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PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE JUSTICE RECIDIVISM REPORT RELEASED: A LOOK AT DEMOGRAPHICS AND RECIDIVISM, JUVENILES WITH CASES CLOSED 2007-2016

In January, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) released its sixth recidivism report, entitled: *The Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Recidivism Report: Juveniles with Cases Closed 2007-2016*. The current study updates the analysis of recidivism trends and predictors to include juveniles with a case closure in 2015 and 2016. This report is part of Pennsylvania's longstanding effort to measure the impact of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) on recidivism and other youth outcomes. Data for this project was compiled from the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS) and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Court's (AOPC) Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS). Recidivism is defined as: A subsequent delinquency adjudication in juvenile court or conviction in criminal court for either a misdemeanor or felony offense within two years of case closure.

This is Part 2 of a four-part series meant to highlight key findings from this report. Part 2 examines trends in the demographic characteristics of juveniles with cases closed between 2007 and 2016 and how those characteristics relate to recidivism. To review a copy of the full report, please visit: www.jcjc.pa.gov

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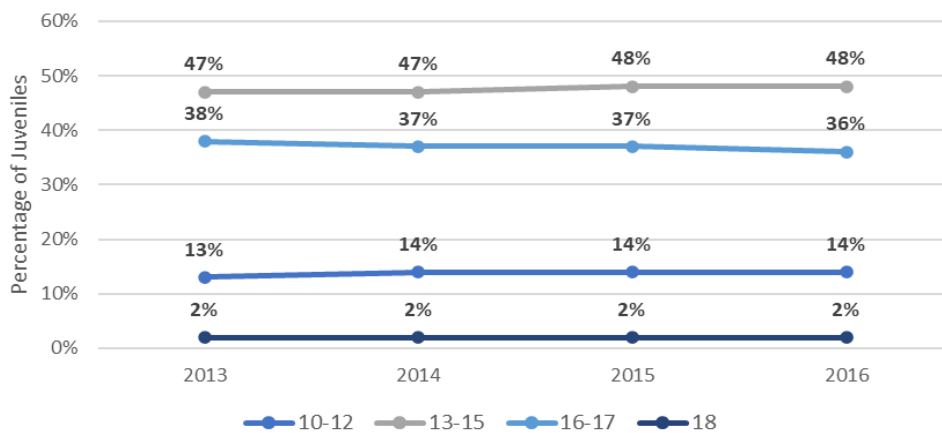
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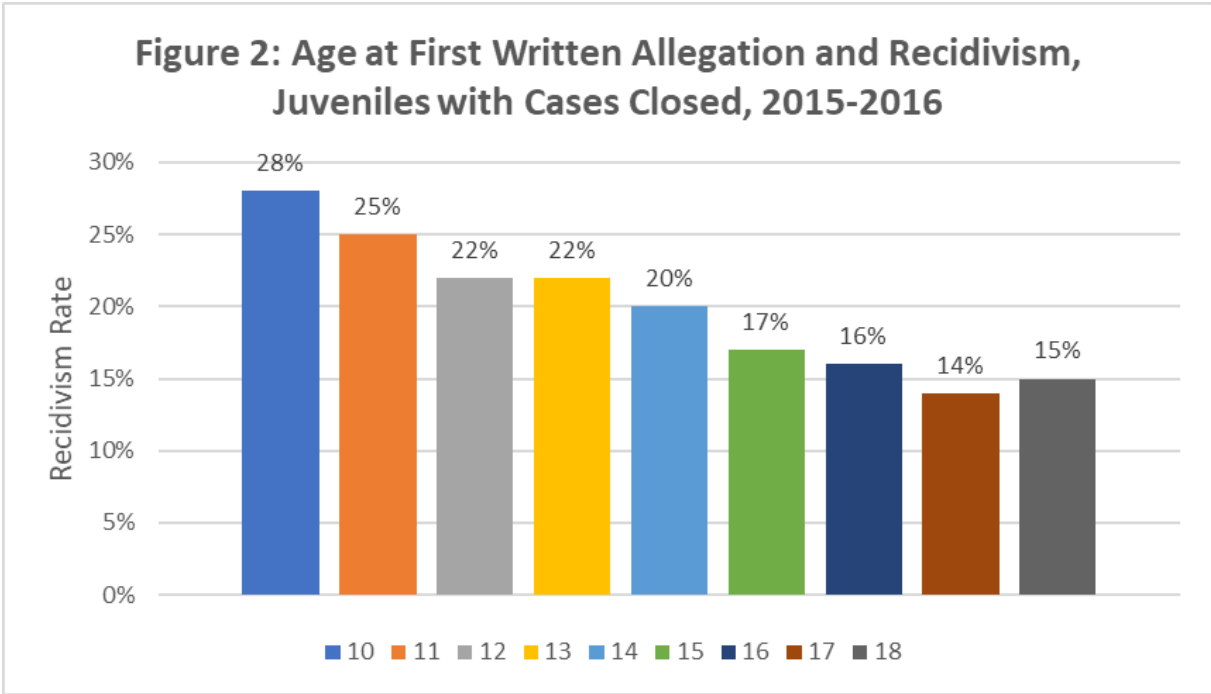
Figure 1: Age Group at First Written Allegation for Juveniles with Cases Closed, 2013-2016



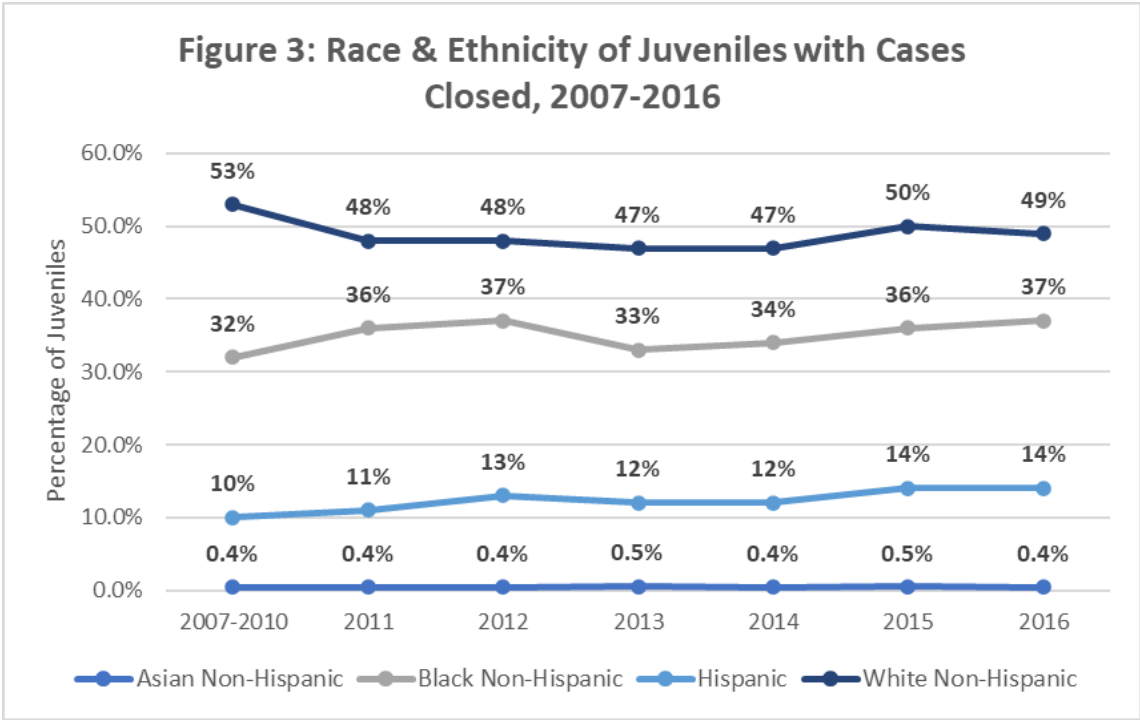
- Consistent with prior years (2013 and 2014), youth who were between the ages of 13 and 15 at the time of their first written allegation made up the largest portion of juveniles with cases closed in 2015 and 2016, followed by those referred at ages 16-17, at ages 10-12, and, finally, at 18 years old. See Figure 1 above.

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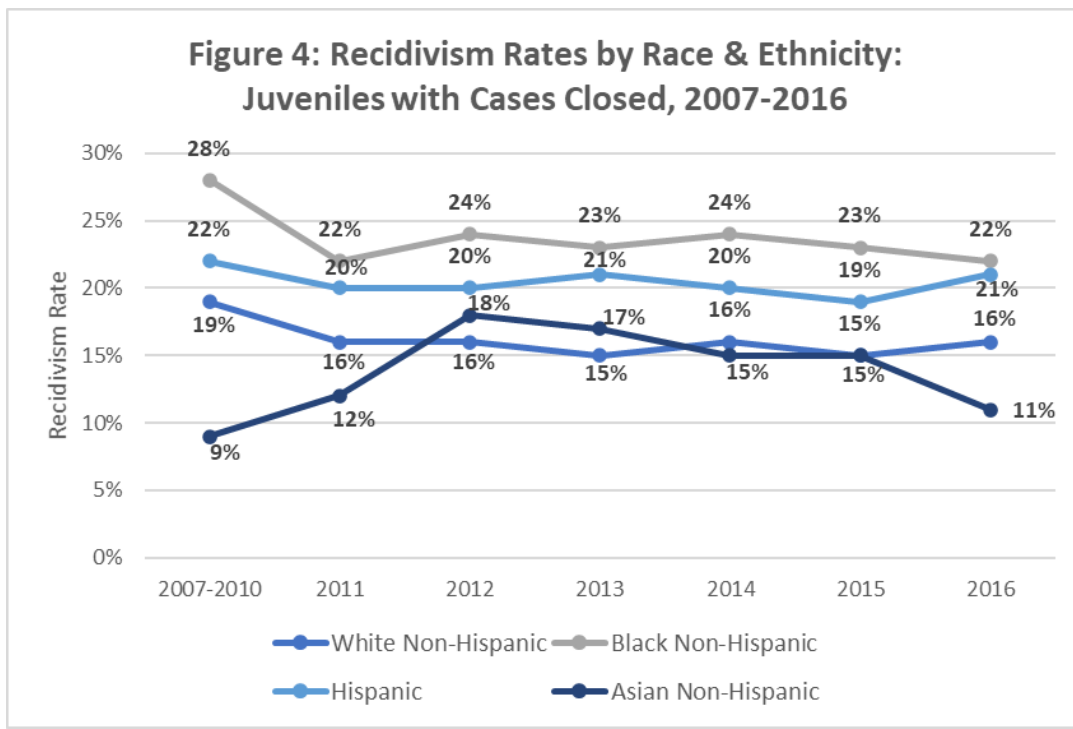
The dates for the 2021 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice are November 3-5, 2021.



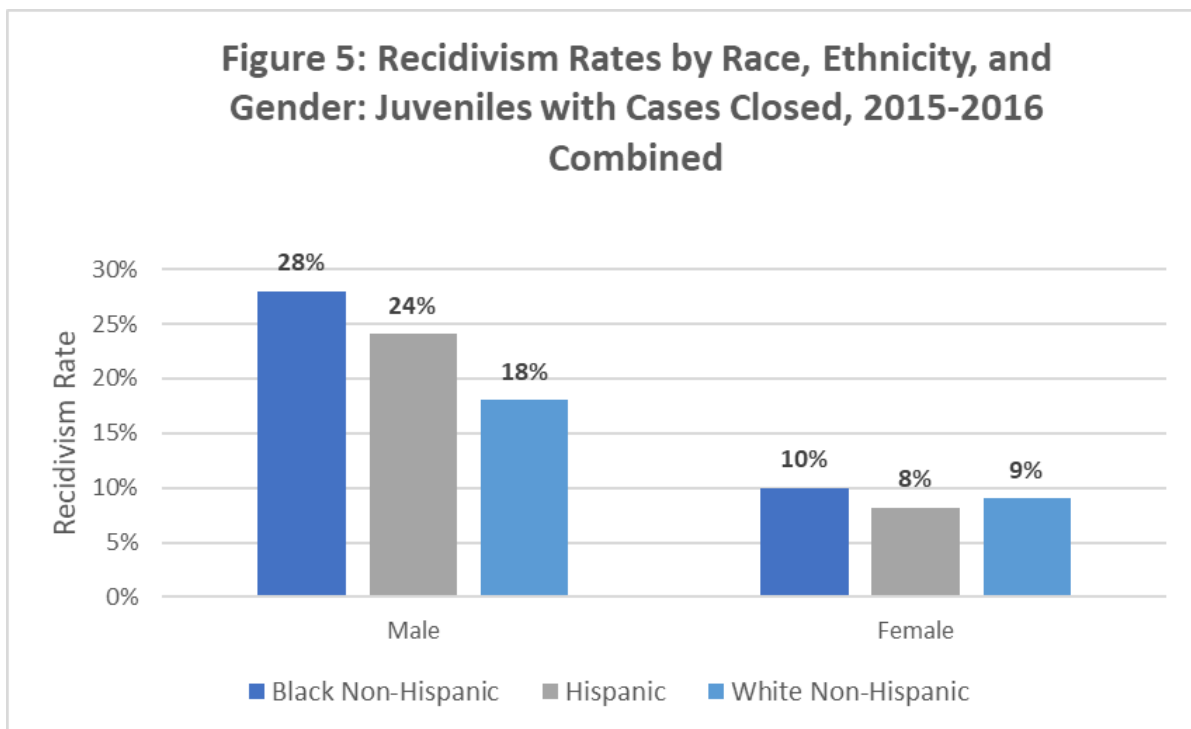
- As Figure 2 shows, for cases closed in 2015 and 2016, juveniles whose first written allegation occurred at a younger age were more likely to recidivate than juveniles whose first written allegation occurred at an older age. Twenty-eight percent of juveniles whose first written allegation was at age 10 recidivated compared to 14% of those whose first allegation was at age 17 and 15% of those who were age 18 at the time of their first allegation. These findings are consistent with data presented in previous recidivism reports.



- Figure 3 shows that over the last ten years, White Non-Hispanic youth were consistently the largest racial/ethnic group with cases closed, followed by Black Non-Hispanic youth, and then Hispanic and Asian Non-Hispanic youth. There has also been a gradual increase in the percentage of youth who were Hispanic: 10% in 2007-2010 versus 14% in 2015 and 2016. Compared to the “pre-JJSES” era (2007-2010), a higher percentage of youth with cases closed in recent years were Black Non-Hispanic and a lower percentage were White-Non-Hispanic.



- As Figure 4 shows, Black Non-Hispanic youth have consistently recidivated at the highest rate, followed by Hispanic youth, and then White Non-Hispanic youth and Asian Non-Hispanic youth, who recidivated at close to the same rate.
- Further analysis of 2015-2016 juveniles with cases closed (see Figure 5 below) demonstrates that racial/ethnic differences in recidivism rates exist for males but not for females. Among males, 28% of Black Non-Hispanic, 24% of Hispanic, and 18% of White Non-Hispanic youth recidivated. Among females, 10% of Black Non-Hispanic, 9% of White Non-Hispanic, and 8% of Hispanic youth recidivated.
- Over the last ten years, males have consistently recidivated at a much higher rate than females (not shown here, see full report). In 2015, 22% of males recidivated compared to 9% of females. In 2016, 22% of males recidivated compared to 8% of females.



¹There are not enough Asian Non-Hispanic youth to include them in the combined analysis of race/ethnicity and gender in Figure 5.

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

SHARON CHAMBERLIN RETIRES FROM JCJC

Sharon Chamberlin retired from her position with the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission on February 27, 2021, with over 33 years of devoted service. She began her career in 1987 analyzing statistical cards and since then, has remained a valuable member of the Information Technology Division of JCJC's Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R). Since those early days, she has worked in the support, development, and training of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS). PaJCMS has gone through many transitions over the years, from a DOS-based, Client-Server based system into the current Web-based application with a centralized database and Sharon has been a part of that growth.

Sharon developed many great relationships with county staff through the hours of training and assistance that she provided and the attention to detail and quality that she was known for. She will greatly miss her regular interactions with everyone. Sharon is an active grandmother and along with her husband, they plan to fill their time with children and grandchildren. Both retired now, they also plan to make several trips to their favorite beach and a few national parks.

We thank Sharon for her years of dedication to JCJC/CJJT&R and to the many stakeholders within Pennsylvania juvenile justice, and we congratulate and wish her the absolute best in retirement.

WELCOME CHIEF KEVIN MILLER LEHIGH COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION

On January 11, 2021, Kevin Miller was sworn in as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of Lehigh County by the Honorable Anna-Kristie Marks, Juvenile Court Administrative Judge.

Mr. Miller earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Mansfield University in 1994. In 2007, he received a Master of Science Degree in Administration of Justice, through the JCJC's Graduate Education Program at Shippensburg University.

While in his undergraduate studies at Mansfield University, Mr. Miller began working at the Lehigh County Juvenile Detention Center, where he would be employed for nearly two decades. Initially hired as a child-care worker, Mr. Miller advanced to the positions of supervisor and assistant administrator before being named administrator of the facility in 2012. Following the closing of the detention center in March 2014, Mr. Miller was transferred to a position within the Lehigh County Jail, where he remained until 2015. That year, Mr. Miller was hired as assistant chief with the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department.

Mr. Miller has been involved with various committees and workgroups at the state and local level. He has served on Lehigh County's Children's Roundtable, the JJSES Provider Workgroup, and workgroups within Lehigh County Juvenile Probation to advance their aftercare efforts and involvement with the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP). Mr. Miller is also a professor in the Criminal Justice Program at the McCann School of Business & Technology in Allentown.

Additionally, Mr. Miller serves as president of the Kyle Miller Memorial Inc., a non-profit organization named after his brother, who passed away from cancer at the age of 24. Through their efforts, the organization has raised money over the past 25 years to provide scholarships, and donations to charities and organizations that serve children with special needs.



ROBERT DAUGHERTY RETIRES

VENANGO COUNTY ADULT/JUVENILE COURT SUPERVISION SERVICES



On January 29, 2021, Robert E. Daugherty retired as the Chief of Venango County Adult/Juvenile Court Supervision Services following 35 years of service to the county which includes 22 years of dedicated service to working with youth and Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System. Mr. Daugherty (Bob) began his career in 1989 with the Court as a Community Release Coordinator. He received notable advancements to the Director of Community Release followed by the Director of Intermediate Punishment. In April of 1999, Bob was promoted to his current role as the Director of Adult/Juvenile Court Supervision Services.

Bob's commitment and passion to the Adult/Juvenile Court Supervision Services department, community of Venango County, and statewide activities are limitless. He provided his staff with direction for the development and implementation of services to include a parenting education program, a literacy program, a juvenile offender competency-based program entitled "Kids n K9s," and a Juvenile Hearing Officer system, to name a few. Bob was integral in the implementation and advancement of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). He has worked with his department to implement activities across all stages of the JJSES to enhance staff skills and achieve better youth outcomes. The department has hosted regional forums/trainings on Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and the Pennsylvania Detention Risk Assessment Instrument. Notably, he led his department as they engaged in a national project, "*Evaluations of Trauma-Informed Care in Juvenile Justice Settings*" with Dr. Keith Cruise at Fordham University. The department is distinguished in their attention to recognizing youth trauma and the use of a Trauma-Informed Decision Protocol. Furthermore, Bob was a member of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officer's Executive Committee and Chair of the Planning Committee and was presented with the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year Award in 2018.

Bob earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Science Degree in Administration of Justice from Mercyhurst University. He is also a graduate of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Basic Skills Academy as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections – Correctional Academy for Cadre Development. Bob has attained various professional certifications including an Alcohol Highway Safety Instructor, Court Reporting Network Evaluator, and Pennsylvania State Police Municipal Firearms Instructor. During his career, Bob had the honor to present a workshop at the American Probation and Parole Association's National Conference in New York City, his workshop was titled "Impact of Electronic Monitoring on Family Relationships."

Bob is energetically engaged in various activities within his community which is demonstrated through his continued and ongoing membership on numerous boards and committees. He served as the Vice President of the Regional Counseling Center Board of Directors, Vice President of Cranberry Little League, President of the Literacy Council, Chair of the Venango County Criminal Justice Advisory Board and remains the Chair of the Venango County DUI Advisory Board, Venango County DUI Coordinator, and member of the Rehabilitative Science Advisory Board and Venango Campus Advisory Council at Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Bob is looking forward to spending time with his wife, sons and their families as well as chasing rattlesnakes and reuniting with members of his 80's Rock band. Bob, we wish you well in your retirement!

2021 JCJC AWARDS COMMITTEE

On January 26, 2021, the JCJC Awards Committee convened virtually to discuss this year's James E. Anderson PA Conference on Juvenile Justice Professional and Youth Award Programs. The 2021 Awards Committee includes Patrick Micco, Chair (Lawrence); Mary Jo Battle (Erie); Jon Frank (Blair); Michele Howard (Allegheny); Kimmy Mulik (Carbon); Diana Munson (Chester); Justin Popovich (Bradford); Amy Warner (Philadelphia); Abigail Wilson (PA Council of Children Youth and Family Service), and Angela Zera (Luzerne).

The committee reviewed the 2020 awards program and discussed changes and improvements for 2021. In preparation for distribution, the committee reviewed and updated the award nomination forms. The nomination forms will be made available in the upcoming months. They also selected the theme for this year's Youth Awards Program as "Moving Forward in Unity." Youth entering the Creative Expression Contest are to submit mixed media (e.g., poster, video, or audio) or written submissions based on their interpretation of this year's theme.

The awards committee will reconvene this summer to select the professional and youth award winners.

Please note: all previous professional award submissions that were not winners in their category may be resubmitted for consideration.



TECHNOLOGY CORNER

It is that time of year when the Information and Technology Division at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research is busy processing and verifying all 67 counties' yearly juvenile data within PaJCMS. Each year, there is a lot of work that goes into creating Pennsylvania's Juvenile Court Annual Report.

Every quarter, The CJJT&R/JCJC staff run statistical evaluation and hearings with no attorney representation reports. These two reports, along with the quality assurance dashboard errors, are sent to all counties on a quarterly basis for clean-up. This is done to help reduce the amount of year-end data clean-up.

One way that each county can help assist with their quarterly data clean-up is by running a stat eval report on juveniles as dispositions are entered into PaJCMS. After a disposition is entered, users are able to run a stat eval report for the juvenile they just entered. This is done by going to the juvenile face sheet within PaJCMS, and clicking on the Stat Eval report button.

Another good time to run the individual Stat Eval Report would be immediately prior to closing a juvenile from supervision. This will ensure the data is clean prior to closing a juvenile. It could also eliminate the need to "open maintenance" in order to correct errors later.

Correcting your state eval errors quarterly will also be helpful rather than waiting for year's end. If you have questions or need assistance in running these reports, contact the JCMS help desk at RA-ICJCHELPDESK@PA.GOV.

EFFECTIVE PRACTICES IN COMMUNITY SUPERVISION (EPICS) STATEWIDE SUSTAINABILITY

In 2016, Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS), developed by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI), was selected by the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) Leadership Team as our model of community supervision. The JJSES Leadership Team saw this as the single model that would link the Risk-Need-Responsivity principles and the Core Correctional Practices (4 Core Competencies). EPICS-trained juvenile probation officers take a cognitive-behavioral approach to supervision; utilizing tools that allow them to increase dosage to higher risk juvenile offenders.

Currently, over **325** juvenile probation officers from **20** counties have completed the EPICS training. Additionally, **57** juvenile probation officers have recently finished the classroom portion and are working to complete the coaching and skill development portion of the training. While the EPICS trainings conducted since 2016 have been successful, the JJSES Leadership Team realized, to take EPICS to scale, we needed to build statewide capacity to deliver the training more frequently and provide coaching support to juvenile probation officers. To that end, we worked with UCCI to conduct an EPICS Training of Trainer (TOT).

Sean Sprankle, Allegheny County

Darlene Ayres, Montgomery County

Bill Keim, Berks County

Kim Lukens, Montgomery County

Juan Roman, Berks County

Michaela Mowers, Westmoreland County

Lai-Onda Welcome, Chester County

Angel Stewart, JCJC

Honor Rounsville, McKean County

The classroom portion of the EPICS TOT concluded on January 15, 2021. Participants learned how to teach the principles of effective intervention, implementation of the EPICS model, understanding of cognitive behavioral interventions, understanding of key core correctional practices and how to implement specific cognitive behavioral intervention tools, how to support offender behavior change through prevention, and provide effective feedback. Throughout the duration of the EPICS TOT, participants actively engaged in practice facilitation of the curricula to enhance their learning and ability to effectively facilitate EPICS training. At the conclusion of the EPICS TOT event, the participants were tested on the aforementioned components of the training to ensure their ability to proceed with the certification process to become trainers for future EPICS trainings to be offered in Pennsylvania.

During the weeks of February 8 and 15, 2021, each of the 9 EPICS TOT participants, under the supervision of Dr. Pealer, completed the delivery of EPICS training to a total of **57** juvenile probation officers in Pennsylvania. The final phase of the EPICS TOT certification process will require the 9 participants to lead juvenile probation officers in monthly coaching sessions on the EPICS model. Successful certification of all 9 EPICS TOT participants following the conclusion of the coaching sessions will support the EPICS training need to develop statewide capacity.

An EPICS Steering Committee continues to provide project management and leadership to the TOT participants while a newly established EPICS Committee will ensure fidelity and advance ongoing continuous quality improvements to the EPICS model. The Steering Committee recently welcomed Bill Keim, Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Berks County; Joshua Leskovic, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Mercer County; Sean Sprankle, EPICS Agency Trainer in Allegheny County; and Jonathan Kuykendall, Supervisor in Lehigh County. The EPICS Committee will be co-chaired by Bill Keim and Joshua Leskovic.

Please contact Bob Williams, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Berks County, rwilliams@countyofberks.com or Angela Work, Director of Quality Assurance in Juvenile Justice, awork@pa.gov with inquires or for further information.

PENNSYLVANIA’S VICTIM/COMMUNITY AWARENESS: AN IMPACT OF CRIME CURRICULUM FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS (VCAC), GETS NEW LIFE

In 2018, the Victim’s Services Committee (VSC) of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers (PCCJPO) began a comprehensive review of the Pennsylvania Victim/Community Awareness: An Impact of Crime Curriculum for Juvenile Offenders (VCAC). Particular attention was focused on the integration of evidence-based practices and most recently a temporary adaptation to a virtual training format.

With the advent of JJSES, juvenile justice practitioners across Pennsylvania have strived to align their practices with the latest available research and noted evidence-based practices. Subsequently, the VSC of the PCCJPO formed an ad-hoc “Impact of Crime Workgroup” to take a closer look at how Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system could enhance the quality and sustainability of the victim/community awareness program. Participating in this review were key stakeholders, and representatives of the juvenile justice system including juvenile justice service providers, victims’ services providers, as well as agencies and organizations with an interest in enhancing the quality and sustainability of the Victim/Community Awareness: Impact of Crime Program.

The [Progress Report](#) on the VCAC enhancement progress includes an assessment of the program components, a brief history of the VCAC, and a research review of similar impact of crime programs. It provides program and practice recommendations along with additional tools the committee believes will enhance the service and ensure the quality of the Victim/Community Awareness Program. The review produces a number of recommendations which are organized within three overarching goals as listed below.

GOAL I:

IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY TO IDENTIFY THE RIGHT OFFENDING YOUTH, AT THE RIGHT TIME, FOR THE RIGHT SERVICE

GOAL II:

ENHANCE TRAINING AND SUPERVISION

GOAL III:

ADDRESS PROGRAM EVALUATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND DRIFT

The entire report is available on the PCCJPO website (pachiefprobationofficers.org) under the BARJ tab, under victim restoration. The VSC will continue their work on the enhancements as outlined in the report by developing a 2-year action plan and publishing a related toolkit. Booster sessions and additional training sessions are in the planning stages.

These updates and program enhancement recommendations were presented to the Executive Committee of the Chief’s Council on January 15, 2021. One of the most pressing requests from the Executive Council centered on conducting a training for facilitators intended for juvenile probation and victim advocates to enable them to facilitate the VCAC in their home jurisdictions. The Chief’s Victims Services Committee along with JCJC /CJJT&R, and Chester County Juvenile Probation Officers Lai-Onda Welcome and Kiki Garcia, have worked together to provide this training.

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF AS A HELPER (MARCH 16)

The main objective of this workshop is to become more proficient at self-care in the physical, emotional, and mental realms, allowing us to deal more effectively with the demands and “occupational hazards” of being a change agent/helper. It is imperative – not a luxury, but a necessity – that helpers pay pro-active attention to self-care. We will develop understanding of our professional and personal limits, focus on ways to self-examine so as to avoid “burnout” and cynicism, more fully recognize what we can and cannot directly control with our clients, increase our awareness of when we’re overwhelmed and need support, determine ways we can regularly get that support, learn the importance of developing ourselves in our private lives, and become more proficient in recognizing and accepting our distinctive needs and ways to get those needs met appropriately. All of this is geared toward the overall recognition of the concept that it is a “win/win” situation for clients and helpers when professionals take adequate care of themselves

THE NEXT GENERATION: MANAGEMENT OF THE SEX OFFENDER IN A DIGITAL WORLD (APRIL 8)

Cell phones, tablets, gaming systems, and social media have created a new challenge for the management of juveniles with problematic sexual behaviors in the community. These devices can give those individuals unfettered access to victims and pornography, as well as a host of other materials that could trigger a relapse. This is further complicated by a lack of knowledge and understanding on the technology by those individuals responsible for the management or treatment of this population. During the training, the participants will be introduced to best practices for the management of individuals with these devices; current research on static and dynamic risk factors; live demonstration of the darker and seedier side of these devices; and a demonstration of how these devices can be monitored and/or searched.



VICTIM/COMMUNITY AWARENESS CURRICULUM TRAINING FOR FACILITATORS (MARCH 23, 24 AND 25)

The purpose of this training is to teach juvenile probation officers how to facilitate the Victim/Community Awareness Curriculum: An Impact of Crime for Juvenile Offenders. The curriculum is utilized to teach juveniles how their actions impact others, the ripple effects of those actions and ways they can repair the harm.

YOUTH LEVEL OF SERVICE (YLS) MASTER TRAINER CERTIFICATION (APRIL 29)

This training is designed for YLS county staff interested in becoming certified as a Master Trainer in the use of the instrument. Following the full day virtual event and ensuing certification activities, participants will be certified to train probation staff in the use of the YLS assessment instrument. They will further be positioned to provide future leadership in their jurisdiction through the critical stages of implementation, booster training, quality assurance and inter-rater reliability standards for their entire department. This training can be utilized to replace and/or supplement the YLS Master Trainer compliment in participating counties.

If you are interested in participating in any of these training opportunities, please log into the JCJC Events Management System (JEMS) for more information. If you have questions regarding any trainings, please contact Sonya Stokes, JCJC’s Director of Professional Development at systokes@ship.edu.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

March

- 16 Taking Care of Yourself as a Helper - Virtual
- 23-25 Victim/Community Awareness Curriculum Training for Facilitators - Virtual

April

- 8 The Next Generation: Management of the Sex Offender in a Digital World - Virtual
- 29 Youth Level of Service (YLS) Master Trainer Certification



Registration available at www.jcjcems.pa.gov

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Call for Presentations

The 2021 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

November 3 - November 5, 2021
Harrisburg Hilton and Towers

The 2021 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, sponsored by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges will be held November 3-5, 2021 at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers.

Each year the Conference includes workshops that highlight practices, programs and initiatives that exemplify best-practices related to the various components of Pennsylvania's Balanced & Restorative Justice mission and our Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). This year's workshops will take place on Thursday, November 4, 2020. The workshops will be 90 minutes in length and will be repeated via morning and afternoon sessions.

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

Submissions for presentations are due by Friday, April 2, 2021, and can be directed to Leo J. Lutz, Director of Policy and Program Development at lelutz@pa.gov.



NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OJJDP RELEASES FACT SHEET ON DELINQUENCY CASES WAIVED TO CRIMINAL COURT

OJJDP has [released](#) "Delinquency Cases Waived to Criminal Court, 2018." This [fact sheet](#) presents national estimates of cases waived by juvenile court judges to criminal courts from 1985 through 2018. In 2018, juvenile courts in the United States handled 744,500 delinquency cases. In more than half (57 percent) of these cases, petitions were filed requesting an adjudication or waiver hearing. Of the petitioned cases, approximately one percent were waived. Juvenile courts waived an estimated 3,600 delinquency cases to criminal court in 2018. This fact sheet is based on the OJJDP-sponsored report "Juvenile Court Statistics 2018" and was developed with support from the National Institute of Justice.



RESOURCES:

- Learn more about the OJJDP-sponsored [National Juvenile Court Data Archive](#).
- See OJJDP's [Statistical Briefing Book](#) for additional information on juvenile court case processing.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

OJJDP EXTENDS APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR FY 2021 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

On January 29, 2021, OJJDP extended the deadlines of all open fiscal year (FY) 2021 solicitations by four weeks. The new deadlines can be found at: [Open Funding | Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(ojp.gov\)](#)

NOTE: Applicants will submit the SF-424 and the SF-LLL in Grants.gov and the full application including attachments in JustGrants at <https://justgrants.usdoj.gov/>

RESOURCES:

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

WEBINARS ON WELLNESS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATIONS AND MISSING CHILDREN RESPONSE STRATEGIES

Register for upcoming juvenile justice-related webinars on funding, programs, and initiatives at: [Events | Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(ojp.gov\)](#)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RELEASES COORDINATED TRIBAL ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced the release of the [Fiscal Year 2021 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation \(CTAS\)](#), which allows tribes to submit a single application for DOJ's tribal grant programs. Funding will be used to develop a comprehensive strategic plan, improve tribal justice and safety; and provide support services to victims. OJJDP supports two purpose areas under CTAS: [Tribal Youth Program](#) and [Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts](#). OJJDP will also support the [Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning](#) program, along with other DOJ components.

The following webinars have been scheduled to assist applicants:

- Budget Worksheet Completion: March 2, 2021, 2 to 4 p.m. ET. [Register](#) for this webinar.
- Application Checklist and Final Q&A: March 9, 2021, 2 to 4 p.m. ET. [Register](#) for this webinar.

Grants.gov deadline: March 16, 2021.

JustGrants applications are due by March 30, 2021.

NOTE: Applicants will submit the SF-424 and the SF-LLL in Grants.gov and the FULL application including attachments in JustGrants at <https://justgrants.usdoj.gov/>.

RESOURCES:

[Learn more](#) about the FY 2021 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. For additional information about the CTAS, see the DOJ [fact sheet](#).

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