



PCCD is pleased to announce Mark Carey will open the second day of the 2013 CJAB Conference by laying the foundation for Evidence-Based Practices in Pennsylvania.

Carey is the President of The Carey Group (TCG), a national consulting firm that provides training and technical assistance for justice and correctional professional and community groups.

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PCCD to Host the 2013 CJAB Conference – “One System, Many Pieces”

This conference will provide criminal justice professionals and service providers from the Commonwealth with the top resources, leading best practices, and networking connections available by offering workshops that serve everyone’s interests, taking into consideration the diverse populations involved with the criminal justice system.

PCCD expects nearly 300 attendees at the three-day conference this year, scheduled for October 28-30, at the Days Inn Penn State located in downtown State College.

Keynote speaker Mark Carey will speak about the essentials and benefits of Evidenced-Based Practices (EBP’s), as well as discussing the importance of risk assessments and the most common ones utilized.

Mr. Carey will discuss the top criminogenic needs and how courts make use of this information. He will identify which programs work and why plus what other countries and states are putting into practice.

Attendees will hear a step-by-step guide to help move forward with EBP’s in their county along with the importance of the criminal justice system and the CJAB working together to achieve risk reduction.

PCCD Egrants Tips

A change was recently made to Egrants that now allows external users to enter subsequent reports while program reports from prior reporting periods are still in "pending" status (not yet "approved" by PCCD staff).

CJAB Data Dashboards

PCCD’s CJAB Data Dashboards provide an at-a-glance view of Key Performance Indicators (or KPIs) relevant to the work of the CJABs.

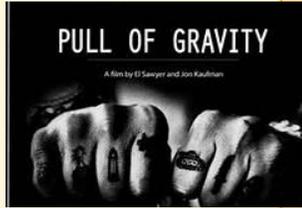
Using the CJAB Data Dashboards can help your CJAB evaluate what is happening in your county, region, and across the Commonwealth; plan for and manage change; identify patterns; expand on successes; and anticipate what will happen in the future.

To access the CJAB Data Dashboards, visit
<http://www.pacjabdash.net/>.

Monday, October 28th Re-Entry Workshops

The three-day conference kicks off on Monday, October 28, with the entire day dedicated to the complex topic of Re-Entry.

PCCD Executive Director Linda Rosenberg and PCCD Commissioner James Turner will welcome attendees to the conference followed by a screening of the movie “Pull of Gravity” – a portrait of three men in different stages of re-entry from prison into society. We are fortunate to have the movie producer El Sawyer lead a Q & A immediately after the screening.



The Department of Corrections (DOC) Executive Deputy Secretary Shirley Moore-Smeal and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP) Chairman Michael Potteiger will give an overview of Re-Entry at the State-level.

Maureen Bardeen of Project Fellow, Pennsylvania Health Law Project will talk about health care reform – an opportunity for CJABs to improve the health of their populations while reducing costs.

Afternoon breakout sessions include:

- Re-Entry Coalition: How to Start One
- Working Together: PBPP, DOC, Re-Entry Specialist and Re-Entry Coalitions
- Union County Justice Bridge Housing Program
- Re-Entry Courts: How they Work
- Actuarial Risk Needs Assessment

And finally, ending the day's events, there will be a “Best Practices Panel” featuring McKean County Judge John Pavlock and Employment Opportunity and Training Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EOTC) talking about the success of their Re-Entry programs.

Conference Covers a Range of Topics in the Criminal Justice System

Other workshops will cover a range of topics under the broad theme of criminal justice –

- Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategies (JJSES)
- Effective Addictions Treatment in the Criminal Justice Population
- CJAB Building Capacity and Creating Culture Through Focused Leadership
- Effectiveness, Data Collection and Enhancements in County Intermediate Punishment (IP) Programs
- Enhancing Criminal Justice Response to Victims of Crime
- PA State Police, JNET, PA Chiefs of Police Association and the Local Technology Workgroup Updates
- Reducing Justice Involvement for People with Mental Illness
- Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Teams (MDIT) and Child Advocacy Centers (CAC)
- County CJAB Data Dashboards and Offender Identification Dashboard Overview
- Establishing and Maintaining a Collections Court

Conference Brings Together the Entire Commonwealth

For 35 years, PCCD has helped coordinate the work of state and local criminal justice agencies to increase communication, effectiveness and efficiency. This conference will bring together experts and stakeholders from various counties providing opportunities for collaboration and technical assistance on a wide array of components of the criminal justice system.



Around the Commonwealth

From the Northeast Region ... by Jenn McConnell

This past May, National Drug Court Month, Lackawanna County's Treatment Courts were honored by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' (NADCP) at the All Rise America! campaign in recognition of their contribution to the local community.

In its second year, the All Rise America! campaign traveled across the country, attending rallies featuring several counties' treatment courts and highlighting inspiring stories of justice reform and personal recovery.

In Lackawanna County, hundreds showed their support for Treatment Courts by attending the day's events – most wearing specially made All Rise t-shirts. The rally kicked off with a local youth choir singing the national anthem followed by several State and local leaders addressing the crowd. The highlight of the event included stories of participants, graduates and their families.

Lackawanna County Treatment Court consists of Drug Court, DUI Court, Mental Health Court, Juvenile Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court.

Throughout the month of May, NADCP's second annual All Rise America! traveled the country to shine a spotlight on communities that demonstrate that addicted people belong in treatment, not prison, and that Drug Courts, DWI Courts and Veterans Treatment Courts are the solution for saving lives, reuniting families and making communities safer.

In addition to Lackawanna County, All Rise America! visited other events in two other counties in PA - Clarion and Union Counties



Before leaving, All Rise America! presented Honorable Michael J. Barrasse, Lackawanna County's Drug Treatment Court Judge, (standing behind podium) with a special honor - a judge's gavel as a reminder that the county's treatment courts are a model for others all over the country. *Picture provided by Lackawanna County through All Rise America!.*

Lackawanna County Treatment Court Fact Sheet

- 2.7% recidivism rate while on the program
- 11% recidivism rate after graduation from the program
- 95% of Treatment Court clients have been retained in the program
- 82% of drug tests conducted were negative.
- Age range: 20-55, average age: 27
- 30.8% have children
- 35% have a high school diploma
- 26.4% have vocational certification
- 46% of the participants are between the ages of 22 and 30
- 55.6% unemployed at time of entry into the program
- 63.5% have received mental health services in the past

From the Southeast Region ... by Kim Mackey

Brain injury can have significant impact on cognitive functioning and can affect a person's ability to perform tasks such as finding and keeping employment, controlling impulses and making productive decisions about behavior. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that between 25% and 87% of inmates have experienced brain injury, as compared to 8.5% in the general population. It is not surprising, then, that inmates returning to communities with undiagnosed or untreated brain injury can have a difficult time with successful re-entry if appropriate services are not available to them.

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency recently awarded a grant to the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania ("BIAPA") to create a "NeuroResource Facilitation" pilot project. This project will be housed at the Graterford State Correctional Institution which was chosen by the Department of Corrections for its implementation of a Transitional Housing Unit (THU) and proximity to a five-county, densely populated area including the City of Philadelphia.

NeuroResource Facilitators (or simply Facilitators) consisting of specially trained brain injury staff will provide education and training to staff from the prison, state parole and community agencies. Inmates admitted to the THU with 6-10 months to release date, will be provided with institutional support for parole and behavioral appropriateness and will be initially screened using the Traumatic Brain Injury Questionnaire. Higher Level NeuroCognitive Screening conducted by a supervised Pre-Doctoral Neuropsychology Intern will be administered to inmates who present with prior injury in order to determine cognitive functioning.

A Re-Entry planning team consisting of the inmate's corrections counselor, parole Re-Entry agent and Facilitators will engage in transition planning for each inmate in the program, including establishing partnerships with brain injury resource systems in the community. Those inmates deemed in need of service will work with Re-Entry team members prior to release to create a comprehensive Re-Entry plan, identify programs in the community to support the inmates' goals, assist with eligibility and access to such programs, address housing issues and provide supported employment. One to two meetings per month will be held with Facilitators for a period of one year after release to monitor the Re-Entry plan and set outcome targets. Facilitators will develop data sources for outcome measures using a tracking form to collect data on each outcome marker and enter it into a database, which will be used for reporting outcomes.

This project utilizes Best Practice Guidelines on Resource Facilitation developed by consensus at a Resource Facilitation Summit hosted in 2000 by the Brain Injury Association of America and promises to be an innovative program that may drastically reduce recidivism for the target population.



From the South Central Region ... by Karri Hull

CIT International will host its annual conference October 14-16, 2013, in Hartford, Connecticut, celebrating 25 years of Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT).

This year will be special for the Commonwealth, as a Pennsylvania Police Officer - Officer Travis Park of Ferguson Township Police Department - has been chosen to be the recipient of the CIT International First Responder of the Year Award.

Officer Travis Park has been a police officer with the Ferguson Township Police Department (located outside of State College) for eight years and is a member of the Centre County CIT since its inception in January 2011.

Officer Park was one of the original Centre County CIT members who traveled to Laurel Highlands to receive CIT training through their program. He also received additional training to be a CIT "Train the Trainer" and assists with the De-Escalation Techniques portion of all new trainings.

Demonstrating his commitment to the CIT program, Officer Park regularly attends Centre County CIT Steering Committee meetings and provides valuable input about how to continue to move CIT forward in Centre County.

Furthermore, Officer Park assists other counties in starting up their own CIT and travels to a neighboring county once a year to provide assistance with the De-Escalation Techniques portion of their CIT training.

He has completed multiple presentations with the Centre County CIT including the annual Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference, the annual TRIAD Academy, and the annual CIT International Conference.

In addition to his ongoing commitment to the success of the CIT program in Centre County, Officer Park carries out his regular duties as a patrol officer and utilizes his CIT skills on a regular basis.

Officer Park is the first Pennsylvania Police Officer to receive the honor of CIT International First Responder of the Year Award.



Officer Travis Park of the Ferguson Township Police Department and Centre County Crisis Intervention Team awarded with CIT International First Responder of the Year Award.



From the Western Region ... by Bobby Juip

On Wednesday, September 25th, counties and organizations from across Pennsylvania came together for the second annual Penn State Child Maltreatment Conference, a collaborative effort between Penn State, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare's Office of Children, Youth and Families, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, University of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center and the Pennsylvania Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers and Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams.



From left: Teresa Huizar, Executive Director of the National Children's Alliance; Lucy Johnston-Walsh, Esq, Professor, Children's Advocacy Clinic, Penn State University; Honorable Beverly D. Mackereth, Secretary PA Department of Public Welfare; Honorable David W. Heckler, Bucks County District Attorney and Chairman of the Task Force on Child Protection; Nicholas P. Jones , Exec. V.P. and Provost at Penn State University

Roughly 200 individuals responded to the invitation including district attorneys, child abuse investigators, children and youth services, and other organizations across the State. The theme for this year's conference was "Protecting Pennsylvania's Children by Building Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams/Child Advocacy Centers."

The event featured a packed agenda including key note speaker Teresa Huizar, Executive Director of the National Children's Alliance (NCA). The NCA is the accrediting body for some 750 child advocacy centers (CACs) across the county, 22 of which are located throughout Pennsylvania. *CACs emphasize the coordination of investigation and intervention services by bringing together law enforcement and child welfare professionals as a multidisciplinary investigative team (MDIT), to create a child-focused approach to child abuse cases* (<http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/index.php?s=36>). The later part of the agenda included the distribution of a model set of standards for Pennsylvania's MDITs, intended to guide counties through the developmental process while promoting best practices and yielding quality investigative results for the best possible outcomes.

The conference also included presentations and panel discussions by MIDIT and CAC professionals from some of the 40 counties across Pennsylvania who have already established MDIT and/or CAC services or partnerships in and around their own communities. Amongst the presenters were some of the newest Associate Member CACs in Pennsylvania, located deep within rural Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Western PA CARES for Kids, located in Brookville, PA, was born from the recognition of a need for a team approach to child abuse, thus they began researching and soon implemented their first multidisciplinary team comprised of law enforcement, prosecution, children and youth services, mental health personnel, medical personnel, juvenile probation, and victim services. They immediately began discussing current cases for child abuse on a monthly basis to ensure communication and collaboration so that no child would fall through the cracks again.



Western PA CARES for Kids, Brookville, PA

Further recognizing that this solution only solved part of their needs, from 2007 to 2008 the team sought and was subsequently awarded a \$50,000 start-up grant for a child advocacy center that would enable them to hire a forensic interviewer/executive director. They soon acquired a temporary donated facility and through other local donors were able to equip it with a child friendly waiting area, interview and observation rooms, as well as an office space.

In May of 2011, PA CARES received funding support from Clearfield/Jefferson Mental Health/Mental Retardation Early Intervention Services toward the purchase of a more established and child-friendly facility. With their new facility in place, and through the continued generosity of community and local donors, PA CARES was able to achieve Associate Member status with the National Children's Alliance, and under the guidance and mentorship of Lawrence County's Child Advocacy Center they're currently working towards full accreditation.

This process of mobilization has been occurring across Pennsylvania, in more recent years, the Pennsylvania Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers & Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs), through the assistance of a 2011 grant from the PA Children's Act, has been able to offer an MDT Continuous Practice Improvement Program (CPIP) for teams desiring to build upon team strengths and expand joint investigation capacity, coupled with peer support and mentorship.

McKean County, having received Associate Accreditation in April 2013 is one of the newest members of NCA. McKean County, also located in Northwestern PA is one of several counties that have participated in developmental training and is currently under the mentorship of Erie County's Child Advocacy Center. For more information about this Joint Investigation training you can contact Kim Duffy, Training Coordinator at PA Chapter CACs & MDTs: (717) 337 -9888 or kduffy@kidsagaincac.org



Inside PCCD

Pennsylvania Youth Survey 2013

The next survey will be conducted this fall – For additional information, please visit our [website](#).

What's New at PCCD ...

Human Trafficking is a crime – it is a form of slavery in which traffickers profit from the abuse of others. The PA Crime Victims website has a new link regarding human trafficking, containing information for victims, guiding them to local programs for assistance. Click [here](#) to read more.

Homes within Reach Conference

When: Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Where: Hilton Hotel, Downtown Harrisburg

Time: Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.

PCCD, in partnership with the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania, are pleased to announce that we are co-sponsoring the second day of the Annual Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania *Homes within Reach Conference*.

PCCD is offering a limited number of registrations, at no cost, for the special justice sessions on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 *only*. Registration is available to the *first 100 registrants*.

To Register for Justice Sessions click [here](#)!

Deadline for On-line Registration is Thursday, October 31, 2013 (or until maximum capacity is reached).

Restitution in Pennsylvania Task Force

With funding provided by PCCD to the Office of the Victim Advocate, the Restitution in Pennsylvania Task Force was created to examine restitution laws, rules, policy and processes currently in place throughout the Commonwealth in an effort to maximize the reimbursement of financial losses to crime victims, and to advance restitution within the context of restorative justice for victims, the community, and offenders. The objectives of the Task Force were to identify gaps and develop recommendations and solutions to maximize the criminal and juvenile systems' effectiveness and serve as a forum for enhancing interagency coordination, increasing communication, and identifying solutions to increase the quality of restitution services at the county and state level.

As result of the Task Force's work, 47 recommendations were adopted.

To access the full report along with other resources and documents, please visit www.Pa-RestitutionTaskForce.info.

Links of Interest

Act 13 of 2012, the Marcellus Shale Impact Fee Act, allocates certain amounts from the impact fee into the PHARE Fund to address the need for affordable housing where producing gas wells are located and have adopted the local impact fee.

<http://www.phfa.org/hsgresources/act105.aspx?id=ddmenu>

PCCD Appoints New Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/1358405/pccd_appoints_new_director_to_the_office_of_juvenile_justice_and_delinquency_prevention

PA Commission on Sentencing 2012 Annual Report

<http://pcs.la.psu.edu/publications-and-research/annual-reports/2012/view>

For more information on the entire Homes within Reach Conference, please visit the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania's website at

<http://www.housingalliancepa.org/events/homes-within-reach-conference>. (Please note: to attend the second day, Tuesday, November 12, 2013, free, sponsored by PCCD & OMHSAS, you must register through PCCD by clicking [here](#).)



Calendar of Events

To submit your event to PCCD's Calendar of Events, complete and submit this [form](#).

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October 28-30, 2013 at Days Inn Penn State, State College

PA Veterans Forum: Community and Connections

November 6-7, 2013 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrisburg

Coordinated by Drexel University College of Medicine/Funded by Department of Public Welfare Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

PA Housing Alliance Homes within Reach 2013 Annual Conference

November 11 – 13, 2013 at Hilton, Harrisburg

(Please note: to attend the second day, Tuesday, November 12, 2013, free, sponsored by PCCD & OMHSAS, you must register through PCCD by clicking [here](#).)

PA Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference

November 20-22, 2013 at Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College

21st Annual Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference

December 3-5, 2013 at Sheraton Harrisburg/Hersey, Harrisburg

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