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JUVENILE COURT JUDGES' COMMISSION MEMBER, HONORABLE JOY REYNOLDS MCCOY, JOINING LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL



Lycoming County Judge and Juvenile Court Judges' Commission member, the Honorable Joy Reynolds McCoy is leaving the bench, effective January 28, 2022. Judge McCoy has accepted a position as Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of Little League International - the world's largest youth sports organization, located in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania. In her new role, McCoy will oversee the business's legal functions, insurance operations, and risk management departments.

At the time of her resignation, Judge McCoy was in her second 10-year term on the bench. Judge McCoy was also appointed to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission by Governor Tom Wolf on June 8, 2019. While serving on the bench in Lycoming County, Judge McCoy oversaw the Family Court Division, primarily presiding over cases involving custody, support, divorce, domestic violence, delinquency, and children & youth matters. She was also the Administrative Judge for the Juvenile Probation Office and the Domestic Relations Office. Judge McCoy helped to create and presided over the Williamsport Area School District Attendance Improvement Court and the Williamsport Middle School Behavior Improvement Court. She also created the Lycoming County Canine in the Courts Initiative in 2018 and oversaw the program which included Jedi II, a Courthouse Facility Dog. Judge McCoy served as chair of the Lycoming County Domestic Violence Task Force and was the founder of the Lycoming County Fatality Review Team. In July 2018, Judge McCoy was appointed to a second three-year term by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as a member of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee. In 2011, Judge McCoy received Lycoming County YWCA's Unsung Hero Award and Women of Excellence Award. She is an advisory board member for Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Lycoming County and volunteers as a Big Sister. Judge McCoy is married to Ed McCoy, Chief of the Lycoming County Adult Probation Office. She has two children: Collin, a Clinton County Juvenile Probation Officer; and Abby, who attends Emory & Henry College in Virginia on an equestrian scholarship.

Congratulations, Judge McCoy, and best of luck with your new position!

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Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Update

On November 30, 2021, the Supreme Court amended Pa. Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure 148 *Education Stability and Removal from Home* and 407 *Admissions*. The amendments incorporate the requirements of Act 110 of 2020, which mandate that if a student is convicted or adjudicated delinquent of committing a sexual assault upon another student enrolled in the same public school entity, the public school entity must expel, transfer, or reassign the juvenile. Rule 148 is amended to clarify that an exception to the educational stability requirement occurs in cases where Act 110 applies. Also, the Rule 407 colloquy has been amended to include an understanding of the Act 110 consequences when admitting to a qualifying offense. These amendments become effective on April 1, 2022.

On November 30, 2021, the Supreme Court amended Pa. Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure 240 *Detention of Juvenile*, 391 *Time Restrictions for Detention of Juveniles Scheduled for Transfer Hearing*, and 404 *Prompt Adjudicatory Hearing*. The amendments clarify the procedures to permit the extended detention of a juvenile when procedural time requirements for an adjudication or other hearing are not met. The exceptions to immediate release of the juvenile include 1) a delay due to presently unavailable evidence and the juvenile's life would be in danger, the community would be endangered, or the juvenile will fail to appear at the hearing; or 2) a delay due to the juvenile. A continuance caused by the juvenile may be extended for additional periods which should not individually exceed ten days. All continuances must initiate upon motion. These amendments become effective on April 1, 2022.

On October 22, 2021, the Supreme Court amended Pa. Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure 515 *Dispositional Order*, 610 *Dispositional and Commitment Review*, 612 *Modification or Revocation of Probation*, and 632 *Early Termination of Court Supervision by Motion*. These amendments address issues of the imposition of financial obligations (fines, fees, costs, and/or restitution) on juveniles requiring that the amount imposed shall be reasonable and as deemed appropriate as part of a plan of rehabilitation considering the nature of the acts committed and the earning capacity of the child. Financial obligations are to be imposed as a plan of rehabilitation consistent with the goals of balanced and restorative justice. Factors to be considered when determining a juvenile's earning capacity are included, and the court is to establish a payment schedule based on the juvenile's present ability to pay which includes frequency, amount, and duration of payments. The amendments clarify that adjustments to the amount of financial obligation can be made through a dispositional review hearing. Any outstanding restitution amounts may not be reduced by modification of the dispositional order without specific notice to the victim prior to the hearing that a modification may be ordered. The court shall retain jurisdiction until the juvenile attains 21 years of age or until the terms of the dispositional order are completed, including satisfaction of financial obligations. These amendments become effective on April 1, 2022.

The Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee has proposed amendments to Pa. Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure 515. The amendment would clarify that any imposed conditions of probation following an adjudication of delinquency should be enumerated by the court either in the order itself, or by attachment to the dispositional order. Comments to the proposed Rule amendment are due to the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee by February 11, 2022.

Questions regarding these Juvenile Court Procedural Rules amendments and proposed amendments can be directed to either Rick Steele (ricsteele@pa.gov) or Bob Tomassini (rtomassini@pa.gov).

BOB WILLIAMS RETIRES AS CHIEF PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER IN BERKS COUNTY



On January 4, 2022, Robert (Bob) N. Williams retired as Chief Probation and Parole Officer in Berks County following over 40 years of dedicated service to Berks County and Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System.

Bob began his juvenile justice career when he joined the Berks County Juvenile Probation Department in 1981. He initially served as a line juvenile probation officer progressing to intensive/aftercare officer and then intake officer. In 1995, he was promoted to Assistant Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, followed by his appointment to Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in 2005. His career continued to excel and in 2012 Bob was named Acting Chief of the Berks County Adult Probation and Parole Office. This was followed by his formal appointment as Berks County Chief Probation and Parole Officer in February 2013, overseeing both the juvenile and adult probation departments. In 2011, Bob was honored by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year.

Bob was an original, integral, and longstanding member of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) Leadership Team. He is well known for his passionate advocacy for evidence-based practices; always encouraging and educating that juvenile justice professionals can, and must, "do better" for the children, families, and communities we serve. Throughout his tenure on the Leadership Team, Bob led the advancement of behavioral change activities in Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System and was intimately involved in all Stage 3 activities including behavioral health screening through the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument (MAYSI-2), skill building and tools, cognitive behavioral interventions through Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS), responsibility to include trauma screening for youth, evidence-based programming and interventions, service provider alignment through the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™), and graduated responses. Through his dedication, Bob has made Stage 3 of the JJSES obtainable to every juvenile probation department across the Commonwealth. Furthermore, Bob also served as a member to the County Adult Probation and Parole Officer's Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Leadership Team.

Bob was also an enduring and passionate member of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers. He joined the Council's Executive Committee in 2005 and was energetically involved until the day of his retirement. Bob served as Vice President of the Executive Committee from 2012-2015. During his years with the Council, he was engaged in the progressive work of various committees and provided leadership in the roles of Chair of the Ethics Committee and SOGIE Committee, and Co-Chair of the Balanced and Restorative Justice Implementation Committee. A fierce advocate of fundamental fairness, Bob was instrumental with the creation of a chief's council committee focused on reducing racial and ethnic disparities that exist within the juvenile justice system.

Through his direction, the Berks County Juvenile Probation Department has developed a reputation for excellence and serves as a model for other juvenile probation departments. His department was the first in the state to open an Evening Reporting Center and implement a detention assessment instrument to seek

alternatives to secure detention while protecting the community. Furthermore, Bob fulfilled the role of Pennsylvania Coordinator of the Georgetown University, Center for Juvenile Reform's Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project (JJSIP) in 2010. The JJSIP was designed to assist states in improving outcomes for youth involved in juvenile court by translating existing research on evidence-based practices into policy and practice – an approach very consistent with Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy. Pennsylvania has since taken "lessons learned" from Berks County's involvement in the initiative, with an eye toward statewide implementation of best practices.

Bob also received multiple Governor appointments and requisitions throughout his career. In 2008, Governor Rendell appointed Bob to Pennsylvania's Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision. He was invited to testify before the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice in 2010. In 2011, Governor Corbett appointed Bob to serve as a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJJPC) to which he continued to serve until his retirement in 2022. In 2014, he was appointed to the Pennsylvania Joint State Government's Juvenile Act Advisory Committee, and in 2019, Governor Wolf appointed Bob as a member of Pennsylvania's Special Council on Gun Violence.

Locally, Bob was appointed a charter member of the City of Reading Mayor's Youth Violence Coalition in 2009. He served as a member of the Berks Treatment Access & Services Center, Inc. Executive Board from 2013-2014, and was a board member of the Council on Chemical Abuse from 2015 until his retirement.

Bob graduated from West Chester State College in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. In 1980, Bob also received a certificate from the Philadelphia Institute of Paralegal Training in criminal law and earned his master's degree in Public Administration from Kutztown University.

Congratulations Bob, and thank you for your remarkable contributions to Berks County and Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System!

MICHAEL SCHLOSSMAN ACCEPTS POSITION AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND – BALTIMORE



On January 28, 2022, Michael Schlossman ended his tenure with the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) to pursue a position as Lead Research Analyst at the University of Maryland – Baltimore's Institute for Innovation and Implementation. Michael began his employment with JCJC as a Research Analyst in May 2019 after serving as a research-based consultant to the Allegheny County Juvenile Court. Prior to that, he spent several years in academia.

While at JCJC, Michael completed the state's annual recidivism reports, routinely compiled juvenile justice deliverables for external and internal stakeholders, and worked closely with university-based and third-party researchers to provide technical assistance on the best ways to utilize PaJCMS data. He also developed data packets used in annual court service visits, helped design and analyze several statewide surveys, and routinely contributed to the agency's monthly newsletter. Finally, Michael was the lead Research Analyst for JCJC during the COVID-19 pandemic. He worked in conjunction with leadership to track and analyze the impact of the pandemic at both the county and state levels.

Overall, Michael's contributions to Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system have been exceptionally valuable, and he will undoubtedly continue to do great things. We wish Michael all the best!

DR. EDWARD “ED” LATESSA

1954 - 2022



Edward J. Latessa, PhD, passed away at home on January 11, 2022, of pancreatic cancer. Dr. Latessa served on the faculty of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati since 1980, serving as Professor and Director of the School of Criminal Justice. He also directed the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI), whose mission is to research, develop, disseminate, and implement evidence-based practices in corrections. Dr. Latessa published nearly 200 scholarly works in the area of day reporting centers, juvenile justice programs, drug courts, prison programs, intensive supervision programs, halfway houses, and drug programs, including his landmark 2006 publication *“What Works in Reducing Recidivism?”* He also served as an advisor and consultant to correctional agencies and academic programs at all levels of government and internationally in North America, Europe, and Asia. The recipient of numerous awards and commendations from various professional associations, Dr. Latessa was the keynote speaker at the 2012 Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice. An accomplished teacher, researcher, and director of dozens of doctoral dissertations, Dr. Latessa made an indelible mark on academic and professional criminal justice.

See you
in Harrisburg!

SAVE *the* DATE

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**NOVEMBER
2-4, 2022**

2022 James E. Anderson

**PENNSYLVANIA
CONFERENCE
ON JUVENILE JUSTICE**

PACTT AFFILIATES RELEASE OUTCOME REPORTS

The Pennsylvania Academic, Career and Technical Training (PACTT) Alliance is a unique public and private partnership consisting of community-based agencies, residential facilities, and probation programs that are commonly referred to as "Affiliates." Collaboratively, the Affiliates work toward enhancing services to adjudicated youth in the areas of academics, work-related services, and job skills training.

In response to a request by the project's Executive Steering Committee (ESC), the PACTT project revised its database to allow Affiliates to generate agency-specific Public Reports. The ESC's goal for its request was to enhance the ability of the courts to connect youth with appropriate programs, their offerings, and related outcomes.

Affiliate's Public Reports describe the agency's PACTT-related services and include service and outcome information in areas such as core programming, academics, work-related services, and job skills training.

In July 2021, Affiliated agencies started generating Public Reports twice each year in January and July that include youth having been discharged from their care over the previous twelve months. Copies of the Public Reports can be found on the Department of Human Services website by typing "DHS PACTT" in your browser or by clicking on the following link [PACTT](#).

Information about PACTT, a list of Affiliated agencies and a Public Report Handbook developed for the courts can be found at <http://www.pactt-alliance.org/Pages/default.aspx>. Questions related to the Public Reports can be directed to Russell Zemanek at rzemanek@pa.gov or Rebecca Roush at rebroush@pa.gov of PACTT.

TECHNOLOGY CORNER



JCJC Technology User Group

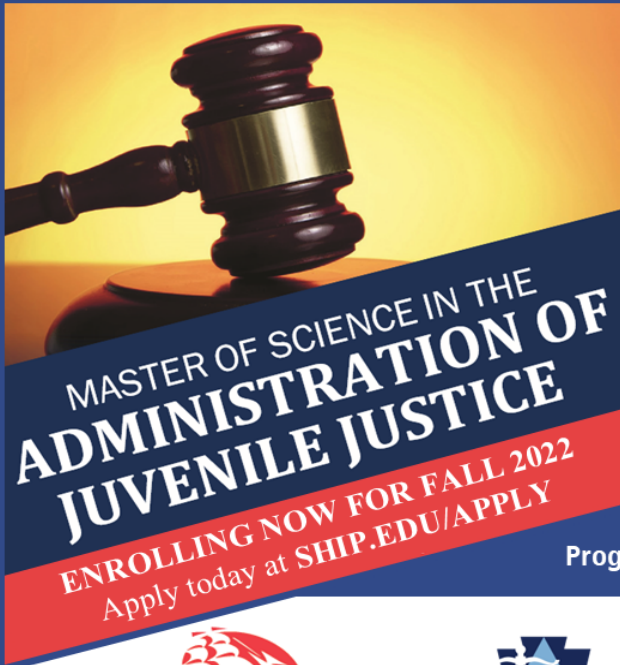
Thursday, February 24, 2022

The Juvenile Courts Judges' Commission (JCJC) is pleased to announce that it will be holding the JCJC Technology User Group meeting via Zoom on Thursday, February 24th. In the past, the Center for Juvenile Justice Training & Research (CJJT&R) routinely held a PaJCMS User Group meeting to cover changes and enhancements to our Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS). We will be expanding the format for this meeting to include all JCJC's technology applications. Some of the topics for this meeting will include PaJCMS, the PaJCMS Improvement Project, Brainier (our new Learning Management System), research, and reports. Registration for the Technology User Group meeting will be through the [Juvenile Events Management System \(JEMS\)](#). A notification will be sent to all counties as soon as registration is open for the meeting in JEMS along with an agenda.

If you have any questions, please contact the PaJCMS help desk at RA-JCJCHELPDESK@pa.gov.

JCJC GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The JCJC Graduate Education Program is now accepting applications for the class of 2024, that will begin classes fall semester 2022. JCJC is planning two virtual open houses for the graduate education program. The first open house will be for county chiefs to come and hear about the program and gain information for their juvenile probation officers that are interested in applying to the program. The second open house will be geared to prospective students who wish to apply to the program. Once the dates for these open houses are finalized, we will make sure to announce it to the counties. Anyone interested in applying or has questions regarding the JCJC Graduate Education Program, please contact Sonya Stokes, Director of Professional Development, systokes@ship.edu.



Key Program Features:

- Nationally recognized program, taught by highly qualified and experienced faculty.
- Free tuition and lodging provided by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.
- A hybrid 33-credit program.
- Summer coursework fully online and 3 face-to-face weekend sessions during the fall and spring semesters.
- A cohort-based program designed to enhance professional networking across the Commonwealth.
- Practical courses designed for juvenile justice professionals with an emphasis on evidence-based practices.

Program Contact: Sonya Stokes at systokes@ship.edu



For program information, visit:

www.jcjc.pa.gov/Program-Areas/Graduate-Education

2022 JCJC AWARDS COMMITTEE

On January 25, 2022, 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 2022 Awards Committee includes Patrick Micco, Chair (Lawrence); Mary Jo Battle (Erie); Jon Frank (Blair); Michele Howard (Allegheny); Kimmy Mulik (Carbon); Justin Popovich (Bradford); Amy Warner (Philadelphia); Abigail Wilson (PA Council of Children Youth and Family Services), Angela Zera (Luzerne), Angel Stewart (JCJC), and Keysla Rodriguez (JCJC).

The committee reviewed the 2021 awards program and discussed changes and improvements for 2022. In preparation for distribution, the committee re-

viewed 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 **"Unfiltered: See me, I am enough."** 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.



Call for Presentations

The 2022 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

November 2 - November 4, 2022

Harrisburg Hilton and Towers

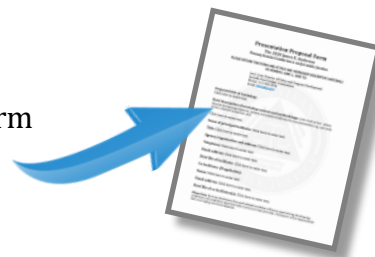
The 2022 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice, sponsored by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Juvenile Court Section of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges will be held November 2-4, 2022 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 3, 2022. 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 8, 2022**, and can be directed to Leo J. Lutz, Director of Policy and Program Development, at lelutz@pa.gov.

Presentation Proposal Form
Click here to download
or visit:



<https://www.icjc.pa.gov/Program-Areas/AnnualConference/Documents/Call%20for%20Presentations%202022.docx>

STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is continuing to develop the spring training schedule. Currently, the following training events are open or will be coming soon for registration in [JEMS](#):

- Victim/Community Awareness Curriculum Training for Facilitators on February 2, 3, and 4, 2022.
- SPEP™ Informed Community (SPEP™ InfoCom) Q1-2022-Booster Training on February 10, 2022.
- Next Generation: Cell Phone, Tablet, and Gaming Systems on February 18, 2022.
- EPICS Training of Trainers (Invite Only) on February 21-25, 2022, and February 28-March 4, 2022.
- Emotional Intelligence for Juvenile Justice Professionals on March 17, 2022.
- Adolescent Mental Health Issues and Intervention Strategies (date to be determined).

Orientation for the New Juvenile Probation Professional will be offered virtually. The program will be delivered through a combination of online curriculum delivery and virtual delivery presentations. The curriculum will be facilitated by several presenters, including JCJC staff, veteran system professionals, and specialized consultants. The Orientation for the New Juvenile Probation Professional will be held the last week in April and the first week in May (specific dates to be determined).

JCJC has released a new online training through Brainier entitled, *Clash of the Generations*. The 10-module course, *Clash of the Generations*, based off the book, *Clash of the Generations: Managing the New Workplace Reality*, explores this new and increasingly common workplace phenomenon, and provides strategies to help managers navigate this ever more complex maze. Traditionally, older workers would retire and make room for the next generation; instead, Baby Boomers are now prolonging their time in the workplace, yet successive generations are still coming in. Senior leaders are now left to manage a blended workplace comprised of up to four generations—each with their own ideas of work ethic, work/life balance, long-term career goals, and much more. This course delivers a host of effective inter-generational management strategies illustrated by real-world companies.

JCJC 's goal is to release at least one new online course a month this year to continue building and growing the online professional development opportunities.

Please contact Sonya Stokes, Director of Professional Development, systokes@ship.edu if you have any questions regarding professional development.

February

- 2-4 Victim/Community Awareness Curriculum Training for Facilitators - Virtual
- 10 SPEP™ Informed Community (SPEP™InfoCom) - Q1 - 2022 - Booster Training - Virtual
- 18 The Next Generation: Management of the Sex Offender in a Digital World - Virtual

March

- 17 Emotional Intelligence for Juvenile Justice Professionals - Virtual

Registration available at www.jcjcjems.pa.gov



NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARDS NEARLY \$444 MILLION TO SUPPORT VIOLENCE INTERVENTION EFFORTS

The Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP) announced awards of nearly \$444 million to support a wide range of violence reduction efforts, including community-based violence intervention and prevention strategies, youth and school violence prevention programs, and school safety research.

Of these awards, OJJDP funding includes:

- Nearly \$15 million under the Comprehensive Youth Violence Prevention and Reduction Program to address youth violence, including gang violence.
- \$7 million under the Strategies to Support Children Exposed to Violence program to provide services for children exposed to violence and implement community violence intervention strategies.
- More than \$900,000 to continue operating the National Gang Center, which provides information, resources, and training and technical assistance on anti-gang initiatives.

RESOURCES:

- Follow OJJDP on Twitter and Facebook.

APPLY NOW TO THE TRANSFORMING JUVENILE PROBATION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR), with support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, is accepting applications for its Transforming Juvenile Probation Certificate Program to be held May 16-20, 2022, in Washington, D.C.

This training is designed to help probation leadership, judges, attorneys, and other stakeholders transform youth probation in their jurisdictions. The program will focus on transforming probation culture and practices, covering the following topics:

- Applying a fairness and equity framework.
- Youth, family, and community partnership and empowerment.
- Diversion and disposition decisions.
- The role of the probation officer.
- Leading transformational change.

Up to five teams will be selected to participate. Applications are due by **February 25, 2022**.

RESOURCES:

- Access the OJJDP Statistical Briefing Book to learn more about juveniles on probation.
- Learn about CJJR’s Certificate Programs.
- Follow OJJDP on Twitter and Facebook.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARDS NEARLY \$141 MILLION TO PROTECT CHILDREN

The Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP) announced awards of nearly \$141 million to protect children and improve the judicial systems’ response to child abuse and neglect cases.

OJJDP and the National Institute of Justice awarded these funds to jurisdictions across the country to provide law enforcement officials, child advocates, and service providers resources to protect children from abuse and sexual exploitation.

Funding will help communities find missing children; develop, enhance, and strengthen investigative and trauma-informed services to assist youth; support research; and provide training and technical assistance to professionals working with these youth.

The grants include:

- More than \$47 million to support missing and exploited children programs and services.
- About \$43 million to help victims of child abuse and provide training and technical assistance to youth-serving professionals.
- Nearly \$36 million to help combat and prevent Internet crimes against children.
- Approximately \$7 million to provide support services for children exposed to violence and implement community violence intervention strategies.
- Nearly \$3 million to provide intervention and supervision services for adolescent sex offenders, children with behavior problems, and treatment services for their victims and families.
- About \$1.5 million to support research to help reduce the trauma of children affected by child pornography investigations.
- Over \$900,000 to support training of child protection professionals.

RESOURCES:

- Follow OJJDP on Twitter and Facebook.

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