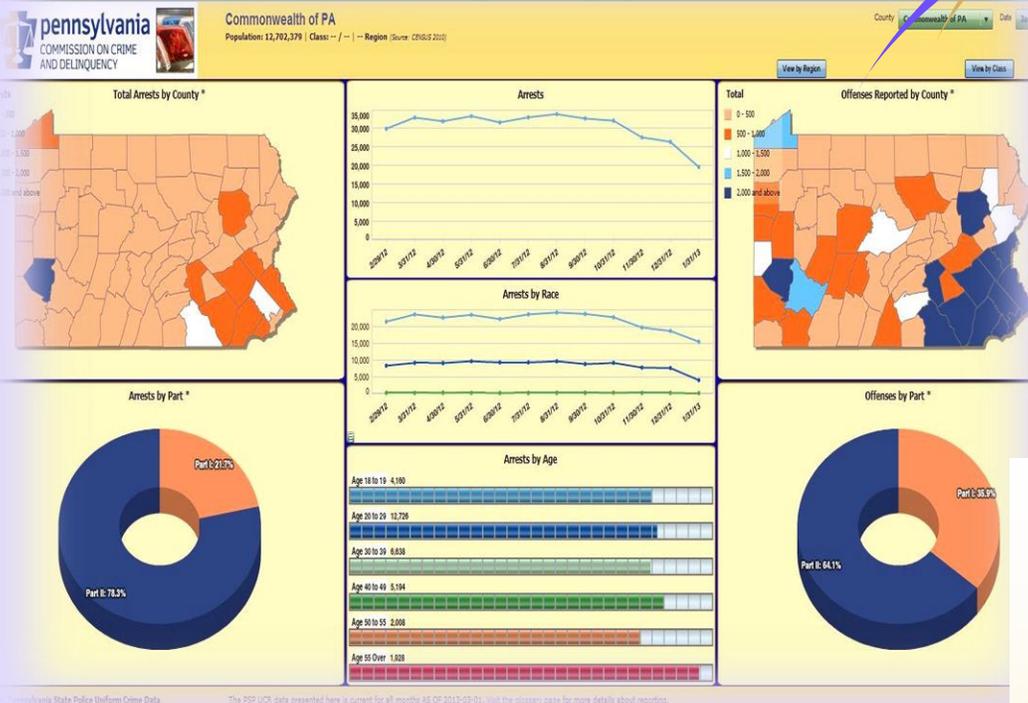


CJAB Digital Dashboards – Revealed at the CJAB Coordinator/Facilitator Training Workshop

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Some things to look for ...

Beginning with the first quarter of 2013, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) plans to simplify reporting requirements by providing:

- ✓ Clearer explanations of required reporting information under new measures
- ✓ Data templates to organize and understand required reporting
- ✓ Checklists of what information is needed for reporting

CJAB Coordinator/Facilitator Training Workshop Scheduled

Workshop Aims to Get Peers Talking. Building CJAB Success.

Calling all CJAB Coordinators and Facilitators! Mark your calendars for May 8 – 9, 2013, to attend the CJAB Coordinator/Facilitator Training Workshop.

As a CJAB Coordinator or Facilitator, are you looking to enhance your CJAB? Would you like to learn how to foster member participation and communication? Do you want to hear tips on how to inspire discussion and action to help accomplish your mission?

Are you interested in finding out what the most common mistakes in grant writing are? And how to use local data to expand your grant applications?

“The goal we hope to achieve with this workshop is to create a forum in which people who facilitate CJAB meetings and projects can come together to share ideas for best practices, troubleshoot challenges, and create a lasting network of support with one another,” says Jackie Weaknecht, Supervisor of PCCD’s County Planning Unit.

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PCCD has updated CJAB Minimum Operating Standards! View the standards [here](#) Click on Minimum Standards.

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The one and half-day workshop is designed to encourage peer-to-peer roundtable discussions and networking to share tips and best practices to help Coordinators and Facilitators as they work with their own CJABs.

The workshop will cover a variety of topics to help strengthen CJAB planning efforts - Building and/or Rebuilding CJABs, Strategic Planning and County Planning, Grant Writing and Management, and Digital Dashboard.

The first day will kick off with the revealing of PCCD's Office of Research, Evaluation, and Strategic Policy Development (ORESPD) CJAB Digital Dashboards. The digital dashboards will provide CJABs with near real-time data for improved decision-making, tracking key indicators from the county justice system as identified by a focus group of CJAB representatives. This initiative was implemented on a piloted basis in six counties over the past twelve months to validate the benefits, time to implementation, and associated costs. In May 2013, the digital dashboards will be implemented statewide across the Commonwealth's 64 CJABs.

Workshop attendees will get a first peek at the digital dashboards before the full release sometime later in May.

Look for the June issue of the CJABer for more information on the CJAB Digital Dashboards, discussing the key indicators and system capabilities.

The CJAB Coordinator/ Facilitator Training Workshop is sponsored by PCCD and will be held in State College, exact location to be announced.

The workshop is a coordinated effort between PCCD staff and Brendan Harker of Berks County, Catherine Kilgore of Dauphin County and Phil Damiani of Delaware County (retired) and Chairman of PCCD's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

Look for the *save the date postcard* in your email followed by a complete agenda and online registration information coming very soon.



Charla J. Plaines, the Re-entry Unit's Coordinator and lead staff, serves as a liaison among state agencies, county and local officials, policymakers, CJABs, and community and faith-based organizations on how to define re-entry, reduce recidivism, and improve collaborations with community-based service providers.

PCCD Introduces Community Revitalization Through Re-entry Unit

The Community Revitalization through Re-entry Unit under the Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements (OCJSI) at PCCD focuses on forming community justice partnerships between state, county, and local government agencies and non-profit service providers to facilitate prisoner re-entry. The Re-entry Unit shares information and identifies issues and barriers relevant to offender re-entry.

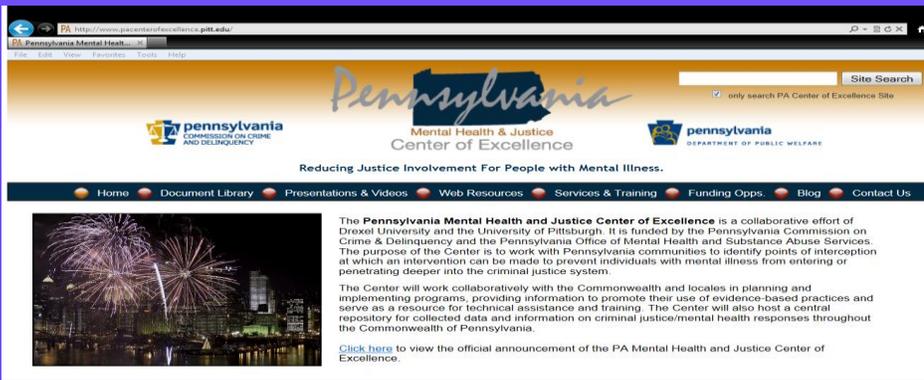
Ms. Plaines facilitates dialogue among stakeholders that will work together to make better use of existing community resources and increase capacity to assist people released from prisons and jails to be successful with transition back to communities.

She helps coordinate and identify funding streams, grants and other relevant opportunities for re-entry initiatives.

The Re-entry Unit can help CJABs create or connect with existing local re-entry coalitions. These coalitions assess local re-entry strategies, identify gaps in services, set priorities, and create an offender-based re-entry plan that addresses housing; drug and alcohol and mental health treatment; education; and employment issues for returning offenders.

The offender-based re-entry plans should become a component of the overall CJAB strategic plan. The Re-entry Unit provides technical assistance to counties in developing and implementing re-entry plans. Assistance is provided through meetings with local program personnel, monitoring visits, telephone contact and correspondence.

For further discussion or questions regarding the Re-entry Unit, please contact Charla at cplaines@pa.gov or by phone at (717) 265-8501.



Pennsylvania Mental Health and Justice Center of Excellence Updates Website

The Pennsylvania Mental Health and Justice Center of Excellence (CoE) announced updates to their website.

They are excited to release a blog feature - which provides a forum for discussions between peers from different counties - in response to county feedback asking for more cross-county communication. The blog allows counties to ask questions and receive updates from colleagues in other counties across Pennsylvania along with asking questions or sending comments to CoE staff.

CoE is hopeful the blog feature will generate many useful discussions.

In addition, over one hundred new articles and resources have been posted to the [Document Library](#) and [Web Resources](#) sections of the website.

Here are some tips on using the website:

- ✓ **[Documents library](#)** tab: contains "static" documents such as published information, summary reports, or scholarly journal articles. The articles are listed by subject, including separation by intercept point.
- ✓ **[Web Resources](#)** tab: contains links to relevant websites. For instance, there is a link to <https://www.crimesolutions.gov/> which contains examples of corrections programs rated as "promising". The web resources are also organized by topic area, including an option to view them by intercept point.

- ✓ **[Funding Opportunities](#)**: Every week CoE updates this area of the website with new information they obtain from a scan of potential funding resources.

CoE encourages you to use the [blog feature](#) and email them with any suggestions of resources you would like added to their website.

The Pennsylvania Mental Health and Justice Center of Excellence is a collaborative effort of Drexel University and the University of Pittsburgh. It is funded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency and the Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The purpose of the Center is to work with Pennsylvania communities to identify points of interception at which an intervention can be made to prevent individuals with mental illness from entering or penetrating deeper into the criminal justice system.

What's New At PCCD ...
PCCD Calendar of Events
 Developed to help our justice partners coordinate events state wide.
 Visit our [calendar of events](#) today!

PCCD Quick Links

PAVTN.net
PA Virtual Training Network –
Powered by PA Chiefs of
Police Association
Training for Officers by Officers

PAVTN.net is free online training for police departments. It is the only place that has MPOETC mandatory-in-service training courses online.

For more information, contact Christopher Braun at 717-236-1059
cjbraun@pachiefs.org

<http://www.pavtn.net/>

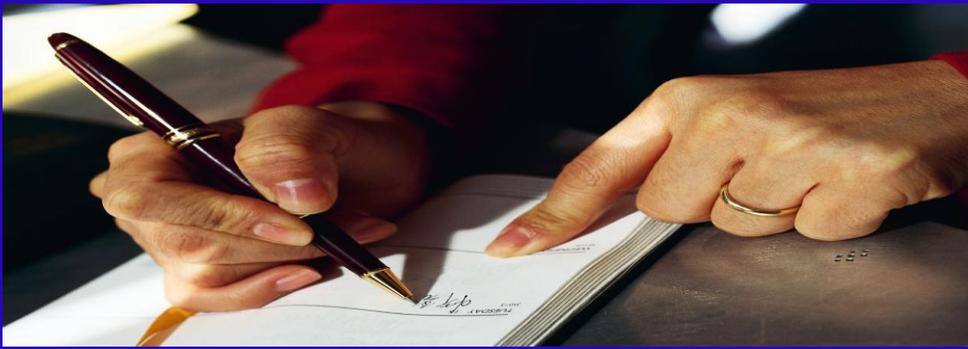
CJAB Pennsylvania Interactive Map

Ever wonder what other CJABs are doing across the Commonwealth? What they have accomplished? Would you like easy access to other CJAB Coordinators/Facilitators?

PCCD launched an interactive map of Pennsylvania that allows individual CJABs to share their contact information, strategic plans and so much more.

To post your CJAB information and strategic plan, contact Denise Barry at 717-265-8559
debarry@pa.gov

Be sure to check out the [interactive map!](#)
 Find examples of strategic plans. Network with other CJABs. Share your CJABs mission and goals.



About PCCD

Mission The mission of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency is to enhance the quality of criminal and juvenile justice systems, facilitate the delivery of services to victims of crime and assist communities to develop and implement strategies to reduce crime and victimization.

Vision The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency strives to be a state and national leader by providing innovative services and programs that promote justice for all citizens and communities of Pennsylvania.

Get Out Your Calendar – Upcoming Events

- **Pennsylvania 3rd Annual Veterans Conference 2013 - Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery for Veterans**
April 1 – 2, 2013 at The Hilton in Harrisburg
For more information and to register, visit www.drexelmed.edu/bhe
- **PCCD CJAB Coordinator Symposium**
May 8-9, 2013 in State College
Details coming soon
- **JNET County Integration Meeting**
June 11 – 12, 2013 at The Penn Stater Conference Center & Hotel
For meeting announcement and registration , visit <http://www.pajnet.state.pa.us/>
- **Fall 2013 CJAB Statewide Conference**
October 2013 in State College
Details coming soon

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

To see more, visit PCCD's [Calendar of Events](#).

Links of Interest

Justice Reinvestment

<http://justicereinvestment.org/>

National PREA Resource Center

<http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/>

PA Commission on Sentencing Annual Report 2011

<http://pcs.la.psu.edu/publications-and-research/annual-reports/2011-revised-10-11-2012/view>

To receive notices about PCCD grant opportunities as they become available, sign up at

https://www.pccdegmis.state.pa.us/pccd_egmis/Public/Subscribe.aspx

Click here for Current PCCD [Open Funding Opportunities](#)

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