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New VJJA Board Takes Office

On January 1, 2010, a new Board of Directors for the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association took office. With all candidates running unopposed, Beth Mohler Stinnett was elected President, Ronald Telsch, Vice President, Amanda Moseley, Secretary, and Thomas Keating, Treasurer. Robert Bermingham, Immediate Past President, will complete the state leadership team.

Beth Stinnett begins her third term as VJJA President. When first elected in January 2006, Ms. Stinnett became the association's 16th president and only the second woman to lead the association in its more than 40 year history. Under her leadership the association has grown to include members from nearly every workplace in the Commonwealth that works with or on behalf of system-involved children and the Fall Institute has evolved to an event featuring an expanded format and nationally recognized speakers. Ms. Stinnett has been employed in the criminal and juvenile justice fields for 17 years. She currently works for the Department of Juvenile Justice's Division of Community Programs. In that role she is involved with statewide practice improvement initiatives, including the management of Virginia's involvement in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). Ms. Stinnett holds a master's degree in Criminal Justice Management. She and her husband, Dave and their chocolate Labrador, Yaz, make their home in Glen Allen.

Ronald (Ron) Telsch begins his second term as Vice President, having served previously as the association's Secretary. He writes a regular column, *Just Us*, in the association's quarterly newsletter, *The Advocate*. Mr. Telsch brings a wealth of experience to the Board having worked for more than 30 years in the Virginia Departments of Welfare and Institutions, Corrections, and Juvenile Justice. He is employed as a Probation Supervisor for the Lexington, Covington, and Fincastle branch offices of the 25th Court Service Unit. Previously he served as an Assistant Superintendent at the Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center. Since attending the White House Conference on Children in 1970, Mr. Telsch has been an active advocate for children and serves as the association's Co-Director of Child Advocacy. Mr. Telsch holds a Bachelor's degree from West Virginia University and a Master's degree from the University of Georgia. He lives in Rockbridge County with his wife Robin, the Clinical Director of Liberty Point Behavioral Healthcare.



Stinnett



Telsch



Moseley



Keating

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MEGAN HALL

*Regional Director
Fredericksburg & Surrounding Area
Family Preservation Services*

13 Years in Human Services

Previous Positions Held:
Crisis Counselor, St. Joseph's Villa
Family Life Counselor, St. Joseph's

First Job:
Domino's - 10 Years!

Hometown:
Mechanicsville, VA

Northern District VJJA
Member for 7 years

Lee Davis High School
BS, Bridgewater College
MEd, Virginia Tech

Licensed Professional Counselor
(LPC) for 7 Years

Certified Sex Offender Treatment
Provider (CSOTP) for 4 Years

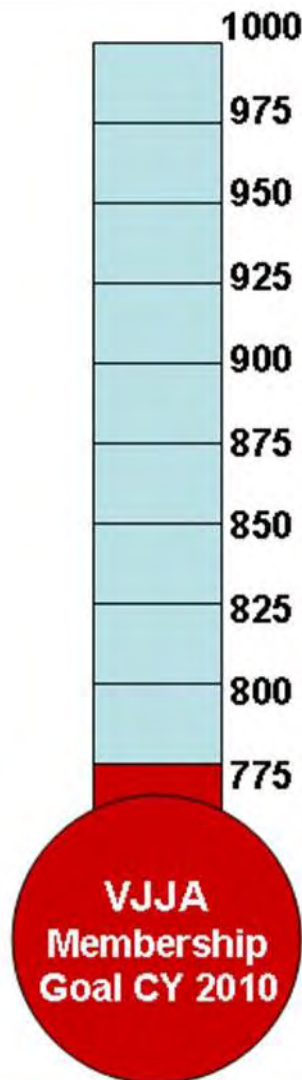
Reason for Entering The Field:
To impact children and their families
in making positive change for the
stability of their future.

Career Mentors:
Linda Saltonstall, Jim Patton
Rick Smith, Peter Barnett
Andi Carter, Dr. Betty Etzler

Other:
Loves of my life ... my children
(Skylar and Brayden), my husband
(Jason), my Dachshund
(Frank Dog), and dancing!!

Member Profiles

We want to get to know you better. Send your own profile or suggest a colleague. Include: Name, Photo, E-mail, Phone, Agency/Company, Previous Positions Held, # Years in Juvenile Justice Field, Education, Reason for Entering Field, Accomplishments, Awards/Honors Received, Favorite Part of Job, and any other interesting facts you want to share.



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and membership questions to:

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BOB CALLAHAN

*Probation Officer
2nd District CSU
Virginia Beach*

12 Yrs with DJJ
14 Yrs Following the
Wilderness Adventure Dream
(owner: Encompass
Adventure Programs)
3 Years Back with DJJ

Previous Positions Held:
Physical Director, Boys & Girls Clubs
Consultant Nationwide & Overseas
(experiential / adventure programs)
Trained First Aid & Rescue at
Mt. Kilimanjaro (after he climbed it!)
Safety Auditor, Outward Bound USA
& Nat. Outdoor Leadership School

1979 VJOA Meritorious Award
Winner in Area of Probation

Tidewater District VJJA Member

Kellam High School, VA Beach
Ferrum College
Old Dominion University
Campbell University

Hometown:
Virginia Beach

First Job:
USMC

Became a Grandparent on 8/24/08
Twins: Miles & Miriam

Other:
If I could wish for juvenile justice, I
would wish for more experiential pro-
grams...true Outward Bound stuff! I
have old kids today in their late 30's
still saying "what an experience!"

Wanted: Editor, Graphic Designer, Web Liaison, Section Leaders, Writers/Contributors, Researchers

The Advocate is currently recruiting for the following volunteer positions:

Managing Editor

Copy Editor

Web Liaison

Section Leader(s)

Graphic Designer

Staff Writer

Book Reviewer(s)

Section Leaders are needed to research and compile each of the following sections:

Colleagues in the Spotlight

Programs in the Spotlight

Juvenile Justice in the News

Employment Opportunities

Funding Opportunities

Publications / Resources

Each of these positions offers the opportunity for professional growth and increased involvement in the association.

Direct questions to VJJA President Beth Stinnett at president@vjja.org.

Interested applicants should send resume and e-mail of interest to: advocateeditor@vjja.org.

33rd Fall Juvenile Justice Institute

Exhibitor Best in Show



About the Association

"Since 1966 - Bringing together, educating, and influencing the professionals who touch the lives of court-involved children for more than 40 years"

Founded in 1966, the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association is a professional membership organization comprised of juvenile justice professionals from nearly every work place in the Commonwealth that works with or on behalf of system-involved children. Our members represent court services, central and regional administration,



indigent defense, the judiciary, secure detention, juvenile correctional centers, halfway houses, group homes, private providers and consultants and advocacy groups. The organization is administered by an elected board of directors and is committed to advancing the professional interests and competencies of its members.

33rd Fall Juvenile Justice Institute

Evolving From Learning What Works to DOING What Works

The 33rd Fall Juvenile Justice Institute was held at the Hampton Holiday Inn and Convention Center on November 4-5, 2009. More than 200 participants, exhibitors and speakers participated in the two day event. The group assembled represented court services, the judiciary, secure detention, corrections, social services, mental health, education, and more.

The conference was opened by VJJA President Beth Stinnett who told the audience, "It is an exciting time to be employed in the juvenile justice field. Our field has been evolving and following many years of research, there is now a science to guide our practice. We no longer must guess at what strategies and interventions will be most effective,



but rather we can be guided by the Principles of Effective Intervention that have emerged from the "What Works" literature. In recognition that workplaces across the Commonwealth have already begun adopting and embracing those evidence-based principles, the conference planning committee and the VJJA Board of Directors is pleased to present *Evolving from Learning*

What Works to Doing What Works".

President Stinnett's remarks were followed by a welcome from DJJ Director Barry Green. Other plenary session speakers included Shay Bilchik, Dr. Jeffrey Butts, Dr. Dale Henry and Patrick Slifka.

There were nearly 50 Exhibitors in attendance including Diamond Level Partner, Family Preservation Services, and *Exhibitor Best in Show*, Jefferson Trail..

In addition formal learning opportunities, companion events were designed to recognize excellence, foster networking and stimulate peer-to-peer learning.

Special guests in attendance included four retired board

VJJA Fall Institute Diamond Level Partner FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES



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33rd Fall Juvenile Justice Institute

Evolving From Learning What Works to DOING What Works

The Ebb and Flow of Juvenile Justice in America

SHAY BILCHIK

Over the past 20 years we have seen extreme changes in the philosophical underpinnings of the juvenile justice systems across the country. This swing of the pendu-



lum is not new to us, but in the past we made our case for a more appropriate, proportionate and consistent response to juvenile offending without the strong research that now exists in support of this position. Our Keynote Speaker, Shay Bilchik, addressed our ability to use this research to create and sustain a more effective response to juvenile crime, and the policy, practice and leadership implications related to these efforts. He explored these issues from both a developmental and multi-system perspective, focusing on the use of data, the reengineering of how we structure our work, and the need to partner in the development of family and community resources in reducing recidivism and achieving better outcomes for system involved youth.

Positive Youth Development: Using Protective Factors to Buffer Risk

DR JEFFREY BUTTS

The concepts of positive youth development (PYD) could be effective as a general theory of habilitation and rehabilitation for young offenders. Other treatments and approaches will continue to be necessary as a supplemental response to particular subsets of youth in the justice system. Violent youth, for example, will always prompt a strong response from law enforcement and corrections, even though punishment and deterrence cannot help youth to succeed at school and work. Drug dependent youth need high-quality treatment, but drug treatment programs cannot prepare youth to meet every future of challenge. All justice-involved youth, even those who require some form of specialized treatment, need basic services, supports and opportunities if they are to avoid future criminality and learn to lead positive and productive lives. A PYD framework could help youth justice systems to fashion such basic services, supports and opportunities in a way that focuses on protective factors as well as risk factors and strengths as well as problems.



Responsivity: A Change in Communication Style Can Produce Better Outcomes

PATRICK SLIFKA

The use of evidence-based practices (EBP) in juvenile justice hold the promise for improved outcomes. The use of the risk, needs



and responsivity principles are widely cited as among the core EBPs in our field. Responsivity refers to matching intervention strategies and communication styles with the individual characteristics of the offender. Motivational Interviewing is a communication style that enhances responsivity and can be used in gathering information, developing case plans, and ongoing case management and behavior change.

These Members Shared Significant Time and Talent:

Tina Casper, Tracey Chiles, Toni Craig, Katherine Farmer, Susan Farmer, Paul Greggs, Samantha Higgins, Amanda Moseley, Beth Stinnett, and Lewis Wright

Colleagues and in the Spotlight

J. Patrick Slifka, Capital District Member, recently completed a motivational interviewing course delivered by Dr. Stephen Rollnick. Patrick has provided training to numerous VJJA sponsored training events, most recently delivering a plenary address during the association's 33rd Fall Juvenile Justice Institute. Patrick is the Director of Training for the National Counseling Group (NCG).



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Chuck Kehoe, Capital District Member, was promoted to Director of the City of Richmond's Department of Justice Services. He previously served as the Superintendent of the Richmond Juvenile Detention Home. Prior to that time he was employed by Group 4 Securicor. He is best known for serving as Director of the Department of Youth & Family Services and as President of the American Correctional Association.

A career public servant, **Mike Mastropaolo**, Northern District Member, retired as Director of the 15th District Court Service Unit - Fredericksburg after 39 years of service to the Commonwealth. He was honored at a retirement reception held in late November. Mike is a former member of the VJJA Board of Directors.



James Rankin, Northern District Member, retired as Director of the 31st District Court Service Unit in Manassas after more than 38 years in the juvenile justice field. In 2005 Jim was awarded VJJA's Meritorious Award in the Area of Administration. Before his retirement Jim served as President of the Court Service Unit Director's Association. He will stay busy in his retirement working for NCG's Harrisonburg office.



Robert (Bob) Bermingham, Jr., Northern District Member, has been named Director of the Fairfax Court Service Unit. Prior to his appointment as Director he served as the county's Gang Prevention Coordinator. He also held the positions of Probation Supervisor and Probation Officer. Bob, who is VJJA's Immediate Past President, has been employed by Fairfax County for more than 22 years.



Wendi True, Valley District Member, has joined the staff of Kidlink / Universal Health Services which includes Newport News Behavioral Healthcare, Marion Youth Center, and Mountain Youth Academy. She was previously employed by Liberty Point Behavioral Healthcare, Staunton, and in that role was awarded VJJA's Fall Institute *Exhibitor Best in Show* in '07 & '08.



Melissa C. Goemann, Capital District Member, has been appointed to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice. Professor Goemann is Director of the Juvenile Law and Policy Clinic at the University of Richmond. She is also the Director of the Mid-Atlantic Juvenile Defender Center.



The Honorable **David W. Marsden**, Northern District Member, was elected Senator for the 37th District. He previously served two terms in the House of Delegates' 41st District which includes Fairfax County. Prior to his career in politics Senator Marsden spent 17 years as head of the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center. A former VJJA President and former Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice, Senator Marsden has a long history of championing juvenile justice legislation. In 2007 he successfully carried HB3007: Certification Only Upon Conviction on behalf of VJJA.



Jennifer Julian, Capital District Member, is engaged to marry David Cory Underwood. Jennifer is a Probation Supervisor for the Chesterfield Court Service Unit. A March wedding is planned.

After 15 years with the 15th Court Service Unit, **Vince Butaitis**, Northern District Member, has been promoted to Director. He had been the unit's Deputy Director since 2003. Prior to that time he served as Probation Supervisor.

Colleagues in the Spotlight

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Samantha Higgins, Valley District Member, recently assumed new duties with the 25th Court Service Unit in Lexington. A Probation and Parole Officer for 12 years, Samantha now has responsibility for the branch office's Intake Unit. The Intake position had been filled by Senior Intake Officer **Ronald Lassiter** who transferred to the branch's Waynesboro office. The 25th CSU also welcomed the return of former Probation Officer Lisa Hutzel who worked as a Counselor Supervisor at National Bridge JCC prior to their closing.



Sheila Coffin, retired as a Probation Counselor with Fairfax County's Community service program. She had worked for the Fairfax Juvenile Court for nearly 21

years. During that time she helped to start the Fairfax JDRDC Full Court Press a bi-weekly newsletter.

Amanda Stanley, Blue Ridge District Officer, formerly a CSA Coordinator, now owns her own consulting company and has started her own blog. Read one of her latest blog entries on how sledding is analogous to system transformation. <http://www.twochairsolutions.com>

Jim Dedes, retired as Director of the Fairfax Juvenile Court after working in the juvenile justice field for more than 41 years. Before joining the Fairfax Juvenile Court he



worked as a Probation Officer in Montgomery County, Maryland.



F. Tom Currier, Blue Ridge District Member, has retired after 38 years of work in the field. He had been the Superintendent of the Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Center

for 35 years. Tom served as VJJA President from 1981-82. He was awarded VJJA's 2006 Meritorious Award in the Area of Residential Services. He was also recognized for his service to VJJA and presented with Lifetime Membership.

Melinda Baker-Morris, Northern District Member and NCG's Director of Therapeutic Foster Care, participated in a foster care focused radio broadcast on The River 95.3.



Christina Hawkins and **Michael Farley**, were among the individuals appointed by the Governor's office to serve on the State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families. Christina is the Vice President of Business Development for Psychiatric Solutions. Mike is the Executive Director of Elk Hill Farm.

Kahan S. Dhillon, Jr., was appointed to the state Board of Juvenile Justice. He owns Regent Company, a diversified real estate investment firm. He has served on many boards and worked with several non-profit organizations with focus on children and families.

Dotty Kello, Tidewater District Member, retired as the Deputy Director of the Norfolk CSU.

Becky England, Southwest District Member, was promoted to Executive Director of AMIkids Virginia Wilderness (formerly the Virginia Wilderness Institute—VWI). Prior to her promotion Becky was the program's Director of Education. AMIkids is now licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services and is an approved vendor under the Comprehensive Services Act.

Rod Jones, Valley District Member, retired as the Director of the 26th Court Service Unit in Winchester. He previously worked as a supervisor in the 25th Court Service Unit in Augusta/Staunton/Waynesboro.



John Loving, Jr. is now a Probation Supervisor with the 23A Court Service Unit - Roanoke. He had been the Superintendent of the Natural Bridge JCC.

After more than 42 years of service, **David Davis** has retired as Director of the Salem Court Service Unit.

Jared Miller, formerly of the DJJ Division of Community Programs, is now a Probation Officer with the Richmond Court Service Unit.

Robert Foster, Blue Ridge District Member and former VJJA Board Member, recently celebrated 20 years of state service. He is the Director of the 21st Court Service Unit.



Julie Van Winkle, Northern District Member, is now a supervisor in the 26th CSU - Winchester. She was previously with the Fairfax CSU.

2009 VJJA Meritorious Award Winners & Shepherd Professional Development Scholarship Recipients



Meritorious Award Winner in
the Area of Court Services

LLOYD MERCHANT
Roanoke Court Service Unit

When asked to describe our winner his colleagues said, "He is a perfect example of someone who has the HEART for juvenile justice. He truly achieves the appropriate balance -- using both his head and his heart in working with kids".



Meritorious Award Winner in
the Area of Residential Services

TIMOTHY TURNER
Natural Bridge JCC

After learning of the NBJCC closure, while assisting his visibly shaken staff, Mr. Turner told a colleague that he could not concentrate on his own employment circumstance, because he had to "help these young people get through this first."



Meritorious Award Winner in
the Area of Administration

CLAUDETTE OVERTON
Norfolk Court Service Unit

"Anyone who has ever worked with or for Claudette knows that she is a tireless advocate for court-involved juveniles. She consistently reminds staff to apply the *my child* rule to decision-making. "

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Meritorious Award Winner in
the Area of Administration

LINDA ODELL & SOHO
Alexandria Court Service Unit

Linda Odell and a colleague created SOHO (A Space of Her Own) a program loosely based on the popular HGTV program "Trading Spaces". Upon completion of the art-based mentoring program girls and mentors work in teams to remodel other girls bedrooms.



Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Professional
Development Scholarship Recipient

JOE YOUNG
New River Valley Detention

Joe is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration (MBA) through Averett University. He completed his undergraduate degree at Radford University.



Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Professional
Development Scholarship Recipient

JENNA EASTON
Charlottesville Court Service Unit

Jenna is enrolled at Liberty University working towards a Master of Science degree. She completed her undergraduate education at James Madison University.

Just Us

By: R. Erich Telsch

Compulsory Encouragement

Little infuriates me more than a society imposing regulations on its children that it would not require of its citizens; specifically those regulations that have nothing to do with safety or protection from abuse, exploitation, harmful disease or ill health, and/or injury (accidental or purposeful). Compulsory school attendance laws - truancy laws - are on my list of such prejudicial statutes. Not because I do not value education but because current laws attempt to force an outcome rather than encourage its development.

We often hear that our legislature is going to "strengthen" our laws. Generally that means refinement to add additional circumstances or increase the punishment. But how many of you have ever questioned whether punishment is an effective approach to truancy? Looking at the research, punishment imposition however creative only improves attendance; it does not improve educational outcomes.

Everyone is familiar to a certain extent with the benefits of higher education: the higher one's education the greater one's income over a lifetime. Thomas Jefferson once said something about an educated society, but where did the idea come from that we need to have laws forcing children to go to school? Did it start with a law designed to force parents to send their children to school?

Black's Law Dictionary defines "compulsory" as an adjective, meaning "Involuntary; forced; coerced by legal process or by force of statute." Involuntary, forced, coerced?! That doesn't begin to sound user-friendly for our children, the loves of our lives, our "future." Com-

pulsory school attendance is likened to compulsory military service. We no longer have a military draft; why do we still have educational conscription?

I know many of you are thinking that teachers can show our children things most of us as parents wouldn't have a clue how to teach them. That's true. But schools are more than just learning something new. They come with a social climate that is not always positive; they come with ineffective teachers and teachers who are brilliant; and they come with rules and regulations that most of us would not tolerate (cell phone restrictions, restrictions on gum, food and beverages, medication, back packs, restroom use, apparel, transportation, and on and on). By law we force children to spend time with people whom they may not wish to spend time with. Who else is told they must sit in a small space, when to speak, read or write, when to line up and count off, and ask permission from a person of the opposite sex if they can take care of a necessary hygiene problem? Oh, yeah, prisoners. Does a law force you to go to work, to the grocery store, to stand up when instructed, to sit down when instructed to do so, to eat in a noisy cafeteria, and to get up tomorrow and do it all over again? Of course not.

Having looked at the extremes, we can easily find abundant, wonderful, and meaningful reasons to assist children in getting a well-rounded education (as maligned as they sometimes are the Standards of Learning do identify desired outcomes). Where our truancy laws fail in preventing truancy is that they promote attendance as the only measure for an equal education, whether the child likes it or not. We are lulled by the theory that children

do not know what is good for them and that we are responsible for their future (until the calendar turns to age eighteen, then we no longer care).

One may ask how large is the truancy problem and what does it cost? These seem appropriate questions for anyone paying the bill for compulsory school attendance - you didn't think these laws were free did you? Truancy claims almost six (6) percent of the Juvenile Court intakes in our state. Two thirds of these lead to formal action. Six (6) percent of all probation cases are for truancy, and we know the farther into the juvenile justice system the greater the likelihood a child will continue farther into the system. Each of these cases requires approximately three (3) probation officer hours per month, plus the time of school personnel, principals, teachers, secretaries, judges, clerks, lawyers, and electronic databases and paper filing systems. How many children yearly, you ask? Roughly five-thousand (5000) across the state and they represent around one-third (1/3) of one (1) percent (0.0033333333) of the total school-aged population. Eesh!

This doesn't seem to be a very good business model. In my opinion, we should be encouraging attendance and completion of educational pursuits, but not by selectively punishing a few of the one and one-half million (1,500,000) school-aged children. To promote business, our governments (state and local) offer tax incentives, lucrative environmental allowances, and real estate locations in order to gain investment over a long period of time. Can we not utilize a similar positive model for our children? I am sure that a roomful of parents and educators can come up with a

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Book 'em

By: Eric Assur

Let's Get Free: A Hip-Hop Theory of Justice 2009 hardback

Paul Butler, www.thenewpress.com



The best description is often provided via a photograph, rather than a word picture. Oftentimes the best review of a book is to offer a taste of the book through a few quotes or near paraphrases.

Many of the comments and proposals of this Harvard law graduate, former *Federal prosecutor* and George Washington Law School professor are flamboyant or at least thought provoking. This book "indicts American criminal justice as an elaborate exercise in revenge." On page 19, is the observation on justice and fair play, "we don't have a lot of either in our criminal justice system right now." Butler talks of prosecutors who only celebrate incarceration, police officers who lie (and have Supreme Court permission to do so) and the gross harm to all of society caused by mass incarceration and the expansion of police powers. He believes we have reached the "tipping point at which crime increases if too many people are incarcerated. The United States is past this point. *If we lockup fewer people, we will be safer.*" In one chapter the writer provides a quick and well-annotated glance at the numbers. Since 1980 the number of individuals, especially African-American, has risen and risen. At one time just a few years ago a new prison or correctional center was being opened every week. Now we can't afford to operate all the lockups. Gov. Schwarzenegger (CA) has "proposed releasing 22,000 low-risk inmates" in order to balance his state's budget. Other states con-

sider code changes (get rid of the NY Rockefeller laws with mandatory minimum sentences) as well as releases for inmates they can no longer afford to lock up.

The data will not shock or surprise. You do know that the U.S. incarcerates five times more frequently than the next highest Western nation. However, many of the proposals or suggestions to remedy the status quo will be viewed as outrageous or unpalatable. VJJA members or Advocate readers are encouraged to obtain a copy of this book from the library or to purchase a copy for the agency library or that of the local prosecutor in order to study the final chapter's proposals. Why give a copy to the local prosecutor or even the CSU intake department? Butler believes that prosecutors are more of the "problem than the solution. They mean well, but the 'lock 'em up' culture is so pervasive that it defeats even people with the best of intentions." The African-American author seethes with disgust at the systemic persecution of blacks. During his days as a Washington, D.C. prosecutor he only prosecuted blacks. He speculated that at least a few of the thousands of white residents in the nations capital must flaunt the law and be worthy of prosecution. One must question some of his seven proposals to right the listing ship. Do not question the sincerity with which he claims that we need to "reverse the drift toward an American police state." Butler makes quick mention of the *politically motivated prosecution* of the Duke lacrosse team (2006) and the Jena, Louisiana attempted murder charges "for a few black boys who beat up their white classmate" but no charges when a "white youth threatens a group of blacks with a gun." In this 2007 case the black lads were charged with theft of taking away the gun brandished by the white teen. Do see what he has to say about jury nullification, snitches or paid informants, and our drug laws.

The 'hip-hop' segment of the book,

chapter seven, may be alien to those unfamiliar with street culture, rap music and the likes of Iced T, Jay-Z, Lil Wayne, P Diddy, DJ Kool Herc, Outcast, Mob Deep, or Naughty by Nature. The view that the hip-hop culture, kids on the street, simply have no respect for law enforcement and the system may be worthy of thought. Butler believes the incarceration or persecution of fewer folks would gradually led to employment that is denied those on parole. We would see more stable families with fewer men just 'doing time' for years and years. Without any mention of restorative justice, Butler advocates using technology and creativity to incarcerate, harm and stigmatize fewer. If Martha Stewart could wear the electronic monitor or ankle bracelet why can't another 40,000 or so non-violent offenders be on house arrest? Butler claims that we are "punishing too many people for too many things. Science can help us get it right." Butler notes that the G.P.S equipped cell phone, Garmin or Tom-Tom system in your car or the identity chip implanted in your dog or cat can have more application in criminal justice. Do you see the possibilities?

Anyone working for a court or department of justice or youth services agency may appreciate the day-to-day experiences shared by Butler during his brief time as a prosecutor and a defendant. As a prosecutor he was no more than a canoe or kayak seeking to nudge a tanker or freighter to safe waters. He admits abysmal failure. He shares the statistics on just how frequently the American criminal justice non-system incarcerates. He is especially critical of what justice folks neatly refer to as 'minority overrepresentation' and he refers to simply as the jailing of the black race. What would our society be like if every ethnic group had more males in prison than in college?

Eric Assur is employed by the Arlington Court Service Unit. Send book suggestions to: bookem@vjja.org

New VJJA Board Takes Office

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Amanda (Mandy) Moseley, Blue Ridge Member, begins her first term as the association's state secretary. Prior to being elected to statewide office she held the position of district secretary in the Blue Ridge District. She has also been actively involved in planning and executing professional development events, including VJJA's Fall Institute. Ms. Moseley is employed by the Hughes Center for Exceptional Children in Danville where she serves as the Director of Business Development. In that role she promotes the program, acts as a liaison to referral sources, oversees admissions, and provides clinical pre-placement screenings. Previously Ms. Moseley worked as a Program Manager for a boys' group home, an outpatient mental health counselor, a CSA Coordinator and a juvenile probation officer in the 24th District Court Service Unit. Ms. Moseley is passionate about her work and takes seriously her role in shaping a brighter future for young people. She is an avid reader and especially enjoys mysteries and thrillers. Born in Lynchburg and raised in Campbell County, she has lived in several other states but returned home to Virginia and currently makes her home in Altavista. Ms. Moseley earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Radford University and a master's degree in Counseling from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina.

Thomas (Tom) Keating, Capital District Member, was elected to his first term as Treasurer. He initially assumed the role in June 2008 when appointed to fill a vacancy and served out an unexpired term. Mr. Keating has been employed in the juvenile justice field for 14 years. He began as a probation

officer in Caroline County and later transferred to the Fredericksburg Office. He was subsequently promoted to Senior Probation Officer and assisted with implementing Virginia's first Regional Juvenile Drug Court. Mr. Keating currently holds the position of Probation Supervisor and oversees the intensive supervision and school-based probation programs, as well as day to day operations in the Spotsylvania office. In 2001 he was awarded VJJA's Meritorious Service Award in the Area of Court Services. A native of Louisa County, Mr. Keating received a Bachelor's Degree from James Madison University. He and his wife, Amy, who is also employed in the juvenile justice field, have been long standing members of VJJA and regular attendees at conferences and other events.

Robert (Bob) Bermingham, Northern District Member, the association's Immediate Past President, also continues in his role as a Class I Officer of the association. Mr. Bermingham served two terms as VJJA President from January 2002 until December 2005. Prior to that time he also served as VJJA's Legislative Liaison for three terms and as the Northern District

Chapter's Secretary for one term. He has also been an active member of the Fall Institute advisory committee for more than a decade. Mr. Bermingham is employed as the Director of the Fairfax Court Service Unit. Prior to his appointment as Director he served as Fairfax County's first Gang Prevention Coordinator. Before that, Mr. Bermingham was employed by the Fairfax County J&DR Court for 18 years, working in the areas of detention, residential services, probation and administration. Mr. Bermingham holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Marymount University and a master's degree in public administration from George Mason University. In 2000, Mr. Bermingham was presented VJJA's Meritorious Service Award in the Area of Court Services. Mr. Bermingham enjoys spending his free time watching his children grow and participating in sports and other activities. He and his wife Kathy and their children Mary, Maggie, Kate and Joe make their home in Fairfax.

All state officers will serve two-year terms to expire on December 31 2011. In conjunction with statewide elections, VJJA District Chapters also elected officers.

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Practice / Program in the Spotlight

Beginning with the Spring 2010 Issue the VJJA Advocate will "spotlight" one or more proven practices or promising programs in each issue.

Send suggestions for practices and programs we should highlight to: advocateeditor@vija.org

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New District Leadership: Election Results

Susan Farmer

begins her second term as Blue Ridge District Chair. Under her leadership the district has held a number of networking and professional development events. Ms. Farmer says she knew from an early age that she wanted to work with children. She was employed at the Virginia



BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT

Chair: Susan Farmer
Vide Chair: Anthony Drakeford
Secretary: Amanda Stanley
Treasurer: Ben Morgan

Baptist Children's Home for 15 years as a houseparent and supervisor where she developed an independent living program and levels system. During her days off she enjoyed a career as a professional comedian, performing at clubs in New York, Canada and other east coast venues. After leaving the VBCH, Ms. Farmer became the Residence Coordinator for the YWCA Roanoke Valley where she maintained a shelter that aided women and children and eventually assumed the role of Executive Director. When a probation officer position became available, Ms. Farmer saw an opportunity to build on her experience. She also saw a chance to bridge a gap and provide opportunities for court-involved youth to become responsible and productive. Ms. Farmer, her partner of 16 years, Rich, and two furry "children", live in Salem.

Anthony Drakeford begins his third term as the Blue Ridge District's Vice Chair. Originally from

NJ, Mr. Drakeford migrated to Virginia during his adolescent years, later graduating from Ferrum College with a degree in Psychology / Criminal Justice. He played football under the legendary Hank Norton and was recently inducted into the Ferrum Hall of Fame. In 1994 Mr. Drakeford was awarded Ferrum's Distinguished Alumni Award for his service to the community. Following many mini-camps and NFL tryouts, Mr. Drakeford went to work as a counselor at an adolescent psychiatric hospital. He moved on to work for



Planned Parenthood as the Coordinator of Community Education. While employed there he served on many boards and became a nationally recognized speaker. He also developed a curriculum on Family Life & Sexuality Education which has been used to teach adolescents throughout the country. Mr. Drakeford has been a Probation Officer/School Liaison Officer for 7 years and has 4 children of his own, Patrick, Xavier, Amari and Simran. Xavier plays football for the University of Charleston.



Amanda Stanley is new to the Blue Ridge leadership team. Her career in human services has included a wide range of experiences providing cost-effective care to youth and families and includes direct practice, prevention programming and service development, utilization management and administration. Her most recent experience as a local Comprehensive Services Act

Coordinator involved complex work in a rapidly changing system. She considers her greatest accomplishments in this position to be the implementation of individualized Family Assessment and Planning Teams, creation of wraparound care coordination in the CSA office, using flexible funding to impact foster care and congregate care placements, and streamlining the processes around accessing CSA funding. Her successes in all of the above areas provided her the foundation to launch her own business Twochair Solutions. Ms. Stanley earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond and a Master's degree from Virginia Tech. She lives in Bedford with her husband, Scott and their 2 year old, Owen.

Ben Morgan begins his third term as Blue Ridge Treasurer. Following service in the Army, while completing his degree at California State University, Mr. Morgan gained employment with the local juvenile detention home. In 1997, he began working as a probation officer in Alameda County (CA). In 1999 Mr. Morgan moved to Central Virginia and began working as a probation officer with the Pittsylvania County Court Service Unit. In 2004 he transferred to the Campbell County Court Service Unit. Mr. Morgan has been a VJJA member for 5 years. In December 2005 he was first elected District Treasurer. Mr. Morgan and his wife Cheryl have two daughters, Sydney



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Stephanie Garrison was elected to her first term as Capital District Chair. A Capital District member



for many years, when she renewed in '06 she became VJJA's 1000th active member. That same year she attended VJJA Day at the General Assembly and in 2007 was instru-

mental in helping to plan the Capital District Chapter's best attended professional development event to date (>225 in attendance!) Ms. Garrison began her career more than 20 years ago at Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center. She has also worked for Communities in Schools. She currently serves as the Director of the Richmond Court Service Unit. Ms. Garrison received a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. She enjoys singing, attending concerts, dancing and traveling. A native of Lynchburg, she and her family make their home in Chesterfield County.

William Gordon

begins his second term as Capital District Vice Chair. A senior manager with more than thirty years of experience in law enforcement and corrections, Mr.



Gordon is skilled in interacting with all levels of international, federal, state, and local officials. His background includes expertise in facility design, construction, scheduling, and budgeting. He also has experience in developing and implementing regional programs for major metropolitan areas. Currently Mr. Gordon is employed as Assistant

CAPITAL DISTRICT

Chair: Stephanie Garrison
Vice Chair: William Gordon
Secretary: Stephan Stark
Treasurer: Charles Dockery

Superintendent at the Reception & Diagnostic Center. In that role he oversees the security program and provides supervision to 135 staff through direct supervision of the institution's Captain. Prior to joining the staff at RDC, Mr. Gordon worked in adult corrections in Virginia and Texas. He also served in the US Air Force. Mr. Gordon earned a degree in business administration at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Stephan Stark begins his second term as Capital District Secretary.

Originally from NJ, Stephan graduated from the University of Richmond and has more than 15 years experience in mental health / social services. Upon graduation,



he entered the master's program at Atlantic University for Transpersonal Studies. While working on his masters and earning certification in Hypnotherapy, Mr. Stark spent time working with teenagers. He moved back to Richmond intent on gaining valuable counseling experiences before pursuing a doctoral degree. It is then that he first worked in a group home and became keenly aware of the deficiencies in the way these programs operate. Mr. Stark has worked in a variety of capacities at Intercept including Vice President of Operations. Today, he is the Director of Marketing and Program Development, serving as the face of Intercept's 15

facilities, YouthQuest's 23 condominiums and LifeBridge's array of community based services. He and his wife, Rebecca, and their children Mina and Hayden make their home in Hanover.

Charles (Dock) Dockery is a long time VJJA member but begins his first term as District Treasurer. A



career public servant for nearly three decades, Mr. Dockery began his career as a correctional officer in and has since held numerous positions to include Cottage

Manager, Counselor, and Counselor Supervisor. Currently he is employed as the Assistant Superintendent for Treatment at Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center. He previously worked at Barrett and Hanover Juvenile Correctional Centers. Mr. Dockery holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Rehabilitative Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is also a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) and holds a post-graduate certificate in Public Administration. In 2000, he was awarded VJJA's Meritorious Service Award in the Area of Residential Services. Mr. Dockery enjoys spending time with family and hiking and once went on a 100 mile backpacking trip with a resident on the Appalachian Trail.

NORTHERN DISTRICT

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Joseph Young has been elected to his first term as Southwest District Chair. Mr. Young previously served as Southwest District Secretary. A life-long resident of Christiansburg, he has been employed by the New River Valley Juvenile Detention Home, where he serves as the facility's

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Chair: Joseph Young
Vice Chair: James Cornett
Secretary: Karen Laplante
Treasurer: Ron Belay

Director of Operations, since 1998. Previously, he "ran" as an Emergency Medical Technician with Christiansburg Rescue. He served as First Lieutenant (the highest non-paid position on the crew) for four years and was awarded the Crew Member of the Year and Rookie of the Year. In his spare time Mr. Young enjoys hiking and geo caching with his dogs, Nicky and Campbell. He is also a foster parent for dogs through the Animal Welfare Foster Program at Virginia Tech. Mr. Young graduated Radford University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. He was the recipient of VJJA's 2009 Shepherd Professional Development Scholarship and in March, will complete an MBA through Averett.

A past member of the Board of Directors, **Jim Cornett** has been an active member of VJJA since 1973, serving twice as Southwest District Chair. He was recently re-elected Southwest Vice Chair. Employed in the juvenile justice field for 36 years, in 1985



Mr. Cornett received VJJA's Meritorious Award in the Area of Probation. He has also been recognized on the job, receiving a commendation from Denton County, Texas, following his role in an inter-state cooperative that led to the apprehension of a juvenile in Virginia. Mr. Cornett has been active in the community, working with the youth football league for more than 12 years. He recently developed and assisted in implementing a procedure for district-wide intake, maximizing use of staff for field office coverage. Mr. Cornett is a veteran of the armed forces, having served in the Navy. He is also a graduate of East Tennessee State University where he earned a degree in social work.

Karen Laplante

has worked in the court system for 20 years. Currently she holds the position of Juvenile Crime Control / Comprehensive Services Act Coordinator for the City Of Radford. In her role as CSA Coordinator, Ms. Laplante has helped organize a Regional CSA Vendor Fair for the past five years and has facilitated multiple professional development opportunities for human service professionals in the New River Valley. Ms. Laplante is a lifetime resident of the New River Valley, graduating from Radford University with a degree in Social Work. She enjoys riding horses and reading. She is married and has one daughter.



Ron Belay first joined VJJA 41 years ago and has been an active member since that time. A past member of VJJA's state Board of Directors, Ron served as the

association's President for 8 years, Immediate Past President for 10 years, Treasurer for 2 years, and District Chair for 2 years. In addition to serving on the Board, Mr. Belay has been active at the local level as well, serving as the Southwest District's Treasurer for the past 12 years. Mr. Belay is also President of the Virginia Court Service Unit Director's Association (CSUDA), a position he had held in the past and resumed in January. Professionally, Mr. Belay has been employed in the juvenile justice field for 41 years. He has served as Probation Officer, Probation Supervisor, Chief Probation Officer and for the past 32 years, Director. Mr. Belay is a graduate of Virginia Tech. He is married with two sons, three stepsons and two grandsons.



Katherine Grimm begins her second term as Tidewater District Chair. She previously served as Vice Chair. Ms. Grimm is employed by the Portsmouth Court Service Unit as a Probation Supervisor. Prior to beginning work in the 3rd CSU, she was employed by the 15th CSU in Spotsylvania. Active in the community, she serves as her agency's representative to the Portsmouth "Friends" volunteer organization. Since joining the 3rd



TIDEWATER DISTRICT

Chair: Katherine Grimm
Vice Chair: Toni Craig
Secretary: Robin Bailey
Treasurer: Patrick DeLauder

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(Grimm continued) Court Service Unit team in 2002, she has had a significant impact on juvenile services in the Portsmouth area and hopes to bring that same energy level to VJJA. On a personal note, Ms. Grimm is an animal lover. Originally from Lockport, New York, she and her dog and cat family now make their home in Chesapeake.

Antoinette (Toni)

Craig begins her second term as Tidewater District Chair. Ms. Craig is a Senior Probation Officer with the 5th Court Service Unit in Suffolk where she has been employed for 18 years. Previously she was employed by Jackson-Feild Home and the Department of Corrections. In her role at the Court Service Unit she performs intake, probation and parole duties and provides supervision during supervisory absences. She is also the former Chair of the Suffolk Family Assessment & Planning Team (FAPT). In her free time Ms. Craig volunteers with Boy Scouts of America and her neighborhood homeowner's association. Born to a military family in Pennsylvania, Ms. Craig has lived overseas and coast to coast in the United States. She and her husband Jay, son Jace, 3 dogs and cat live in Chesapeake. When the weather is nice they can be found at campgrounds throughout the state or on the water trying to catch the "elusive 18 inch flounder".



Robin Bailey was reelected Tidewater District Secretary. Actively involved in VJJA, Ms. Bailey has been a member of VJJA for approximately 17 years, serving as district secretary for the past ten

years. She began working at the Norfolk Court Service Unit in 1985; first in Intake and later in probation. She transferred to the Chesapeake Court Service Unit, where she is currently employed, in 1995. Ms. Bailey is actively involved as a member of VJJA's Tidewater Local Advisory Board (LAB) and serves as the planning chairperson for the Tidewater District's annual spring conference. She also serves as conference staff at the Fall Institute each year. Ms. Bailey is a member of the Chesapeake Family Assessment & Planning Team and serves on the training committee for the Chesapeake Court Service Unit. She is married with two daughters.



Patrick (Pat) DeLauder was reelected Tidewater District Treasurer. A member of VJJA since 1978, he has been active in the association for 31 years. He is a former District Chair and has been involved in planning Tidewater's spring conference, serving previously as the equipment manager for training events. Mr. DeLauder



was the 1981 recipient of the VJOA Meritorious Award in the Field of Probation. He has been involved in several independent community efforts to feed and house the homeless as a member of the board at Oasis Social Ministry. Presently he serves on the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Portsmouth School System. He and his wife, Sandy, have 6 "children" (no longer of tender age)

Samantha (Sam) Higgins was reelected Valley District Chair. She has served as a district officer since 1999. In addition to her district post, Ms. Higgins serves as VJJA's Director of Membership and the VJJA Fall Institute's Conference Registrar. She is employed by the 25th District Court Service Unit in Lexington. She has been employed for 12 years and a member of VJJA for 13 years (joined as an intern!) Ms. Higgins is a graduate of Southern Seminary Junior College, James Madison University and Radford University, earning an associate's degree in business administration, a bachelor's degree



VALLEY DISTRICT

Chair: Samantha Higgins
Vice Chair: Tim Smith
Secretary: Jennifer Easton
Treasurer: Sheila Parker

in public administration and a master's degree in criminal justice. A Rockbridge County native, she continues to live there with her husband and their two children.

Tim Smith was reelected Valley District Vice Chair. A long time VJJA member, before entering the juvenile justice field, he spent 24 years as vice president of a department store chain. That background came in handy when Smith needed to apply a business mind to planning a cost-effective facility that could provide high-quality programs for juveniles in the Shenandoah Valley



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(Smith, continued) As Superintendent of the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Detention Home for more than a decade, Mr. Smith oversaw the construction of a \$9.5 million, 55-bed state of the art facility which opened its doors in 2004. Featuring air-compressed doors over electronic locks; 50-year linoleum floors over 25-year vinyl; white, heat-deflecting roofing; and sensor-activated, low-energy lighting, Shenandoah became one of the first centers in the country to use a "green" approach to its operating systems. Mr. Smith and the SVJDH commission held down costs by internally managing the project instead of hiring a general contractor. Mr. Smith was awarded VJJA's '08 Meritorious Award in the Area of Residential Services.



Jennifer (Jenna) Easton first joined VJJA as a student at James Madison University and has been elected to her first term as Valley District Secretary. While attending JMU, Ms. Easton majored in psychology and sociology and completed internships with the 16th and 25th Court Service Units. At the time of her election she was employed as a Probation Supervisor in the 16th CSU, but has since accepted the position of Structure & Support Team Leader with Albemarle County Schools. Her position is part of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Program. She previously worked as Student Assistance Counselor for Region Ten CSB, a Probation Officer with the Culpeper CSU and a School Social Worker for Greene County Schools. Ms. Easton was selected for participation in the Commonwealth's Agents of Change Program, a leader-

ship program developed further Virginia's Children's Services System Transformation goals. She is pursuing a Master's degree and was the recipient of VJJA's 2009 Shepherd Professional Development Scholarship. Ms. Easton and her husband, have a 3 year-old son.

Sheila Parker was elected to her first term as Valley District Treasurer. A native of Rockbridge County, Ms. Parker graduated from Lexington High School. Currently she is employed as the Comprehensive



Services Act (CSA) Coordinator for Rockbridge County and the Cities of Lexington and Buena Vista. Prior to becoming the CSA Coordinator she was employed by the Rockbridge Area Community Services Board (RACSB) for 16 years. Ms. Parker serves as a resource to other professionals in the Rockbridge area and across the Commonwealth. She has been a member of VJJA for five years and has assisted the District Chair in planning professional development events in the Valley. Ms. Parker is active in her community. She, her husband Tracy, and her teenage sons, Jason and Nathan make their home in Rockbridge County.

Governor Kaine Announces Appointments to ACJJ

On December 23, 2009, Governor Timothy M. Kaine announced the following appointments to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice:

Kevin R. Appel* of Arlington, attorney at Linbarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP;

Robert Bodenhamer of Chesterfield County, career and gang school resource officer for the Henrico Division of Police;

Gayl Branum Carr of Fairfax County, Fairfax J&DR Court judge;

Dave Chapman* of Charlottesville, commonwealth's attorney for the City of Charlottesville;

Shaunte E. Daniels of Kent County, student at Virginia State University;

Melissa C. Goemann of Henrico County, director of the Juvenile Law and Policy Clinic at the University of Richmond;

Eileen Grey* of Alexandria, Eileen Grey Consultants;

Sarah Ann Haislip of Henrico County, sales associate at Abercrombie & Fitch;

Seth Levey of Bedford County;

Brent McKenzie of Virginia Beach, Virginia Beach School Board;

William B. Reichhardt of Fairfax County, principal attorney at William B. Reichhardt & Attorneys;

Adam Wong of Virginia Beach.

* denotes reappointment

Advocate Editor Retires Pen

Senator Marsden Loses Bet

After a decade in the role, Valley District Member Gary Conway has stepped down as *Advocate* Editor. Gary was first appointed Editor by former VJJA President Lewis Wright in the Summer of 2000. He succeeded Bob Truitt who had served as Editor for 15 years.

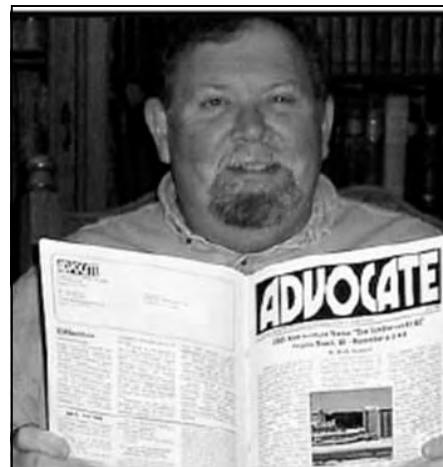
Gary promised members, "The goal at the *Advocate* will continue to be to inform and amuse our membership". That's a promise he kept. He amused readers with a regular column, *Views from the Ledge* in which readers were first introduced to his sons Calum and Atticus. He also developed an "advice" column *Uncle Buck*.

In his Fall 2000 *Views from the Ledge* column, Gary told readers that, "Wright finally decided to appoint me as 'interim editor' serving in a 'probationary' status. 'If you screw this up, Conway,' Mr. Wright counseled through grinding teeth, as he offered me the editor's position, 'if you make the Association or me look bad, I swear you'll live to regret it!' And with that resounding

vote of confidence, I humbly accepted the appointment". Gary also told readers that, "Dave... er, uh... Mr. Marsden has a \$50 bet that I won't last six months". Thousands of readers are no doubt happy that President Wright appointed Gary to the role and glad that he stayed on for far longer than 6 months.

In addition to serving as Editor and overseeing production and distribution of the association's quarterly publication, to commemorate the association's 40th anniversary Gary researched and penned the association's history. Over the course of a year he shared memories from each of four decades. A bound copy, VJJA 1966-2006: Historical Commemorative Collection was distributed at the 2006 Fall Institute.

Though Gary is retiring as Editor, we know readers will agree when we say we hope he will delight us by penning an occasional article. In the meantime, send fan mail to Gary.Conway@djj.virginia.gov and read archived articles at <http://www.vjja.org/advocate.html>.



Views from the Ledge...

By Gary L. Conway

Given the current state of the economy, it frankly comes as a surprise to me that the 32nd Annual VJJA Fall Institute is going to take place. But since I just read it on the front page, it has to be true. Those of us who have been around a while have seen budget crises before. In 1979, the Fall Institute was held at the Donaldson House Center on the campus of Virginia Tech in order to save money. Despite the association's efforts, the Institute was poorly attended. The 1983 Institute could not have been held at all without the financial help of the Department of Corrections Training Academy. And in 2002, VJJA provided scholarships to members to the tune of \$25,000 so that a successful Institute could be held. But the current budget situation is bad, real bad. The world seems to be going to financial hell in a brief case bearing a Lebanese Brothers logo.

Many of you will be attending the 2008 VJJA Institute at your own expense, with no reimbursement from your company or agency. Here at the *Advocate*, we want to make sure our members' basic needs are met during their two-day stay in Charlottesville and so we offer the following money-saving suggestions.

Taxidermy There are a number of ways to cut your travel expenses to and from the 2008 Fall Institute, the most obvious being the road and true practice of hitch hiking. Hitch hiking is almost a lost art nowadays, what with both driver and hitchhiker fearing that the other will be a serial killer. Please! Get out there with that thumb in the air and grab a ride to the Doubletree!

Another way to reduce costs on travel is what we have at the *Advocate* call "Tentative Carpooling." Write all familiar with the concept of carpooling, folks having the same destination riding together in the same vehicle to save on expenses. Well, "Tentative Carpooling" is simply getting a whole lot more people in that same vehicle. We have actually found that 18 people can ride comfortably in a 2003 Chevy Cavalier. One will, of course, need luggage racks.

And for some of our younger members, like P.O. Lisa Hurd who is like 17 years old, don't forget the Greyhound Bus Home Free Program. The good folks at Greyhound offer free bus rides home to any youth who is a runaway. So, if you're one of our younger members who looks as though you haven't reached the age of chronological adulthood, go into your neighborhood Greyhound bus station and report yourself as a runaway from, oh, say, ... Charlottesville! They'll give you a free ride home! (Note to Richard Hag: Don't try this!)

Accommodations: Call ahead the 100 bucks or any portion thereof for a room at the Charlottesville Doubletree! No problem. The long term weather forecast for November 5-6 indicates night time temperatures for Charlottesville in the balmy low 40s. Bring a blanket and sleep in the woods! Or remember that Chevy Cavalier that 18 people can ride in together? You may be surprised to learn that it comfortably sleeps 7.

If you're fortunate enough to know someone who does have a room reserved at the Doubletree during the Institute, hook up with him or her. We know from personal experience that one of those rooms can sleep 12 people. That's \$1.13 per person. We call it "tentative carpooling," and it's cheaper than a late supper.

Remember, too, that October is "Therapeutic Awareness Month." On June 24th of this year before he got so tight with our money, Virginia Governor Tim Kaine announced grant awards totaling \$75,000 for six homeless shelters in the Greater Charlottesville Area. "A pillow for every head," so the slogan says.

Meals: You gotta eat. Right? Why not pick some food from home? Necessaries items like Vienna sausages, energy bars, and Slim Jims are always good. Bring along something as simple and versatile as a bottle of catsup. Stirred with hot hotel tap water, it makes a very tasty tomato soup. And there is always the VJJA President's Reception. This year the food table will undoubtedly be pretty sparse, but you can make a potluck of Ches Mts go a long way.

Here's another idea. On Route 29 not far south of the hotel is a very nice restaurant called the "Flaming Vial." Many of Charlottesville's young upwardly mobile professionals frequent the Vial so their children can be introduced to Chinese and Japanese cuisine. Most of these kids don't like the food and it winds up in the trash. Really, what eight year old is going to finish his Chicken Salad or Chicken Maki Roll? We suggest getting to the "Flaming Vial" around 6:30 p.m. and sitting at a table next to a family with young children. As soon as one of the little brats pushes away his Soybean Basil Chicken Pasta and shouts, "I'm not eating this 'Wagyu'!" squeal up and say, "I'll take it!"

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VA BEACH NCG STAFF TAKE POLAR PLUNGE

On February 6th, 2010, thousands braved the chilly Atlantic Ocean wearing nothing but swimsuits and zany costumes to participate in the Polar Plunge XVIII Winter Festival. Participants included Denielle Warner and Kristi Robinson of the National Counseling Group's Virginia Beach Office. Denielle is a Clinical Supervisor and Kristi is a Community Based Counselor.

The Polar Plunge® Winter Festival is Special Olympics Virginia's largest fundraiser, attracting more than 10,000 people to an otherwise

deserted beachfront. Individuals and teams, alongside athletes and thousands of community members, experience heartwarming and bone chilling extremes as they take the plunge into the icy Atlantic Ocean in the height of winter! Since 1993, more than 26,000 plungers have raised more than \$4.7 million for Special Olympics Virginia. Both Kristi and Denielle pledged to raise \$200.

Learn more about the Polar Plunge at: www.polarplunge.com or www.facebook.com/plungevirginia



Remembering Bob Truitt

1932-2009



VJJA President
1973 – 1975

Advocate Editor
1985 – 2000

**Meritorious Award Winner
in the Area of Administration**
1971

**Robert H. Sutton
Humanitarian Award**
1996

**Retired Director
Tidewater Detention Home**

Election Officials

Thank you to the below-listed members for lending their time to serve as Election Officials for VJJA's state and local elections:

Lewis Wright
Statewide

Carolyn Padgett
Blue Ridge District

Katherine Farmer
Capital District

Doug Poe
Southwest District

Beth Van Hout
Tidewater District

Ron Telsch
Valley District

Tidewater District News

Tidewater VJJA had a busy 2009 and is off to a busy 2010!

Operation Holiday: In a joint venture with the St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, the Tidewater VJJA once again provided holiday food baskets to the families of court-involved children. 193 baskets were assembled and delivered. Each basket included a "turkey and all of the trimmings". Special thanks to member Paul Greggs, Tidewater Youth

Services Commission, who originally forged the partnership with St. Christopher's and has been instrumental in the project each year. Thanks as well to Newport News Court Service Unit staff and their family members and to the Newport News Friends of the Court.

January Training Event: A day of training entitled "Depression in Children and Adolescents" was held on January 22 at the Barry Robinson

Center in Norfolk. Attendees were asked to bring toiletry items for donation to the Norfolk Juvenile Detention Home.

Spring Institute: Plans are also underway for the Tidewater Spring Institute, scheduled for March 18th and 19th in Virginia Beach.



Meet Some of Santa's Elves ...

Tommy Ratledge, son of Hank Ratledge, Katie Hiner, daughter of Libby Hiner, and Kayla and Josh Copeland, daughter and son of Renee Copeland, get in the Holiday Spirit and assist with the distribution of baskets.

SPRING INSTITUTE

March 18th & 19th
Virginia Beach

Save the Dates!

Recent Publications

Find these and other publications at: www.vjja.org/resources.html

Research on Pathways to Desistance

An interim report from the long-term study of youth convicted of serious violent offenses shows that nearly 90 percent of youth desist from further offenses after their first involvement with the court. "The most surprising finding is that a youth's future behavior did not correlate very well with the sanctions they received, suggesting that costly punitive measures may not be the best approach for keeping communities safe and rehabilitating young people in trouble with the law," said principal investigator Edward Mulvey of the Univ of PA. Available at: www.macfound.org

Report Describes Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Correctional Facilities

The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) has published, "[Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2008-2009](#)." Part of BJS' National Prison Rape Statistics Program, the report presents data from the 2008-09 National Survey of Youth in Custody and provides national and facility-based estimates of sexual victimization in juvenile correctional facilities. About 12% of youth in state juvenile facilities and large nonstate facilities reported experiencing one or more incidents of sexual victimization by facility staff or another youth in the past 12 months (or since admission, if less than 12 months). Available at: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=2113>

Hidden Injustice Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth in Juvenile Courts

Hidden Injustice represents the first effort to examine the experiences of LGBT youth in juvenile courts across the country. The report is based on information collected from 414 surveys and 65 interviews with juvenile justice professionals, including judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation officers, detention staff, and other juvenile justice advocates; focus groups and interviews of 55 youth who possess relevant firsthand experience; and an extensive review of relevant social science and legal research findings.

Available at: www.njdc.info or www.equityproject.org

Juveniles Who Commit Sex Offenses Against Minors

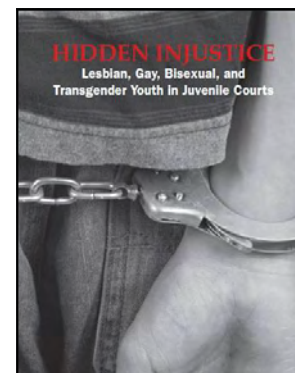
The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has published "Juveniles Who Commit Sex Offenses Against Minors," the latest in its Crimes Against Children bulletin series. The bulletin presents population-based epidemiological information about the characteristics of juvenile offenders who commit sex offenses against minors. The authors analyze data from the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System to describe the characteristics of the juvenile sex offender population who have come to the attention of law enforcement. Key findings include: (1) Juveniles account for more than one-third (36 %) of those known to police to have committed sex offenses against minors and (2) Juveniles who commit sex offenses against other children are more likely than adult sex offenders to offend in groups, at schools, and to have more male and younger victims. Findings may support the development of research-based interventions and policies to reduce sexual assault and child molestation as perpetrated by juvenile offenders.

Available at: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=249770>

Reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact: Preparation at the Local Level

(NCJ 218861) September 2009, *Bulletin*, 12 page(s)

Describes strategies that States and communities can use to reduce disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system. This bulletin is a companion to the latest edition of OJJDP's Disproportionate Minority Contact Technical Assistance Manual. It includes useful "how to" information drawn from the manual and presents important background on the context in which local preparation takes place—media coverage and public attitudes about crime, race, and youth. Available at: www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/

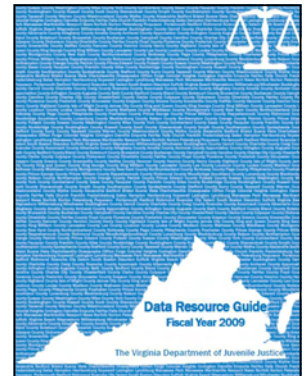


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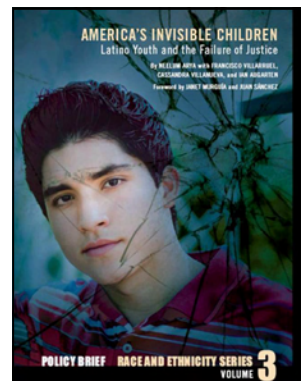
VADJJ FY 2009 Data Resource Guide

The Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice has released the 2009 Data Resource Guide. First published in FY 2001, the guide has become a key source of information for professionals who work with system-involved children in the Commonwealth. The document provides descriptions of key programs and functions within the VADJJ, as well as demographic information and other data on court-involved young people. The information can be used to assess needs for the Commonwealth as a whole, as well as specific localities. The guide can be viewed or downloaded from the resource section of the Department of Juvenile Justice's website at: www.djj.virginia.gov.



America's Invisible Children: Latino Youth and the Failure of Justice

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) and the Campaign for Youth Justice released a new report entitled America's Invisible Children: Latino Youth and the Failure of Justice. The report examines the most recent information available about Latino youth in the justice system, with a particular focus on youth tried as adults. The report finds that Latino youth are treated more harshly by the justice system than white youth, for similar offenses, at all stages in the justice system. In addition to providing a detailed overview of racial disparities and structural racism in the justice system, this report looks at a variety of national initiatives that have been successful at reducing racial inequities in detention facilities among Latino youth. Available at: www.c4yj.org/about-resources.html

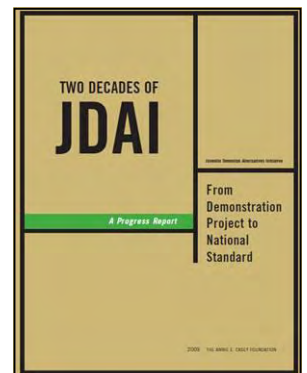


Guide for Preventing and Responding to School Violence: 2nd Edition

The International Association of Chiefs of Police has published, Guide for Preventing and Responding to School Violence: , a guide that addresses both prevention and intervention from a systemic view, clarifying the roles of the school, the community, families, law enforcement, and the justice system and how these groups can work together effectively to respond to school violence. Available at: www.theiacp.org/PublicationsGuides/Publications

Mental Health Courts: A Guide to Research-Informed Policy and Practice

This guide, produced by the Council of State Governments Justice Center, is intended to help policy makers and practitioners understand available research to better design, implement, and evaluate mental health courts. Available at: <http://justicecenter.csg.org>



Two Decades of JDAI: From Demonstration Project to National Standard

This report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation documents the progress of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative's (JDAI) efforts in reforming juvenile detention practices throughout the nation. Also highlighted in the report are the ways in which JDAI has contributed to broader reform. Available: www.aecf.org/KnowledgeCenter

Resilient Girls--Factors that Protect Against Delinquency (NCJ 220124)

This bulletin describes how four factors—presence of a caring adult, school connectedness, school success, and religiosity—affect girls' propensity towards delinquency. The Bulletin, part of the Girls Study Group Series, draws on data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health. The Girls Study Group was created to provide comprehensive research for understanding and responding to girls' involvement in delinquency. Available at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications>



Costs of Confinement: Why Good Juvenile Justice Policies Make Good Fiscal Sense

Produced by the Justice Policy Institute, the *Costs of Confinement* suggests that states spend billions to imprison youth in secure facilities, but could save money, preserve public safety, and improve life outcomes for individual youth by redirecting the money to community-based alternatives. Available: www.justicepolicy.org

Juvenile Justice in the News

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As a service to our membership, the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) maintains a collection of "clipped" articles taken from on-line news sources on topics relating to subjects pertinent to juvenile justice and human service professionals. The following links to selected state and national new stories were obtained through search engines using key terms such as "juvenile justice" and "juvenile delinquency." VJJA assumes no responsibility for the content of the posted news links. If you find inaccuracies in the news articles, it is recommended that you contact the author or the local news source. Note: After a given period of time, some of the links may no longer work as the news story becomes outdated or may require you to subscribe to the given news source in order to read an article.

JLARC faults study of sexual abuse of juvenile offenders

Richmond Times Dispatch
Frank Green, January 30, 2010
http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/local/crime/article/JUVE30_20100129-212201/321159/

Letters: Federal survey is wrong about juvenile facility

The Philadelphia Inquirer
Andy Pond, President, Justice Resource Institute, January 30, 2010
www.philly.com/inquirer/opinion/20100130_Letters_Federal_survey_is_wrong_about_juvenile_facility.html

Engagement - David Underwood and Jennifer Leigh Julian

The Richmond Times Dispatch,
"Celebrations", January 24, 2010
<http://www.legacy.com/TimesDispatch/Celebrations.asp?Page=Announcement&PersonId=138730235>

Reforming Juvenile Justice

The New York Times (Letter)
Tracy Velázquez, Justice Policy Institute
January 29, 2010
<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/30/opinion/web30juvenile.html?scp=1&sq=juvenile%20justice&st=cse>

Marsden wins Va. Senate race

Washington Post | Derek Kravitz
January 13, 2010
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/12/AR2010011203717.html>

Sexual abuse of youths in detention (Editorial)

Washington Post
January 11, 2010
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/10/AR2010011002264.html>

Virginia Should Stand for

Children's Safety (Opinion)

The Richmond Times Dispatch | Lovisa Stannow and Melissa Cortez Goemann
Published: January 11, 2010
http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/opinion/op_ed/article/ED-JUVABUSE11_20100110-165405/316629/

2010 General Assembly, A Year of Transition, New VADJJ Board Members, Community Court Has Success in Lynchburg, VCU Class Teaches Poetry at Bon Air JCC, Work Education Release Program Continued at RDC,

DJJ Partnership Newsletter
Volume 6, Issue I - January 2010
http://www.djj.virginia.gov/Resources/DJJ_Publications/DJJPartnership.aspx

Va. juvenile centers cited in report on sex abuse

The Richmond Times Dispatch
January 8, 2010
http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/local/crime/article/JUVE081_20100108-001803/316202/

Youth Agencies to Share in \$100 Million for Green Jobs Training

Youth Today | Jamaal Abdul-Alim
January 6, 2010
<http://www.youthtoday.org>

Study to put Va. juvenile justice issues before lawmakers

The Virginian-Pilot | Tim McGlone
Jan 5, 2009...
<http://hamptonroads.com/2009/01/study-put-va-juvenile-justice-issues-lawmakers>

Stop turning students into prisoners

The Roanoke Time | Hank Bostwick
January 3, 2010
<http://www.roanoke.com/editorials/commentary/wb/231666>

OJJDP Mentoring Funds Boosted by \$20 Million \$50 million also will

assist children of prisoners
Youth Today | Erika Fitzpatrick
December 31, 2009
http://www.youthtoday.org/publication/article.cfm?article_id=3731

State Lawmakers Stuck On Juvenile Courts

WWBT NBC 12 | Adam Rhew
December 29, 2009
<http://www.nbc12.com/Global/story.asp?S=11681921>

Today's Young Black Men Need Some Help (Opinion)

The Richmond Times Dispatch | John Horton, Guest Columnist
Published: December 28, 2009
http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/opinion/op_ed/article/ED-HORT28_20091227-171403/313795/

Gang-prevention bill hits a snag with a co-sponsor's criticism

The Virginian-Pilot | Bill Bartel
Dec 26, 2009
<http://hamptonroads.com/2009/12/gangprevention-bill-hits-snap-cosponsors-criticism>

Virginia panel hears about juvenile justice disparities, 'sexting' laws

The Richmond Times Dispatch
Frank Green, December 16, 2009
http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/state_regional/article/CRIM16_20091215-220809/311807/

Letter: Don't Place Kids In Adult Jails

The Richmond Times Dispatch (Opinion)
Hannah M. Coltrain, December 16, 2009
http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/opinion/letters/article/ED-MITCHELL16_20091215-175804/311708

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Don't charge juveniles as adults, advocates urge

The Virginian-Pilot
Julian Walker, Dec 16, 2009
<http://hamptonroads.com/2009/12/dont-charge-juveniles-adults-advocates-urge>

Try new approach on young offenders

The Virginian-Pilot (Editorial)
Dec 16, 2009
<http://hamptonroads.com/2009/12/try-new-approach-young-offenders>

De-Criminalizing Children

The New York Times (Editorial)
December 16, 2009
http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/17/opinion/17thu3.html?_r=3

Crime Commission declines to address 'sexting' issue

Times Dispatch | Frank Green
December 15, 2009
http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/state_regional/state_regional_govtpolitics/article/va_crime_commission_refuses_sexting_recommendation/311687/

Parents seek juvenile justice changes

WWBT NBC 12
Andy Jenks, December 15, 2009
<http://www.nbc12.com/Global/story.asp?S=11681921>

Jailing Juveniles

Sensible fixes to youth crime and delinquency policies
The Washington Post
December 14, 2009
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/13/AR2009121302444.html>

Virginia Crime Panel Extends Juvenile Justice Study

WCAV CBS19 News | Associated Press
December 15, 2009
<http://www.newsplex.com/home/headlines/79323122.html>

Juvenile Law Should Be Reconsidered

The News Virginian (Editorial)
December 7, 2009
http://www2.newsvirginian.com/wnv/news/opinion/editorials/article/juvenile_law_should_be_reconsidered/49727/

Justice for Virginia juveniles

Why the commonwealth should revise its rules for trying children as adults
The Washington Post (Editorial)
December 5, 2009
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/05/AR2009120502654.html>

Coalition advocate mental-health care for children

Richmond Times Dispatch
David Ross, December 5, 2009
http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/state_regional/article/MENT05_20091204-221602/309631/

Babies Behind Bars

Santa Cruz Indymedia
Mumia Abu-Jamal, December 3, 2009
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2009/12/03/18631356.php>

One Size Does Not Fit All

A Slippery Slope to Increased Juvenile Incarceration
The Huffington Post, November 24, 2009
James Bell, Haywood Burns Institute
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-bell/a-slippery-slope-to-more_b_369369.html

Teen crime needs balanced response

The Virginian-Pilot (Editorial)
Nov 22, 2009
<http://hamptonroads.com/2009/11/teen-crime-needs-balanced-reponse>

Community Safety: Time to Rethink Our Approach to Juvenile Sentencing

Richmond Times Dispatch
Kim O'Donnell, Guest Columnist
November 23, 2009
http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/opinion/op_ed/article/ED-ODON23_20091122-172206/307274/

Richmond mayor completes leadership team

(Kehoe)
Times Dispatch | Will Jones
Published: November 18, 2009
<http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/>

Juvenile Justice and Race: An Uphill Climb to the Bottom

The Huffington Post November 18, 2009
James Bell, Haywood Burns Institute
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-bell/juvenile-justice-and-race_b_362283.html

Study criticizes Va.'s handling of youth offenders

Richmond Times Dispatch
Bill McKelway, November 17, 2009
http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/local/crime/article/YUTH17_20091116-222814/306196/

Juvenile Sentencing Rule Scrutinized

The Daily Progress
Tasha Kates November 17, 2009
http://www2.dailyprogress.com/cdp/news/local/article/juvenile_sentencing_rule_scrutinized

How Old Is Old Enough?

The New York Times
Catherine Rampell, November 14, 2009
http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/15/weekinreview/15ramp.html?_r=2

Two cases may change the way teens are punished

CNN.com, Bill Mears, November 14, 2009
<http://www.cnn.com/2009/CRIME/11/08/supreme.court.juvenile.justice/index.html>

OJJDP Administrators Gather for First Time

Youth Today
John Kelly, November 12, 2009
http://www.youthtoday.org/publication/article.cfm?article_id=3672

Youth Offenders Deserve a Chance for Rehabilitation

Roll Call, November 11, 2009
Carolyn Lamm, ABA President
<http://www.rolcall.com/news/40524-1.html>

High court justices to ponder life imprisonment for juveniles

USA Today
Joan Biskupic, November 10, 2009
http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/judicial/2009-11-08-minors_N.htm

St. Joseph's Villa summit to focus on at-risk youths

The Richmond Times Dispatch
Katherine Calos, November 3, 2009
http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/local/article/YUTH03_20091102-211003/303237/

Residents discuss juvenile justice at Norfolk forum

The Virginian-Pilot
Kathy Adams Oct 25, 2009
<http://hamptonroads.com/2009/10/residents-discuss-juvenile-justice-norfolk-forum>

Funding Opportunities

Title II Formula Grants Program

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services announces the availability of grant funding under the Title II Formula Grants Program.

Up to \$75,000 is available, on a competitive basis, to localities and state agencies who wish to implement new initiatives using evidence-based programs, practices or strategies that fit within the identified ACJJ Priority Areas and selected OJJDP Purpose Areas. Up to \$65,000 is available on a competitive basis, to localities and state agencies who wish to sustain an existing program that is at-risk of being eliminated due to budget constraints, which fit within the identified ACJJ Priority Areas and selected OJJDP Purpose Areas.

Funds will be made available during the project period of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

Interested parties may access the full application kit and forms from the DCJS website, www.dcjs.virginia.gov/juvenile/jjdp/title2/2010JJDPFRFPAppKit.pdf.

This is a two part submission process. Concept papers are due March 10, 2010 and may be submitted electronically to ju-justgrnt@dcjs.virginia.gov. Full applications are due May 3, 2010.

Applications may be mailed or delivered to: DCJS, Attn: Office of Grants Management, 1100 Bank Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

For questions please contact: Ashaki McNeil, DCJS Program Analyst at 804.225.4329 or Ashaki.Mcneil@dcjs.virginia.gov.

Drug Free Communities Support

ONDCP and CSAP Announce FY 2010 Drug Free Communities Support Program: The Executive Office of the President's Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) are accepting applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2010 Drug Free Communities Support Program.

The program's purpose is to establish and strengthen collaboration to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth. Successful applicants will receive up to \$125,000 per year over a 5-year period.

The application deadline is March 19, 2010.

Resources: To obtain further information about the FY 2010 Drug Free Communities Support Program, see the Request for Applications at samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/SP-10-005.aspx.

Ben & Jerry Wants To Fund Your Innovative Proposal

The Ben & Jerry Foundation, the philanthropic initiative of the ice cream maker, will consider any type of proposal, as long as the goal is to create societal, institutional and/or environmental change.

The foundation funds efforts that address the root causes of a problem in a community, system or institution. Therefore, traditional social service programs are ineligible for funding. Funded programs seek to

empower segments of society, such as immigrant, rural or homeless populations.

The initial application consists of a one-page letter of interest, which may be submitted at any time and are reviewed on an ongoing basis. The review takes up to eight weeks.

If an application is chosen for further consideration, the organization will be invited to submit a full proposal which consists of a five-page application. Those seeking less than \$1,000 need not submit a full proposal, because the decision will be based on the letter of interest.

The foundation's website provides the following tips that are helpful for all types of funding.

- Carefully consider the foundation's guidelines to ensure there is a good fit between your work and their funding criteria (Don't bother to apply if there isn't).
- Be explicit (Don't assume the reader is familiar with the issues you address).
- Provide examples of outcomes and impacts of your work.
- Be succinct and detailed.
- Although this may seem obvious, be sure to fulfill all stated application requirements.

For more on the foundation, please visit <http://www.benjerry.com/company/foundation/>.

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Second Chance Act Offender Re-entry Demonstration Projects

The U.S. Department of Justice, the Office of Justice Programs', Bureau of Justice Assistance, and Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency have announced the Second Chance Act Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Initiative. The program furthers the Department's commitment to providing services and programs to help facilitate the successful reintegration of offenders as they return to their communities.

The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of people who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities. There are currently over 2.3 million individuals serving time in our federal and state prisons, and millions of people cycling through local jails every year. There are approximately 94,000 youth in residential confinement within the juvenile justice system on any given day. Ninety-five percent of all offenders incarcerated today will eventually be released and will return to communities. The Second Chance Act is intended to help ensure the transition individuals make from prison, jail, or juvenile residential facilities to the community is safe and successful.

Registration is required prior to submission. The deadline to register in GMS is 8:00 p.m. eastern time on March 4, 2010, and the deadline for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m. eastern time on March 4, 2010.

Learn more at: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/reentry.html

Professional Development Opportunities

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SECTOR LEADERS

July 9 to July 15, 2010

Georgetown University, Wash, DC
Applications Due: March 24, 2010

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute has announced its 2010 Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare: Multi-System Integration Certificate Program for Public Sector Leaders. The program is designed to advance cross systems work to improve outcomes for youth involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Participants will attend a week-long program in Washington, DC where they will be taught by expert faculty on topics including multisystem integration (information sharing and joint case assessment, planning and management), developing collaborative leadership skills, the effective use of communication strategies, reducing disproportionality in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, and more. After the program, participants will develop a Capstone Project to implement systems reform in their home jurisdiction. The Certificate Program is designed for public agency leaders at the state, local, tribal and national levels within the juvenile justice, child welfare, education, behavioral health and related systems of care who are committed to cross systems efforts. In order to enhance the possibility of implementing cross systems change after returning from the program, applicants from the same jurisdiction are encouraged to apply as "mini-teams."

For more information and to apply, visit <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu> and click on "Certificate Programs" or email CJJR at: jjreform@georgetown.edu.

BJA OFFERS PAID PEER REVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is currently seeking peer reviewers to assess grant applications in FY 2010. BJA needs reviewers with relevant expertise, from diverse backgrounds, regions and experience in at least one of the following areas:

- Expertise in law enforcement and gangs.
- Expertise in crime prevention.
- Expertise in adjudication.
- Expertise in corrections, building correctional facilities, and reentry.
- Expertise in tribal justice.
- Expertise in education, mentoring, health care, mental health, alcohol and substance abuse, and/or human/social services.
- Expertise in information sharing and technology.
- Expertise in research/statistics.

Reviewers will participate remotely and will not be required to attend any in-person meetings. Participants will review and score 10-20 applications within a 2-week period. Reviewers are also required to participate in an Orientation Call before beginning their review. The purpose of the Orientation Call is to define the role and responsibilities of the peer reviewers as well as the background and purpose of the grant program being peer reviewed. Reviewers are paid \$125 for each application reviewed.

If interested in becoming reviewer, submit resume or curriculum vitae, including a valid e-mail address, to: Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov. Change subject line to: "Peer Reviewer Candidate Resume".

First Report From Pathways to Desistance Study

Press Release
www.macfound.org

(Washington, DC) — As many states face budget shortfalls, a new report on youth convicted of serious offenses finds that stays in expensive institutional placements produced no measurable results. Researchers found that even among youth committing serious (often violent) offenses, a large proportion turned away from serious offending after involvement with the court and were able to live successfully in their communities. The research also shows that institutional placement appears to have no advantage over probation in reducing rates of re-arrest or self-reported offending. The length of institutional stay also does not appear to make a difference.

The report is the first in a series from a long-term study of juvenile offenders. The Research on Pathways to Desistance Study – a multi-site, collaborative project that was launched in 2000 – is designed to identify and better understand factors that contribute to desistance, or ceasing to commit additional crimes. The research is supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

“The most surprising finding is that a youth’s future behavior did not correlate very well with the sanctions they received, suggesting that costly punitive measures may not be the best approach for keeping communities safe and rehabilitating young people in trouble with the law,” said principal investigator Edward Mulvey of the University of Pittsburgh today at a national conference of MacArthur’s Models for Change juvenile justice reform initiative. “Persisters’ and ‘desisters’ spent about the same amount of time in the same types of institu-

tions. When you look at youth involved in a ‘low-level’ of offending, institutional placement actually raised the level of offending by a statistically significant amount.”

The Pathways study is following 1,354 juvenile offenders (ages 14 to 18), interviewing these adolescents as well as their family members and friends over a seven-year period after their conviction in court for a serious offense (a felony).

Significant findings to date include:

Adolescents who become involved in serious crimes are not a particular “type” but a heterogeneous group, much like their non-offending peers. They differ substantially from one another on a number of relevant dimensions: parenting styles, social development, the timing of psychological development, mental health, attitudes toward the law, and the level of substance abuse. Seldom are these differences among them considered by courts, nor are they usually translated by service providers into different types of intervention.

Nothing in the basic psychological or social characteristics of these adolescents strongly predicts which will go on to a high level of offending, even in the near future, and which will curtail their offending after court involvement.

Longer stays in juvenile facilities do not appear to reduce offending; however, continued probation supervision and community-based services provided after a youth is released do make a difference, at least in the six months following release.

Substance abuse is a major factor in continued criminal activity. Treating substance abuse can reduce subsequent offending.

“Policy makers often treat this group as if they were all the same and headed for the same life of adult crime. Actually, less than 10 percent continue illegal activity following court involvement. Closer consideration of individual and developmental differences by the courts and service providers could lead to more tailored, more effective services,” said Laurie Garduque, the Director of MacArthur’s juvenile justice grantmaking. “Our hope is that evidence about what works will inform policy changes to better serve youthful offenders and their families, while ensuring communities are kept safe.”

The Pathways to Desistance Study grew out of work by the MacArthur Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice, a ten-year, interdisciplinary project that provided research cited by the Supreme Court to ban the death penalty for juveniles under the age of 18. The study is supported through MacArthur’s Models for Change juvenile justice reform initiative, an effort to create successful and replicable models of juvenile justice reform, through targeted investments in key states. Models for Change seeks to accelerate progress toward a more effective, fair, and developmentally sound juvenile justice system that holds young people accountable for their actions, provides for their rehabilitation, protects them from harm, increases their life chances, and manages the risk they pose to themselves and to the public. The initiative is underway in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, and Washington and, through action networks focusing on key issues, in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Just Us

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better plan, but I'll offer one that requires no compulsory education laws:

- ♦ Government should focus on eliminating barriers to education; such as, transportation, in-home assistance, tutor assistance, building availability, hours of operation, and so forth. They should promote learning. If an elementary or middle school student is having difficulty in school, including attendance, let our societal mechanisms assist that family (school, social services, mental health, health, and the like, but do not criminalize their lack of participation or achievement).
- ♦ Offer children more age appropriate incentives: high school ending after ten years with graduation and a diploma (giving the 15/16 year-old a sense of achievement); senior high school ending after twelve years with an advanced diploma; community college after two more years, et cetera, or a similar scale of achievement/age recognition. This would help teachers focus more on competency and motivation, and the dropout prone would see the light of accomplishment on the horizon. If a child does not wish to continue after ten years fine but give them opportunity to re-enroll, even if part time.
- ♦ Offer technical classes on a part time basis for children who have dropped out or graduated early (ten year diploma). Let children take a welding or cake decorating class if they would like to on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Let their parents come too. Maybe the shop instructor can encourage them to take an advanced mathematics class next semester to stimulate their talent.
- ♦ If a child shows up to school late, quietly welcome them into the classroom. There's no shame in a teenager oversleeping. If a future employer chooses to discipline an employee for tardiness, let them. Life has plenty of penalties and hard-knocks for each of us. Why would we want to be so

harsh on our children?

- ♦ Stop worrying about what children haven't learned yet and focus more on what they are learning and want to learn. Classical philosophers envisioned educating children by engaging thought processes, examining outcomes, deciding on strategies, learning empathy for others, observing life, recording and hypothesizing, and studying how to live morally and find happiness. Not to prepare one to do a repetitive job.

Perhaps we can help our legislative bodies and the Governor develop a more positive appreciation for our children's educational needs and suggest that they get out of the educational punishment business. Children need encouragement and love, and encouraged to love in their lives. They need to be forgiven, accepted, and assisted. Just like the rest of us.

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Corrections Program, Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Service Unit, Community Services Board, Sheriff's Office, State of Virginia Probation & Parole, Loudoun Police, and the Loudoun County Departments of Family Services, Mental Health/Behavioral Rehabilitation/Substance Abuse Services and Public, Recreation & Community Services.

The local probation office reported an 83 percent success rate of offenders completing probation. Offenders are deemed to be successful when they complete their period of probation without being re-arrested or having their probation revoked for any reason. Also, those on probation performed more than 13,000 hours of community service work.

The Adult Drug Treatment Court continued to assist in the success of those with non-violent, substance abuse offenders. The program held its fourth graduation ceremony in FY 08 for those who completed the four phases of the program and maintained a considerable period of abstinence.

Community's Attorney
FY 08 saw the initial steps taken in coordination with numerous departments to develop the county's first Child Advocacy Center to more effectively address child abuse and child neglect cases.

The Fraudulent Check Enforcement Program completed its second year, with more than \$71,000 recovered and returned to victims and participating businesses. Approximately 300 local merchants participate in the program. The office significantly reduced its focus and resources on case information proceedings in FY 08, with more than \$80,000 saved from criminal enterprises. The related assets were used to promote local law enforcement efforts.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
In FY 08, the Clerk's Office made significant progress in the delivery of services.

■ The office successfully implemented an online registration system for marriage licenses in Loudoun County, the first system of its kind in Virginia.

■ The office developed a new, online method for serving notices for potential jury service, increasing efficiency and saving time and money for both citizens and office staff.

■ The Clerk's Office was successful in acquiring more state grant funding to finance the costs of long-term preservation projects, including the digital scanning of court papers from the 1700s and 1800s.

In the wake of a Virginia Supreme Court ruling that nullified the transportation tax by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the Clerk's Office successfully issued a large number of refund checks. Of the \$2.3 million authorized for the tax, \$0.90 million was refunded in FY 08 with the rest to be refunded in FY 09.

The Clerk's Office continued historic records programs in FY 08 to commemorate Loudoun County's 250th anniversary. The program included displays of Civil War era court records, Revolutionary War era records, and black history records.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Gary Clements was elected by his colleagues to serve as President of the Virginia Court Clerk Association.



Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Services Unit
Stanley Stewart (pictured at left), a supervisor with the Loudoun County Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Service Unit, received the Administrator of the Year Award from the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association. Stewart has been with the Loudoun County government for three decades, starting out as a probation officer and becoming a supervisor in 1984.

Animal Care & Control

Animal Care & Control continued regional and statewide recognition in FY 08. The department's Canine Companion Reentry Program received an achievement award from the Virginia Association of Counties. The department also received awards from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for animal services – the Adoption Award, the Outstanding Customer Service Award, and the Dedicated Service Award for Chief Animal Control Officer Kim Miller, who also received special recognition from the Virginia Animal Control Association.

Animal Care & Control participated in 39 community outreach events, including adoption events, educational presentations, and seminars on animal safety and bite prevention. The department launched a partnership with the Department of Public, Recreation & Community Services to host monthly pet adoption events at the Sterling Community Center.

The department hosted several programs to encourage pet adoption, including "The 12 Days of Cat-nal" in December, which increased cat adoptions by 105 percent.



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General Assembly Convenes	January 13
General Assembly Adjourns.....	March 13
Tidewater VJJA Spring Conference	March 18-19
VJJA Board of Directors Meeting	March 31
Coalition of Juv. Justice Conf, Wash DC	April 10-13
4th Annual DMC Conference at VSU.....	April 22
ILPPP Juv. Forensic Eval. Training.....	May 3-7
Correctional & Residential Employees Week	May 3-7
VJJA Board of Directors Meeting	June 23
Probation, Par & Comm Supervision Week	July 19-23
VA Summer Inst. for Addiction Studies.....	July 19-21
APPA National Conf, Wash DC	Aug 15-18
VJJA Board of Directors Meeting	Sep 15
VJJA Board of Directors Meeting	Nov 2
VJJA 34th Fall Juvenile Justice Institute	Nov 3-5



VJJA President Beth Stinnett with
David James, Past President (1976; 1979-81),
Founding Member and Boston Red Sox Fan.