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*Partnering for Better Outcomes for Court-Involved Children*

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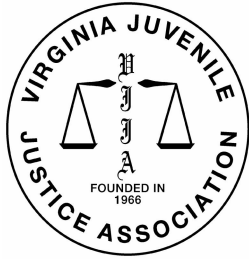
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Dear Colleagues:



It is my privilege to welcome you to the "Star City" to the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association's 31<sup>st</sup> Fall Juvenile Justice Institute, "*When All the Stars Align: Partnering for Better Outcomes for Court-Involved Children*". Approximately 375 participants, speakers and exhibitors are registered, representing nearly every work place in the Commonwealth that touches the lives of court-involved children. Built around the theme of working more effectively together, the event will provide a unique opportunity for cross-agency learning.

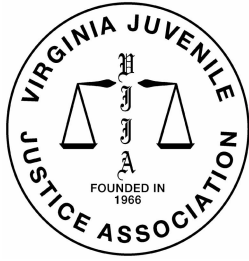
Through the years, VJJA has been on the forefront of bringing best practice information and innovations to Virginia and providing opportunities for professionals to come together to learn from one another and this year is no exception. From a slate of exceptional plenary session speakers, to 18 afternoon workshops featuring both nationally-recognized speakers and "home grown" talent, to opportunities for networking with colleagues, I believe we have assembled a diverse and dynamic program for you.

Many months of preparation and planning unfold before you today and I want to personally thank my entire Board of Directors for their investment of time and energy. I especially want to thank board members Katherine Farmer, Director of Institute Planning, and Sheila Hightower, Director of Vendor Relations, for their considerable contributions in planning this event.

Because of the time and talents of members of the VJJA Board and other colleagues from throughout the Commonwealth, I believe this will be an event that will be talked about for years to come. May you return to your workplaces energized and with the tools and resources (whether a new program, a new strategy, a new approach or a new colleague) that you need to help you more effectively work with the young people in your charge.

Have a great conference,

Beth Mohler Stinnett  
VJJA President



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Dear Conference Participants:



Welcome to VJJA's Fall Training Institute. It has been a busy and enjoyable year, my sixth as Institute Planning Chair. The assignments of the position have been both challenging and rewarding.

Thanks to the many members of the conference advisory committee and conference staff for their tireless efforts to make this a memorable event. Thanks especially to the local leadership in this year's host district, the Blue Ridge District. Thanks also to President Stinnett for her significant contributions to the event, for re-appointing me as Institute Planning Chair and for continuing to "raise the bar" for the Institute and the entire association. Beginning last year and continuing into this year, I believe and hope that you will agree that we have taken the Institute to a whole new level.

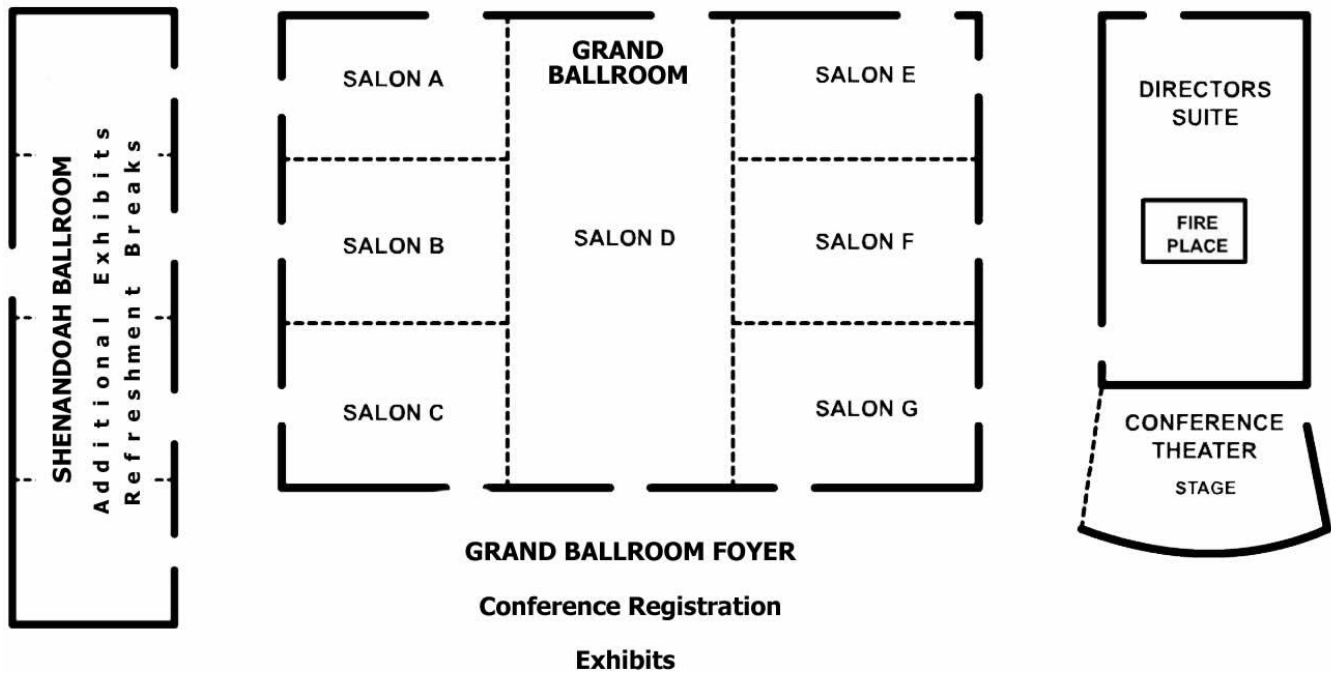
Thanks also to our many Sponsors, Exhibitors and Advertisers. This has been another record year for contributions from our partners and because of their continued support, we have again been able to bring in nationally-recognized speakers and provide fun social events without substantial increases in conference fees.

I have enjoyed talking to many of you by phone or e-mail to answer questions about registration and other matters and I look forward to meeting you in person. Should you have questions or concerns at any time throughout the conference, please do not hesitate to let me or another member of the conference staff know (look for the blue conference staff ribbons or come by the registration desk). And even if you don't have questions, please stop by the registration desk to introduce yourself. I am particularly interested in meeting anyone who is interested in helping with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Fall Institute, scheduled for November 5, 6, & 7, 2008, in Charlottesville.

Enjoy your time in Roanoke,

*Katherine Farmer*  
Director of Institute Planning

# Hotel Meeting Space Layout



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*When All the Stars Align - Partnering for Better Outcomes*

## Tuesday, November 6, 2007

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	VJJA Board of Directors Meeting	Director's Suite
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Other Association Meetings	TBA
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Pre-Registration, Opening Reception & Meet and Greet	Whispers Lounge
9:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.	Conference Staff Meeting	Grand Ballroom Foyer

## Wednesday, November 7, 2007

8:00 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	Grand Ballroom Foyer
8:00 a.m.	Exhibit Hall Grand Opening & Coffee Service	Shenandoah Ballroom
9:00 a.m.	<b>CONFERENCE OPENING</b> Opening Remarks: Beth Mohler Stinnett, VJJA President Announcements: Katherine Farmer, Institute Planning Chair Welcome: Darlene L. Burcham, Roanoke City Manager	Grand Ballroom
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>PLENARY ADDRESS</b> <i>Strength Based Approaches to Juvenile Justice</i> Dr. Wally Kisthardt, Park University, Parkville, MO	Grand Ballroom
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	BREAK & EXHIBIT VIEWING	Shenandoah Ballroom
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon	<b>Plenary Session Continues</b>	Grand Ballroom
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN & EXHIBIT VIEWING	
1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	<b>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b> A - Dual Jurisdiction Cases B - Family Therapy and Minority Offenders C - Resp. to Aggression & Enhancing Your De-escalation Skills D - In re Gault: Juvenile Defense 40 Years Later E - FAST & GREAT (Families, Schools and Gangs) F - Strength Based Approaches to Juvenile Justice	Salon A/B Salon G Salon E/F Conference Theater Salon C Salon D
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	BREAK & EXHIBIT VIEWING	
3:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	<b>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b> A - Methamphetamines: The Impact on Communities & Corrections B - Disproportionate Minority Contact: It's NOT a Black "Thang" C - Silent Scars: Better Understanding Self-Harming Behavior D - Equity for LGBT Youth in Juvenile Justice & Corrections E - Peer Resolutions: The Youth Court Model F - Setting & Achieving Management Outcomes	Salon A/B Salon D Salon E/F Conference Theater Salon G Salon C
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	<b>PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION</b> and continued EXHIBIT VIEWING	Grand Ballroom Foyer

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**Thursday, November 8, 2007**

8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION</b> Exhibit Hall Open & Continental Breakfast	Grand Ballroom Foyer Shenandoah Ballroom
8:30 a.m.	<b>OPENING</b> Welcome: Beth Mohler Stinnett, VJJA President Opening Remarks: Barry Green, VADJJ Director	Grand Ballroom
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>PLENARY ADDRESS</b> <i>Enhancing Collaboration to Achieve Better Outcomes</i> Judge Steve Teske, Nat. Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges	Grand Ballroom
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	BREAK & EXHIBIT VIEWING	Shenandoah Ballroom
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS LUNCHEON</b>	Grand Ballroom
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	BREAK & EXHIBIT VIEWING	Shenandoah Ballroom
1:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>PLENARY ADDRESS</b> <i>Using What We Know About Adolescent Development</i> Dr. Randy Otto, University of South Florida	Grand Ballroom
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	BREAK & EXHIBIT VIEWING	Shenandoah Ballroom
3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	<b>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b> A - Post-Dispositional Detention in Virginia B - Practice-Based Evidence and CFIT C - Being an Educated Consumer of Services D - Re-entry: Fam. Reunification Following Out of Home Placement E - Data-Driven Youth Partnerships Powered By Collaboration F - Futuring Juvenile Justice	Salon A/B Salon C Salon E/F Salon G Conference Theater Salon D
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	<b>LEADERSHIP MIXER &amp; "SPEED NETWORKING"</b> Meet the VJJA Board & other Colleagues from Across Virginia	Conference Theater
8:00 p.m. - midnight	<b>SOCIAL / DANCE</b> Featuring "Twist" and "Flat Footing" Dance Contests	Grand Ballroom

**Friday, November 9, 2007**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Exhibit Hall Open & Continental Breakfast	Grand Ballroom Foyer
9:00 a.m.	<b>PLENARY SESSIONS</b> <i>Internet Perpetrators &amp; Victims: Keeping Our Children Safe</i> Christine Feller, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Sgt. Rodney Thompson, Operation Blue Thunder	Grand Ballroom
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<i>Youth Making A Difference: a Youth Court Mock Trial</i> Roanoke Youth Court Participants and Other Panelists The Honorable Judge Diane Strickland (ret.) Austin Ward West, Jr., Westward Consulting, Inc.	
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<b>CLOSING:</b> Adjournment, Door Prizes	

# *Special Guests and Plenary Session Faculty*

(in order of appearance)



**DARLENE BURCHAM** was named City Manager for the City of Roanoke in January 2000. Ms. Burcham came to Roanoke from the City of Norfolk, where she had served as Deputy City Manager since 1995. She began her service to the City of Norfolk in 1987 as Director of Human Services, being named Assistant City Manager in 1989. Ms. Burcham also served eight years as Assistant County Administrator and acting County Administrator in James City County (VA), and eight years before that as Director of Social Services for the City of Hampton (VA). She has been involved in numerous committees, programs and initiatives throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, earning many distinctions along the way. Since her arrival in Roanoke, she has been recognized by: "Government Technology" magazine as one of the Top 25: Doers, Dreamers and Drivers for 2004, The Madison Society of Political Science, Oration, and Debate in 2005 for outstanding service, NAACP as a Citizen of the Year in 2007, and Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow. She now serves on the boards of the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors' Bureau, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, the Regional Partnership Executive Committee, as chair of the CLEO consortium for the Western Virginia Workforce Development Board (Workforce Investment Area 3), and is a member of Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission. She was previously a member of the Western Virginia Water Authority Board. Her association with First Cities Coalition has included serving as its secretary, as chair of its City Manager's Steering Committee and as a member of its Executive Committee. In addition, she serves on the Governor's Task Force on Urban Policy, the Governor's Virginia Citizen Soldier Support Council Task Force, the Governance Task Force for the Start Strong Council, the Governor's Energy Policy Advisory Council, and is a member of the Virginia Municipal League Executive Committee. Ms. Burcham is one of two Virginians on the Alliance for Innovation Board and recently has been appointed to the ICMA Sustainability Advisory Committee. A native of northern Virginia, Ms. Burcham holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the College of William and Mary, a master's degree in social work administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a certificate from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. She has two daughters and five grandchildren.



**DR. WALTER KISTHARDT** is nationally and internationally recognized as a dynamic, informative, inspirational, and entertaining speaker, trainer, and educator. He has been a major contributor to the development, evaluation, and dissemination of Strengths-Based, Person-Centered Community Care. He has provided consultation within a wide range of settings, both in-patient and outpatient, in 42 states, in England and New Zealand. Participants have consistently reported feeling affirmed, challenged, renewed, and rekindled in their passion and personal commitment to assisting others. Dr. Kisthardt models creativity and innovation by incorporating original music from his CD, "On Your Case" and poetry from his book "You Validate My Visions: Poetic Reflections on Helping, Healing, Caring, and Loving" to illustrate points in a manner that speaks to the very soul of the helping enterprise. Dr. Kisthardt has conducted seminars for administrators and providers in Juvenile Justice, Hospice, Developmental Services, Mental Health, Head Start, TANF, Homelessness, Substance Abuse, Corrections, Education, Children and Family Programs and Vocational Rehabilitation. Dr. Kisthardt is the Chair/Director and Associate Professor at the newly accredited BSW Program at Park University. He holds a BA in Sociology and Social Work from Elizabethtown College, Pa., an MSW from the University of Hawaii, and a Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Kansas. Dr. Kisthardt also has a wide range of direct practice experience, including both in-patient and outpatient therapy and supervision of case management. Dr. Kisthardt has presented on numerous occasions in Indiana, including the Consumer Conference, the Vocational Rehabilitation Conference, with several mental health and developmental disabilities programs throughout the state, as well as Logansport State Hospital. He is currently collaborating with Oklahoma and Kansas to provide training and evaluate the effectiveness of Strengths-based, Person Centered practice with those affected by the co-occurring disorders of substance abuse and mental illness.



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**BARRY GREEN** is the Director of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice. He previously served as Deputy Secretary of Public Safety in the administrations of Governor Mark Warner and Governor George Allen. With over 30 years of public service, Mr. Green has worked with several Commonwealth agencies, Planning and Budget, and was Deputy Director for Administration & Finance in the Department of Juvenile Justice prior to the beginning of Governor Warner's administration. He has also served as adjunct faculty on the Master of Public Administration program at Virginia Commonwealth University. Before being appointed Director at the Department of Juvenile Justice, while employed at the Secretary of Public Safety's office, Mr. Green chaired the Governor's working group on Prisoner Re-entry, working with a number of state, local and non-profit agencies to develop strategies for reducing the number of inmates who offend after their release from prison.



**THE HONORABLE JUDGE STEVE TESKE** received his Associate of Arts in Political Science from Clayton State College and University in 1981, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Law and Society from Georgia State University in 1983, Master of Arts in Political Science from Georgia State University in 1988, and his Juris Doctor from Georgia State University College of Law in 1991. Judge Teske also received his Certified Public Manager diploma from the University of Georgia. He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and admitted to practice before the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He served as Chief of the Atlanta Parole District and Deputy Director of Field Services of the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles. He was a trial attorney and partner in the law firm of Boswell & Teske where he served as Special Assistant Attorney General representing various State agencies in federal and state courts and also the Clayton County Department of Family and Children Services prosecuting abuse and neglect cases in Juvenile court. He was appointed to the juvenile bench of Clayton County in 1999 and re-appointed in 2003. He has written articles for national journals titled "Reducing Detention Using Collaborative Strategies: It Takes a Community!" published in *Juvenile and Family Justice Today* and "Using Collaborative Strategies to Reinvent Juvenile Justice," published in *The Link*, and "CASA: Watchdogs for the Abused and Neglected" published in *@ Law*. He is also featured in an article titled "Front-End Loading with Detained Juveniles in Clayton County, Georgia: Centerpiece of a Forward-Looking Strategem" published in *Juvenile Justice Update*. He is married to the former Deborah Appling of Atlanta. They have three children ages 22, 18, and 16.



**DR. RANDY OTTO** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy at the University of South Florida. He received masters and doctoral degrees in clinical psychology from Florida State University, and completed an NIMH-funded fellowship in Law and Psychology at the University of Nebraska. Dr. Otto is a licensed psychologist and Diplomate in Forensic Psychology, American Board of Professional Psychology. In addition to his position in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, he holds adjunct faculty appointments at Stetson University College of Law, the Department of Psychology, and the Department of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling at the University of South Florida. Dr. Otto has served as President of the American Academy of Forensic Psychology, the American Psychology-Law Society, and the American Board of Forensic Psychology. He chairs the Committee to Revise the Specialty Guidelines for Forensic Psychology and is on the editorial boards of *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, *Assessment*, and the *Journal of Behavioral Health Services Administration*. Dr. Otto has published numerous articles and book chapters in the areas of forensic assessment and clinical decision making. Most recently, he joined department colleagues John Petrila and Norman Poythress in authoring the third edition of *Psychological Evaluations for the Courts: A Handbook for Mental Health Professionals and Lawyers*.

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**CHRISTINE FELLER** is the Supervisor within the Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP) at the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) in Alexandria, Virginia. Ms. Feller has been with the Exploited Child Unit at NCMEC since 2002, where she started as a CyberTipline analyst using her analytical skills on nearly 4,000 reports. In July 2003, Ms. Feller joined CVIP. This program allows NCMEC to locate and identify unknown child victims featured in sexually abusive images as well as assist law enforcement agencies and prosecution teams with child pornography cases across the country. To date the CVIP staff has grown to seven analysts and one digital imaging specialist, who collectively process an average of 55-90 image reviews per week for local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies. In the last year CVIP has been involved in the successful identification of over 30 previously unidentified child victims. Due to its success, the Child Victim Identification Program continues to grow both in staff and in its services and efforts to assist law enforcement in protecting child victims across the nation. Ms. Feller received a M.A. in Criminal Justice, with a concentration in Computer Fraud Investigations, from George Washington University, and a B.A. in Economics from Saint Mary's College.



**SERGEANT RODNEY L. THOMPSON** is A Sworn Law Enforcement Officer employed by the Bedford County Sheriff's Office. He has been a police officer in the Commonwealth of Virginia for 11 years, holds the rank of Sergeant and is assigned to the Special Investigations Division of the Bedford County Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Thompson is a member of the Federal Task Force for the Investigation of Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). He is a Virginia Certified Police Officer through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and is a graduate of the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy. After graduating from Central Virginia Community College with an Associates Degree in Administration of Justice and Radford University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and prior to joining the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, he was a certified police officer with the Campbell County Sheriff's Office for approximately six years and served as a Master Deputy, Road Deputy, member of S.W.A.T. and a School Resource Officer. Sergeant Thompson received numerous outstanding recognitions while with the Campbell County Sheriff's Office including National Deputy of the Year Runner-Up in 1999, recipient of the Virginia Sheriff's Association Medal of Valor Award in 1999, Campbell County Sheriff's Office Purple Heart Award, Military Order of Police Association Purple Heart Award, and the National Sheriff's Association Purple Heart Award. Since February 2003, he has been assigned as a Sergeant/Investigator to Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children's Task Force (Operation Blue Ridge Thunder), which is a federal undercover taskforce investigating the Sexual Exploitation of Children on the Internet. He has received over 450 hours of training in the investigation of crimes involving computers and crimes against children, he has assisted in search warrants and prosecutions related to various crimes including computer crimes and crimes against children all over the Commonwealth of Virginia and State of West Virginia. Sergeant Thompson is currently in charge of working all Cybertips generated through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and has investigated over 1000 cases involving Child Pornography and Online Solicitation.



**THE HONORABLE JUDGE DIANE STRICKLAND** is a retired judge in Roanoke Valley's 23rd Judicial Circuit, serving in the circuit court from 1989-2002 and the general district court from 1987-1989. She is currently employed by the McCammon Group. A certified mediator, in 2000 Judge Strickland received the Virginia Supreme Court Department of Dispute Resolutions Services' *Distinguished Service Award*. Following the tragedy at Virginia Tech earlier this year, Governor Kaine appointed Judge Strickland to the Virginia Tech Review Panel. She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of North Carolina and her Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia.

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**AUSTIN WEST, JR.** has held the position of Director of Consulting for the firm Westward Consulting, Inc. of Roanoke, Virginia, since 2003. Mr. West was appointed Youth Court Coordinator for the first youth court project in Virginia. In that capacity, he has overseen the development of two high school-based youth courts in the Roanoke City Schools involving more than 350 students. In 2006, he was contracted by DCJS, Juvenile Justice division, to assist emerging youth courts across the state.

In 1995, Mr. West was part of the team that brought the first drug court to Virginia. Prior to that, he held executive positions in the consulting and the human resources field. Mr. West received a BA degree in Social Science from the University of Denver in 1975 and his Masters in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Idaho in 1979. In 1981 he authored a book on forced relocation and negotiation procedures entitled, *Rexford: A Relocated Community*, for the US Army Corps of Engineers. He has written numerous articles for professional publications and stays active as a speaker and national trainer.

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# *Plenary Session and Workshop Descriptions*

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007**

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## **PLENARY ADDRESS**

9:30 A.M.

### **A STRENGTH-BASED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE**

Dr. Kisthardt will review and illustrate the essential components of Strengths-Based, Person-Centered work with youth. Participants will critically examine key concepts related to the ultimate purpose of their work; such as Normal Interdependence, Motivation, Problem focused helping, Change, Civic Engagement, and Citizenship. The six guiding principles of the approach will be articulated and illustrated with practice examples. Participants will consider innovative and creative applications of practical skills such as engagement, strengths-based assessment, collaborative personal wellness/recovery planning, coalition building/advocacy, and evidence-based practice. Dr. Kisthardt will also review a group/team model of supervision through real-time discussion of current helping challenges. This presentation will be informative as well as entertaining. Dr. Kisthardt will integrate his original poetry from his book "You Validate My Visions" original music from his CD "On Your Case" to illustrate and reinforce important themes.

Presenter: Dr. Wally Kisthardt, Park University

Location: Grand Ballroom

## **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

1:30 P.M.

### **(1) "THE DUAL JURISDICTION DILEMMA - "CREATING A COORDINATED AND INTEGRATED CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES"**

There is a credible body of research confirming the connection between child maltreatment and juvenile delinquency. The research also confirms a variety of associated negative outcomes for this population in multiple other domains. Changes and amendments to federal statutes (Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act) recognized this research and now require improved system coordination. This research and legislation provide an impetus to address the challenges in understanding how our youth serving systems intervene effectively to interrupt the troublesome trajectory for so many maltreated youth and their families.

CWLA has developed a four phase framework to assist state and local jurisdictions in efforts to improve outcomes for these shared populations of youth and families. CWLA's work focuses on addressing initial mobilization and advocacy, information management and sharing, data collection, resource assessment (fiscal and workforce), and legal and policy mandates. Barriers and obstacles in these arenas – as well as promising approaches engaged around the country – will be the focus of this session. The workshop will feature the experiences of several jurisdictions currently engaged in this work (i.e., King County, WA; Los Angeles County, CA; and the states of South Dakota, Florida, and Colorado, among others) to inform this interactive power point presentation and discussion.

The learning objectives include: (1) Awareness & understanding of the research and legislation affecting the dual jurisdiction issue, (2) Awareness & knowledge of the federal legislation affecting the dual jurisdiction population, (3) Understanding of the components of the CWLA framework (e.g., mobilization, governance, primary issues/



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## **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

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barriers, action strategies) and (4) Understanding the practical solutions provided by the featured jurisdictional experiences

In this effort, the goal of the workshop will be to supply participants with a toolkit of initial action steps that can be actualized upon returning to their home jurisdictions; additionally, participants will leave with a greater understanding of the issues that are likely to be confronted when working toward improved multi-system coordination with regard to dual jurisdiction youth.

Presenter: John Tuell, Child Welfare League of America

Location: Salon A/B

## **(2) FAMILY THERAPY AND MINORITY OFFENDERS**

Research reveals that while numerous states use punitive approaches to address juvenile crime, their efforts, which are costly, have been ineffective. Once juvenile offenders return back home, if family issues/problems are not treated effectively the same problematic behaviors will likely resurface, and the cycle of delinquency begins again. This interactive presentation will demonstrate the importance of using Functional Family Therapy (FFT), a strength based model, which has proven to be effective with minority offenders, and their families. FFT has adopted a stance that stresses the functionality and importance of the family unit. *Workshop participants will learn how to:* 1) Conduct an effective interview with minority parent, guardian, or kinship relative, 2) Conduct an effective interview with minority offenders, 3) Engage, encourage, and motivate the maladaptive offender, 4) Engage, encourage, and motivate the parent, guardian or kinship care giver, who may not be interested in changing, who may be angry with the offender, and or who may be exhausted from prior failed attempts with assisting the offender, 5) Communicate using positive, supportive forms of communication, 6) Reduce the continuation or exacerbation of the disruptive behaviors currently in the home, community and school, and 7) Rebuild positive family relationships

Presenter: Dr. Belinda Bruster, Norfolk State University

Location: Salon G

## **(3) WAVE: RESPONDING TO AGGRESSION AND ENHANCING YOUR DE-ESCALATION SKILLS**

Wave: Responding to Aggression and Enhancing Your De-escalation Skills

This workshop teaches participants how to deescalate aggressive and potentially violent youth in a non-physical manner. This training follows the WAVE (Winding-up, Agitation, Verbal aggression, Explosion) model for recognizing the triggers and signs of escalating violence and how to intervene to prevent youth from physical aggression while vigilant for one's personal safety. The workshop participants will learn the common signs that an adolescent is building in aggression, and what to do at each phase of this progression. Physical restraint should be a last resort in managing defiant behavior, therefore, when non-physical interventions can be used and effective, they should always be implemented. This workshop will enhance one's skills in preventive intervention.

Presenter: Dr. Tim Perry, Director of Children & Youth Services, Bristol Regional Counseling

Location: Salon E/F

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## **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

1:30 P.M. (CONT.)

### **(4) THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE OF JUVENILE DEFENSE 40 YEARS AFTER IN RE GAULT**

This presentation will discuss the evolution and continuing importance of juvenile defense in the 40 years since the United States Supreme Court extended the right to counsel to children in *In re Gault*. The presentation will include: an overview of the origins of the juvenile justice system, a discussion of the present state of juvenile defense, including systemic barriers to zealous defense advocacy, and a review of national reform efforts with suggested strategies for enhancing and promoting excellence in juvenile defense at the local level.

Presenter: Robin Walker, National Juvenile Defender Center

Location: Conference Theater

### **(5) FAST & G.R.E.A.T.: A FAMILY-BASED JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION STRATEGY**

G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) and FAST (Families and Schools Together) combined forces and resources to implement a school-based program that strengthens families, builds community, and prevents violence and criminal activity. G.R.E.A.T. FAST, as the collaboration is called, is an effective effort that not only educates parents, but empowers them. This presentation will describe how G.R.E.A.T. FAST brings together parent education and parent involvement by combining two programs that have been proven to be successful prevention programs in their own right. The objectives of the presentation are to introduce the audience to this collaboration, the underlying research and theory, and expected outcomes. In addition, the audience will learn how they can implement G.R.E.A.T. FAST in their own communities.

Presenter: Januwaa Cobbs, Nationally Certified FAST Trainer

Location: Salon C

### **(6) STRENGTH BASED APPROACHES TO JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUED**

Presenter: Dr. Wally Kisthardt, Park University

Location: Salon D



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## **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

3:30 P.M. (CONT.)

### **(1) METHAMPHETAMINES: THE IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES & CORRECTIONS**

This workshop will cover the effects of Methamphetamines on the uses, the effects of Methamphetamines on the community / environment, Methamphetamine laboratory trends and hazardous protocols for dealing with Meth Labs (what to do, who to notify, finding children inside), and laws pertaining to Methamphetamines.

Presenter: First Sgt. John Ruffin, Virginia State Police

Location: Salon A/B

### **(2) DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT: IT'S NOT A BLACK "THANG"**

Racial and ethnic disparities exist at every stage of the juvenile justice system. While a problem with a national face, Disproportionate Minority Contact and Confinement (DMC) exists right here in Virginia. This workshop will discuss the prevalence of DMC and strategies for reducing racial and ethnic disparities. Participants will hear from a panel of speakers from the cities of Newport News and Norfolk currently participating in comprehensive assessments taking a critical look at DMC in their communities. After a general overview of DMC in Virginia and across the nation, each community will discuss their partnership with the W. Haywood Burns Institute, highlight what they gained from taking a critical look at their juvenile justice systems through a racial lens, and outline the strategic steps that their communities will undertake as next steps. Key questions to be addressed during this session include: how to get started assessing the prevalence of DMC in your community, how to access the services of the Burns Institute, how to determine if you are ready for reform/change, who needs to be at the table, engaging community members in a collaborative process, and using data as a tool to transform system policies and practices in support of racial and ethnic equity.

Presenters: Larry Robinson, Director, Newport News Juvenile Services  
Dr. Rosanne Walters, Director, Newport News Office on youth Development  
Antoine Ensley, Superintendent, Norfolk Juvenile Detention Home  
Shauna Epps, State DMC Coordinator, VA Department of Juvenile Justice

Location: Salon D

### **(3) SILENT SCARS: BETTER UNDERSTANDING SELF-HARMING BEHAVIOR**

This workshop deals with the cause and trauma behind self harming behavior. The participants will learn why youth self harm, how it is addictive, the myths associated with self harm, and ways to deal with these behaviors. Self harming behaviors are significantly growing among adolescents and the dangers are very serious. This workshop will identify the most common forms of self harming behaviors, and what the motivation is. From "fad" cutting to self harming addiction, this workshop will focus on what is behind the wounds and how we as a society can intervene. Participants will learn some simple and easy ways to help troubled adolescents find more positive ways to express their pain than through self mutilation.

Presenters: Dr. Tim Perry, Director of Children & Youth Services, Bristol Regional Counseling

Location: Salon E/F





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**(4) EQUITY FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER YOUTH IN JUVENILE JUSTICE**

Despite the overwhelming challenges faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth charged with criminal offenses, many professionals charged with articulating their interests and protecting their civil rights lack understanding of their experiences, strengths and needs. In response, the National Juvenile Defender Center, Legal Services for Children, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights have launched the Equity Project, which is focused on ensuring that LGBT youth in the juvenile justice system are treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

This workshop is designed to introduce attorneys, judges, probation officers and others working in the juvenile justice system to the needs and concerns of LGBT youth in delinquency cases, to provide them with model standards of care and other tools that will help ensure equity for LGBT youth in these cases, and to discuss the work of the Equity Project. The workshop will provide basic information on the needs and concerns of LGBT youth, discuss factors that bring LGBT youth into delinquency courts, provide guidance on determining the relevancy of sexual orientation and gender identity for a youth in the system, and engage participants in

discussing some challenges that can arise for LGBT youth as they navigate the system. Participants will receive handouts and resources to bring back to their courts and communities.

Presenters: Katayoon Majd, National Juvenile Defender Center

Location: Conference Theater

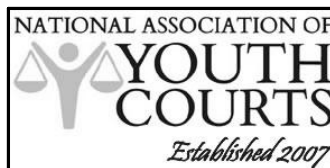
**(5) YOUTH COURTS: ENHANCING DIVERSION BY INVOLVING YOUTH IN PROBLEM SOLVING**

Can the youth of today have a serious impact on solving their own problems? To what degree does the "us-hem" paradigm hinder communication and the environment to learn? How powerful is peer review in helping solve anti-social behavior and disciplinary problems? How has youth court opened the door to real cultural change in a high school? How does youth court foster leadership and responsibility? Can it have the same success on a community wide scale? How can we, as professionals, promote the program or do we even want to?

In this session, the panel will be exploring the impact of the burgeoning youth court movement in Virginia and the prospects for the future. After a brief overview, we will offer the conclusions of a three year study in Roanoke City schools. We will then open the floor for to a wide ranging discussion on the templates of restorative justice and peer review and the impact on youth culture. This discussion is designed to set the table for Friday's plenary session mock trial and student-led forum.

Presenters: Austin Ward West, Jr., Westward Consulting, Inc.  
The Honorable Judge Diane Strickland (ret.)

Location: Salon G



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**CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

3:30 P.M. (CONT.)

**(6) SETTING & ACHIEVING MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES IN JUVENILE JUSTICE**

Managers in juvenile justice are confronted with many demands and are thrown many obstacles. The greatest demand is to manage a system with a single mission to enhance community safety by reducing the rate of recidivism among delinquent youth. Overcoming these obstacles in pursuit of the mission requires managers to demonstrate certain leadership abilities. This presentation will discuss the "results-oriented leadership" model and its effectiveness within juvenile justice administration. This discussion will include the characteristics of the juvenile justice system, the obstacles confronting managers, and the components of the results-oriented equation to effect change in the system that will enhance community safety and bring substance and meaning to what line level staff confront everyday.

Presenters: The Honorable Judge Steve Teske, Clayton County, GA Juvenile Court

Location: Salon C

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007**

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**PLENARY ADDRESS**

9:00 A.M.

Achieving better outcomes in juvenile justice is a social scientific formulation that includes the art of collaboration. Although the goal of juvenile justice is to reduce recidivism among youth, many state and local jurisdictions struggle to achieve a statistically significant reduction. Reducing recidivism is not elusive and can be achieved if juvenile justice practitioners realize the principles of evidence-based practices developed over the last 30 years and design systems that effectively implement these practices. Research has identified factors that produce delinquent behavior and that high-risk youth possess two or more of these factors. Unfortunately, these crime-producing factors are individually connected to different agencies that are unconnected within a juvenile justice system. Thus, most local and state jurisdictions have a "juvenile justice non-system." Although the term "collaboration" has become trendy in both the private and public sectors, this presentation is a "no non-sense" discussion of collaboration that includes the nature of this "non-system," how it is contrary to the effective use of evidence-based practices, the role of courts in building bridges between the system stakeholders, and practical steps to developing protocols between agencies to effect change and achieve better outcomes that enhances community safety.

Presenters: The Honorable Judge Steve Teske, Clayton County, GA Juvenile Court

Location: Grand Ballroom



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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007**

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**PLENARY ADDRESS**

1:45 P.M.

**USING WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT**

This session will review important developmental factors as they affect adolescents' perspectives, decision making, and actions—including delinquent behavior and involvement in the juvenile justice system. The complexity of adolescent development, and the physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges faced by teens as they affect legally relevant matters will be reviewed, and strategies for working with this sometimes challenging will be offered.

Presenter: Dr. Randy Otto, University of South Florida

Location: Grand Ballroom

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**CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

3:45 P.M.

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**(1) POST-DISPOSITIONAL DETENTION PROGRAMS IN VIRGINIA**

In 2002, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation codifying and initiating the development and operation of Post Dispositional Programs in Virginia's Detention Centers. As an alternative to commitment, the evolution and utilization of Post Dispositional Programs has grown since that time to include 17 different detention facilities and 220 post dispositional beds. This workshop provides participants with an overview of VA's Post Dispositional Programs, legislative history, participant criteria, program standards, goals and objectives. Additional information involving recent legislative changes effecting Post-D Programs will be discussed. Participants will learn how detention administrators can support correctional intervention programs through leadership, staff development and quality assurance. Post-D Programs operating in local communities of interest must meet the individual and cultural needs of their participants. program philosophy, systems of care and current efforts to assess and evaluate Post-D Programs suggest that VA's programs provide effective intervention and local alternatives to commitment for delinquent juveniles. The presentation will include a panel discussion with Post-D Program Coordinators and administrators from Virginia Beach, Blue Ridge, Roanoke Valley and New River Valley.

Presenters: Ed Bowman, MS, Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention  
Colleen French, MPA, New River valley Juvenile Detention  
Melinda Jarvis, MS, CSAC, Virginia Beach Juvenile Detention  
Frank Smith, Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Home

Location: Salon A/B



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## **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

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### **(2) PRACTICE-BASED EVIDENCE & CFIT (CONTEXTUALIZED FEEDBACK INTERVENTION TRAINING)**

One way to enhance collaboration between treatment providers & juvenile justice staff is to provide feedback on how the client is doing toward desired outcomes based on objective measurement. In partnership with Vanderbilt University, Qualifacts, Inc., and funded in part by a grant from the NIMH, Family Preservation Services is helping develop a scientifically sound way to answer the question: "*How well is it working*". This approach is called CFIT (Contextualized Feedback Intervention and Training). CFIT is a comprehensive, evidence-driven continuous quality enhancement system aimed at improving client outcomes. The presentation will include case examples of how Family Preservation Services uses CFIT to provide: feedback on each client's progress and treatment process, tools to better assist the treatment staff and probation or correctional staff incorporate data into collaborative service planning, outcome monitoring and evidence directed training. Information on the research behind the development of this system as well as implementation with juvenile justice population will be discussed.

Presenters: Tasha Walsh, LCSW, Vice President of Clinical Services, Providence Corporation, Eastern Division  
Francee Laverty, LPC, Virginia State CFIT Consultant, Family Preservation Services  
Rick Mitchell, LPC, CSAC, Virginia State CFIT Consultant, Family Preservation Services  
Dr. Carol Hurst, LCSW, PhD, LCSW, Clinical Quality Enhancement Coach, Providence Corporation

Location: Salon C

### **(3) BEING AN EDUCATED CONSUMER OF SERVICES**

This workshop will explore the role of service broker and provide participants with the information they need to become better educated consumers of services. Topics to be covered include: the four essentials of purchasing services, service/program selection consistent with level of risk and need, provider selection, case assessment, frequency and duration of service, continuity of cases from incarceration to community and funding sources. Time will also be spent discussing these specific service categories: mental health treatment, sex offender services, substance abuse services, educational services, employment services, mentoring, and medication management.

Presenter: Angela Cimino Valentine, Community Programs Manager, DJJ - Division of Community Programs

Location: Salon E/F

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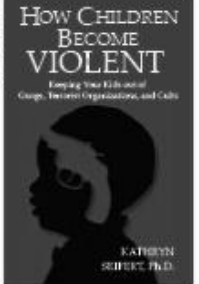
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## **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

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### **(4) RE-ENTRY: FAMILY REUNIFICATION FOLLOWING OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT**

This workshop will explore the role of service broker and provide participants with the information they need to become better educated consumers of services. Topics to be covered include: the four essentials of purchasing services, service/program selection consistent with level of risk and need, provider selection, case assessment, frequency and duration of service, continuity of cases from incarceration to community and funding sources. Time will also be spent discussing these specific service categories: mental health treatment, sex offender services, substance abuse services, educational services, employment services, mentoring, and medication management.

Presenters: Kerry Kruk, LCSW, CSAC, ATR-BC, Regional Director, Institute for Family Centered Services  
Gerry O'Neill, LCSW, Regional Director, Institute for Family Centered Services

Location: Salon G

### **(5) PARTNERSHIPS FOR YOUTH: DATA DRIVEN – POWERED BY COLLABORATION**

With challenges effecting youth just too big for any one community sector to tackle, the Roanoke County Prevention Council using six years of trend data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the Strategic Prevention Framework Model through SAMHSA collaborate to address multi-faceted needs of youth and families focusing on risk and protective factors. The SPF model includes all stakeholders of the community, is proactive in targeting predictors of problems, uses local community data to develop a logic model to measure short term objectives and long term outcomes building on existing resources and filling any gaps with new resources. This panel/power point presentation will share trend data, information regarding evidence based programs used in the Roanoke area, demonstrate examples of community partnerships and shared resources, allow for participants to discuss opportunities to structure collaborative efforts while building partnerships that will better serve at-risk youth and families.

Presenters: The Honorable Judge Philip Trompeter, Roanoke County J & DR Court  
Nancy Hans, Coordinator, Roanoke County Prevention Council  
Caroline Overfelt, E-Learning Coordinator, Roanoke County Public Schools.

Location: Conference Theater

### **(6) FUTURING JUVENILE JUSTICE**

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Presenters: Chuck Kehoe, Vice President, Group 4 Securicor Youth Services  
Joyce Fogg, Public Relations Manger, Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)

Location: Salon D

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## **PLENARY ADDRESS**

9:00 A.M.

### **INTERNET PERPETRATORS & VICTIMS**

The Bedford County Sheriff's Office – Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (nationally known as "Operation Blue Ridge Thunder") is a federally funded task force that investigates Internet Crimes Against Children and Sexual Exploitation in general. Their partnerships include federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies along with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The participant will learn about the different stereotypes of sexual predators and how they use the Internet to engage in exploitation of children through enticement (grooming children on the Internet through chat rooms and instant messenger chats) or child pornography.

In addition, this session will explain the efforts of NCMC's Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP) to rescue unidentified sexually exploited children and their ability to assist in the prosecution of child pornography.

There will be several illustrations of how child victims depicted in child pornography have been identified all over the world, and various investigative strategies will be presented to aid in the identification of unknown child victims. Participants will learn statistics such as the age of the child victims seen in these abusive images/videos, the relationship of the abuser to child victim and how many abusers use child pornography collections as a form of blackmail to silence the victim. Participants will also learn of the various forms of technical assistance that CVIP offers.

Presenters: Christine Feller, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children  
Sgt. Rodney Thompson, Operation Blue Ridge Thunder, Bedford Sheriff's Department

Location: Grand Ballroom

## **PLENARY ADDRESS**

11:30 A.M.

### **YOUTH COURT MOCK TRIAL**

The youth court movement in Virginia is growing. In 2004, Virginia joined 48 other states in providing youth court programs. Virginia now has three high schools holding court with two more planning to start operations in 2007. Inquiries have come from six additional school districts. The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services has supported the youth court with training funds and by contracting with a specialist to assist emerging programs.

This youth court session will offer an overview of the program and its evolution in Virginia. In order to better understand the youth court model, students from the Roanoke Youth Court will explain their operational procedures and hold a mock trial. After the mock trial, student jurors will be available for questions along with a school administrator, a juvenile judge, a youth court coordinator, an SRO and a mentoring attorney.

Presenters: Austin Ward West, Jr., Westward Consulting, Inc.  
The Honorable Judge Diane Strickland (ret.)  
SRO Frank Leftwich, Roanoke City Police Department  
Connie Ratcliffe, Principal, Patrick Henry High School  
Student Participants, Roanoke Youth Court

Location: Grand Ballroom

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## Workshop Speaker Biographies



**ED BOWMAN** began his career in 1990 working for the Virginia Department of Corrections as an Adult Probation and Parole Officer. He previously worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons at the United States Penitentiary in Beaumont, Texas and at the Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia as a Correctional Treatment Specialist. In 2002, he returned to Virginia to pursue a doctoral degree in Public Policy and Administration at Virginia Commonwealth University and began working for the 16th District Court Service Unit as a Parole Officer. In 2005, he accepted the position of Programs Coordinator at Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention, a position he continues to hold. Bowman received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and Philosophy from James Madison University and a Master of Science Degree in the Administration of Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is currently completing a dissertation on Educational Leadership at Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master of Education degree at the University of Virginia in the Social Foundations of Education. Bowman is the Acting President of the Virginia Detention Association of Post Dispositional Programs. He is also a member of the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA).



**DR. BELINDA BRUSTER** is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She received her Bachelors of Arts degree in Psychology from Wayne State University. In 1994 she completed the Masters of Social Work program at Norfolk State University (NSU). In 2001, Dr. Bruster received her License in Clinical Social Work (LCSW) from the state of Virginia, and in 2005 she obtained her Ph.D. in social work from NSU. Currently, Dr. Bruster is an Assistant Professor/Child Welfare Faculty Member at NSU, and the co-owner of Adolescent and Family Institute Inc. a mental health practice located in Norfolk, Virginia.



**PAT DAVENPORT** is an experienced presenter who has most recently presented at the Annual Conference of National Association of Community Schools, the Annual Conference of the American Public Health Association, the 11th Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health, the 6th Annual Diversity Challenge Conference at Boston College, and the Annual Conference of the National Black Child Development Institute. She is the executive director of the FAST (Families and Schools Together) National Training and Evaluation Center, a private, non-profit organization. She has over 20 years experience in the field of human services and has a strong background in services to families, children and communities. She is an accomplished program administrator, grant writer, fiscal manger, and coordinator of intergovernmental relations. Born in Nicaragua, Ms. Davenport moved to the US as a young adult.



**ANTOINE ENSLEY** is employed by Norfolk Human Services as the Superintendent of the Norfolk Juvenile Detention Home. Prior to moving to Virginia in 2005, he served as Chief of Police of the Fletcher (NC) Police Department. Over the course of a twelve year career in law enforcement, Ensley also held the positions of Training Officer, Community Problem Oriented Police Officer, Background Investigator/Recruiter, Shift Commander and SWAT-Hostage/Crisis Negotiator. In 1995 Ensley was named the City of Charlotte's Employee of the Year. In 1996, he was named the Charlotte Jaycee's Outstanding Young Black Professional. Ensley has a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, a master of business administration degree from Pfeiffer University and a certificate from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy.



**SHAUNA FRANKLIN EPPS** is the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (VADJJ). She took on the challenge of this position effective July 1, 2003, prior to that having served 26 years of varied juvenile justice experience with the Hampton Court Service Unit in Hampton, VA. In 2007 she was given the additional duties of Coordination of the Juvenile Correctional Centers Volunteer Coordinators. Being the DMC Coordinator for VA DJJ has afforded her the opportunity to work with both state and local agencies/partners on the issues of racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. She has worked with all of the Court Service Units that are involved in the work of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI), some more intensively than others. Specifically, Newport News and Norfolk are actively working with the W. Haywood Burns Institute, a nationally recognized organization working to reduce the overrepresentation of youth of color in the

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(cont.) juvenile justice system. She has also worked with other Court Service Units that are not JDAI sites but are keenly aware of DMC issues and want to provide services to youth and families that are racially and culturally appropriate while ensuring public safety for all of the citizens of the Commonwealth. Epps received her B.A. Degree in Psychology with an emphasis in education and has completed post graduate study in psychological testing and adolescent psychology.



**COLLEEN FRENCH** began her career working with children and families nearly thirteen years ago. She is currently employed as the Superintendent of the New River Valley Juvenile Detention Home. Previously she served as an Assistant Superintendent at the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center where she first became involved with VJJA. She has served as a district officer and currently serves on the Board of Directors in the capacity of Director of Public Relations. French was the 2005 recipient of the VJJA's Meritorious Service Award in the Area of Residential Services. She was recognized for her lead role in the development of an automated case management system, post-dispositional detention program, and continuous quality improvement program for the RVJDC. French has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia's College at Wise and a Master of Public Administration degree from Virginia Tech. She is certified by the Commission on Correctional Services and the American Correctional Association as a Certified Correctional Executive. French and her husband, Mike, share their Botetourt County home with their two American Bulldogs, Kira and Okie, and their cat, Maggie.

**NANCY HANS** is the Council Coordinator for the Roanoke County Prevention Council overseeing operations of the Council, coalition building, and developing collaborative strategies to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth. Her professional background includes 20 years in the Maryland Public School system where she served in several capacities within the special education spectrum. She served as a specialist on the team that provided integrated services to 400 students in non-public settings and coordinated school/family needs with the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Social Services, and the local Coordinating Council. She received a Bachelors of Science From Towson University and a Masters degree in Education Administration and Supervision from Loyola College. She lives in Roanoke with her husband Jack and three children.



**DR. CAROL GRACE HURST** is a Virginia Licensed Clinical Social Worker and holds her doctorate in social work as well. Her seventeen years of clinical experience have primarily focused on children, youth, and their families; as well as clinical supervision, in various settings. She has held roles providing family and individual therapy, substance abuse services, services for runaway youth, community based crisis mental health services, and intensive in-home services. She is an adjunct instructor in the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work. She has a keen interest in helping bridge the practice-science divide, and is excited about CFIT for this reason. She coaches Providence supervisors and counselors throughout the region on incorporating CFIT into their everyday practice.



**MELINDA JARVIS** began her career working with juveniles and families over ten years ago. She is currently employed by the Virginia Beach Juvenile Detention Center (VBJDC) as their Post-Dispositional Program Coordinator. She has been with the detention center since June 2004 and helped hire the staff and prepare for the center's grand opening in October 2004. She developed the Post-Dispositional Program for the new facility in Virginia Beach and officially began the program on January 1, 2005. Jarvis also joined the Virginia Detention Association for Post-Dispositional Programs, eventually becoming the Secretary for the association in December of 2006. Jarvis has been an active member of VJJA for many years. Prior to her employment at VBJDC, Melinda worked as a juvenile probation officer with Virginia Beach Court Service Unit. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from James Madison University and a Masters of Science in Psychology from Old Dominion University. She is also a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. Jarvis was raised in Chesapeake and remains in the Tidewater area as a resident of Virginia Beach.

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**CHUCK J. KEHOE** has over 43 years experience in the juvenile and adult corrections field. He has worked in the public and private sector and in community-based and institutional programs. He has published several articles on correctional issues. Mr. Kehoe has served as an Expert Witness in Federal and State Courts in the United States, and has testified before the U. S. Congress on two occasions and before several State Legislative bodies. Mr. Kehoe has provided training and technical assistance in 33 U. S. states and the Territory of Guam. Mr. Kehoe has participated in the design and planning of several juvenile and adult correctional facilities and in master planning for a number of states. He has also toured and inspected correctional facilities in several foreign countries. He has received nine awards for his contributions to the judicial and corrections profession, including the E. R. Cass Award from the American Correctional Association. Mr. Kehoe is a Past President of the American Correctional Association and a Vice President of the National Juvenile Detention Association. He is also an active member of numerous other professional associations including the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA).

**KATAYOON MAJD** is a Senior Staff Attorney at the National Juvenile Defender Center (NJDC) in Washington, D.C. Since 2006, Ms. Majd has been working as one of the coordinators of the Equity Project, a collaborative project of NJDC, the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and Legal Services for Children in San Francisco that focuses on the needs of LGBT youth in delinquency courts. Previously, she provided direct legal representation to youth in the District of Columbia as a staff attorney at the Children's Law Center. From 2000-2004, Ms. Majd specialized in racial justice litigation and advocacy as a staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California. In particular, she worked on *Williams v. State of California*, a statewide class action aimed at ensuring equal access to educational opportunities for low-income students of color in public schools. Ms. Majd is a 2000 recipient of the Ford Foundation New Voices Fellowship. She holds a J.D. from Stanford Law School and an A.B. in Psychology, with a specialization in Health and Development, from Stanford University.

**CAROLINE OVERFELT** is the E-Learning coordinator in Roanoke County Public Schools. She has worked for Roanoke County Public Schools for 15 years: 10 years as an English teacher in high school and middle school, and five years as E-Learning Coordinator. Caroline runs the Virtual High School, is the system administrator for Blackboard, and travels extensively speaking on Internet Safety locally and across the state of Virginia. Caroline is working towards her doctorate at the University of Virginia in Education Leadership and finishing her administrative endorsement program internship. Caroline worked closely on the bullying policy and procedure for Roanoke County and with the Instructional Technology Resource teachers implementing Internet Safety education through curriculum integration.



**FRANCEE LAVERTY** is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Virginia. Her 12 years of experience includes work with people of all ages in a variety of public and private contexts including roles as Substance Abuse Counselor, Coordinator of a Women's Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Program, and In-Home Individual and Family Counselor. She has been with the Charlottesville Regional Office of Family Preservation Services for the past 7 years, working initially in the capacity of an In-Home Counselor and since 2001 in the capacity of Clinical Director. She is also co-serving as a Virginia State CFIT Consultant and as the Virginia State CFIT-Carelogic Liaison.



**RICK MITCHELL** is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Substance Abuse Counselor in the state of Virginia. His 15 years of experience includes work with people of all ages in a variety of public and private contexts including roles as Outpatient Therapist, Prevention Specialist, Crisis Worker, In-Home Family Therapist, and Children and Youth Pastor. He has been with Family Preservation Services for the past 7 years and in his current role as Regional Director of the Cedar Bluff, Virginia region for app. four years. He has been the Clinical Director of the region since its inception in 2001. He is also co-serving as a Virginia State CFIT Consultant.

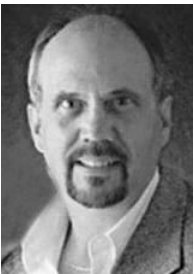
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**DR. TIM PERRY** is a licensed Professional Counselor with Mental Health Service Provider status. Tim has a Doctorate of Theology and a Masters in Counseling. He is a Nationally Certified Domestic Violence and Forensic Specialist, and a Tennessee State Supreme Court Listed Rule 31 Family Mediator. Tim holds a Tennessee and Virginia Certification as a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Instructor with Emergency Management Status with the American Red Cross for Survivor Debriefing. He is Coordinator of Children and Youth Services at Bristol Regional Counseling Center and Johnson County Counseling Centers, divisions of Frontier Health. Tim is the Coordinator for the Sullivan County Tennessee Critical Incident Trauma Teams for Children. He is a special counsel on Gangs and Juvenile Violence for the cities of Bristol Tennessee and Bristol, Virginia. He has done workshops on School Violence, CISD, Children of Divorce, Working with Hostile Families, Self Harming Behaviors, and Giving Professional Testimony in Court.



**LARRY ROBINSON** has served as the Director of the City of Newport News Department of Juvenile Services for twelve years. He brings with him insurmountable years of experience; he has been an advocate for youth involved in the juvenile justice arena for over 20 years. His unique, innovative, creative, and “cutting edge” approach has led to the Department’s tremendous growth. Specifically, during the beginning of his tenure as Director, there were only three youth serving programs; under his direction, the Department now has more than 14 programs, all of which have adopted the holistic approach to addressing and servicing youth and their families. This has resulted in the department having the most Alternative to Detention Programs in the state. Three of the department’s programs received multiple recognitions for “Best Practices” throughout Virginia and the United States by the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, the National GAINS Center, National Council of Juvenile \* Family Court Judges Juvenile Sanctions Center, and the International Adolescent Association. Additionally, Robinson invited by the Governor of Kentucky to train juvenile agencies in his state on *Best Practices* in Juvenile Justice. Robinson was personally responsible for the vision of the Newport News Juvenile Drug Treatment Court and Family Dependency Treatment Court. His motto of; “Always doing what is in the best interest of our kids” serves as his guiding light for decision making. He is committed to providing programs, services, and opportunities for juveniles and their families which will aid in improving and enhancing their lives.



**FRANK SMITH** has been Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center’s Post-Dispositional Program Coordinator for five years. Prior to assuming his current position he served as a shift supervisor at the detention center for two years. A graduate of Radford University, Smith’s thirty year career has spanned all areas of the human services arena. Prior to joining the detention center’s staff, he worked as a crisis intervention clinician for eleven years. Smith has extensive experience in program development and management. By combining the elements of cognitive restructuring, military structure, and various other traditional treatment approaches, five years ago he and his colleagues developed the *Impact 180 Post-Dispositional Program*. The Impact 180 Program mission is to “motivate juvenile offenders to change cognitive habits that lead to socially unacceptable or self-defeating behavior”.

**THE HONORABLE JUDGE PHILIP TROMPETER** has served as a Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District court for the 23rd Judicial District of Virginia for the past 20 years. Judge Trompeter has been an active member of various boards and organizations throughout the Roanoke Valley. He has also been instrumental in initiating programs such as Roanoke Valley CASA and Virginia’s first Domestic Violence Court program. A lifelong resident of the Roanoke Valley, Judge Trompeter has devoted his life to helping children.

**JOHN A. TUELL** is currently serving as the Director for Child Welfare League of America’s Child Welfare-Juvenile Justice Systems Integration Initiative and the Juvenile Justice Division. Mr. Tuell was appointed to this position with CWLA in August 2003. He has been with CWLA since July 2001. His responsibilities include (1) management and oversight for a national training & technical assistance initiative designed to promote integrated and coordinated child welfare and juvenile justice systems on behalf of delinquent youth with previous histories of maltreatment, and (2) oversight for the range of activities and tasks of the CWLA Juvenile Justice Division, including coordination of efforts within the MacArthur Foundation *Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice*

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(cont.) *Initiative*. Mr. Tuell has also previously maintained responsibility for a set of core program divisions within the Program Operations center for CWLA. Mr. Tuell developed a four phase training and technical assistance process to assist state and local jurisdictions in accomplishing this work. Prior to accepting his position with CWLA, Mr. Tuell served in the U.S. Department of Justice from 1997-2001, during which time he was the Deputy Director of the State Relations and Assistance Division in the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), providing managerial oversight to six grant programs, the *Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Chronic, and Violent Offenders Initiative*, and as the Manager for the *Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) Program*. Mr. Tuell had previously worked in the Fairfax County, Virginia Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for seventeen years in a variety of practitioner and management capacities. Those duties included probation officer, field office probation supervisor, intake officer (handling status offender, delinquency, domestic relations, and abuse and neglect complaints), and administrator at a twenty two bed, residential treatment facility for serious and chronic juvenile offenders. Mr. Tuell earned his Bachelor of Social Work degree from James Madison University and his Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from George Washington University. He is the proud father of two sons, Austin and Zachary.



**ANGELA CIMINO VALENTINE** currently holds the position of Community Programs Manager with the Department of Juvenile Justice's Division of Community Programs. Her areas of management include Transitional Services, Interstate Compact, Local Detention Homes, and Community-Based Contracted Programs. One function of her position is the development and management of a private provider network of a statewide system of community-based residential and non-residential programs and services, budget oversight and quality assurance of delivered services. She began her career in juvenile justice as a probation officer with the Henrico County Court Service Unit. During her employment with the court service unit, she gained a variety of experiences within the juvenile justice system including intake, diversion, and parole. She has held various positions in the administrative offices of the Department including Interstate Compact Specialist, Clinical Casework Supervisor, and Community Programs Coordinator. Valentine obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Tech and a Master of Education degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and received VJJA's 2007 Meritorious Award in the Area of Administration. She is a native of Richmond, Virginia where she continues to reside with her husband and two sons.



**DR. ROSANNE WALTERS** has been the Director of the Newport News Office on Youth Development (OYD) since it was created in October 2000. As Director of the OYD, Dr. Walters is involved in the development of policies and practices related to services for children, youth and families in Newport News to include monitoring of the implementation of the *Strategic Plan for Youth*. The OYD provides parenting education programs, research and evaluation services, training on adolescent development, and leadership skills development for middle and high school students. Dr. Walters is currently facilitating the creation of a violence prevention plan for the City. She has been chairperson of the Newport News JDAI DMC Committee since October 2004. Prior to becoming the Director of the OYD, Rosanne was the Executive Director of the Newport News Alliance for Youth. She has over 25 years of experience working in nonprofit and public organizations providing services to children, youth, and families to include coordinating services to children and families for the American Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia.

**ROBIN WALKER** is Special Counsel with the National Juvenile Defender Center. Prior to joining NJDC, Ms. Walker was a Supervising Attorney at the Children's Law Center, where she supervised guardians *ad litem* in abuse and neglect cases in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Ms. Walker came to CLC from the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, where she was a staff attorney in the Trial Division. Before working at the Public Defender Service, Ms. Walker was a Prettyman Fellow with the Georgetown University Law Center's Juvenile and Criminal Justice Clinics, and a law clerk to the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. She holds a J.D. from New York University Law School, where she was a Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar, and a B.A. from Yale University.

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**NATASHA S. WALSH** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with an extensive background in family based services. She is currently the Vice President of Clinical Services of Providence Service Corporation, Eastern Division. Her responsibilities include leadership and support for programs providing community based services such as Therapeutic Foster Care, Home-based Counseling, School Based Services, and others. She is also the Chair of Providence's National Clinical Advisory Board.

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