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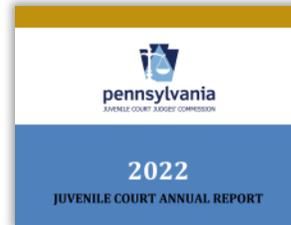
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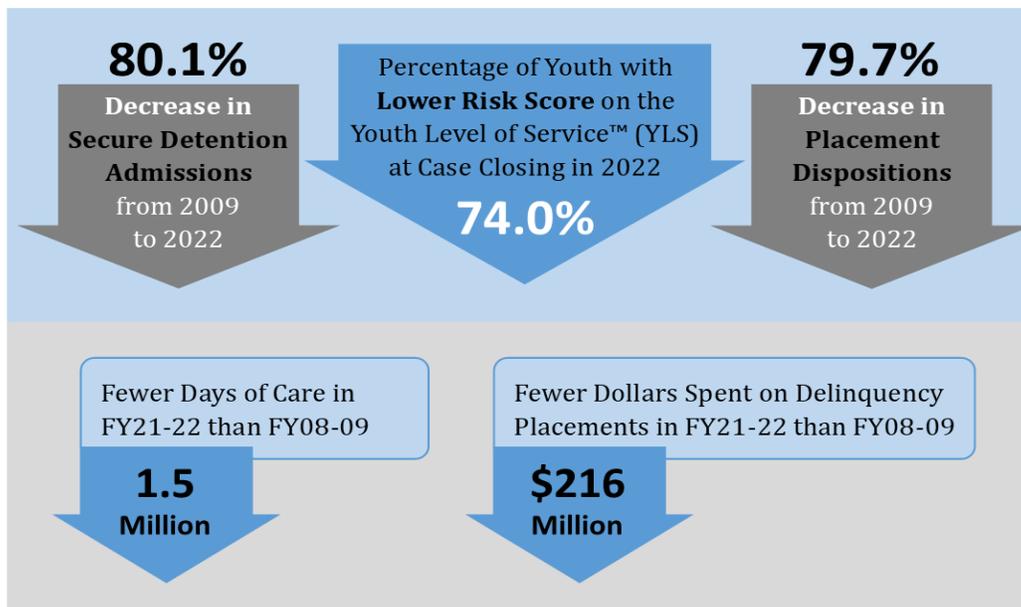
## 2022 PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE COURT ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) is pleased to announce the release of the sixth edition of its Juvenile Court Annual Report. This year's report continues to track the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the juvenile justice system, including information on the volume of court hearings held, the utilization of advanced communication technology, and the use of residential placement. Also continued for this year are the longitudinal juvenile justice trends and youth outcomes data, which help to demonstrate the impact of data-driven policies and practices at every stage of the juvenile justice system.



This year, another set of new metrics has been added to the report including various measures related to school-related delinquency allegations, delinquency allegations involving weapons, Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory™ (YLS) risk levels and criminogenic needs, and the length of time from allegation to key dispositions. Additionally, the race and ethnicity data are now presented in a single chart to better visualize any disparities occurring at various decision points.

Below are the Key Juvenile Justice Trends, followed by the Statistical Highlights of the Annual Report and the Impact of COVID-19 on page 2. To view the report in its entirety, please visit: <https://www.jcjc.pa.gov/Research-Statistics/Disposition Reports/2022 Juvenile Court Annual Report.pdf>.



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19,476

Delinquency-Related Allegations

- ▼ 16.6% from 2018
- ▲ 41.3% from 2021

15,418

Delinquency-Related Dispositions

- ▼ 30.0% from 2018
- ▲ 25.5% from 2021



3,431

Secure Detention Admissions

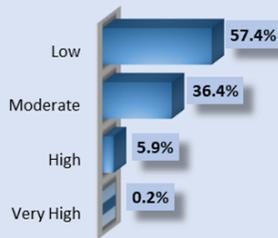
- ▼ 55.0% since 2018
- ▼ 5.0% since 2021

1,338

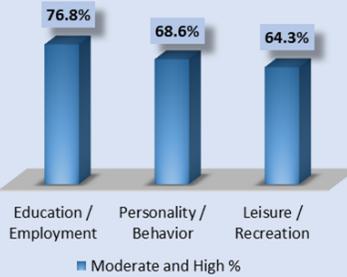
Delinquency Placements

- ▼ 54.9% since 2018
- ▲ 5.4% since 2021

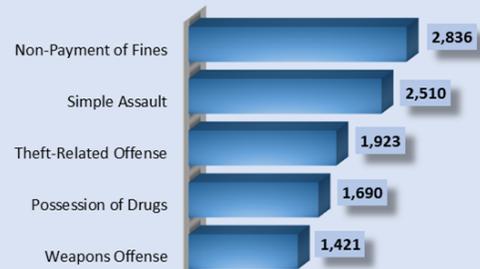
DISTRIBUTION OF RISK LEVEL OF INITIAL YLS ASSESSMENTS



TOP CRIMINOGENIC NEEDS OF INITIAL YLS ASSESSMENTS



TOP 5 MOST FREQUENT ALLEGED OFFENSE CATEGORIES

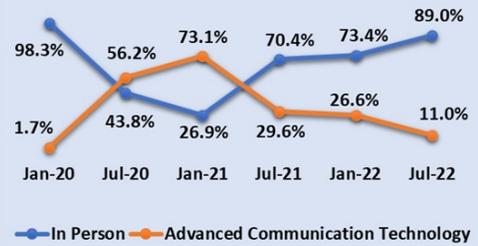


2019 vs. 2022 Pandemic Months

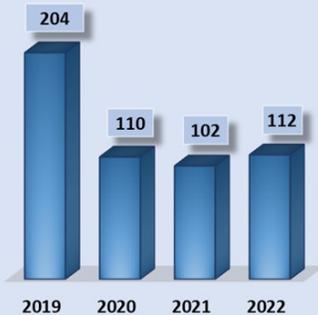
- ▼ 13.0% - Fewer Written Allegations in 2022
- ▼ 45.7% - Fewer Hearings Held in 2022
- ▼ 44.9% - Fewer Placement Dispositions Per Month
- ▼ 52.9% - Fewer Releases from Placement in 2022
- ▼ 45.8% - Fewer Youth, on Average, in Placement on the First Day of Each Month



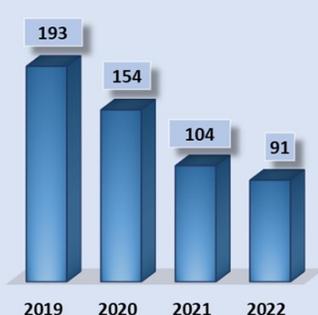
IN-PERSON HEARINGS VS. ADVANCED COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY HEARINGS 2020-2022



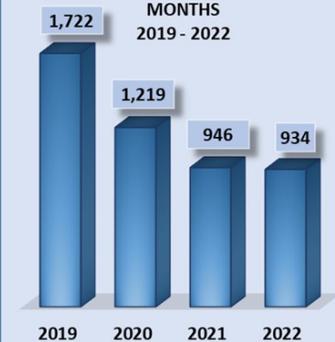
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PLACEMENT DISPOSITIONS DURING PANDEMIC MONTHS 2019 - 2022



AVERAGE NUMBER OF RELEASES FROM PLACEMENT DURING PANDEMIC MONTHS 2019 - 2022



AVERAGE NUMBER OF YOUTH IN PLACEMENT ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH DURING PANDEMIC MONTHS 2019 - 2022



# JUVENILE COURT JUDGES' COMMISSION HOSTS A STUDY VISIT ON JUVENILE JUSTICE FOR VIETNAMESE JUDGES AND LAWMAKERS

On July 18, 2023, the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) hosted a study visit on juvenile justice for Vietnamese judges and lawmakers. The National Center for State Courts, International Programs Division, was contacted by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, to organize a study tour for a delegation from Vietnam. The purpose of the study tour was to support the Vietnam Supreme People's Court and National Assembly in developing and issuing a new Juvenile Justice Law that meets international standards as well as provide best practices in the protection of rights for juveniles. The delegation included individuals who are working directly on this new law and are interested in specific juvenile justice topics and language that could be used in its development. Key topics and areas of interest included: (1) development of juvenile justice legislation and best practices; (2) types of punishment applicable to juveniles and informal juvenile justice actions and mechanisms; (3) diversion programs and their criteria, tools, discretion, budgets, and stakeholders; (4) criminal procedure and proceedings in juvenile cases; (5) reentry and aftercare/reintegration; and (6) concepts of restorative justice as it applies to juvenile adjudication. The delegation traveled to the United States and first met with the Baltimore City Courts on July 17, 2023, before heading to Harrisburg to meet with the JCJC the following day.



During their visit with the JCJC, the Vietnamese delegation was first given an overview of the JCJC, such as its functions, history, purpose, and structure. Second, Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system was reviewed, including the system's decentralized structure; the differences in language and practice between the juvenile and adult systems; key definitions, participants, and tenets associated with juvenile justice; juvenile laws, rules, and standards; Balanced and Restorative Justice; the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy; the use of diversion; the role of residential placement and secure detention; and the adult prosecution of juveniles. The next presentation entailed an overview of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System and other applications used by juvenile probation departments statewide. Finally, JCJC Chair Hon. David Workman and JCJC Executive Director Bob Tomassini facilitated a discussion regarding a draft outline of the law on juvenile justice in Vietnam. Nguyen Van Tien, Deputy Chief Justice, Supreme People's Court; Luong Ngoc Tram, Deputy Chairwoman, Judicial Committee, National Assembly; and the other six delegates were appreciative and inquisitive throughout their meeting with JCJC as Vietnam moves forward with drafting their juvenile justice legislation and fostering an equitable, fair, and restorative juvenile justice system that is wholly distinct from that country's adult criminal justice system.

The Vietnamese delegation concluded their study visit in the United States with planned trips to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Allegheny County Juvenile Court, and the National Center for Juvenile Justice.

**The study visit reinforces that Pennsylvania's exemplary juvenile justice system is recognized as not only a national, but also an international leader in juvenile justice!**

## 2022 JJSES IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY RESULTS

In June 2010, the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers (PCCJPO), staff from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), and the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) conceptualized the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). These stakeholders have an ongoing commitment to achieving the state's Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) mission through the advancement of evidence-based practices as outlined in the JJSES Framework. More than a decade later, the JCJC is eager to demonstrate the progress of the implementation and sustainability of the JJSES in Pennsylvania by sharing the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument Version 2 (MAYSI~2) and Child Trauma Screen (CTS) infographics from the [2022 JJSES Implementation Report](#).

Although mental health/behavioral health and trauma exposure are not criminogenic factors to consider when assessing a youth's risk to recidivate, they are considered responsivity factors that may impact the youth's ability to adequately respond to interventions necessary to address criminogenic risk/need factors. In recognition of this consideration, a growing number of juvenile probation departments have adopted the use of the MAYSI~2. According to the 2022 JJSES Implementation Survey, more than half of departments have implemented the MAYSI~2 and incorporated critical implementation elements, such as policies and training. An additional five departments are planning MAYSI~2 activities this fiscal year. Survey results also indicate that while the CTS continues to remain in the early stages of statewide implementation with nearly a third of the departments having implemented use of the tool, an additional 20% of departments are planning to begin initiation of the activity this fiscal year.

The PCCJPO, PCCD, and JCJC continue to engage the advancement of the JJSES, and as such, have increased efforts to expand the use of the MAYSI~2 and CTS throughout the Commonwealth by providing training and implementation guidance to counties as they effectuate use of the tools within their departments. A virtual MAYSI~2 101 training is scheduled to take place on September 12, 2023, which will provide a history and description of the MAYSI~2, implementation guidance including the development of policy and procedure, a tutorial to access the assessment in the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS), and information specific to administration and interpretation of the results.

The sustainability of the JJSES is further strengthened over time by ensuring ongoing support to the juvenile probation departments that have already implemented the MAYSI~2 and CTS tools. A virtual MAYSI~2 and CTS Coordinator meeting is scheduled to take place on October 24, 2023. These meetings are designed to provide existing MAYSI~2 and CTS Coordinators with ongoing support and technical assistance, as well as to ensure the tools are being administered consistently with their intent and purpose.

JJSES Leadership Team Steering Committees provide leadership and oversight to the MAYSI~2 and CTS activities, while peer trainers provide individual support to the counties to ensure the activities remain sustainable over time. Peer trainers are available for training, technical assistance, peer support, and mentoring, and they play an important role in the state's Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) efforts. Counties interested in the MAYSI~2 101 training or the MAYSI~2 and CTS Coordinator meeting may register for the events in the [JCJC Event Management System \(JEMS\)](#). Questions regarding MAYSI~2 and/or CTS implementation support or technical assistance may be directed to either Angela Work ([awork@pa.gov](mailto:awork@pa.gov)), Jay Leamy ([jdleamy@chesco.org](mailto:jdleamy@chesco.org)), or Alan Tezak ([alantezak@comcast.net](mailto:alantezak@comcast.net)).

# JJSES STAGE TWO: MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH SCREENING INSTRUMENT VERSION 2 (MAYSI-2)

## 2022

### 39

DEPARTMENTS  
ACTIVELY ENGAGED  
IN MAYSI-2 ACTIVITIES

50 MAYSI-2  
COORDINATORS  
STATEWIDE

59%

54%

HAVE STAFF/UNITS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR MAYSI-2  
TRAINING AND  
QUALITY ASSURANCE

HAVE THE MAJORITY OF  
STAFF TRAINED  
ON THE MAYSI-2

TOTAL  
MAYSI-2  
COMPLETED

# 2,408

570

NUMBER OF  
CRITICAL CASES  
IDENTIFIED

DEPARTMENTS PLANNING  
MAYSI-2 ACTIVITIES  
FOR FY2022-2023

24

59%

HAVE A WRITTEN POLICY  
ACTIVELY IN PLACE THAT  
INCORPORATES THE MAYSI-2

\*N=39 DEPARTMENTS FOR ALL PERCENTAGES



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# JJSES STAGE TWO: CHILD TRAUMA SCREEN (CTS) 2022

 **20**  
DEPARTMENTS  
ACTIVELY ENGAGED  
IN CTS ACTIVITIES

 **65%**  
HAVE STAFF/UNITS RESPONSIBLE FOR CTS  
TRAINING AND  
QUALITY ASSURANCE

TOTAL  
CTS COMPLETED **2,202**

 **26**  
DEPARTMENTS PLANNING  
CTS ACTIVITIES  
FOR FY2022-2023

**40** CTS  
COORDINATORS  
STATEWIDE

 **65%**

HAVE THE MAJORITY OF  
**STAFF TRAINED** ON THE  
CTS

 **60%**

HAVE A **WRITTEN POLICY**  
ACTIVELY IN PLACE THAT  
INCORPORATES THE CTS

\*N=20 DEPARTMENTS FOR ALL PERCENTAGES



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## JCJC'S GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

What did you gain from attending the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) Graduate Education Program through Shippensburg University?

*Attending the JCJC Graduate Education Program has been one of my greatest achievements. The program provided me with the opportunity to continue my education while utilizing the experiences I have gathered while working in the juvenile justice field. Through this program, I was provided with the opportunity to work alongside other juvenile justice professionals from across the state with different areas of expertise. Combining our collective experiences with the coursework created an opportunity to have productive discourse regarding various topics in juvenile justice. In addition to expanding my educational goals, I left the program with great friendships.*

**Nilmarie Mayol – Class of 2020**  
**Berks County Juvenile Probation Office**



# SAVE *the* DATE

*Hilton Harrisburg*

**NOVEMBER  
1-3, 2023**

*2023 James E. Anderson*

**PENNSYLVANIA  
CONFERENCE  
ON JUVENILE JUSTICE**

### CONFERENCE – HOTEL INFORMATION

We are pleased to announce the room blocks at the **Hilton Harrisburg** and **Crowne Hotel** are open. Early reservations are encouraged to secure the contracted rates. Please see below for reservation details.

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

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

For general conference information, please contact us at [ra-jcicevents@pa.gov](mailto:ra-jcicevents@pa.gov).



# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Now Accepting Award Nominations

For the Following Categories:

### Professional Awards

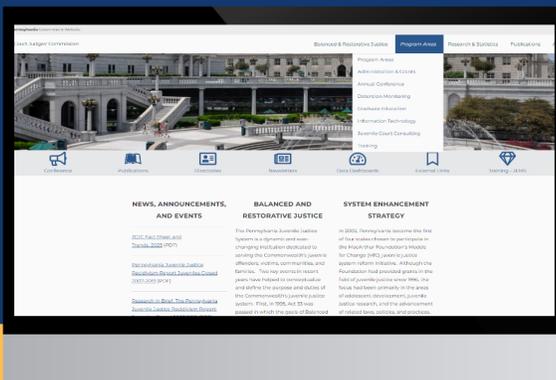
- Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year
- Juvenile Probation Supervisor of the Year
- Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year
- Victim Advocate of the Year
- Meritorious Service Award
- Juvenile Court Support Service Award
- Residential Program of the Year
- Court-Operated Program of the Year
- Community-Based Program of the Year

### Youth Awards

- Creative Expression Contest
- Outstanding Achievement Award



## How to Nominate



1. Go to [www.jcjc.pa.gov](http://www.jcjc.pa.gov)
2. Select the "Conference" Tab
3. Fill Out the Nomination Form
4. Then Submit It!

**DEADLINE:**

# AUGUST 14, 2023

For questions, contact Angel Stewart at [angstewart@pa.gov](mailto:angstewart@pa.gov) or Keysla Rodriguez at [keyrodrigu@pa.gov](mailto:keyrodrigu@pa.gov).

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### August

- 8-9 Motivational Interviewing (MI) Coaches - State College
- 23-25 Victim/Community Awareness Curriculum Training for Facilitators - West Chester
- 31 Growing Yourself Personally and Professionally - State College

### September

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

### October

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

### November

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

Registration available at [www.jcjems.pa.gov](http://www.jcjems.pa.gov)

## HOW TO WRITE CLEARLY AND SPEAK POWERFULLY IN COURT: NEW WORKSHOP FOR JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS GOES LIVE

On May 14, 2023, chiefs, deputy chiefs, and supervisors attended the first virtual three-hour training on how to mentor their juvenile probation officers in clear and powerful courtroom presentations. The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) began a professional development initiative to saturate counties with mentors who can guide new and established juvenile probation officers in writing better reports, such as relying less on cookie cutter documents, and to foster a culture that values the spoken word and those skills necessary for effective oration in court testimony. Shippensburg University Criminal Justice Professor Stephanie Jirard led an interactive training on writing and speaking powerfully while presenting documents and testifying in court. The content was appreciated as one long-time Chief stated in their feedback about the workshop that "this was one of the most impactful and relevant professional development sessions I have ever attended."

On June 14, 2023, juvenile probation officers and supervisors from seven counties attended the all-day, in-person, interactive courtroom training held at the Child Welfare Resource Center in Mechanicsburg. Professor Jirard framed the day's training around the ultimate goal of having a juvenile judge follow a juvenile probation officer's recommendation for a young person and their family every time. Participants focused on the "why" of courtroom advocacy in juvenile justice and then performed a series of written and oral exercises focusing on the "how" of persuasive presentations. Attendees worked together in a supportive and engaging environment, challenging each other, as the juvenile probation officers worked on keeping a focus on a narrative during cross examination; how to be redundant and write in the active voice for clarity in reports; choosing powerful vocabulary to convey the strength and power of the officer's recommendation; how to eliminate verbal fillers, such as "um" and "oh" while speaking (or add "MORE COWBELL!" says Christopher Walken on *Saturday Night Live*); and how to narrate a justice-involved youth's life story through storyboarding where reliance on notes is needed less. One juvenile probation officer's feedback stated that "the methods I learned will greatly boost my confidence."

The new training modality of developing chiefs, deputy chiefs, and supervisors as mentors by attending the three-hour virtual session followed by the all-day training for their juvenile probation officers will help transform the officers' passion for young people and support of Balanced and Restorative Justice into dynamic reports and authoritative testimony in juvenile courtrooms across the Commonwealth.

If you are looking for a dynamic, engaging, and fun way to earn your training hours while learning takeaway skills you can use to enhance the effectiveness and professionalism of your courtroom presentation, then register for the forthcoming regional workshops that will be posted on the JCJC Event Management System (JEMS). Juvenile probation departments may also request this workshop for their officers by contacting Sonya Stokes, JCJC Director of Professional Development, at [SYStokes@ship.edu](mailto:SYStokes@ship.edu).



## TECHNOLOGY CORNER

### Keeping the Code from Falling Behind

The first changes most users notice during an application update are changes that make the screens look or feel different, particularly new features or restrictions. However, invisible changes behind the scenes that keep the code updated can be just as important to keep the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS) running smoothly. For example:

**Libraries and Packages** - Several screens in PaJCMS use tools that are written by external third parties. These tools, such as the report viewer and the HTML editor, are installed using libraries and/or packages. Special setup may be needed for these tools to work on the screen, and they are continually checked to make sure that as the code changes they do not fall behind and cause errors. When a library or package cannot be updated or is no longer being worked on, sometimes it needs to be removed or replaced.

**Code Framework** - PaJCMS' code is written as part of a framework that gives rules for how it is written and organized. Over time, newer updated frameworks are released that change those rules based on modern security and development needs. Staying in an older framework can make the screens less secure and limit access to only outdated libraries and packages. Updating the framework makes it easier to add new features, but the new or changed rules can lead to unexpected behavior within the system. A recent example of an unexpected behavior was when several note areas in PaJCMS began restricting the amount of text that could be entered. Since previous versions of the framework did not restrict note areas, some of them were not updated to the correct size before the new framework started checking them.

**Database Integrity and Performance** - PaJCMS' data is stored in the database, accessible to users, and used for dashboards, reports, and other research needs. As a result, special checks need to be put in place to protect the data integrity. Data integrity means that pieces of information that are connected to each other are linked logically and properly. Poor data integrity can lead to misleading reports or errors, such as a risk assessment appearing on a list but showing up as blank when the user tries to click on it. Additionally, the process of showing this information can slow down as the data gets more complex. Consequently, the way the data is handled needs to be updated to improve performance. For example, PaJCMS has a special way to keep track of multiracial juveniles for dashboards instead of needing to count, one at a time, the number of races selected for each juvenile represented.

**The PaJCMS Rewrite** - The version of the framework used in PaJCMS is over five years old and several packages were phased out, such as removing the old spellcheck popup in favor of a modern web browsers' built-in spellcheck features. The PaJCMS rewrite will significantly update the framework and will feature new packages such as special popups for notifications. The new frameworks are actively supported by Microsoft and Google, so they will be regularly checked for updates as part of the JCJC's quarterly release plan. Some releases may have little to nothing noticeable changed on the screens themselves, but some changes may occur behind the scenes to pave the way for new features and to ensure the code for the new PaJCMS never falls behind!

# Registration Now Open!

Please use this link to Register —>

<https://forms.gle/GBHrisBeiM7rhqp98>

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

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

## Itinerary

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

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

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



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Diane Weaver-Thomas

\*Restorative Practices Advocate\*



### Western Regional: September 20, 2023

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



### Eastern Region: September 27, 2023

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



### Central Region: October 4, 2023

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

Victim Services Committee Chair  
Angela Mackley, Deputy Chief  
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amackley@franklincountypa.gov

**Please consider attending this event to unify and support those who offer their services to victims daily!**



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## **Courting Judicial Excellence: A Juvenile Justice Judicial Training Institute**

September 24-28, 2023  
Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque, New Mexico  
No Registration Fee

**Space is limited to 50 Judicial Officers.**

### **WHY IS TRAINING NECESSARY?**

Juvenile court judges are the most important public figures in the juvenile justice system — they decide whether hundreds of thousands of youth become court-involved each year and for how long, whether youth are involuntarily removed from their homes and communities, and which services they receive. Because of the important role that judges play in their communities, it is vital that they receive comprehensive training on juvenile justice issues.

However, based on a national study conducted by The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), many states lack specialized training, and many judges do not consistently receive the information and tools they need to make these critical decisions. To begin to address this gap, the CSG Justice Center and the NCJFCJ developed a first-of-its-kind judicial training institute: **Courting Judicial Excellence: A Juvenile Justice Judicial Training Institute**.

**For more information, please visit:**

[Courting Judicial Excellence: A Juvenile Justice Judicial Training Institute - NCJFCJ](#)



## NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### NEW SAG TOOLKIT ADDRESSES YOUTH ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

OJJDP's Center for Coordinated Assistance to States, in partnership with the American Institutes for Research and Youth MOVE National, has released "[Toolkit For Implementing Authentic Youth Engagement Strategies Within State Advisory Groups](#)."

This toolkit focuses on ways state advisory groups (SAGs) can engage with youth members and understand youth justice issues. Graphic organizers and interactive tools are included to help SAGs assess and enhance their youth engagement strategies.

Topics include:

- Promoting youth recruitment and retention.
- Increasing engagement with unique populations.
- Youth-adult partnerships.
- Youth engagement readiness, including diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging practices.

#### RESOURCES:

- Visit [OJJDP's state support webpage](#).
- Read a new [blog](#) on the State Advisory Group toolkit.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

### DATA SNAPSHOT SHOWS JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

OJJDP has updated its [Statistical Briefing Book](#) with a new [Data Snapshot](#) reporting on responses to 2020 Juvenile Residential Facility Census (JRFC) survey questions posed by OJJDP and the [National Institute of Justice](#) on how facilities responded to COVID-19.

The Data Snapshot reports on responses collected from March 2020 through October 2020. Overall, 1,323 facilities participated in the JRFC that year. Most facilities indicated that they increased phone or video communication to ensure residents were able to contact family members and their legal counsel. Nearly all facilities indicated they screened entrants, staff, and/or visitors for symptoms prior to entry or upon arrival to the facility. The data also show that more than three-quarters of facilities had access to COVID-19 testing.

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

#### RESOURCES:

- Visit OJJDP's [Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement](#) web page.
- Visit the [OJJDP Statistical Briefing Book](#) to access more information on juvenile residential facilities, including the [Juvenile Residential Facility Census Databook](#).
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

### BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS RELEASES REPORT ON YOUTH IN ADULT JAILS AND PRISONS

The [Bureau of Justice Statistics](#) has released "[Juveniles Incarcerated in U.S. Adult Jails and Prisons, 2002–2021](#)," part of its new [Just the Stats](#) web series.

This report details trends for youth age 17 or younger held in adult correctional facilities from 2002 to 2021. It includes data on youth in federal prisons, state prisons, and local jails.

Key findings include:

- The percentage of the total prison population who were youth declined from 0.9% in 2002 to 0.3% in 2021.
- The number of youth incarcerated in all U.S. adult prisons or jails declined from 2008 to 2021.
- In 2021, local jails held 1,960 youth, while state and federal adult prisons held 290.
- In 2021, 87 percent of youth in adult correctional facilities were held in local jails and 13 percent were held in prisons, compared to 66 percent in local jails and 34 percent in prisons in 2002.

#### RESOURCES:

- Visit the [OJJDP Statistical Briefing Book](#) to access information on juvenile residential facilities.
- Read the OJJDP-supported report, "[Youth and the Juvenile Justice System: 2022 National Report](#)."
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

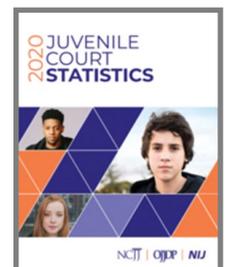
### ACCESS THE JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS 2020 REPORT

The [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#) has released "[Juvenile Court Statistics 2020](#)." This report describes delinquency and status offense cases handled between 2005 and 2020 by U.S. courts with jurisdiction over juvenile populations. National estimates are presented on 508,400 delinquency cases and 57,700 petitioned status offense cases handled in 2020. The report also tracks caseload trends from 2005 to 2020. Data include case counts and rates, juvenile demographics, and offenses charged.

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