



SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2023 JAMES E. ANDERSON PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Morning Plenary



Chad Houser is the Founder, CEO, and Executive Chef at Café Momentum, a nationally recognized nonprofit restaurant and training program that provides a paid internship for justice-involved youth. After 17 years as a chef, Chad sold his partnership of Parigi Restaurant to devote his full attention to the role of Executive Director of Café Momentum in 2012. Since its opening in January 2015, Café Momentum Dallas continues to be recognized as one of the top restaurants in Dallas

while also continuing to expand programming to include mental health services and launching its own high school.

In 2020, Chad co-founded Momentum Advisory Collective, a nonprofit organization built to scale Café Momentum and a new model for youth justice across the country. Momentum Advisory Collective is currently expanding the Café Momentum program into Pittsburgh, Nashville, Atlanta, Denver, Houston, Boston and Baltimore with a goal of launching 30 restaurants and programs in the next 10 years.

In the Dallas community, where he resides, Chad is a member of the El Centro College Food and Hospitality Institute “Hall of Fame” and currently serves on the Dallas College Foundation Board of Directors. In 2017, Chad and Café Momentum were featured in the Starbucks production of *Upstanders Season 2*, a series created to shine a light on stories of everyday Americans who are doing extraordinarily courageous things. In March 2018, Chad was named a CNN Hero. He has also appeared on *The Rachael Ray Show*, *The Chew*, *The Hero Effect*, *Pickler & Ben*, *The Steve Harvey Show* and *Good Morning America*. Additionally,

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Chad has received multiple nominations from *D Magazine* for “Best Up-And-Coming Chef” (2010) and “Best Chef” (2011 and 2012). In 2011, he received the Edible Dallas/Fort Worth “Local Hero – Chef” award. From 2015-2023 Chad was named one of the Best 500 Business Leaders in Dallas by *D Magazine* CEO.

Chad was also selected as *Dallas Business Journal’s* “40 Under 40,” and as one of the United States Junior Chamber’s (Jaycee) 2015 Ten Outstanding Young Americans. He has been named to the “Top 50 Under 40” by the Social Enterprise Alliance, an “Urban Innovator to Watch” by the New Cities Foundation, as one of “30 Most Interesting People in the Metro Area” by the *Dallas Observer*, and one of *Good Magazine’s* “Good 100,” individuals at the cutting edge of creative impact across the globe. In 2021, he was the recipient of the UN Day Global Leadership Award for ‘No Poverty’. In 2022, Chad was awarded the International Association of Culinary Professionals’ Trailblazer Award.

Youth Awards



Lieutenant Thomas “Tom” L. Lenox of the Erie Police Department in Erie, PA, will be the featured speaker at the 2023 Youth Awards Program . Tom will also meet and engage with youth award winners prior to the Youth Awards Program and Dinner.

Tom was born in Johnstown, PA and raised in Pittsburgh, PA before attending Gannon University on a wrestling scholarship and graduating with his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice in 1997. Tom went on to become the Assistant Wrestling Coach for Gannon University from 1997-2002, helping lead the team to many National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) successes. Fueled by his own life experiences, Tom has a passion for working with at-risk youth and was employed as a juvenile probation officer with the Erie County Juvenile Probation Department from 1998-2005. Tom attended Mercyhurst Police Academy in 2004 and was hired by the Erie Police Department in 2005. Throughout his career with the Erie Police Department, Tom has continued to engage at-risk youth and serve his community. His commitment to creating stronger communities and building trusted relationships between citizens and members of law enforcement is exemplified as a member of the Strengthening Police and Community Partners Council. Following a 40-year hiatus, Tom was instrumental in the reinstatement of the Police Athletic League (PAL) in Erie, beginning with just one school and only 35 youth in 2016. That same year, he also facilitated the first PAL Summer Camp at Gannon University. By 2022, the Erie PAL proudly served 14 schools and more than 800 youth. The Erie PAL has continued to expand, now hosting three camps each year, in addition to summer programming at the Erie Boys and Girls Club. Outside of work, Tom is a family man devoted to his wife, Kristen, and their six children.

JUVENILE COURT JUDGES’ COMMISSION UPDATES

COMMISSION OFFICERS RE-APPOINTED

During their July 26, 2023, meeting, the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission voted unanimously to endorse the following slate of officers:

- Chairman: Judge David R. Workman, Lancaster County
- Vice-Chairman: Judge Stephen P.B. Minor, Potter County
- Secretary: Judge Mitchell Shahan, Beaver County

Congratulations to the officers of the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission!

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

KEN PORTER RETIRES AS CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER SCHUYLKILL COUNTY



After over 32 years of service, Ken Porter has retired as the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of the Schuylkill County Juvenile Justice Department on July 21, 2023. Ken began his career in 1991 as a juvenile probation officer in Schuylkill County. During his career, he has served his community as a School-Based Probation Officer, Intensive Drug & Alcohol Coordinator, Supervisor, and in 2010, he was appointed Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. Ken began his tenure as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer at a time when the JJSES Initiative was in its infancy, and he led his department through the early stages and all the challenges that endeavor entailed. He was an active member of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers and was the Chair of the Nominations Committee. Ken worked to establish relationships with local schools and local law enforcement to try and tackle some of their most pressing problems such as truancy.

Ken earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Mansfield University and a Master of Science in Administration of Juvenile Justice from Shippensburg University. Outside of the office, Ken is an Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at Alvernia University. He is a loving husband to his wife Paula, and father to his beloved daughters, Jenna and Alyssa. He is also a grandfather to his grandson, Luka. Those close to Ken know that he is a very caring and generous person. Best wishes on a happy retirement Ken!

WELCOME CHIEF BERNARD SMITH - BEDFORD COUNTY

Bernard Smith was appointed as Chief Probation Officer in Bedford County in July 2023. Bernard fulfills this role for both the adult and juvenile probation departments. Bernard was employed at state Youth Development Centers during the first five years of his career. He then transitioned employment to Pennsylvania State Parole where he held the titles of Agent and Supervisor. Bernard served 22 years with the agency and retired in July 2023.

Bernard's well-rounded experiences with the Pennsylvania State Parole include being a regional Field Tactical Trainer for de-escalation, defensive tactics, and firearms. He also participated in the agency's FAST team as a part of the Mashal's Fugitive Task Force. He played an integral role training the western region of the state as a Regional Trainer for defensive tactics, force science, ASP baton, pepper spray, taser, and firearms. Bernard earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Youngstown State University. Bernard is eager to continue as a leader in the juvenile justice system in his new role with Bedford County.

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BEAVER COUNTY'S 2023 ANNUAL COUNTY CAMP BANQUET AND HORSE SHOW

"GIFTS AND GOALS, A VISION FOR YOUR FUTURE"

On August 26, 2023, Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch (RYYR), a community-based program, along with Beaver County Juvenile Services and Children and Youth Services, celebrated the accomplishments of 17 youth at their annual banquet. In attendance, along with the youth and their families, were the Honorable Mitchell P. Shaheen, Administrative Juvenile Court Judge and Secretary of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, and the Honorable Deborah Lancos DeCostro, Juvenile Court Judge, Juvenile Services Administration, as well as Beaver County Commissioner Jack Manning, and local police officers. The youth are referred to the RYYR and are matched up with their own horse along with a mentor and volunteers. The rescued horses, like the youth, have faced adversities. The overall aim of their program is to love and encourage youth, which in turn will foster hope and joy. The components of the program include chores, working with the horses, fishing, crafts, woodwork, and play. The program is focused on the whole



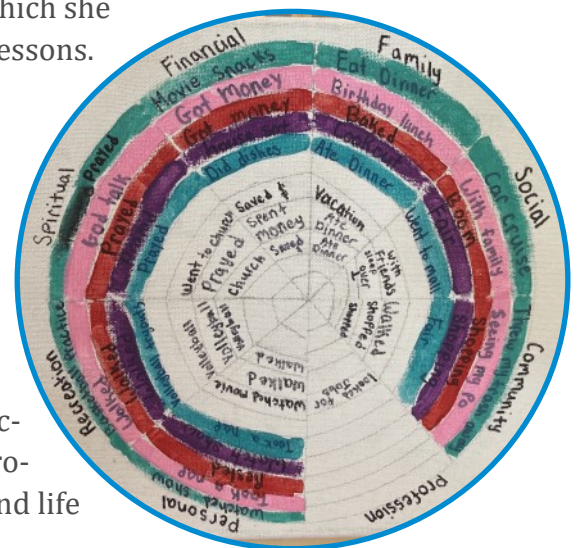
Pictured from left to right: Charles Rossi, Assistant Director of Beaver County Juvenile Services; Hon. Mitchell P. Shaheen; Colleen Tittiger, Director of Beaver County Juvenile Services; and Hon. Deborah Lancos DeCostro



family. The RYYR gives the youth and their parents/guardians a place to spend time together away from their busy lives. Juvenile Probation Officer/Community Liaison, Debbie Landsbaugh, was the emcee for the Awards Ceremony, where the youth received awards for such attributes as Desire to Learn and Leadership. The guest speaker was a woman who was on probation 20 years ago and she spoke about her trials and tribulations, which she called life lessons. She shared with the youth and their families how she turned these life lessons into life goals. The youth were able to display and share their Goal Circles. The goals included Family, Social, Community Profession, Personal, Recreation, Spiritual, and Financial. The youth also showed their riding abilities with a horse show. The horse show emcee was Micheline Barkley, Co-Founder and Owner of RYYR. She shared the experiences of the youth and their horse as they performed. This program provides participants with gifts of relationships, goals for the future, and life skills.

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DR. MEGHAN OGLE PRESENTS AT STONELEIGH FOUNDATION EVENT

On July 13, 2023, the Stoneleigh Foundation hosted their 2023 Emerging Leader Final Presentation and Celebration Event in Philadelphia. During this event, five Stoneleigh Foundation Emerging Leaders shared the goals, results, and impact of their Fellowships on the broader field and their careers.



Included with these presentations was Dr. Meghan Ogle, who presented her project titled, “Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Pennsylvania’s Youth Justice System”. Through the Emerging Leader Fellowship, Dr. Ogle worked with the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) at Georgetown University’s McCourt School of Public Policy to evaluate system reform efforts in Pennsylvania aimed at advancing racial justice and equity in the youth legal system.



Specifically, Dr. Ogle designed and led an evaluation of the Capstone Projects implemented by Pennsylvania counties participating in CJJR’s Advancing Racial Justice and Equity in Youth Legal Systems Certificate Program, a program CJJR is operating in Pennsylvania in partnership with the Center for Children’s Law and Policy and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

Congratulations Dr. Ogle!

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HOTEL INFORMATION

At the **Hilton Harrisburg**, the room block will close on 10/13/2023. Rooms are available on a first-come basis. You may visit the customized link to book online, [2023 JCJC Annual Conference Room Block](#), or call 717-233-6000 and identify yourself with the Conference using **Group Code: JCJC23**. The hotel will confirm your reservation.

At the **Crowne Hotel**, the room block will close on 10/11/2023. Rooms are available on a first-come basis. You may visit the customized link to book online, [2023 JCJC Annual Conference Room Block](#), or call 717-234-5021 and identify yourself with the Conference using **GROUP CODE: CAL** in the JCJC Call-In Block. The hotel will confirm your reservation.

For general conference information, please contact us at ra-jcjcevents@pa.gov.

2022 JJSES IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY RESULTS

Continuing a multi-part newsletter series, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is pleased to demonstrate the progress of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) in Pennsylvania with the Youth Level of Service™ (YLS) and Case Planning infographics. The YLS and Case Planning are integral components of Stage Two of the JJSES.

The YLS is a valid and reliable risk instrument that assesses risk for recidivism by measuring 42 risk/need factors within eight domains, in addition to responsivity considerations. The YLS has been put into daily practice with all juvenile probation departments across the Commonwealth currently active and engaged in implementation and sustainability efforts. According to the [2022 JJSES Implementation Report](#), most departments have successfully implemented the YLS and have a written policy, trained staff, as well as robust quality assurance practices.

Case planning links assessments, such as the YLS, with services aimed to improve youth's competencies and reduce recidivism. Comprehensive case plans focus on reducing risk factors that, according to assessments, have the greatest impact on recidivism. Beginning in 2009, a small number of juvenile probation departments throughout the state began using YLS-informed case plans, designed to specifically meet the individual risk and needs of each juvenile based on the results of the YLS. According to the 2022 JJSES Implementation Survey, 64 juvenile probation departments are now actively engaged in case plan activities, of which 84% develop YLS-informed case plans in the majority of cases.

The JCJC, Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers (PCCJPO), and Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) continue to support the sustainability of JJSES activities over time. Similar to other JJSES activities, the state has provided ongoing training and support to develop a group of professionals that function as subject matter experts on the YLS and Case Planning. YLS Master Trainers and Case Plan Coordinators/Coaches are in turn available for training, technical assistance, peer support and mentoring, and have an important role in the state's continuous quality improvement (CQI) efforts. The 2022 JJSES Implementation Survey results indicate there are more than 200 YLS Master Trainers throughout the Commonwealth and 85% of departments received a YLS booster training from a YLS Master Trainer during the previous year. Additionally, there were at least 147 Case Plan Coordinators/Coaches throughout Pennsylvania in 2022.

A YLS Master Trainer Certification training is scheduled to take place September 11-12, 2023, at the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center in Mechanicsburg, PA. Following the training, participants will be certified to train probation staff in the use of the YLS and will be further 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 respective departments. Additionally, two YLS Master Trainer Recertification events are scheduled to take place this fall. The first is scheduled for September 27, 2023, at the Ramada Conference and Golf Hotel in State College, PA, and the second will take place on October 18, 2023, at the Courtyard by Marriott-Greensburg in Greensburg, PA. The YLS Master Trainer Recertification events provide the opportunity for current YLS Master Trainers in all counties to obtain their recertification as a YLS Master Trainer. The events will focus on the role of the YLS Master Trainer in the oversight of the risk assessment process in their jurisdiction. Specific topics will include policy development and review, responsivity, quality assurance, the effective communication of assessment results, and the use of the YLS results to guide disposition recommendations and develop quality case plans. Counties interested in these training opportunities can register for the events in the [JCJC Event Management System \(JEMS\)](#).

JJSES STAGE TWO: YOUTH LEVEL OF SERVICE™ (YLS)

2022



67

DEPARTMENTS
ACTIVELY
ENGAGED
IN YLS ACTIVITIES

84%

HAVE STAFF/UNITS RESPONSIBLE FOR YLS
TRAINING AND QUALITY
ASSURANCE

224

YLS MASTER
TRAINERS
STATEWIDE

97%

HAVE THE MAJORITY OF
STAFF TRAINED ON THE YLS

YLS ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED

17,766

2.8%

YLS OVERRIDE RATE

DEPARTMENTS HAVE A YLS SERVICE MATRIX

54

YLS RISK LEVEL DISTRIBUTION**

58% LOW

36% MODERATE

6% HIGH

1% VERY HIGH

RECEIVED BOOSTER TRAININGS LAST YEAR

85%

DEPARTMENTS PLANNING YLS ACTIVITIES FOR FY2022-2023

42

HAVE A WRITTEN POLICY ACTIVELY IN PLACE THAT INCORPORATES THE YLS

94%

*N=67 DEPARTMENTS
FOR ALL PERCENTAGES

**BASED ON INITIAL
ASSESSMENTS ONLY



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JJSES STAGE TWO: CASE PLANNING 2022

147 CASE PLAN
COORDINATORS
STATEWIDE

64
DEPARTMENTS
ACTIVELY ENGAGED
IN CASE PLANNING ACTIVITIES

91%

HAVE THE MAJORITY OF
STAFF TRAINED
ON CASE PLANNING

84%

HAVE STAFF/UNITS RESPONSIBLE FOR CASE PLAN
TRAINING AND
QUALITY ASSURANCE

DEPARTMENTS PLANNING
CASE PLANNING ACTIVITIES
FOR FY2022-2023

39

89%

HAVE A **WRITTEN POLICY**
ACTIVELY IN PLACE THAT
INCORPORATES CASE PLANNING

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PENNSYLVANIA'S 2022 JUVENILE COURT ANNUAL REPORT

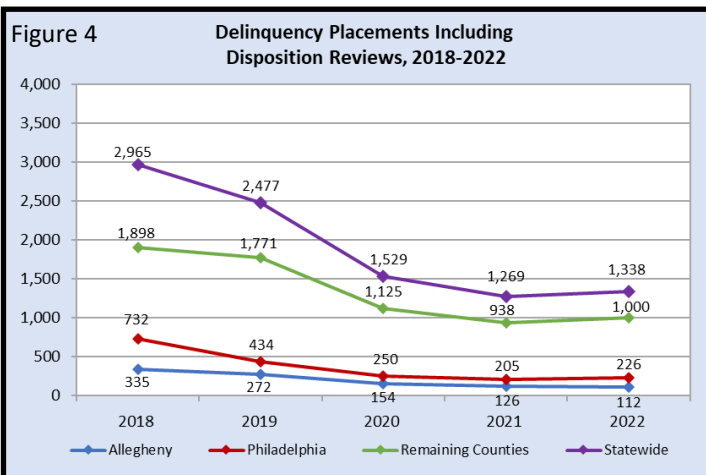
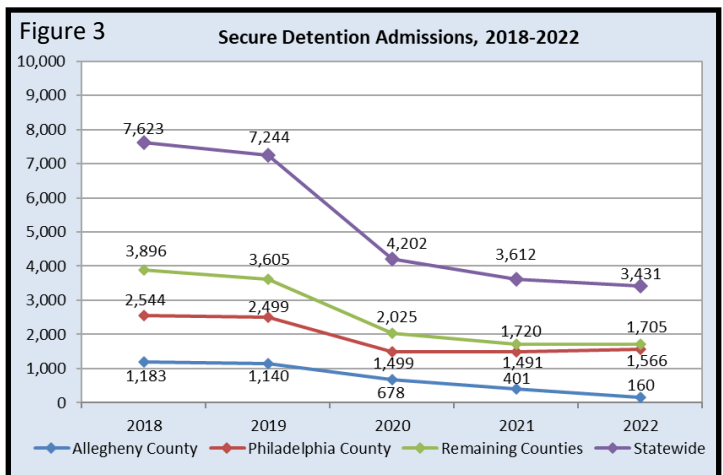
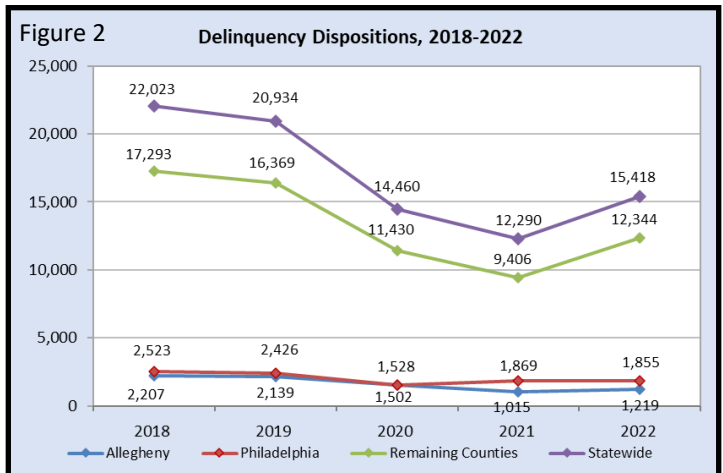
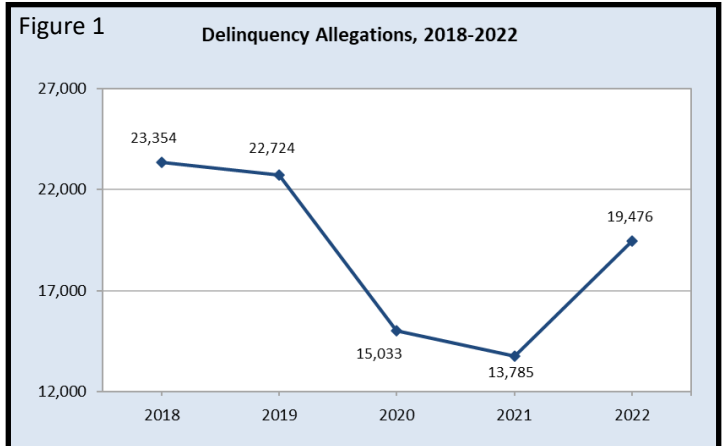
Allegations, Dispositions, Secure Detention, and Placements

There were 19,476 delinquency-related allegations in Pennsylvania during 2022. This total represents a 41.3% increase from 2021 to 2022, and a 16.6% decrease from 2018 to 2022 (see Figure 1).

There were 15,418 delinquency dispositions in Pennsylvania during 2022. This total represents a 25.5% increase from 2021, but still remains below pre-COVID figures (see Figure 2). Overall, there was a 30.0% decrease in delinquency dispositions from 2018 to 2022. Allegheny County reported an increase of 20.1% from 2021 to 2022, and Philadelphia County reported a 0.7% decrease for this time period.

Detention admissions have declined 55.0% statewide since 2018 and 5.0% from 2021 to 2022 (see Figure 3). Allegheny County detention admissions decreased by 60.1% from 2021 to 2022, and Philadelphia County admissions increased by 5.0% during the same time period.

Between 2018 and 2022, delinquency placements declined 54.9% statewide (see Figure 4). Philadelphia County's placement dispositions decreased 69.1% since 2018, Allegheny County's placement dispositions decreased 66.6%, and the Remaining Counties' placement dispositions decreased 47.3%. Delinquency placements declined each year between 2018 and 2021 before increasing 5.4% between 2021 and 2022. Even with this slight increase, placement dispositions are still well-below pre-COVID levels. There were 1,627 fewer placement dispositions in 2022 compared to 2018.



County-specific data on delinquency allegations, delinquency dispositions, secure detention admissions, and delinquency placements can be found in the appendices of Pennsylvania's 2022 Juvenile Court Annual Report at: <https://www.jcjc.pa.gov/Research-Statistics/Disposition-Reports/2022-Juvenile-Court-Annual-Report.pdf>.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

September

- 6 Addiction 101 - State College
- 11-12 YLS Master Trainer Certification - Mechanicsburg
- 12 MAYSI-2 101 - Virtual
- 14 Organizational Leadership Development for Criminal Justice Professionals - State College
- 21 Graduated Responses (GR) Coordinator Group - Virtual
- 27 YLS Master Trainer Recertification - State College

Registration available at www.jcjcjems.pa.gov

October

- 2-6 Orientation for the New Juvenile Probation Professional - A Blended Learning Course - Camp Hill
- 16-18 EPICS End User Training - State College
- 17 SPEP™ Combine (Level 1 and InfoCom Collaboration) - Virtual
- 18 YLS Master Trainer Recertification - Greensburg
- 24 MAYSI-2 & CTS Coordinator Meeting - Virtual

November

- 9 Graduated Responses (GR) Peer Mentoring - Virtual
- 15 Case Planning 101 Training for Coordinators: A Foundational Training Curriculum for Implementation in Your County Department - State College

DR. CARLOS ROJAS-GAONA RECEIVES SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY AWARD FOR INNOVATIVE COURSE IN THE JCJC-SPONSORED GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM



On August 23, 2023, Dr. Carlos Rojas-Gaona, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Shippensburg University and instructor in the JCJC-sponsored Graduate Education Program, was presented with the Teaching Innovations in Pedagogy and Scholarship (TIPS) Award cosponsored by the University's Provost Office and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. The purpose of the TIPS Award is to recognize innovative and authentic learning experiences created by faculty. The award showcases the strength of the University's commitment to responsive teaching, student-centeredness, and student-supported learning. Dr. Rojas-Gaona

was recognized for AJJ 505: Quantitative Analysis, a course in the JCJC-sponsored Graduate Education Program. To design a comprehensive course that incorporates highly effective teaching practices for juvenile probation officers, Dr. Rojas-Gaona completed Quality Matters certification and incorporated a variety of communication and student success practices within the course structure. To support students as they complete assessments asynchronously, he developed a 47-page Q&A guide with detailed responses and examples to answer questions by topic related to theory and procedures in quantitative analyses and to address the natural anxiety that students experience while learning to analyze and interpret statistical results. Namely, Dr. Rojas-Gaona has created a resource library of tutorials and videos that are archived and updated as part of his YouTube Channel specifically designed for this course. Using direct instruction within a video format and offered in an asynchronous manner, students are able to view repeatedly the course content to improve their understanding and strengthen their skills, especially using the statistical software SPSS. Also, because students are typically new to the quantitative software and statistical analysis, Dr. Rojas-Gaona allows students to learn how to conduct evidence-based research and evaluate the effectiveness of juvenile justice programs while also providing them with learning tools that scaffold their pace of learning. Dr. Rojas-Gaona was recognized as a TIPS Award recipient for this comprehensive student-centered course design within a hybrid format and as part of developing knowledge and skills within a professional workforce community.

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Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Position Announcement

Research Analyst

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission is currently accepting applicants for the position of Research Analyst. The position is a grant-funded Shippensburg University Foundation position and will be based in the Administrative Office of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission in Harrisburg, PA. This position works directly under the Director of Research and Analytics to provide advanced data analysis and support for the development and implementation of juvenile justice policy and practice. This position is responsible for working extensively with large administrative datasets and administrative performance measures. This position also entails frequent writing assignments and the regular use of statistical and business analytic software.

The ideal candidate will have a minimum of a master's degree within the social science field with at least two years of direct statistical and quantitative data analysis experience, preferably working with large administrative datasets, and will be proficient in at least one statistical program. Individuals with a bachelor's degree and the relevant experience may be considered. The annual salary will be commensurate with the candidate's education, work experience, and qualifications. A comprehensive benefits package is also included.

Candidates shall submit a cover letter and resume to c-jufowler@pa.gov or:

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Harrisburg, PA 17106-2425

Applications must be received by September 29, 2023, for consideration.

Questions about the position should be directed to Justine Fowler at c-jufowler@pa.gov.

Application Deadline: September 29, 2023



TECHNOLOGY CORNER

You may have received previous contacts from the staff at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research (CJJT&R) regarding our ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of data stored within the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS). We deeply value your support in ensuring that our database remains accurate and reliable. The data you provide is instrumental in the research projects published by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) and external studies. Your contributions place Pennsylvania at the forefront of juvenile justice initiatives nationwide.

Timely and accurate data entry allows us to accurately complete projects like our Recidivism Report, available at <https://www.jcjc.pa.gov/Research-Statistics/Pages/Recidivism.aspx>. By entering a juvenile's close date correctly and in a timely manner, we are able to use that to "start the clock" for recidivism calculations.

Our commitment to refining the quality of our data comes from our desire to better serve you and to provide more insightful information to our internal and external stakeholders. A comprehensive dataset in PaJCMS enables us to show how successful juveniles are that go through Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system.

Thank you for your continued partnership in our pursuit of improving juvenile justice in Pennsylvania. We genuinely appreciate the time and effort you dedicate to assist us in making these necessary updates. If you have any inquiries or require clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to the JCJC Help Desk at RA-JCICHELPDESK@pa.gov.



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Courting Judicial Excellence: A Juvenile Justice Judicial Training Institute

September 24-28, 2023

Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque, New Mexico
No Registration Fee

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Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.**

For more information, please visit:

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Registration Now Open!

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The first annual victim regional forums are being held in an effort to provide more localized training and networking for those who are serving the needs of victims in the Juvenile Justice System.

2 Hours of credits to go towards RASA/VOJO training requirement

Itinerary

10:00 am-12:00 pm: Presentation on restorative practices for victims of Juvenile crime

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: Lunch on your own

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Networking and Wrap up



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Diane Weaver-Thomas

Restorative Practices Advocate



Western Regional: September 20, 2023

At Center for Victims Pittsburgh Office --> 3433 East Carson Street, Pittsburgh PA 15203



Eastern Region: September 27, 2023

At Berks County Services Center --> 633 Court Street, Reading PA 19601



Central Region: October 4, 2023

At Child Welfare Resource Center --> State College Training Room, 274 W. Hamilton Avenue, State College, PA 16801

Victim Services Committee Chair
Angela Mackley, Deputy Chief
Franklin County Juvenile Probation
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Please consider attending this event to unify and support those who offer their services to victims daily!



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS PLANNING SYMPOSIUM

Implementing SAMHSA's Vision for 988 & Beyond

2023

As partners work to implement SAMHSA's National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care, this symposium will highlight best-practice crisis modalities operating in other states.

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 14
830 AM - 430 PM

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Register Today!

Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) is excited to announce the 2023 Behavioral Health Crisis Planning Symposium in partnership with Temple University Harrisburg. The mandate to meet the needs of individuals impacted by behavioral health conditions in their communities with recovery-focused services and support remains a high priority at all levels of government. A critical strategy for serving individuals in community-based settings is ensuring every person has access to a full continuum of crisis services. As partners across the Commonwealth, at all levels and branches of government, work together to implement SAMHSA's National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care, this symposium will highlight best-practice crisis modalities operating in other states.

The event will provide an overview of SAMHSA's vision of an accessible crisis continuum while allowing attendees to gain operational knowledge from professionals delivering modernized 24/7 crisis services in other states. This event will be incredibly impactful for the necessary core partners to advance the crisis system transformation in the Commonwealth, including county leaders, service providers, hospital ED directors, 988/911 call takers, advocates, lawmakers, behavioral health professionals, academic leaders, law enforcement officers, and public safety leaders.

To register: <https://noncredit.temple.edu/portal/events/reg/participantTypeSelection.do?method=load&entityId=134633158>

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Dr. Margie Balfour

Chief of Quality & Clinical
Innovation at Connections
Health Solutions

Sgt. Jason Winsky

Sergeant of the Mental Health
Support Team at the Tucson,
Arizona, Police Department

Steve Miccio

CEO
of
People USA

Paul Galdys

Deputy CEO
of
RI International



NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OJJDP NEWS @ A GLANCE, JULY/AUGUST 2023

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of *OJJDP News @ a Glance*, July/August 2023.

This issue's [Message from the Administrator](#) focuses on the heightened risk formerly detained youth face from gun violence. The top story highlights Administrator Ryan's site visit to a youth detention facility in North Carolina to learn about an OJJDP-supported reentry program. Youth Voices chronicles the life of a young woman who has learned to advocate for herself and other justice-involved youth. Additional stories feature OJJDP programs dedicated to the unique needs of girls and a project allowing incarcerated parents at four Pennsylvania correctional facilities to share virtual reality "adventures" with their children.

Other features in this issue—

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RESOURCES:

- *OJJDP News @ a Glance*, July/August 2023 (NCJ 306996) is available [online](#).
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BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS RELEASES REPORT ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE IN JUVENILE FACILITIES

The [Bureau of Justice Statistics](#) has released [Drug and Alcohol Use Reported by Youth in Juvenile Facilities, 2008–2018 – Statistical Tables](#).

This report describes patterns of drug and alcohol use among youth in juvenile facilities before they entered custody. It also provides findings on substance and alcohol use disorder among youth by their demographic and offense characteristics.

Key findings include:

- An estimated 84 percent of youth in juvenile facilities reported ever using drugs and 76 percent reported ever using alcohol, according to data collected in 2008–09, 2012, and 2018.
- More youth in juvenile facilities reported never using drugs or alcohol in their lifetime in 2018 (15 percent) than in 2008–09 (9 percent).
- From 2008 to 2018, more than half of youth (60 percent) met the criteria for substance use disorder and more than a third (36 percent) for alcohol use disorder.

RESOURCES:

- Visit OJJDP's [Model Programs Guide](#) for information about evidence-based juvenile justice and youth prevention, intervention, and substance abuse prevention programs.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

DATA SNAPSHOT SHOWS RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN DELINQUENCY CASES

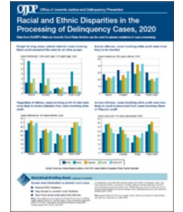
OJJDP has updated its [Statistical Briefing Book](#) with a new [Data Snapshot](#) on racial and ethnic disparities in the processing of delinquency cases.

The data show that referral rates for cases involving Black youth in 2020 exceeded the rates for all other groups, except for drug cases. Regardless of offense, cases involving youth of color were more likely to involve detention than cases involving white youth. Across offenses, cases involving white youth were less likely to result in placement than cases involving Black or Hispanic youth.

Developed for OJJDP by the [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#), the research division of the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), the Statistical Briefing Book offers easy online access to statistics on a variety of juvenile justice topics.

RESOURCES:

- View the OJJDP [literature review](#) on racial and ethnic disparity in juvenile justice processing.
- Learn about the OJJDP-sponsored [National Juvenile Court Data Archive](#).
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).



DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE AND EDUCATION ADDRESS PELL GRANTS FOR INCARCERATED STUDENTS IN OP-ED

In a new [opinion editorial](#), Amy Solomon, Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, and Dr. Amy Loyd, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education at the Department of Education, discuss the reinstatement of federal [Pell Grants](#) for incarcerated students, making them eligible to receive college financial aid.

In their op-ed, Assistant Attorney General Solomon and Assistant Secretary Loyd commend the Pell Grant reinstatement and highlight the benefits of postsecondary education for incarcerated students, including finding jobs upon release, earning higher wages, supporting families and communities, and lower recidivism rates. They call on higher learning institutions and prison administrators to partner to create prison education programs.

"The reinstatement of federal Pell Grants is a game-changer, not just for people who are incarcerated, but for their families, our communities, our economy, and our country as a whole," write Solomon and Loyd.

RESOURCES:

- View and download OJJDP's [guide](#) to juvenile reentry.
- View OJJDP's [Juvenile Reentry Programs I-Guide](#).
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