



HON. KIM BERKELEY CLARK AND RICK STEELE PRESENTED WITH AWARDS AT THE 2022 JAMES E. ANDERSON PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark Presented the 2022 Fred P. Anthony Award

The Fred P. Anthony Award is an honor rarely bestowed and reserved for jurists who demonstrate exceptional leadership, dedication, or service to Pennsylvania's juvenile court system. This award is undoubtedly the highest honor awarded by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC).

Judge Kim Berkeley Clark currently serves as President Judge of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and she is the first African American to serve as President Judge in Allegheny County.

Judge Clark was born and raised in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Wilkinsburg High School and received her Bachelor of Arts in French from Tennessee State University. Judge Clark earned her Juris Doctor from the Duquesne University School of Law in 1983.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Clark served as an Assistant Deputy Attorney and Deputy District Attorney in Allegheny County for almost sixteen years. In 1999, Governor Tom Ridge appointed Judge Clark to the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, and she was elected to a 10-year term later that year. She was reelected in 2009 and 2019.

Judge Clark was appointed to the JCJC by Governor Tom Corbett on August 20, 2013. She was elected Chair of the JCJC in July 2015 and served in that capacity until she completed her third and final term in June 2022. Like Judge Fred P. Anthony, Judge Clark served as the primary spokesperson for Pennsylvania's juvenile court judges regarding the critical issues of the day. For example, Judge Clark has worked to develop a "trauma-informed" courthouse, which has served as a model for other courts in Pennsylvania and nationwide. She previously described how "[her] courtroom has been transformed from an adversarial, trauma-filled courtroom to a safe, quiet and peaceful place...It is a place where everyone has the right to be heard and to have their positions considered. It is a place of inclusivity, not exclusivity. And, when everyone is included, they feel like they are part of the solution—they own it, and it works better." Also, Judge Clark was outspoken about the need for more advanced court technology, a prescient observation, along with her participation in panel discussions on changes to court procedures which both became even more critical during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark and Hon. David R. Workman, JCJC Chair.

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In her capacity as a Juvenile Court and Family Court Judge, Judge Clark serves as a member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Juvenile Procedural Rules Committee and Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee; the Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission on Racial, Gender, and Ethnic Fairness; the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's (PCCD) Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee; the State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision; the Pennsylvania State Children's Roundtable; and the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network. Judge Clark previously served as a member of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network; Co-chair of the Fatherhood Engagement and Visitation workgroups for the Pennsylvania State Children's Roundtable; and member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board and the Joint State Government Commission on Children of Incarcerated Parents.

Judge Clark has served as the President, Secretary, and member of the Board of Governors of the Allegheny County Bar Association. She is the first judge and the first African American female to serve as President of the Allegheny County Bar Association. She also is a fellow of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation, a member of the Homer S. Brown Division, a member of the Women in the Law Division, the Family Law section, and the LGBT Rights Committee. Her other professional memberships include the Pennsylvania Bar Association; the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, where she currently serves as a member of the Juvenile and Family Law sections; the Past Presidents Committee, and as a former member of the Education Committee; the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, where she served as a member of the Board of Trustees; Chair of the Board of Fellows of the National Center for Juvenile Justice; the Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania, and the National Association of Women Judges.

Judge Clark has also served as a mentor and moot court judge for law students. She has been an instructor of evidence at the Allegheny County Police Academy and an instructor in drug laws for the Pennsylvania Minor Judiciary Education Board, as well as a frequent lecturer, speaker, and panelist about child abuse and sex assault prosecution and juvenile law at universities, colleges, and numerous organizations. In June 2013, Judge Clark had the honor of moderating a panel discussion on the needs of caregivers of children of incarcerated parents at the White House. In 2019, Judge Clark was appointed by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) to serve on the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Task Force.

The following are highlights of Judge Clark's numerous honors and awards. In 1999, she received the Humanitarian Award from the McKeesport Black Caucus. In 2001, she received a Champion of Grace Award from Graceworks Ministries. Judge Clark was the recipient of the Outstanding Judge Award for 2001-2002, presented by the University of Pittsburgh Black Law Students Association. In 2003, she was presented the Children First Prevention Award from Family Resources. In 2005, Judge Clark was honored with the Lydia's Place Volunteer Award, and the Vision Outreach Ministries' Stop the Violence Humanitarian Award. In 2006 and 2008, the *New Pittsburgh Courier* named Judge Clark one of the 50 women of influence. In 2009, she was a recipient of the Women of Distinction Award from the St. Mark AME Church. In 2011, Judge Clark received the Wesley Spectrum Services Black History and Diversity Hero of the Year Award, the William H. Moore Award for Excellence from National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), and the Three Rivers Adoption Council's Friend of Adoption Award. In 2012, Judge Clark received the Drum Major of Justice Award from the Homer S. Brown Division of the Allegheny County Bar Association, and was recognized as a Woman of Distinction in Law from the Girl Scouts of Western Pa. In 2013, she received the Susan B. Anthony Award from the Women's Bar Association of Western Pa. In 2015, Judge Clark was honored as a Woman of Legacy in the PNC Legacy Project. In 2018, Judge Clark received the Ronald Brown Leadership Award from the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh.

Notably, in 2017, Judge Clark was the recipient of the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence. The Rehnquist Award recognizes a state court judge who possesses integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, intellectual courage, and sound judgment and is the highest honor bestowed to a state court Judge by the National Center for State Courts.

Judge Clark is married to Walter Hales, Jr. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, the Pittsburgh Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, and The Girl Friends®, Incorporated. In her spare time, she enjoys music, reading, and cooking.

Richard “Rick” D. Steele Presented the 2022 Dennis M. Maloney Award



Rick Steele and Hon. David R. Workman, JJC Chair.

The Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission (JCJC) established the Dennis M. Maloney Award in 2007 to periodically honor individuals who have made truly exceptional contributions to Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system.

Few people have had a longer career or a greater impact on our juvenile justice system than Rick Steele. For over 43 years, Rick has served his local community and the Commonwealth in various roles including football coach, juvenile probation officer, service provider, school board member, and Executive Director of the JCJC.

Rick began his career in 1979 as a juvenile probation officer in Northumberland County. While working at Northumberland County, Rick was promoted to the positions of Supervisor in 1985, Director of Special Services in 1987, and Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in 1997. From 1998 to 2005, he served as the Deputy Executive Director at Northwestern Academy in Coal Township. In 2005, Rick became an Aftercare Specialist, a role developed to advance Pennsylvania’s involvement in the MacArthur Foundation’s Models for Change initiative. Rick joined the staff at the JCJC as a Juvenile Court Consultant in 2008 and he was promoted to the positions of Director of Policy and Program Development in 2009, Deputy Director in 2014, and Executive Director in 2016. Rick retired from the JCJC in 2022.

Throughout his career, Rick was a passionate member and eventual leader of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. During his involvement with the Council, Rick served on countless committees, while also serving as the Council’s Secretary, Vice-President, and President. Without a doubt, Rick’s influence and leadership have been significant. He led several major statewide juvenile justice reform initiatives including Pennsylvania’s implementation of Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ). He was instrumental in advancing aftercare as one of the three areas of focus for Pennsylvania’s Models for Change initiative, and he was an original member of the statewide team tasked with leading the development and implementation of Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). As the JCJC’s Executive Director, Rick was a member of both the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency’s (PCCD) Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Court’s (AOPC) Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee.

During his tenure as the JCJC’s Executive Director, Rick led the juvenile justice system’s response to several significant challenges, including the charge to counter House Bill 218, introduced during the 2017-2018 legislative session, which if passed, would have had a catastrophic impact to Pennsylvania’s entire juvenile justice system. Rick also applied his experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. Finally, he was a critically important member of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Task Force. He used his vast experience and skills to earn the trust and respect of various legislators and other members of the Task Force, while also regularly defending the same juvenile justice system he worked hard to make the best, most progressive system in the country.

Unquestionably, Rick is one of the most widely known, respected, and sought-after individuals our juvenile justice system has ever known.

Rick is also a proud son to his mother, dedicated husband to his wife Lori, and devoted father and grandfather.

Congratulations!

JUVENILE COURT PROCEDURAL RULES UPDATE

On December 1, 2022, the Supreme Court amended Pa. Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure 515 Dispositional Order to require the juvenile court to include any conditions of probation, if not enumerated in the dispositional order, be attached to the order.

In the disposition of a delinquent juvenile, the Juvenile Act permits the court to place a juvenile on probation “under conditions and limitations the court prescribes.” 42 Pa.C.S. § 6352(a)(2). The terms and conditions must be stated by the court on the record at the time of disposition. See *id.* § 6252(c); Pa.R.J.C.P. 512(D)(3). The Rules Committee understood that it may not be a consistent statewide practice for the court to impose the conditions of probation at the time of disposition. Instead, some courts appear to delegate the imposition of appropriate conditions to the juvenile probation office after disposition.

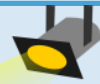
The Committee believed the rules should reinforce that the juvenile court judge, and not the probation department, is to impose the conditions of probation at the time of the disposition. Accordingly, Rule 515 was amended to advise courts that, if the conditions are not set forth in the order, then the conditions should be attached to the order. This language was intended to accommodate the process whereby the juvenile probation officer hands up written conditions of probation at the time of the dispositional hearing, which may be accepted, in whole or in part, by the judge.

This amendment becomes effective April 1, 2023.

Questions regarding this Juvenile Court Procedural Rules amendment can be directed to either Bob Tomassini (rtomassini@pa.gov) or Angela Work (awork@pa.gov).



COUNTY SPOTLIGHT



JOHN BICKFORD APPOINTED CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER IN MCKEAN COUNTY



On December 12, 2022, John Bickford was appointed as the McKean County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer by President Judge John H. Pavlock.

John received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Lycoming College in 2004. He went on to obtain his Master of Science degree in Administration of Juvenile Justice through the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission Graduate Education program at Shippensburg University in 2014. John began his career in 2004 as a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Specialist. In 2006, he was hired by the McKean County Juvenile Probation Department where he served as an Intensive Juvenile Probation Officer. John went on to work as a School-Based Juvenile Probation Officer from 2012 through 2018 when he was promoted to the position of Assistant Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. He remained in the position of Assistant Chief until his recent appointment as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer.

While away from work, John enjoys spending time with his wife and their three children. In his free time, he also enjoys tending to his fruit tree orchard, hunting, fishing, and following Penn State football and wrestling.

As the newly appointed McKean County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, John is looking forward to collaborating with other leaders in the field as they support the mission of Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system.

MICHAEL CORSO JOINS JCJC



The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is pleased to announce that Michael Corso has joined our team as our new Application Developer 2 at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) on November 28, 2022. In 2017, Michael earned his bachelor's degree in Computer Science from York College of Pennsylvania. He also completed an associate degree in Applied Science from Carroll Community College in 2010. Michael previously worked at Amazon as an ICQA Program Developer from 2017-2022 where he created internal applications to help train and support associates within the Amazon fulfillment centers.

In his free time, Michael enjoys cooking and doing outdoor activities with his wife, Bridget. Currently, they live in Hanover, PA.

PENNSYLVANIA REPRESENTED AT THE 77TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

On Friday, November 18, 2022, four teams representing Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system participated in a roundtable session during the 77th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) held in Atlanta, Georgia. ASC is an international organization concerned with criminology, embracing scholarly, scientific, and professional knowledge concerning the etiology, prevention, control, and treatment of crime and delinquency. This year's Annual Meeting provided more than 1,250 programs and events, attracting over 4,000 attendees from more than 50 countries.

The roundtable session titled, "Efforts to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System," provided juvenile justice leaders from three counties (Chester, Montgomery, and York) and a state team participating in Georgetown's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform's (CJJR) Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities Certificate Program the opportunity to present their team's capstone project in an interactive format.

Dr. Meghan Ogle, Stoneleigh Emerging Leader Fellow dedicated to this project at CJJR, began the discussion by describing the certificate program and baseline data submitted by the teams, demonstrating disproportionalities in their system. The four teams then explained the capstone project they formed after participating in the certificate program training, including strategies for working with diverse stakeholders at their respective levels. Additionally, teams described implementation and outcome measures they developed to assess the impacts of their project, and all teams provided an overview of implementation challenges and successes.

Given that Pennsylvania is a bifurcated system, the roundtable allowed for discussions concerning how county and state level leadership collaborate, in concert with an outside research entity, to work toward their common goal of reducing racial and ethnic disparities that exist within Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system.

In addition to Dr. Ogle, the following individuals participated on the roundtable panel: Donald Corry, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Chester County; Angela Bell, Assistant District Attorney, Montgomery County; Honorable Christopher Cerski, Magisterial District Judge, Montgomery County; April Billet, Chief Probation Officer, York County Department of Probation Services; and Robert Tomassini, Executive Director, Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.

BUILDING LEADERS IN PENNSYLVANIA'S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM: A LOOK BACK AT FORTY YEARS OF A GRADUATE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY AND THE JUVENILE COURT JUDGES' COMMISSION

Authored by the JCJC and published in the Shippensburg University Fall/Winter 2022 Making Waves: Highlighting the Graduate Programs in the Department of Criminal Justice newsletter.

Our History

In 1982, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) established the Institute for Juvenile Justice Research and Training at Shippensburg University; the Institute was renamed the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) in 1983. Shortly after its creation, the Master of Science in the Administration of Justice program (later renamed the Master of Science in the Administration of Juvenile Justice [MAJJ]) was developed in conjunction with the Shippensburg University Criminal Justice Department to increase professionalism and cultivate future leaders in the field of juvenile justice.

The idea that juvenile probation officers in Pennsylvania should be afforded the option of formal education beyond the baccalaureate degree emerged in the late 1970's. The idea was in a large part the brain-child of the former Executive Director of the JCJC, Dr. Ronald Sharp, and the former Director of the CJJT&R, Ron Fennell. In 1979, the two broached the idea to the Executive Committee of the JCJC. By 1980, general support for the idea had evolved to the level of a formal commitment.

Additional support was received from several other stakeholders including the Pennsylvania Chief Juvenile Probation Officers Association (now the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers). Approximately 100 higher education institutions were contacted and of these institutions, 27 expressed an interest in the program's proposal. Site visits were undertaken to the interested campuses and in the Fall of 1981, the decision was made by the JCJC to award the program to Shippensburg University. Several reasons guided the choice including the willingness of the University's Criminal Justice Department to work with the JCJC to develop an appropriate curriculum, the University's geographical location as it is equidistant from both ends of the state and easily accessible via the interstate highway system, and the proximity of the University to the state capitol, where the Executive Office of the JCJC is located. In September 1982, classes began for the 25 Chief Juvenile Probation Officers selected to be the initial cohort. The graduate education program that emerged from this decision and the cohorts that began with the class of 1982 have significantly contributed to the improvement of juvenile probation services provided to delinquent youth in Pennsylvania.

Our Impact

Research suggested that a weekend-program format encouraged nontraditional students, such as working juvenile probation officers, to enroll in the University, remain with the MAJJ program, and achieve a master's degree. The program was attractive for several reasons including the JCJC subsidizing many program costs for the enrolled students, easing the students' time commitment via weekend classes, providing coursework relevant to professionals with field experience, and utilizing a committed Criminal Justice faculty and an active student support network.

In many respects, the rationale, goals, and objectives of the program are the same today as they were when first developed. Although a new crop of students enters the program each year and the faculty and courses may change, the focus of the program has remained the same—provide juvenile probation

officers with the necessary education in leadership and management, policy, research, and theory that will enhance their practice in the field of juvenile justice. Perhaps the program's greatest impact is on the students it serves, since many would not have been able to earn a graduate degree otherwise. Awarded degrees have led to new career opportunities for many program graduates, especially promotion within their juvenile probation departments. Students are also affected on a personal level. Cohorts who began as strangers later become professional colleagues and enduring friends. The other group most impacted by the program is the Criminal Justice faculty, who teach in the program and interact with these practitioners on a regular basis. In addition to providing current information on "what's happening in the field" and the impact of legislation and policy at the local level, conversations with their students also provide real-life examples that are useful in teaching course concepts and discussing controversial issues.

Our Legacy

After 40 years, the graduate education partnership between Shippensburg University and the JCJC has educated over 700 juvenile probation officers who have left an indelible mark on Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. This remarkable partnership was recognized in 1986 when the MAJJ program received the "Innovative Program in Higher Education" award from the American Association of Colleges and Universities and in 1994, it earned the "Outstanding Program in Juvenile Justice" award from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Furthermore, the program's excellence has served as a model for similar arrangements statewide and nationwide that provide graduate education to practitioners in the fields of criminal justice and human services.



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THE JUVENILE COURT JUDGES' COMMISSION'S 2022 YEAR-END REVIEW

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is proud to share our many accomplishments throughout 2022. We wish to thank our various partners who helped with these achievements. Below is a year-end review of these accomplishments arranged alphabetically by program area:

Administration and Grants

- Processes associated with Juvenile Probation Services Grant (JPSG) and the JCJC's annual budget were improved.

Annual Conference

- Over 800 registrants attended the first in-person Annual Conference in three years.
- 50 exhibitors featured tables at Resource Day.
- More District Attorneys attended than any previous Annual Conference and more juvenile probation officers attended than any Annual Conference since 2011.
- The Professional Caucuses and Annual Awards Program and Dinner had the highest number of attendees ever when compared to the same events at the last five in-person Annual Conferences.

Annual Report

- The Juvenile Court Annual Report was published on May 31, 2022 earlier than any previous year. The report also included a new chapter that describes trends in the juvenile justice data.

Detention Monitoring

- 5,792 secure admission records were reviewed and closed.
- Approximately 1,500 juvenile justice and criminal justice professionals attended a secure holding training.
- 1,189 police departments completed the annual facility designation. In 2022, all but one department reported as required within the federal reporting year. This data indicated that 2022 was the third year that Pennsylvania achieved almost 100% reporting.
- 675 secure monitoring activities were conducted, including 572 police departments, 30 courthouse secure holding facilities, 29 jails, 7 detention centers, 6 secure treatment facilities, and 5 booking centers.
- Interest of justice determination meetings were conducted in 29 counties.
- A Pennsylvania State Secure Monitoring Manual was created.

Graduate Education

- 10 new students entered the JCJC-sponsored Master of Science in Administration of Juvenile Justice (MAJJ) program at Shippensburg University
- 7 students earned a JCJC-sponsored MAJJ degree in May 2022 at an in-person commencement ceremony and reception.
- The 40th year of the JCJC's Graduate Education program at Shippensburg University was celebrated.

Information Technology

- 1,853 Help Desk requests were resolved.
- 234 requests for enhancements and fixes were completed.
- 32 new reports were created in PaJCMS.
- 26 projects were completed.
- 18 counties received PaJCMS training from the Help Desk.
- 4 iDashboards were created or modified.
- 2 PaJCMS updates were released. These releases were the first steps in implementing a plan to schedule quarterly releases to ensure PaJCMS is continually maintained.

- A large number of backlogged items were resolved quickly after formulating a new process to review and assign bug reports, fixes, and enhancement requests.
- Substantial work was completed related to the ongoing archiving and expungement projects related to PaJCMS.
- A Help Desk survey was completed to measure juvenile probation offices' satisfaction with the Help Desk's services. The overall level of satisfaction with the JCJC Help Desk representatives was 4.58 (this value on a five-point scale fell between 4, "satisfied", and 5, "very satisfied").
- The JCJC website was migrated to a new server.

Judicial Mentorship and Training

- Juvenile court judges and juvenile court hearing officers were invited to participate in a training entitled: "Data Every Juvenile Court Judge Should Know (Hint: And Is Currently Available)." Following this training, judicial dashboards were distributed to administrative juvenile court judges throughout the Commonwealth. These dashboards provide judges and hearing officers with real-time data from the PaJCMS and cover a broad array of topics, such as the use of secure detention and placement, lengths of time youth are outside the home, and the timeliness of court processing.

Juvenile Court Consulting

- 67 court service visits were completed. These court service visits included observations of juvenile court proceedings; data-driven discussions on the use of diversion, YLS policy, racial and ethnic disparities, and expungement of juvenile court records; compliance with the JCJC Standards required for participation in the Juvenile Probation Services Grant; and county-level discussions of juvenile justice issues and needs.

Juvenile Court Standards

- Following a recommendation of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Task Force, the JCJC developed Standards Governing the Development and Application of Graduated Response Protocols in partnership with graduated response leadership throughout the state and the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. These Standards were adopted by the Commission at their November 2, 2022 meeting as an Advisory Juvenile Court Standard.

Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES)

- Angela Work assumed the role of project coordinator to Pennsylvania's JJSES following Bob Tomassini's appointment to the Executive Director of the JCJC. Bob served as the project coordinator since 2016.
- The following new members joined the JJSES Leadership Team in 2022: Andrew Benner, Faustino Castro-Jimenez, Barbara Dancy, and Justine Fowler.
- 2022 JJSES accomplishments will be highlighted in an early 2023 publication of this newsletter.

Other Activities

- Over 9,500 expungements were processed.
- Over 700 background checks were completed.
- The JCJC's Harrisburg Administration Office participated in the Neighborhood Drive. The charity gathers donations for needy families in Harrisburg.
- The JCJC's Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) participated in The Christmas Project located in Shippensburg. The charity assists needy families in the Shippensburg area.

Personnel

- Bob Tomassini was appointed Executive Director and Angela Work was appointed Deputy Director.
- Michael Corso was hired as an Application Developer 2.
- Tori Crouse was hired as a Clerk Typist 3.
- Melanie King was hired as a Research Analyst.
- Scott Weller was hired as the Director of the CJJT&R.
- Rick Steele, Executive Director; Bob Diehl, Clerk 3; and Sherry Varner, Clerk Typist 3 retired in 2022.

Professional Development

- 973 courses across the range of 28 available online trainings were completed. The total monthly usage of the online courses during 2022 was trending upward.
- 28 JCJC-sponsored in-person and virtual training events totaling 8,963 were provided. This data is a representation of 1,326 participants from 66 out of 67 counties.
- 2 Technology User Groups were facilitated.
- The Professional Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) was established with members from the JCJC, county juvenile probation offices, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), and Shippensburg University's Criminal Justice Department.
- A new training curriculum, JCJC Opportunities for Learning and Training (JOLT), was developed with the assistance of the PDAC. The curriculum will be implemented via a trial run during 2023.
- The peer trainer network was revitalized in September 2022 and development started on a SharePoint site to support the network.

Research and Analytics

- 67 data packets for court service visits were completed.
- 22 new infographics were presented.
- 9 major reports were completed.
- 7 external stakeholder groups were partners for research-related projects.
- 5 separate statewide workgroups were attended to offer data-related technical assistance.
- 4 data-related presentations were delivered.

UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENT BEHAVIOR AND DECISION-MAKING

Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system has long recognized the impact of adolescent development on youth behavior and decision-making. For example, Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy places developing a graduated response system, an incentive-based model that prioritizes improvement rather than perfection, within Stage Three as a Behavioral Change activity. Dr. Naomi Goldstein, Director of Drexel University's Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab, helps guide this initiative and others.



Dr. Goldstein partners with jurisdictions in Pennsylvania and other states to ensure that policies and practices reflect adolescent development research. The November 2022 issue of the American Psychological Association (APA)'s *Monitor on Psychology* features "The psychological science of adolescent behavior and decision-making is reshaping the juvenile justice system," an article that includes an interview with Dr. Goldstein and other subject matter experts.

Zara Abrams, the article's author, identifies the following strategies to align juvenile probation policies and practices with adolescent development research:

- Divert youth into community-based systems, such as Orange County, California's Young Adult Court and the Philadelphia Police School Diversion Program.
- Screen for trauma and use trauma-informed approaches, such as Trauma Affection Regulation: Guide for Education and Therapy (TARGET) and Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress (SPARCS).
- Use risk assessment tools to reduce discretionary decision-making and aid in case planning.

This free article is available online at <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/11/juvenile-justice-system-teens>. The web page also links to a related 30-minute episode of the APA's "Speaking of Psychology" podcast called "Understanding the teenage brain, with Eva Telzer, PhD."

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

As 2022 comes to a close, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's Center for Juvenile Justice Training & Research (CJJT&R) would like to remind counties to be mindful of data entry efforts for all their 2022 juvenile allegations and dispositions into their Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS). The deadline for this 2022 data entry is Friday, January 27, 2023. CJJT&R staff will begin running your final 2022 Statistical Evaluation Reports beginning January 30th.

Also, please ensure all 2022 detention admissions are entered into the PaJCMS Detention Screen by January 27, 2023, making sure all detention section codes are selected from the drop-down field on that screen.

In the meantime, each county has the ability to run their own Statistical Evaluation Report in PaJCMS. You can find the report in the PaJCMS Management Tools/JCJC Reports/Statistical Evaluation Report. If you have any questions, please call (717-477-1199) or email the JCJC Helpdesk at RA-JCJCHELPDESK@pa.gov.

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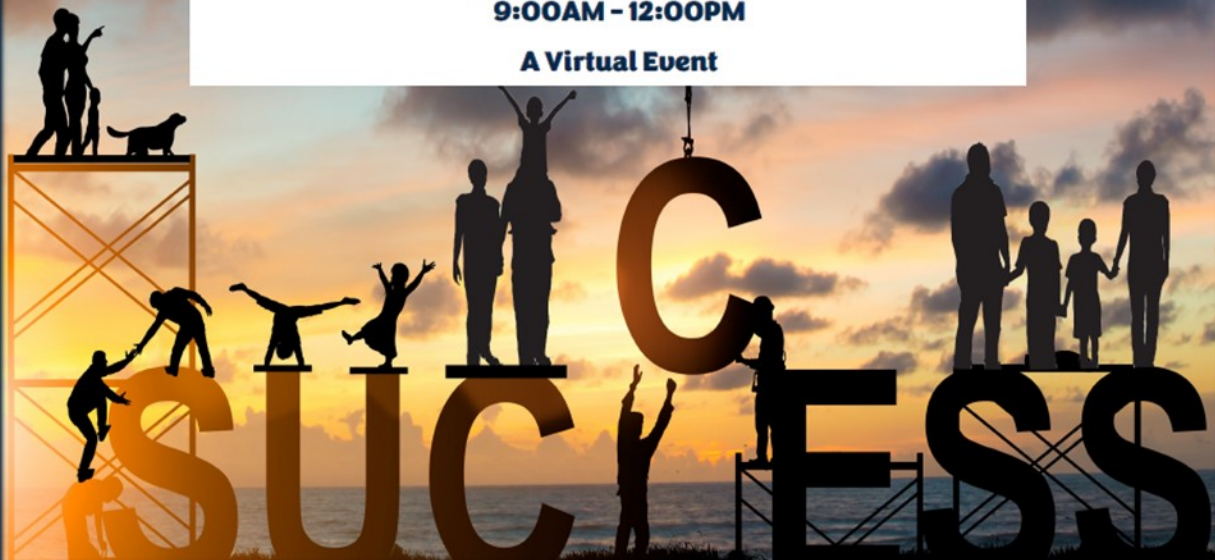
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NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OJJDP NEWS @ A GLANCE, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of *OJJDP News @ a Glance, November/December 2022*.

This issue's Message from the Administrator highlights how OJJDP achieves its priorities for transforming the juvenile justice system through the grant programs it funds. The top story reports on a discussion by a panel of youth leaders impacted by the justice system held during a recent meeting of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The Youth Voices column profiles a member of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe who recently was elected copresident of the 2022–23 National UNITY Council executive committee. The Tribal Connections section highlights National Native American Heritage Month, the importance of mentoring for Native youth, and a summer day camp run by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

Other features in this issue—

- [OJJDP Awards \\$398 Million in Fiscal Year 2022 Grants To Protect and Empower Young People, and To Improve the Juvenile Justice System](#)
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RESOURCES:

- *OJJDP News @ a Glance, November/December 2022 (NCJ 305341)* is available [online](#).
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NEW OVC RESOURCES HELP TRIBAL YOUTH VICTIMS AND WITNESSES NAVIGATE THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

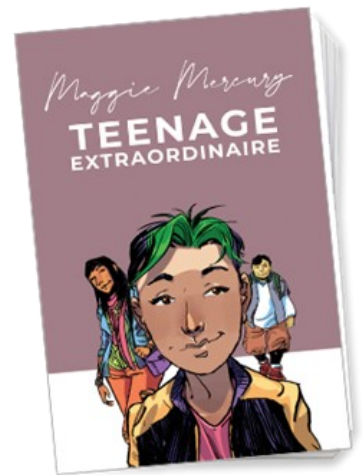
The Office of Justice Programs' [Office for Victims of Crime](#) has updated its online [Child Victims and Witnesses Support Materials](#) with resources to help children and youth in Tribal communities involved in the justice system as victims of or witnesses to a crime.

The updated resource material includes picture books, comic books, and graphic novels by Native artists and authors. The material features artwork and stories that show youth characters navigating criminal court and child welfare cases.

The resources contain age-appropriate materials that explain victims' rights, the role of practitioners, how to cope with difficult feelings, and how to prepare for court and testify. Companion [practitioner and parent/caregiver guides](#) are also available.

RESOURCES:

- [Visit OJJDP's Responding to Child Abuse](#) webpage.
- Learn about the OJJDP-supported [Children's Advocacy Centers](#).
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