

2020 Criminal Justice Advisory Board Conference
Criminal Justice Challenges; Collaborative Solutions
The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, PA
April 8-9, 2020

Session Descriptions Day Two
Thursday, April 9, 2020

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Morning Plenary Sessions

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Why Should Probation EBPs Matter to Me? Implications for CJABs and Other Stakeholders

The county adult probation and parole departments of Pennsylvania have made a major public commitment to implement evidence-based practices (EBP) to improve the effectiveness of probation and parole services. This commitment represents a very large and complex organizational change effort in almost every county of the Commonwealth. Successful implementation requires commitment and support from internal stakeholders – departmental staff and judges, as well as external stakeholders – commissioners, district attorneys, defense counsel, treatment providers and others. This session is designed to introduce the project to CJAB members, describe the changes that will occur and explore the implications for the constituent agencies and organizations of the CJABs.

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

LIFE after Death

This presentation comes from the hearts and minds of individuals who entered Pennsylvania's State Correctional Institutions as juveniles/young adults and exited as people dedicated to creating safer communities by empowering other returning citizens to transform their thoughts and decisions. This group of dynamic individuals will open your eyes to the trauma experienced prior to incarceration, the survival techniques required to maintain sanity while incarcerated and the overwhelming support needed to navigate this journey called REENTRY. Individuals with lived experience in the criminal justice system should always be welcomed to the table to lead the discussion on what defines successful reentry; quality programs and valuable resources.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

From Prison Cells to PhD: Education Over Incarceration

In this session, Dr. Stanley Andrisse will take you on his journey from the criminal justice system to Assistant Professor at Howard University College of Medicine. Dr. Andrisse will discuss his experiences and the power of education for people with criminal records to move beyond their experiences with the system and reach their full potentials. Furthering one's education is not only healthy to the individuals but to their families and the community, by increasing income and reducing crime.

12:00 p.m.
Closing Remarks