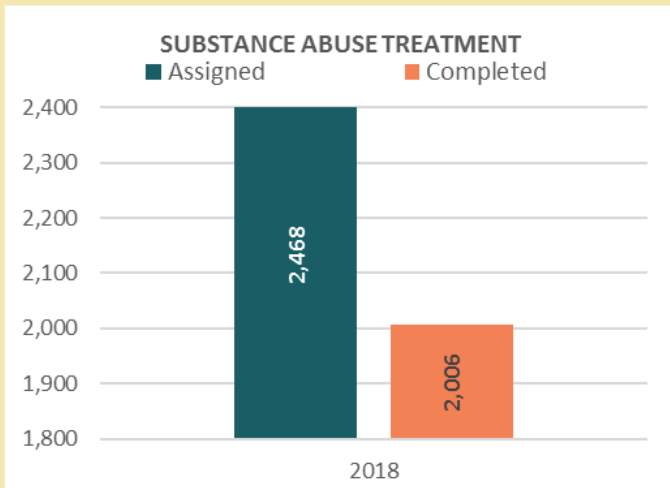
Juveniles who come within the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system should leave the system more capable of being responsible and productive members of their communities. Areas in which one could reasonably expect young people to build and demonstrate competencies are: Pro-Social, Moral Reasoning, Academic, Workforce Development, and Independent Living Skills.

In 2018, 74.9%, or 7,662 juveniles, were ordered to participate in a competency development activity while under supervision. Since 2009, 98,124 juvenile offenders have been ordered to complete competency development activities.

The completion rate for competency development activities for 2018 was 92.6%.



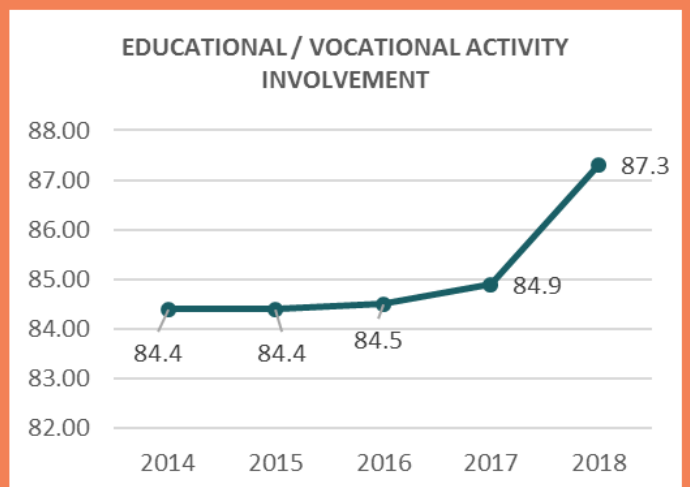
### Substance Abuse Treatment



In 2018, 24.2% of juvenile offenders in Pennsylvania were ordered to attend substance abuse treatment. Of those juveniles, 85.2% successfully completed treatment.

### Educational / Vocational Activities

Since 2014, the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System has seen an increase in the percentage of juveniles involved in an educational or vocational activity at the time of case closing. In 2018, 87.3% of juveniles were involved in such an activity at case closing, an increase of almost 3% from 2014.





## STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### August

- 6-7 Motivational Interviewing 101  
State College
- 8 Trauma Project: Child Trauma Screen  
State College
- 9 Trauma Project: Child Trauma Screen  
State College
- 15 Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument:  
Version 2 (MAYSI~2)  
Indiana

### September

- 12-13 Level 1 SPEP Specialist Training  
State College
- 17-18 MI Coaches Training  
State College
- 23-27 Orientation for the New Juvenile Probation  
Professional - Blended Learning Course  
Camp Hill

### October

- 1 YLS Master Trainer Recertification  
State College
- 2 Case Plan Forum  
State College
- 15-16 YLS Master Trainer Certification  
State College
- 22 YLS Master Trainer Recertification  
Greensburg

### November

- 20-21 Probation Officer Well-Being:  
Strategies for Safe Working Environments  
State College

Registration available at  
[www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us](http://www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us)

## MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING

### OFFERINGS ON FALL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

**Motivational Interviewing**, a Stage Two activity of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES), emphasizes collaboration and “meeting the client where they are at--not where we would like them to be.” The acquisition of this skill set is enhanced when the professionals conducting training are also involved in the juvenile justice system. This dynamic provides the appropriate context and allows the trainers to meet the participants where they are regarding the application of Motivational Interviewing to juvenile justice practice.

The Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission (JCJC)/Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) sponsored Motivational Interviewing 101 and Motivational Interviewing Coaches Curricula were created by the State Motivational Interviewing Committee. Furthermore, members of the committee also fill the role of the lead curricula’s facilitators. These unique trainings are being offered through the CJJT&R Professional Development scheduled August 6-7 (101) and September 17-18 (Coaches). Please go to the JCJC Events Management System (JEMS) at [www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us](http://www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us) to register for these workshops.



## TECHNOLOGY CORNER

In the world of data technology, each piece of data flows from a starting point to a destination, much like vehicles on a highway system. One example of this within the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is the flow of juvenile data from the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS) application into the JCJC Annual Report.

This report is compiled from data that flows through a 'highway' system using professional software tools such as Excel, Word, SQL Server Management Studio and Reporting Services. These tools utilized by the staff at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) provide for a system that safely and efficiently flows large volumes of data traffic to its destination – the JCJC Annual Report.

Here is a list of some major 'highway' sections that each piece of county data will travel on its way:

- Statistical Evaluation Report – a report each county uses to validate accurate data entry for specific data points
- Data Transfer – the process that moves the ever-changing live data into a static data source needed for consistent reporting and historical archive
- Data Checks – a large number of select data checks of combined data that evaluates for accurate links and combinations of reporting points specific to the JCJC Annual Report
- County Validation – a process that allows each county to validate the report count totals for major reporting points
- Charts and Tables – the process of extracting raw data from the static database and compiling it in a filtered and grouped form on individual charts and tables
- Publishing – multiple levels of review and assembly of individual charts, tables, and report narratives into a single document for final publication

During the travel through this 'highway' system, a single piece of data can transform many times to allow for efficient flow, storage, and final display. For example, an entry into PaJCMS of a Disposition Type of 'Youth Aid Panel' may get transformed into a database ID code of '23', then grouped into a standard statewide ID code of '74', then transformed to a reported group value of 'Informal Adjustment' on a chart.

Much effort has been put into building a solid 'highway' system to effectively transport PaJCMS data into the JCJC Annual Report. That effort combined with a quality data 'vehicle' being entered into the system will result in an efficient and accurate arrival at its destination – the [JCJC Annual Report](#).





# NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## NATIONAL RUNAWAY SAFELINE TO OFFER ONLINE TRAININGS

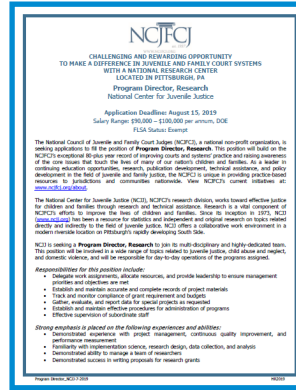
The National Runaway Safeline, a program of the Family and Youth Services Bureau, will offer an online training: On August 7, 2019, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. ET, "National Runaway Prevention Month Past and Present: Effective Strategies to Engage Your Community" will explore how to get involved with National Runaway Prevention Month, observed every November. Register [here](#).

### RESOURCES:

Email Rachel Reynolds for more information. Access OJJDP's Missing and Exploited Children [webpage](#) for resources.



## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT



Challenging and rewarding opportunity to make a difference in juvenile and family court systems with a national research center located in Pittsburgh, PA.

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## 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>

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