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## VJJA Holds 38th Fall Institute in Newport News

### *"Moving Forward: Serving Virginia's Youth & Families With Pride"*

The VJJA 38th Fall Juvenile Justice Institute, *Moving Forward: Serving Virginia's Youth and Families With Pride*, was held on November 5-6, 2014, at the Newport News Marriott City Center, in Newport News, Virginia. The event was co-organized by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. Approximately 282 participants attended the two-day event. The group assembled represented court services, the judiciary, secure detention, detention alternatives, corrections, mental health, education, and more. Additionally 32 public and private agencies and organizations exhibited, including Bronze Level Sponsor, the Virginia Association of Community-Based Providers (<http://www.vacbp.org/>).

The conference was opened by VJJA President Stephanie Garrison, VJJA Institute Planning Chair Ashaki McNeil, DJJ Director Andy Block and DCJS Director Fran Ecker. Plenary session speakers included Dr. Allison Sampson Jackson, Helivi Holland, Dr. Erik Nielson, University of Richmond, and Dr. Ryan Shanahan, the Vera Institute. Plenary and workshop topics included, "Communication: Talking Out the Side of Your Neck", "Working Collaboratively With Families", "Human Trafficking: The Local Context of a Global Issue", "VA's 2nd Chances Grant", "Social Media Secrets: What Criminals Don't Want You To Know", "How to Engage Families", "Judicial Panel: Navigating the Issues of Juvenile and Domestic Relations", "Saving Heros: Are You Putting the Oxygen Mask on Yourself First?", "Addressing Mental Health and Substance Abuse in the Community", "Understanding What PREA Means to You", "Bridging the Gap: Connecting Commitment with Community", "Permanency Outcomes for Youth in Foster Care", and "Putting Rap Music on Trial".

In addition to formal learning opportunities, companion events were designed to recognize excellence, foster networking, and stimulate peer-to-peer learning. Events included the annual President's Reception and the annual dance social.

Special guests in attendance included four retired Lifetime Members, David James, Tom Currier, Diane Shelton and John Newell, and seven former Presidents, David James, Ron Belay, Tom Currier, Lewis Wright, Bob Birmingham, Beth Stinnett and Susan Farmer.

The 39th Fall Institute is slated for November 4 and 6, 2015. Learn more as details become available by visiting: <http://www.vjjja.net/fall-institute.html>



## PHOTO GALLERY

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

November 2014



Dear Members:

Our administration continues to make progress in fulfilling the vision and mission of our organization. The VJJA Board of Directors convened a board meeting on November 4, 2014. The Board of Directors are actively working to move our organization forward. I am pleased to give you an update on the goals outlined for my administration:

**Stated Goal:** Increase Membership – FOCUS on increasing membership recruitment in each District to restore VJJA's membership to 1000 +.

**Progress:** As of September 30, 2014 (pre-conference), we had 348 members; Memberships By District: Blue Ridge-35, Capital-109, Northern-38, Southwest-22, Tidewater-117, Valley-27. Our fiscal membership year started July 1, 2014. Please renew at least one new member. The Marketing & Public Relations Team has held a number of membership recruitment events, including a recruitment table at Youth Connections Open House.

**Stated Goal:** Enhance Communication – We will generate constant communication to members and our community partners via e-mail, social media and the VJJA website.

**Progress:** *Written Publication:* The Advocate has been reinstated as a quarterly publication - February, April, June, and November issues. *E-mail Communication:* The Director of Recognition distributed recognition awards to members in July in recognition of Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week. The Director of Membership issued reoccurring membership renewal e-mails June thru August 2014. The Director of Institute Planning issued reoccurring Fall Institute e-mails to members August thru October 2014. *VJJA Website Communication:* The website continues to be updated regularly. Recent updates: 38th Fall Institute photos, Awards & Scholarship winners, and "Colleagues in the Spotlight".

**Stated Goal:** Increase VJJA Training Attendance and skill-based, proven practices and self help training/educational offerings.

**Progress:** The Director of Institute Planning, Ashaki McNeil, did an extraordinary job planning and coordinating VJJA's 38th Fall Institute. The event was held on November 5 and 6, at the Newport News Marriott at Center City and attracted 282 professionals (98 DJJ staff) and 30 Exhibitors from across the State of Virginia. See a comprehensive list of educational offerings on the *Advocate* cover! We look forward to Ashaki planning the 39th Fall Institute in 2015!

**State Goal:** Advocacy - We will inform members of current juvenile justice legislation and policy. We will provide members with opportunities to become more involved in advocacy.

**Progress:** In addition to the appointment of a new Director of Child Advocacy Legislation and Policy, Barbie Burfoot, I have appointed a new Director of Professional Legislation and Policy, Mark Bauer. Barbie and Mark are following public policy and advocating for changes on behalf of VJJA (including organizing a VALORS campaign!).

I always want to hear our member's concerns and what they need from us. I know ultimately I am here to serve our members. Remember, we all contribute a wealth of knowledge and experience to VJJA and together we can move from vision to reality.

Yours in Service,

*Stephanie Garrison*

Stephanie Garrison  
VJJA President

# VIRGINIA JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION (VJJA)

*Since 1966 - Bringing together and educating the professionals who touch the lives of system-involved children.*

## Who We Are

Founded in 1966 as the Virginia Juvenile Officers Association (VJOA), the association's name was later changed to the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) to reflect the diversity of its membership. That diversity is more evident today than ever, with hundreds of members representing nearly every private and public agency in the Commonwealth that works with or on behalf of system-involved juveniles. Our membership represents court services, the judiciary, DJJ administration, correctional facilities, detention centers, indigent defense, prosecution, law enforcement, group homes, behavioral health providers, educators, and more. VJJA is administered by an elected board of directors and volunteer staff and divided into six geographical district chapters.

## Our Mission

**... to advocate for quality services for juveniles** (due process, evidence-based practices, proven models, program integrity/standards, outcome measures);

**... to enhance the professionalism and skills of our members** (professional development, skill building, practice improvement, resources, technical assistance, awards for excellence, recognition);

**... to foster communication among our members** (collaboration, networking, publications);

**... to promote alternative approaches to resolving youth and family problems** (diversion, risk-based graduated responses, least restrictive environment).

## VJJA: What We Believe

### *We believe in a Juvenile Justice System that ...*

◆ recognizes that adolescents are not yet who they will become and are capable of change

◆ weighs heavily decisions concerning the deprivation of liberty and favors the least restrictive means necessary to achieve public safety

◆ provides services relative to risk level, arranged in a continuum, and consistent with the principles of effective intervention

◆ differentiates between criminal/delinquent acts and normative adolescent acting-out

◆ is free from racial, ethnic, and gender disparities and exercises objective decision-making as a means to ensure fairness and equity

◆ favors fiscal responsibility and accountability to be good stewards of scarce resources

◆ uses proven models, strategies, and approaches

◆ relies upon data to measure progress and guide policy, practice, and programmatic changes

◆ does no greater harm, limits exposure to risk, and exceeds minimum standards

◆ presumes innocence, protects liberty and justice, and affords due process of law

◆ promotes professionalism, collaboration, integrity, accountability, and transparency among key stakeholder agencies

◆ routinely reviews policies, practices, and programs for quality, consistency with stated goals, and the ever evolving science of our field

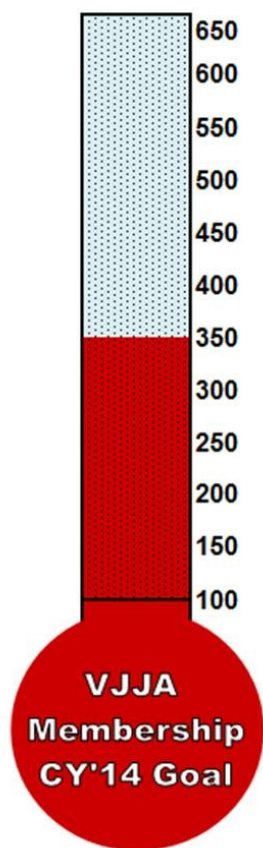
◆ ensures community protection and holds adjudicated children accountable for their actions



## VJJA Colleague Profiles

### Colleague Profiles

We want to get to know you better. Colleague profiles are included in each issue. Send your own profile or suggest a colleague to be profiled. Include: Name, Photo, E-mail, Phone, Agency/Company, Previous Positions Held, # Years in Juvenile Justice Field, Education, Reason for Entering Field, Accomplishments, Awards/Honors Received, Favorite Part of Job, and any other interesting facts you want to share.



**09/30/2014 - 348 Members**  
(the membership year runs  
July 1—June 30)

Send Colleague Profile  
submissions and  
membership questions to:

Samantha Higgins  
Director of Membership  
[membership@vjja.net](mailto:membership@vjja.net)



**PAMELA HOLLAND**

Counselor II (Outreach/EM)  
Newport News Juvenile Services  
Newport News

25 Years in Current Role  
28 Years With Current Employer

Previous Positions Held:  
Juvenile Detention

Specialized Trainings/Credentials:  
CPR/ First Aid, Handle with Care,  
Conflict Resolution, GANG Training  
and extensive work with  
Oppositional Defiant Disorders.

Past Awards:  
National Association of Negro  
Business & Professional Women's  
Club, 2000 Service Award;  
NNJS "Making a Difference"  
Employee of the Quarter - Fall 2008

Education:  
Old Dominion University  
Winston Salem University

Hometown:  
Washington, D.C.

First Job:  
Veterinarian Assistant  
Avon Phone Center

Reason for Entering the Field:  
I wanted to make a difference  
in young people's lives.

Hobbies / Past-times:  
Member of Zeta Amicae of  
NN/Hampton Virginia, Auxiliary of  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Overseer  
of Youth Praise Dance Team



**JIM BROWN**

*Probation Supervisor*  
16th District CSU  
Fluvanna, Louisa, Goochland

4 Years in Current Role  
29 Years with DJJ

Previous Positions Held:  
Probation Officer  
Probation Officer Senior  
Treatment Specialist / St. Joseph's Villa  
Employment & Training Spec. / Henrico

Valley District VJJA Member

Specialized Trainings/Credentials:  
Extensive training in budgets;  
oversees several local and  
VJCCA budgets

Past Awards:  
Has been recognized for his support  
of other Probation Supervisors.

Education:  
Bachelor's Degree in Psychology  
Virginia Tech University

Hometown:  
Richmond

First Job:  
Private Psychiatric Hospital

Reason for Entering the Field:  
Enjoys working with children  
and families.

Hobbies / Past-times:  
Traveling with family; Watching  
sports with his son,  
Jared (especially the Hokies)





## VJJA Colleague Profiles



### KEVIN DOWNS

*Probation Supervisor*  
28th District CSU  
Bristol & Marion Branch Offices

9 months in Current Role  
29 Years with DJJ

Previous Positions Held:  
Correctional Officer  
Learning Center Supervisor A  
Rehabilitation Counselor—RDC  
Probation Officer / Probation Officer Sr.

Specialized Trainings/Credentials:  
On-going training as a foster parent.

Past Awards:  
Elected to Wash. Co. School Board.

Education:  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology  
Appalachian State University

Hometown:  
Danville, Illinois

First Job:  
Delivering Newspaper (Chicago Sun-Times and Chicago Tribune) at age 12

Reason for Entering the Field:  
As a child up until my early teen years growing up in the suburbs of Chicago, I had personal experience with a broken home life, delinquency, gangs and the criminal justice system. As a Junior in college, through my Criminal Justice education, I learned ways I might make a difference in a child's life and realized I wanted to pursue a career in corrections.



### MARCUS TUCKER

*Post-D Detention Program Coord.*  
Richmond Juvenile Detention  
Richmond

< 1 Year in Current Role  
12 Years Working with Juveniles

Previous Positions Held:  
Counselor, Richmond Detention  
Probation Officer (Virginia)  
Probation Officer (Florida)  
Case Manager, Chesterfield  
Adolescent Reporting Center  
Program Manager,  
Intercept Youth Services

Education:  
Degree in Crim. Justice /  
Sociology, Averett University;  
Graduate Certificate in  
Non-Profit Management;  
Master's Degree in Public Admin.  
University of South Florida

Hometown:  
Richmond, Virginia

First Job:  
Car Detailer (Richmond Infinity)

Favorite Part of Job:  
The interaction with all different  
type of people, and every day  
of the job being different.

Reason for Entering the Field:  
Enjoyed working with kids,  
felt I could be a positive role  
model with my previous  
life experiences.

Hobbies / Past-times:  
Playing sports and playing golf.



### KARLYN CLEVERT SMITH

*CAO & Executive Director*  
Grace Haven House  
Grace Haven Independent Living

10 Years in Current Role  
30 Years Working with Youth

Previous Positions Held:  
Administrator/Program Director  
Youth Facility, Special Education  
Instructor - Henrico County and  
Richmond City, Instructor and  
Coordinator of CIS Teen Health  
and Mentor Program for Adult  
Career Development Center,  
NationsBank/Bank of America,  
Vice President in Trust /  
Private Client Division.

Education:  
Bachelor's Degree in Business  
Management, Simmons College;  
Additional graduate  
coursework at ODU, VSU, UVA

Hometown:  
Born in St. Louis, Missouri

First Job:  
Babysitting; Waitress in Drugstore

Reason for Entering the Field:  
I come from a large family. My  
parents raised eight children and  
encouraged all of us to work together  
and give back to the community and  
we did just that. Several are law en-  
forcement officers and one is a judge.  
We were raised in a housing project.  
Of course that was many years ago,  
but there is hope for those who have  
a desire to attain a better quality life.

## 38th Fall Juvenile Justice Institute

### *"Moving Forward: Serving Virginia's Youth & Families With Pride"*



## *Annual Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony Held*

On November 6, 2014, the VJJA Board of Directors held their annual Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the 38th Fall Institute. VJJA President Stephanie Garrison presided. Additional Board Members who addressed the gathering included VJJA Treasurer Elaine Lassiter, VJJA Marketing Representative Adrienne Foster, VJJA Director of Institute Planning Ashaki McNeil, and VJJA Director of Legislation & Policy, Mark Bauer. The minutes from the 2013 Annual Business Meeting were distributed and accepted.

Michael Morton, VJJA Director of Recognition and Awards, presided over the Awards Ceremony. He pre-



sented the 2014 Meritorious Awards in the areas of Community Service, Court Service, Residential Services, and Administration. He also presented the names of five colleagues voted into Lifetime Membership.

Vince Butaitis, VJJA Director of Scholarships, presided over the

awarding of the 2014 Professional Development Scholarships in memory of Rodney C. Hubbard and Robert E. Shepherd, Jr. Two awards were made in the amount of \$500 each.

The Honorable Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott served as Guest Speaker and provided an update on his progress on the Youth PROMISE Act (H.R. 1318). Learn more at: <http://bobbyscott.house.gov>. He also provided an update on his efforts to end what he calls the "School to Prison Pipeline".

*(See pages 14-17 to read about the award and scholarship winners and to view photos from the event.)*



## 38th Fall Juvenile Justice Institute

*"Moving Forward: Serving Virginia's Youth & Families With Pride"*

### EXHIBITOR

**"Best in Show" Award**

<http://www.alphacounsellors.com/>



### EXHIBITOR

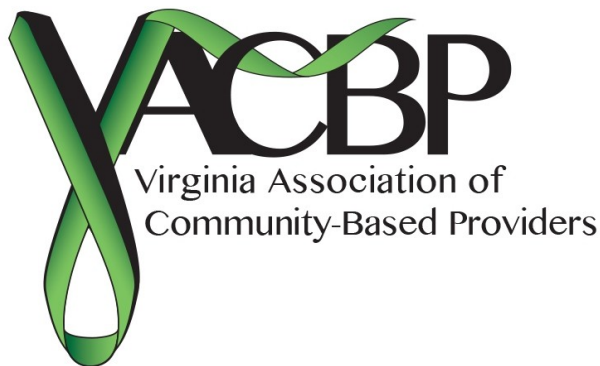
**"Best SWAG" Award**

<http://www.agapecounselingva.com/>



## VJJA Fall Institute Sponsors & Supporters

Special thanks to our Bronze Sponsor, Virginia Association of Community-Based Providers, and each of our exhibitors and supporters.





## Colleagues in the Spotlight



Capital District Member **MARCUS TUCKER** was recently hired by Richmond Justice Services as the new Post-Dispositional Detention Program Coordinator for the Richmond Juvenile Detention Home. Marcus was previously employed with Intercept Youth Services as a Program Manager overseeing residential services. Marcus also spent five years outside of Virginia where he was employed with the 13th Circuit as the Senior Juvenile Probation Officer in Tampa, Florida. Prior to relocating to Florida, Marcus spent five years with as a Probation Officer with the 13th District Court Service Unit in Richmond.

### COLLEEN FRENCH

has been named Director of the 23A Court Service Unit in Roanoke. Until her recent appointment, she had been employed by the Virginia Department of Social Services as a Licensing Administrator. Prior to that time Colleen served as Superintendent of the New River Valley Juvenile Detention Home in Christiansburg and as Assistant Superintendent of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Home in Roanoke. Colleen is a member of VJJA's Blue Ridge District Chapter and a former member of the VJJA Board of Directors, having served as VJJA's Secretary and Director of Public Relations. Colleen was awarded VJJA's 2005 Meritorious Award in the Area of Residential Services and VJJA's 2010 Robert E. Shepherd Professional Development Scholarship. Colleen received an undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia's College at Wise and has a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree through VA Tech.



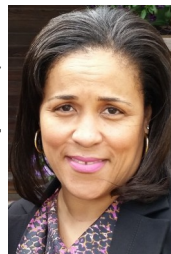
**REBECCA POWERS**, Relief Counselor, with Fairfax Shelter Care, received her Master's Degree in School Counseling from George Mason University. Rebecca has worked as a counselor with Fairfax's Shelter Care program since July 2007. Previously, she worked as a relief counselor at Fairfax's Boys Probation House. Rebecca began her graduate studies in 2011, making a move to the overnight shift to ensure her availability to attend classes. In 2013, she was able to return to her day counselor position and completed her practicum and internship.



**SHEILA PARKER** is now a Regional Manager with Intercept Youth Services' 360 Transitional Solutions. She had been employed as the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) Coordinator for Rockbridge County and the Cities of Lexington and Buena Vista. Prior to becoming the CSA Coordinator she was employed by the Rockbridge Area Community Services Board (RACSB) for 20 years. Sheila is a member of VJJA's Valley District Chapter and serves as District Treasurer. Sheila has assisted in planning and VJJA sponsored professional developmental opportunities.



The 7th District Court Service Unit – Newport News welcomed the return of Probation Officer **MICHELLE BURROUGHS-VANHOOK**. Michelle had previously worked for the court service unit for 11 years and for Hampton for 3 years. Prior to returning, she was working as a PO in Savannah, GA.



### ELAINE LASSITER

has been named Director of the 20W District Court Service Unit in Warrenton, Virginia. Until her recent retirement from Fairfax County, she had been employed by the 19th District Court Service Unit as the Unit Director of Service Services. Elaine retired from Fairfax County after 30 years of service. During her tenure with Fairfax County, her work experience included residential, probation, and intake. As Director of the Special Services Unit, Elaine supervised Special Placement Coordinators, Parole Officers, and Family Counselors. She also managed the budget for court contracts and had oversight for referrals to vendors. Elaine was actively involved in various initiatives to include Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC), Results Based Accountability (RBA), Strategic Planning, and Wraparound Fairfax. Elaine is a member of VJJA's Northern District Chapter. She is serving her first term as VJJA Treasurer. Elaine earned her Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from Longwood College in Farmville, VA. She resides in Manassas with her two German Shepherds, Gabby and Greta. In her spare time, Elaine enjoys working with women of all ages as a MaryKay Beauty Consultant.



### LISA MCDOWELL

has been appointed Director of Outpatient Services for Avenues and Avenues to Recovery with the National Counseling Group. Previously Lisa was Clinical Director with Braley and Thompson, Inc, for eight years. Lisa serves as Vice Chair of VJJA's Blue Ridge District Chair. She is also a Past President of the Virginia Counselors Association (VCA).







## Colleagues in the Spotlight

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**DEMIAN FUTTERMAN** has joined the staff of the Virginia Department of Social Services, Office of Volunteerism and Community Service, as a Senior Program Consultant for the

Americorps Program. Demian had been a Grants Monitor with the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. He previously worked as a Detention Expeditor in Norfolk. Demian is a member of the VJJA Board of Directors, appointed to Chair an ad hoc committee charged with developing election procedures. Demian has also served as a District Officer for VJJA's Capital District Chapter and has helped to plan district level training events.

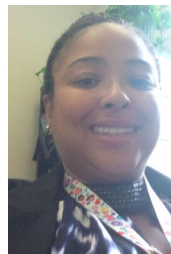
**GREG HARPER** received the Fairfax Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court's 2014 Anchor Award. The award was established to honor an employee who displays consistent effort to uphold the daily operations of his or her unit. The winner of the anchor award encourages morale, motivates coworkers through example, identifies the needs of the unit and works to develop a solution, inspires positive change within his or her unit and is dependable, acting as he go-to person in the unit. Greg's employer said, "Greg is a rock that makes staff work harder. Greg motivates staff with a positive outlook, provides an ear to listen and empathizes when staff are frustrated with a client or overwhelmed with paperwork. He encourages staff to grow professionally so they can be rewarded with more opportunities to succeed at the Transitional Living Program (TLP) or elsewhere." Greg was previously honored with VJJA's 2011 Meritorious Award in the Area of Residential Services.



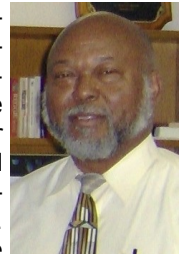
**BRIAN JONES** has been appointed to the position of Probation Officer II, in Fairfax County Court Service Unit's Center County Probation Services Unit. Brian has 17

years of experience. He had most recently been deployed from Supervised Release Services to cover a probation caseload in the unit. Prior to filling in as a probation officer at Center County, Brian participated in cross-training as a PO II at the North County Probation Services Unit. Brian had worked for 6 ½ years as a Probation Officer I with Supervised Release Services. He managed a pre-adjudication caseload. Before working at SRS, Brian worked for the Fairfax Juvenile Detention Center for 11 years. He provided direct supervision of detained juveniles. He also facilitated and coordinated groups addressing conflict resolution, life skills, educational and personal growth. Each summer Brian helped to design and lead summer school programs for residents. Brian was also a Handle with Care instructor. Brian received a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Towson University.

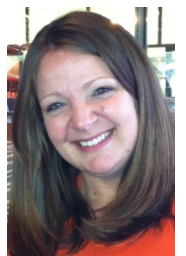
**TIAWANA MATTHEWS** has been promoted to Intake Supervisor with the 13th District Court Service Unit - Richmond. She had been Acting Intake Supervisor since November 2012. Prior to that time Tiawana had served as Senior Intake Officer since May 2010. She was an Intake Officer from 2008 to 2010. Tiawana serves on Richmond's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Executive Committee and takes the lead with ensuring case processing efficiency.



**ALICK MOODY** retired as Probation Supervisor with the Richmond Court Service Unit after a 41 year career. Alick had been a Probation Supervisor for 13 years. Prior to working for the 13th CSU, Alick was previously employed by the 11th District Court Service Unit in Petersburg. In his role as Probation Supervisor, Alick was actively involved in Richmond's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). He co-chaired the weekly Detention Review Committee process and helped develop the unit's Expeditor program and graduated responses matrix. Alick is a former member of the VJJA Board of Directors. He served as VJJA Vice President from 1982 -1984. He was awarded VJJA's 1980 Meritorious Award in the Area of Administration.



**NATASHA STEELE** has accepted a position as a Therapeutic Foster Family Trainer with Intercept Youth Services. Natasha started her career in 2009 at the 2nd District Court Service Unit



- Virginia Beach as a graduate intern and in 2010 was hired by the unit as a Probation Officer. While working as a PO, she assumed the role of School Team Leader and helped implement an after school enrichment program at the alternative high school. She then transitioned to the Intake Unit, where she monitored truancy and runaway diversions. After 5 years with the CSU, Natasha decided to pursue employment with the foster care system. Natasha has personal experience as she was placed in the foster care system as a child. She contributes much of her success to her foster care experience. In her new role she will help recruit and train individuals in Tidewater who want to open their homes to children in need.



## Colleagues in the Spotlight

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**WILLIAM STANLEY** has been elected to the Delegate Assembly of the American Correctional Association (ACA) to represent the area of Juvenile Probation. Members of the Delegate

Assembly are responsible to propose public policies and resolutions, make recommendations to the ACA Board of Governors, and determine legislative priorities and position statements. William is a Probation Supervisor with the 12<sup>th</sup> District Court Service Unit in Chesterfield.

The Henrico Court Service unit welcomed **TIFFANY**

**BARNES** as a new Probation Officer. Tiffany recently relocated from Baltimore, Maryland, where she worked as a juvenile probation officer for seven years. In that role she gained experience in gender-responsive approaches and group-based interventions.



**KRISTY LIVSEY** has been named Deputy Director of the Merrimac Juvenile Detention Center. Previously she was a Operations Practice Improvement Coach with the Department of Juvenile Justice. Prior to that time Kristy was a Program Coordinator and Senior Probation Officer with the Virginia Beach Court Service Unit. A long time member of the Tidewater District Chapter, Kristy was the recipient of VJJA's 2012 Meritorious Award in the Area of Court Services. She was also awarded the 2011 "Best All Around" Award by the Virginia Beach Youth Opportunities Office for forging community partnerships.



**MELINDA JARVIS** has been promoted to Programs Manager - Post-D and CPP with the Virginia Beach Juvenile Detention Home. Melinda had been the facility's Post-Dispositional Program Coordinator for ten years. Prior to joining the staff at the detention home, Melinda was employed as a Probation Officer with the Virginia Beach Court Service Unit. She is also the former President of the Virginia Detention Association of Post-Dispositional Programs (VDAPP).



**TRENIA RICHARDS-PRYON** was promoted to Probation Officer Senior with the 2<sup>nd</sup> District CSU (Virginia Beach). She had been employed by the CSU as a Field Probation Officer since 2011. Trena has specialized in Cognitive Behavioral Interventions learned during the Effective Practices In Community Supervision (EPICS) training. She is also certified in the Why Try? Curriculum, has participated in training related to Trauma Informed Care and has participated in Results Based Leadership. Trena has been serving as School Team Leader since July 2013, and has assisted her team with achieving a 6% recidivism rate. She was the 2013 recipient of the CSU's Lowest Recidivism Rate Award. Trena began her career with DJJ in 2009 as a CSU Volunteer acting as Court Assistant, FANS Advocate, and Probation Aide. She is an Old Dominion University graduate with degrees in Communications and Criminal Justice.



**PETER ROUSSOS**

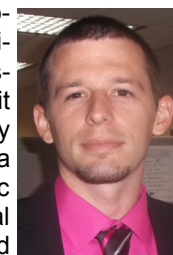
was promoted to Director of Court Services in the 26<sup>th</sup> District (Winchester). Peter began employment in the 31<sup>st</sup> Court Service Unit (Prince William County) in 1978. He joined the Fairfax Court Service Unit in 1980 where he held the positions of Diagnostic Team Coordinator, Special Placements Coordinator, Probation Supervisor and Director of Less Secure Shelter. Peter retired from Fairfax County in 2010 and joined the Department of Juvenile Justice as a Probation Supervisor for the 26<sup>th</sup> District CSU. Peter graduated from George Mason University in 1975 with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work.



The Henrico Court Service unit welcomed **AMY QUEEN** as a new Probation Officer. Amy recently graduated from Roanoke College with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. Amy completed an internship with the 23rd Court Service Unit in Salem.



**CODY GIER** was promoted to Parole Officer with the 2nd District Court Service Unit - Virginia Beach. Cody worked for the Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center as a Mental Health Counselor and the Hampton Place Community Youth Home as a Rehabilitation Counselor prior to becoming an Office Services Assistant with the Court Service Unit. Cody attended Radford University and received a Bachelor's Degree with a major in Criminal Justice and Minor in Psychology.







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**MARK BAUER** was promoted to Probation Officer Senior with the 2<sup>nd</sup> District CSU (Virginia Beach). He had been employed by the CSU as a Field Probation Officer since 2013. Mark has participated in specialized training in Victim Impact and Anger Management. He is trained in Aggression Replacement Training (ART) Curriculum and completed an ART Train the Trainer Course. Mark is a graduate of Everest University where he completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Mark is a member of the VJJA Board of Directors and recently accepted an appointment to serve as the organization's Legislative Liaison.



**GREG HOPKINS** has been elected to the Delegate Assembly of the American Correctional Association (ACA) to represent the area of Juvenile Aftercare and Post-Release Supervision. Members of the Delegate Assembly are responsible to propose public policies and resolutions, make recommendations to the Board of Governors, and to determine legislative priorities and position statements. They also approve jointly with the Board of Governors the affiliation or disaffiliation of organizations. Greg is employed by the City of Richmond Department of Justice Services as the agency's Community Programs Manager.



**JOHN DOUGHERTY**, Senior Vice President / Chief Administrative Officer for the Virginia Home for Boys and Girls has been appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (ACJJ).

**RACHELLE MOORE** was promoted to Senior Probation Officer CSU 22-Rocky Mount, where she has worked as a P.O. since 2004. Rachelle has a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in criminal justice from Norfolk State University. Before joining DJJ, she worked for the City of Danville's W.W. Moore Juvenile Detention Center for four years.



**WILLIAM "BILL" ORRIS** has been promoted to Quality Assurance / Operations Manager for the Merrimac Juvenile Detention Center. Bill is a 17 year employee of the detention center and previously held the position of Shift Supervisor. Bill is the proud father of 5 year old triplets. He is currently working towards a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice.



**CHIP MONTGOMERY** has been promoted to Probation Supervisor with the 13th District Court Service Unit - Richmond. He had been a Senior Probation Officer with the 13th CSU since 2002. Chip started his career at the Department of Juvenile Justice's Reception and Diagnostic Center as a Cottage Supervisor. He has also worked as an Outreach Director at William Byrd Community House and as a Program Director at Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) of Richmond. Chip has served as a DJJ Adjunct Trainer, serves on Richmond's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Executive Committee, and leads weekly meetings of the Detention Review Committee.



**GINA MINGEE** has been promoted to Executive Director of the Merrimac Juvenile Detention Center. For the past 8 years Gina had served as the center's Assistant Director of Programs. Gina led the implementation of the Cognitive Behavioral Training Management Program at Merrimac and is a statewide leader in using evidenced-based therapeutic approaches in secure detention. She has previously served as conference faculty at the VJJA Fall Institute and extensive experience in human services including leadership positions with DSS, CSB, and Safehaven Shelter. Gina has a Master's Degree in Psychology. She is a native of the Peninsula and a member of VJJA's Tidewater District Chapter.



**SHATARA HURT** was promoted to Senior Probation Officer with CSU 12 -Chesterfield. Shatara began her career with DJJ as a JCO at Bon Air JCC. She was promoted to a counselor and served in this position at Beaumont and Oak Ridge JCCs before transitioning to a Probation Officer at CSU 12. Shatara is in supervision to obtain her license as a professional counselor. She is a member of VJJA's Capital District Chapter and has more than 15 years of experience working with juveniles in the correctional and mental health settings.



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**JOHN ZAMORA** was promoted to Probation Supervisor with the 2nd District Court Service Unit—Virginia Beach. Previously he was a Senior Probation Officer and a Probation Officer with the 4th District Court Service Unit - Norfolk. In his role as a PO, John specialized in the community supervision of sex offenders and has conducted trainings on the Clinical Supervision of Juvenile Sex Offenders, Collaborative Supervision, Sexual Abuse Prevention, and Gang Awareness/Prevention. He served as a member of the Norfolk Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative's Special Populations Subcommittee. He was also the Chair of one of the Norfolk CAT/FAPT teams for a number of years. He was also one of three probation officers within the Norfolk CSU nominated as Probation Officer of the Year. Outside of work John is an avid kayak fisherman and a lifelong martial artist.



**ADRIENNE FOSTER, LCSW** has passed the exam for the Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW) credential. Adrienne is employed by Jackson-Field as a clinician and case manager. She has worked for Jackson-Field for 10 years. Adrienne also works part-time at The Group Therapy Center completing Psychosexual Risk Assessments, and providing individual therapy and sex offender treatment. Adrienne is a member of VJJA's Capital District Chapter. She is also a member of the VJJA Board of Directors, serving as a Marketing & Public Relations Representative.



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**Jarvis, Livsey and Steele Participate in the "Dirty Dash"**

On September 28, 2014, Melinda Jarvis (left), VA Beach Detention, Kristy Livsey (center), Merimac Detention, and Natasha Steele, (right), Intercept Youth Services, participated in the Dirty Dash. The Dirty Dash is a 3.1 mile mud run obstacle course where military boot camp meets inner five-year-old fantasies. Each city has a local charity which receives a portion of the proceeds from the run.



**Lassiter and Balascio-Russell Participate in Manassas Color Vibe 5K**

On September 16, 2014, Elaine Lassiter (left), CSU Director, 20W Court Service Unit—Warrenton, and Johanna Balascio-Russell (second from right), Probation Unit Director, 19th District Court Service Unit—Fairfax, and their family and friends participated in the Manassas Color Vibe 5K. At Color Vibe, the participants are the "color canvas" and are blasted with "magical color powder". The group partners with local charities and non-profit organizations in each city and charities receive a portion of the proceeds.





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### Golfers Take "Selfie" on Back Nine During Benefit Golf Tournament

On September 26, 2014, the Fairfax Employees/Friends of the Juvenile Court held their annual benefit golf tournament at Penderbrook Golf Course. The tournament had been re-scheduled from an earlier rain-out date. Taking a "selfie" on the back nine is Elaine Lassiter, CSU Director, 20W Court Service Unit—Warrenton, and Billy Willis (left), Jamaine Arvin (center), and Freddie Gaskins (right).

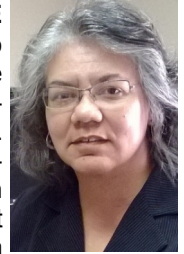


### Fairfax Employees Raise More Than \$14,500 During Benefit Golf Tournament

The Fairfax Employees/Friends of the Juvenile Court Annual Golf Tournament is organized as a benefit event and serves as a primary fundraiser for the court's Dwight D. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund. The 2014 event raised more than \$14,500 to help at-risk youth. Golfers included employees and retirees of the court, CSU staff, attorneys, judges, and private providers. Pictured above is the winning foursome, Todd Overstreet, Thein Tha, Bill Outlaw, and Casey McCullough.

### THERESA MCBRIDE

has been promoted to Deputy Director of the 4th District Court Service Unit - Norfolk. She had been a Parole Supervisor with the Court Service Unit since 2007. Theresa



has more than 31 years experience in state and local government. She started her training as an intern with DJJ in 1977 and a Probation Officer with the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Court Service Unit - Virginia Beach from 1983 to 1984. Theresa then worked for the Southeastern Virginia Training Center as a social worker and supervisor. She returned to DJJ in 1997, and has worked as the Restorative Justice Coordinator, as a Probation Officer, and for a brief period as dual Probation/Parole Supervisor. In her role as Parole Supervisor, Theresa serves on the Norfolk Reentry Council including serving as Chair of the Juvenile Reentry Sub-committee. She also Chairs the CSU Recidivism Committee and served on a CAT/FAPT and the Recommendation and Review Board for the local CSA office. She is currently serving on the DJJ Internal Reentry Task Force. Theresa has Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) degrees from Norfolk State University.

**AARON DIXON** has been promoted to Assistant Superintendent for Security at Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center (JCC). Aaron

has more than 26 years of prior experience. He started his career at Hanover JCC as a Juvenile Correctional Officer.



He has also served as Unit Manager, Shift Commander and Hearing Officer. In 2012 he became the Chief of Security for Culpeper JCC. He has been Acting Assistant Superintendent at Beaumont.





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**ANGELA LEE**, Youth Services Coordinator, with the 18th District Court Service Unit—Alexandria, was presented with the City of Alexandria's "Just Say Thanks Award". Angela was nominated for the award by several staff members after she volunteered, with a very short deadline, to work with a court-involved girl to translate and record Spanish voiceovers for a mentoring video, using different intonations and expressions to maximize the video's effect. The video was presented in El Salvador during a USAID-funded crime prevention exchange program called Municipal Partnerships for Violence Prevention in Central America. The video emphasized mentoring as a best practice in preventing juvenile criminal behavior and gang involvement.



**BRUCE WILLIAMS** retired as Probation Supervisor with the 10th District Court Service - Appomattox after a 40 year career. Bruce had been a Probation Supervisor for 14 years. Prior to becoming a supervisor for the district's Charlotte, Mecklenburg, Halifax and Lunenburg offices, Bruce worked as a Probation Officer for 26 years.



**MENGSA BEY** has accepted the position of Senior Probation Officer / Expeditor with the 13th District Court Service Unit - Richmond. She has been with the Richmond CSU since 2011 and had been a Senior Probation Officer/Parole Officer with the 12th District Court Service Unit—Chesterfield prior to that time. Before working in the court service units, Mengsa worked at the Department of Juvenile Justice's Reception & Diagnostic Center (RDC), and at Bon Air, Oak Ridge, and Hanover JCCs.



### Richmond Detention Assistant Superintendents Honored

On August 25, 2014, Charles Lampkins and Letta Jones, both Assistant Superintendents at the Richmond Juvenile Detention Home, were recognized by the Department of Defense for their patriotic support of employees serving in the Reserves. Presenting them with the "Patriot Award" are Youth Counselor and Reservist, Johnny Mallory, and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Representative Barry Vanlandingham.



### Court Service Units Complete EPICS Training

During the months of September and October, staff from the Department of Juvenile Justice's 1st—Chesapeake, 3rd—Portsmouth, 8th—Hampton, 9th—Williamsburg, 15th—Fredericksburg, and 24th—Lynchburg Court Service Units, completed the three day training course "Effective Practices in Community Supervision" (EPICS). Staff learned a new appointment structure, a number of cognitive behavior interventions and will participate in on-going coaching. Pictured are staff from the Hampton, Williamsburg and Portsmouth offices.





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### VJJA Marketed at Youth Connections Open House and Vendor Fair

On October 1, 2014, Katherine Famer, VJJA Marketing Specialist and Ambassador, staffed a table at the 4th Annual Youth Connections Open House held at the Henrico Training Center. The event was sponsored by the Capital Area Youth Workforce Transition Council. The event was planned to provide an opportunity for professionals who work with youth to network with one another and to learn about resource in the greater Richmond area.



### Congressman Scott Hosts Youth Gang Violence Town Hall

On October 14, 2014, the Honorable Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (far right), the Honorable Judge Steve Teske, Clayton County (GA) Juvenile Court, and Sheriff Gabriel Morgan, Newport News (far left) led a Youth Gang Violence Town Hall meeting at the Virginia General Assembly. The meeting focused on Congressman Scott's efforts to pass the Youth PROMISE Act (H.R. 1318) as well as his efforts to end what he calls the "School to Prison Pipeline". Learn more at: <http://bobbyscott.house.gov>.

**MEGAN HALL**, is completing an internship with the DC Superior Court Child Guidance Clinic. Completion of the internship is part of her doctoral studies at Argosy University.



Megan has been a Northern District VJJA member for 9 years. She entered the Human Services field 17 years ago. Megan worked as a Crisis Counselor and a Family Life Counselor for St. Joseph's Villa for Children in Richmond before joining the staff at Family Preservation Services (FPS), the largest private provider of community based services for children and families in the Commonwealth. Until beginning her doctoral internship Megan was the Clinical Specialist of Family Preservation Services' Fredericksburg Office. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and a Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider (CSOTP) and is actively pursuing her Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in Forensic Psychology.

The Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center welcomed **DOUGLAS VARGO** as Assistant Superintendent for Security / Operations. Doug had served as the Assistant Warden for the Deerfield Men's Work Center since August 2013. He had also served as he Assistant Warden for numerous other facilities throughout the Commonwealth. He started his career at Greenville Correctional Center as a Corrections Officer. He has also held the positions of Counselor, Corrections Lieutenant, Unit Manager and Security Analyst. Doug has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from Florida State University and a Post-Baccalaureate in Public Safety from Virginia Commonwealth University.





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On April 14, 2014, Governor Terry McAuliffe appointed **FRAN ECKER** as the Director of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. Prior to the appointment, Fran was

most recently the Senior Policy Advisor for Strategic Planning for the National Criminal Justice Association, where she consulted with federal, state, and local government in the areas of criminal justice planning, evidence-based program development, and organizational management. She previously served as a Division Director at the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, where she was responsible for the Corrections, Juvenile, and Victim Services Sections of the agency, as well as for Department training activities.

Fran has over 25 years of management experience in state and local government. Throughout her career in government service, and previous work as the Executive Director of a rural victim services program in the New River Valley, she has been instrumental in the design, development, and implementation of state and local criminal justice, prosecution, law enforcement, child welfare, and domestic and sexual violence grant programs. She served for several years as a clinical consultant to a local community corrections program in Central Virginia.

Fran earned her Bachelor of Social Welfare degree in 1978, and Ed.M. in Counseling Psychology in 1981 from Temple University.

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**TINA FOLEY** received the Fairfax Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court's 2014 Excellence Award. The award was established to honor individual employees of Fairfax JDRDC whose performance exceeds his or her job requirements and creates a positive impact on an agency-wide level. The Excellence Award winner is said to inspire positive change at an agency-wide level, shows enthusiasm for bettering the agency as a whole, encourages positive morale throughout the agency and advocates agency-wide collaboration. Tina's employer said, "Tina excels as an intake officer by going above and beyond normal duties by taking on special projects that promote the mission and vision of the agency. Over the last year, intake has received an influx of immigration custody cases. To address this rising need, Tina looked up each incoming case over a three month period and compared these numbers to last year's data for the same time frame. These statistics were sent to administration and presented at a leadership team meeting."



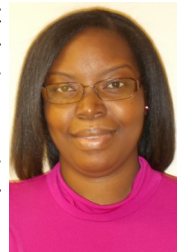
**SHERYL JACKSON-WADE** has been promoted to Probation Supervisor with the 11th District Court Service Unit—Petersburg. She has been a Probation Officer with the 11th CSU since 2003. Sheryl has 26 years of service to the Commonwealth. She started her career in 1988 as a Rehabilitation Counselor, and later a Substance Abuse Counselor, at Barrett Juvenile Correctional Center (now closed). From 1996 to 2003, Sheryl worked as a Parole Officer with the 14th District Court Service Unit - Henrico. Sheryl is a graduate of John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. She is also a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) and an Adjunct Trainer for DJJ.

### KATHY MUELLER

has been promoted to Secretary Senior for the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court Service Unit - Suffolk. Kathy began working for the CSU in April 2012 as an Office Services Assistant. She was promoted in July following the retirement of Grace Allison.



The 22nd District Court Service Unit - Rocky Mount, welcomed **NYLA SMITH** as a new Probation Officer. Nyla graduated from Bethune-Cooke University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Prior to joining the Rocky Mount CSU she worked as a Juvenile Probation Officer in Miami, Florida for 7 years.



**LYNNE NELSON** retired as Probation Supervisor with the 31<sup>st</sup> District Court Service Unit - Manassas after a 44 year career. Lynne started her career in 1970 as a Probation Counselor with the 19th District Court Service Unit - Fairfax and transferred to the 31st CSU in the same capacity in 1986. She was promoted to Probation Supervisor in 1989. In her capacity as supervisor, Lynne served for many years on the DJJ CSU Procedures Committee. She is a member of VJJA's Capital District Chapter.

The 13th District Court Service Unit - Richmond, welcomed **COURTNEY BROWN** as a new Casemanager. Courtney graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) with a Bachelor of Social Work degree in 2013. During her academic studies Courtney completed an internship with the 13th Court Service Unit.







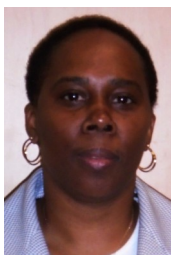
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**VICKIE VIRVOS** has been promoted to Leadership Training Program Manager at the Department of Juvenile Justice. She will lead the agency's effort to incorporate leadership and management training into their culture. Vickie joined DJJ in 2009 as a special education teacher at Beaumont JCC. In 2013, she joined the Training Unit as a Training & Development Coordinator. In that role she delivered instruction for Institutional In-Service, Juvenile Correctional Officer and Non-Security Basic Skills, Essential Skills for Supervisors, Essential Skills for Caseworkers, as well as Safety and Security for Court Service Units. Vickie earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Education degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. Prior to joining DJJ, she held various positions during her 34 years in education, including working as a classroom teacher for emotionally disabled students; a staff development specialist; an adjunct instructor for Virginia State University, Hampton University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the University of Virginia; and co-owner of an educational consulting firm where she developed and delivered training programs on leading people through change, communication, mentoring, embracing diversity, MBTI, and team building.



The 13th District Court Service Unit – Richmond welcomed the return of Probation Officer **SABRINA LEWIS**. Sabrina had previously worked for the court service unit for 7 years from 1999 to 2006. For the past 8 years she has been employed by the Department of Corrections. She worked for the DOC Interstate Compact Office and as a Probation Officer.



**DORSEL (GREG) CYPHERS** retired from the Department of Juvenile Justice's 29th District Court Service Unit as a Senior Probation Officer. He started his career almost 40 years ago as a Probation Officer in the 29th CSU's Dickenson County office. Greg is a Pastor of Hamilton Chapel near Pound, Virginia. Greg shares his life with his wife of 43 years, his son, Russell; daughter-in-law, Vanessa and grandsons, Braxton and Moses. In addition to spending time with his family and church, Greg will be in the great outdoors, fishing and hunting.

**HELEN MALLISHAM** has retired as Probation Officer with the 31<sup>st</sup> District Court Service Unit - Manassas after a 35 year career.

**KARA COMER** has been promoted to Probation Supervisor with the 10th District Court Service Unit—Appomattox. She has been a probation officer with the 10<sup>th</sup> CSU (Halifax) since 2004. Before joining DJJ, she worked with the Chesterfield Community Corrections Day Reporting Center and as Director for the King William / King and Queen Victim-Witness Program. Kara graduated from Longwood University with a bachelor's degree in Sociology (criminal justice concentration) and a master's degree in counseling.



On November 15, 2014, **KATHARINE HUNTER**, of the Department of Behavioral Health, **JEN MACARTHUR** of Richmond Justice Services, and **JANET VAN CUYK**, of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), participated in the Anthem Richmond Marathon, Half-Marathon and 8K. Katharine finished the 8K with a net time of 54:24. Jen and Janet finished the Half-Marathon with net times of 2:03:03 and 2:30:28.

On July 15, 2014, Governor Terry McAuliffe appointed **ANGELA CIMINO VALENTINE** as the Chief Deputy Director of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice. Prior to the appointment, Angela was most recently the agency's Community Programs Manager.



Angela is a career public servant and has worked in the juvenile justice field for more than 30 years. Angela began her career in juvenile justice as a probation officer with Henrico County Court Service Unit and was progressively promoted to supervisory and management positions. After serving in Henrico County, Angela's career with the Department started as an Interstate Compact Specialist. From there, Angela was promoted to Clinical Social Work Director of Special Placements, transferred to become the Community Programs Coordinator, and finally promoted to Community Programs Manager.

She has a broad-based knowledge of juvenile justice reform having worked across disciplines within the Department and having worked on the national level with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. She has successfully developed and implemented numerous initiatives, programs and procedures within the Department based on progressive evidence-based research. Angela is a longtime member of the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA). She was awarded VJJA's 2006 Meritorious Award in the Area of Administration.

Angela graduated from Virginia Tech with a bachelor of science degree and from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) with a master's degree in Education.



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Intercept Youth Services welcomes **MYSTI NICHOLS** as Community Liaison for the agencies south of Richmond and the tidewater area. Mysti comes to Intercept from North Carolina, where she has worked in various capacities including, Outpatient Therapist, Supervisor of Community Support Team and Intensive In-Home Team, DUI Group Facilitator, and the School-Based Therapist for Hertford County Public Schools. Mysti received her Master's in Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and is currently a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist Associate in the state of North Carolina. Mysti is said to have the passion, drive, and dedication to help children, youth, and families achieve stability and self-sufficiency, not only through direct care, but by ensuring that families receive quality services. She is a self-proclaimed "Social Worker at Heart!"



Intercept Youth Services welcomes **GAIL GIESE** as Community Liaison for the agencies north of Richmond and Northern Virginia. Gail comes to Intercept from Harbor Point Behavioral Health Center, where she served as a Community Liaison. Gail has an extensive background serving the mental health population, including serving as CSA Coordinator, Quality Assurance Director, and other roles with program development and management. Gail has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University and has begun studying for a Master's degree in Counseling. Gail is said to be passionate about being a resource and advocate for children and families, (the mental health population, and children with learning disabilities).



On November 20, 2014, several staff members from the Portsmouth Court Service Unit including VJJA members (Left to Right) Raychelle Chaudhuri, Emily Boyd, ChrisTina Thrist, Valarie Jordon-Hunter, Kimberly Jennings and Katherine Grimm volunteered at the Mayflower Marathon, a food drive to support the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia. They worked a three hour shift, from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm at Pembroke Mall.

**ANN CONWAY** retired as a In-home Family Counselor at Family Preservation Services (FPS) after many years working in the human services and juvenile justice. Fields. In addition to working as a therapist for Family Preservation Services, Ann also previously worked for the Department of Juvenile Justice, as a Probation Officer for the 25th District Court Service Unit—Staunton, and as the Director of the Abraxas House Community Youth Home.



Kyle McMahon of Family Preservation Services said, "Ann has been an asset to the Family Preservation Services team. She grew a well-organized and successful sex offender treatment program in the Staunton region. Ann has such a passion for this population - all those in-

involved with her cases watch in awe as she is able to transform these individuals into productive members of their communities, while healing their wounds by providing them with a safe space to be challenged and heard. Ann is always a ray of sunshine and brings empathy, knowledge, and experience into the lives all of she serves. She is a remarkable mentor to not only the clients she serves, but also staff who have had the privilege of spending time with and learning from her. We wish Ann and Gary the best in all of their new adventures, good luck! We wish Ann and Gary the best in all of their new adventures, good luck! "

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## Tidewater District Chapter News: "Winter Blues" Training and Operation Holiday Planned

On November 20, 2014, several members of VJJA's Tidewater District Chapter participated in the Mayflower Marathon, a food drive to support the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia. Members who participated included Portsmouth Court Service Unit employees Raychelle Chaudhuri, Emily Boyd, ChrisTina Thrist, Valarie Jordon-Hunter, Kimberly Jennings and Katherine Grimm



*Kimberly Jennings and Valerie Jordon-Hunter at the Mayflower Marathon*

On December 13, 2014, a team of runners and walkers will participate in the Tidewater Youth Services Foundation's 20th Annual Santa Claus Shuffle in historic Olde Towne Portsmouth. The event includes a 5K run and a 1 mile fun run and walk. Members interested in participating in the event should contact Tidewater Dis-

trict Chair Katherine Grimm at: [tide-waterdistrictchair@vija.net](mailto:tide-waterdistrictchair@vija.net) or 757.393.8571, ex. 3239.

On December 20, 2014, Tidewater District members will participate in Operation Holiday. Holiday food baskets will be provided to the families of

court-involved children. The annual project is in partnership with St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth. Members interested in participating in the community service project should contact Tidewater District Chair Katherine Grimm at: [tide-waterdistrictchair@vija.net](mailto:tide-waterdistrictchair@vija.net) or 757.393.8571, ex. 3239.

The leadership of the VJJA's Tidewater District has also announced the dates for their annual *Winter Blues* Training. On Friday, February 6, 2015, VJJA's Tidewater District will host a day of training at the Major Hillard Library in Chesapeake. Dr. Rick Ellis of Spectrum Psychological Services will present on the topic of Autism/Aspergers v. Bipolar. Information will be posted at [www.vija.net](http://www.vija.net).

## Tidewater Youth Services Foundation Plans 20th Annual Santa Claus Shuffle 5K Race & 1 Mile Fun Run

The Tidewater Youth Services Foundation's signature fundraiser, the Santa Claus Shuffle 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Run, will take place on December 13, 2014.

The 20th Annual event will be held in Olde Towne Portsmouth, Virginia. The event is said to be a "family friendly, fun event, sure to boost your holiday spirits as you participate with

crowds of costumed runners through the beautiful streets of Olde Towne".

Proceeds from the Santa Claus Shuffle benefit the Tidewater Youth Services Foundation and help at-risk and court involved youth gain the skills they need to become productive members of the community.

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Portsmouth, VA, serves as the staging area for the Santa Claus Shuffle. Directions, parking and route information can be found at: [www.SantaClausShuffle.org](http://www.SantaClausShuffle.org).

Learn more about the Tidewater Youth Services Foundation, a 501c 3 non-profit organization at: <http://www.tyscommission.org>.





## 2014 VJJA Meritorious Award Winners & Professional Development Scholarship Recipients



### *Meritorious Award Winner in the Area of Court Services*

#### **GARY DOWNEY**

7th Court Service Unit - Newport News

Excerpted from nomination form, "As Senior PO, Gary handles the most difficult cases, acts as supervisor when needed, and assists other POs. During the past year, Gary carried 91 cases (58 probation and 33 pre-dispositional). He maintained a 97% contact compliance rate and his average monthly caseload was 30+ cases. He also trained a new employee, assisted covering a caseload of a PO on extended leave, and assisted a Probation Supervisor learning a new job".



### *Meritorious Award Winner in the Area of Residential Services*

#### **MIKE BINGHAM**

Henrico Juvenile Detention

Excerpted from nomination form, "Mike has navigated through tight budgetary times to expand his technology department by adding the Admissions Identification Tracking System and updating the camera and alarm systems. He expanded the facility's volunteer programs to include Job Fairs, Jail Ministries and Health Awareness Clinics. Mike has played an integral role in expanding community programs including Services Through Opportunity Program (STOP)."



### *Meritorious Award Winner in the Area of Court Service*

#### **MICHAEL PORTER**

Chesapeake Juvenile Services

Excerpted from nomination form, "Mike is responsible for creating and overseeing work projects, developing relationships with community partners, developing project activities with local and state parks, as well as working closely with probation staff and overseeing several prevention programs. He has received recognition from the Environmental Council, letters of recognition and thank yous from site leaders, state park representatives, parents and youth".





## 2014 VJJA Meritorious Award Winners & Professional Development Scholarship Recipients



*Meritorious Award Winner in  
the Area of Administration*

**BETH MOHLER STINNETT**  
VADJJ Central Office

Excerpted from nomination form, "Beth has touched the lives of youth, families, and juvenile justice professionals in numerous capacities for more than 20 years. She has so much energy and passion that it is not unusual to receive an email from her after midnight. She is respected by all and is a wealth of knowledge. She served as VJJA State Secretary & President (3 terms). She is currently VJJA *Advocate* Editor."



Rodney C. Hubbard Professional  
Development Scholarship Recipient

**TRACEY CHILES**  
19th Court Service Unit – Fairfax

Director, 19th CSU, Central Intake  
VJJA Board Member - Former Institute Planning Chair  
Attended VCU - Bachelor's Degree in Psychology  
Concentration in Childhood & Adolescent Development  
After graduating took a few years off before beginning  
a Master of Social Work degree. Recently accepted into  
the Georgetown University Diversion Certificate program.



Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Professional  
Development Scholarship Recipient

**TRACY KEATON-JOHNSON**  
7th Court Service Unit - Newport News

Probation Officer, 7th District Court Service Unit  
Completed a Master of Social Work degree at Norfolk  
State University. Currently enrolled as a doctoral student  
at Norfolk State University, pursuing PhD in Social Work.  
As part of her doctoral studies, Tracy is completing  
research on delinquency and family structure, females,  
Native Americans, and disproportionate minority contact.



## 2014 VJJA Awards Lifetime Membership Recipients



*Recipient of  
VJJA Lifetime Membership*

**GARY CONWAY**  
25th District CSU - Staunton

Gary served as VJJA *Advocate* Editor from 2000-2010. He is best known for regular features "Views From the Ledge" and "Uncle Buck". To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the association, Gary also penned the association's history.  
1992 VJJA Award in the Area of Community Service  
1998 VJJA Award in the Area of Administration



*Recipient of  
VJJA Lifetime Membership*

**MIKE SAWYER**  
Merrimac Juvenile Detention

Mike is a former member of the VJJA Board of Directors. He served as VJJA Vice President in 1981-1982. He also served as Director of Bylaws and has served as a member of the Awards Committee for several years.  
2004 VJJA Award in the Area of Residential Services



*Recipient of  
VJJA Lifetime Membership*

**CHARLES DOCKERY**  
Retired from Beaumont JCC

Dock is a former District Officer. He served as Capital District Vice Chair and Capital District Treasurer. Dock has helped organize district-level events including an annual Crab Feast and Resource Showcase and Parole Release packages. He also served as a member of the Awards Committee for several years.  
2000 VJJA Award in the Area of Residential Services





## 2014 VJJA Awards Lifetime Membership Recipients



*Recipient of  
VJJA Lifetime Membership*

**JAMES CORNETT**

Retired from 28th CSU Abingdon

Jim has been a VJJA Member since 1973.  
He is a former member of the VJJA Board of Directors.  
He served as Southwest District Chair and Vice Chair.  
He also served as Institute Planning Chair and helped plan numerous state and local events.  
1985 VJJA Award in the Area of Court Services  
2012 VJJA Award in the Area of Community Service

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*Recipient of  
VJJA Lifetime Membership*

**BETH VAN HOUT**

Retired from 5th CSU Suffolk

Beth is a member of VJJA's Tidewater District Chapter.  
She has been an active member of the Tidewater Local Advisory Board (LAB) and helped plan the district's annual Spring Conference.  
Beth also served as an Election Officer for the Tidewater District elections for several years.

### LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP Past Recipients

Tom Gooding

Pat DeLauder

Diane Shelton

Jim Woolf

Bill Harrell

Tom Currier

Richard Hagy

Kathi Meenehan

John Newell

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Bob Truitt

Bill Weddington

Donn Irby

Vince Picciano

David James







## Former *Advocate* Editor, Gary Conway, Honored With Retirement Party at the Virginia Horse Center





# 40th Anniversary: Listenbee Cites Impact of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act

In a new blog post on the U. S. Department of Justice's Website, ([www.justice.gov](http://www.justice.gov)), OJJDP Administrator Robert L. Listenbee discusses the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act into law and its impact on juvenile justice. The JJDP Act established OJJDP to support local and state efforts to prevent delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system.

In his message, Listenbee details significant strides that OJJDP and its partners have made in juvenile justice reform, including:

- Violent crime arrest rates for youth are at their lowest point since at least 1980.
- Youth in residential placement declined 42 percent between 1997 and 2011.
- Youth in residential placement for status offenses decreased 64 percent.

Listenbee added that challenges still remain regarding youth in custody for nonviolent offenses and rates of confinement for minority youth. Recent scientific findings, especially regarding adolescent development and trauma, are catalyzing recent reforms and transformation of the juvenile justice system.

<http://blogs.justice.gov/main/archives/3814>

**History:** On September 7, 1974, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act was signed into law. This landmark legislation established the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and forever changed the way states and communities deal with youth who are at risk and youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system.

Watch Administrator Listenbee's video message here:



<http://www.ojjdp.gov/newsletter/248243/message-video.html>

**Advocacy:** In celebration of the 40 year anniversary of the act, SparkAction, a grassroots youth advocacy group, launched the 40 for 40 video storywall series. The series interviews 40 of the nation's most influential juvenile justice and child welfare leaders, including Shay Bilchik, Founder and Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University and former Administrator of OJJDP (and a former VJJA Fall Institute speaker), as they reflect on 40 years of the JJDP.

In his segment Mr. Bilchik speaks to both the importance of the JJDP in helping to shape juvenile justice policy and the need to work across systems to better meet the needs of system involved youth. Watch Mr. Bilchik's video at:



**You Tube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUNqzr-bBw>

The 40 for 40 video storywall series is part of the JJDP Matters campaign, which seeks to raise awareness about and support for the reauthorization of the JJDP. Reauthorizing the JJDP is important because it would strengthen the provisions of the Act and provide federal funding for states and local jurisdictions to implement it. The landmark bill was reauthorized in 2002, but expired in 2007. Since then, several bipartisan attempts have been made to reauthorize the bill, but the current political climate in Washington has kept Congress from voting on it.

We need your help: call, write, or email your congressional representatives to let them know how important protecting our kids is to you. Click [here](#) to send a letter of support for the reauthorization of the JJDP to congress.

Together, we can better serve our kids and our communities.

**Resources:**

Learn more about OJJDP and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act at: <http://ojjdp.gov/JJDPais40.html>



**OJJDP**

## The Advocate "Travels"

### *Take a Copy on Your Next Vacation!*

The *Advocate* is a well traveled publication. In 2007 the association started a VJJA "Advocate on Location" feature. Since that time the publication has traveled to locations both near and far.

U.S. destinations have included Alaska, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Texas and Washington, D.C. The publication has also traveled to internationally to Australia, Brazil, the Bahamas (Nassau and Paradise Island), Barbados, Canada, Cancun, England, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands Antilles, Peru, St. Maarten, and Scotland.

The *Advocate's* venues and activities have included boating down the San Antonio River Walk, visiting the Alamo, skiing the slopes of Montana, taking a cruise around Alaska, learning about detention alternatives in New Mexico, watching donkeys in Bonaire, meeting "Vegas Elvis" in Las Vegas, kissing the Blarney Stone in Ireland, being buried in the sand in Florida, making a call from a phone booth in Oxford, attending the 2009 Presidential Inauguration, visiting the Sydney Opera House, visiting the home of Sir Walter Scott in Scotland, and attempting to meet The Queen at Buckingham Palace.

In early 2015 the association will sponsor an "Advocate on Location" photo contest. Members will have the opportunity to vote on the best on location shot.

To participate: (1) visit [www.vjja.net](http://www.vjja.net) to download and print a recent copy of the publication. (2) Pack the publication in your suitcase to take along during your next trip. (3) Have your photograph taken next to a sign indicating your location or with a recognizable landmark, and (4) Submit your electronic photo to: [advocateeditor@vjja.net](mailto:advocateeditor@vjja.net).



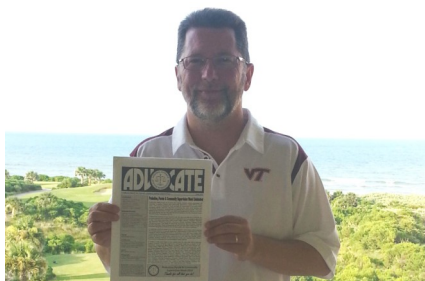
Tom Currier in Hungary



Kristy Livsey & Melinda Jarvis in Cancun



Kathi Meenehan in Ireland



Doug Poe in Palm Coast, Florida



Joe Young, VJJA Gear in the Bahamas



Toni Craig in Boston



Tom Currier at Rick's Café, Jamaica



Tom Gooding at Stonehenge



Advocate Visits the White House



## Gov. Announces Drop in VA's (Adult) Recidivism Rate

PRESS RELEASE - Governor Terry McAuliffe announced that Virginia's re-incarceration rate has dropped to 22.8 percent, the state's lowest rate on record.

"Long-term public safety is critical to Virginia's future," said Governor Terry McAuliffe. "This reduction in the recidivism rate means our children are safer, our state is more attractive to businesses, and we are returning offenders to their communities better prepared to be productive, contributing citizens."

About ninety percent of individuals incarcerated in Virginia will one day be released back into their communities. Like most states, Virginia counts its official recidivism rate as the percentage of offenders who return to incarceration within three years of being released.

"A lower re-incarceration rate means fewer crimes, fewer victims, and less taxpayer money that must be allocated to repeat offenders," said Virginia Department of Corrections Director Harold Clarke.

Virginia's recidivism rate has dropped to its lowest on record. Those inmates who were released in fiscal year 2009 had a recidivism rate of 22.8 percent, as measured through 2012. The previous year's cohort of offenders released in fiscal year 2008 and measured through 2011 had a recidivism rate of 23.4 percent, and the recidivism rate the year before that was 26.1 percent.

"We commend the Department of Corrections' staff for their hard work, as well as the offenders who are turning their lives around and those employers who give them a second

chance," said Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran.

In Virginia, reentry preparation begins the day the VADOC receives an offender, starting with a risk and needs assessment. From offender training and education programs, work programs, resource fairs, veterans' programs, and offender savings accounts to a partnership with the Department of Motor Vehicles to get offenders DMV-issued state identification before they leave prison, the VADOC is operating a multitude of successful reentry programs.

Learn more about the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) at: [www.vadoc.virginia.gov](http://www.vadoc.virginia.gov).



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## Professional Development Opportunities

**VJJA Blue Ridge District Training**

"Insta Drugs"

Speaker: Tony Roman  
23rd Court Service Unit  
Salem, Virginia  
December 19, 2014  
<http://www.vjja.net>

**2015 APPA Winter Training Inst.**

Tampa Marriott Waterside  
Tampa, Florida  
January 11-14, 2015  
<http://www.appa-net>

**VJJA Tidewater District Training**

"Winter Blues"

Topic: Autism / Aspergers v. Bipolar  
Speaker: Dr. Rick Ellis  
Major Hillard Library  
Chesapeake, Virginia  
February 6, 2015  
<http://www.vjja.net>

**VJJA Tidewater District Training**

23rd Tidewater Dist. Spring Conf.  
Quality Inn & Suites Oceanfront  
Virginia Beach, Virginia  
March 26-27, 2015  
<http://www.vjja.net>

**2015 CJJ Annual Conference**

Omni Shoreham Hotel  
Washington, DC  
June 10-13, 2015  
<http://juvjustice.org>

**APPA 40th Training Institute**

Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites,  
Los Angeles, California  
July 12-15, 2015  
<http://www.appa-net>

**VJJA's 39th Fall Institute**

Venue: To Be Announced  
November 4-6, 2015  
<http://www.vjja.net/fall-institute.html>

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## Richmond JDAI and Richmond Juvenile Justice Collaborative Focused on School-Based Offenses

On October 14, 2014, the Richmond Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) team and the Richmond Juvenile Justice Collaborative hosted a day-and-a-half long, cross-agency event focused on examining the prevalence of school-based referrals. Welcoming remarks were provided by Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, Chief Judge Marilyn Goss, Lead JDAI Judge Angela Roberts, and Court Services Director Kimberly Russo. Speakers for the event included the Honorable Chief Judge Steve Teske and other professionals from Clayton County (GA) JDAI and System of Care. For the past two years the Richmond Juvenile Justice Collaborative has focused on a DMC recommendation of reduction in school arrests. Seeking



*Pictured, from left to right: Beth Stinnett, DJJ Program Manager/State JDAI Manager, the Honorable Angela Roberts, Richmond J&DR Court Judge, the Honorable Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, Regina Hurt, DJJ Regional Program Manager—Central Region, Kimberly Russo, 13th District Court Service—Richmond Director/Local JDAI Coordinator; the Honorable Marilyn Goss, Chief Judge, Richmond J&DR Court, and the Honorable Steven Teske, Clayton County, Georgia Juvenile Court.*

to reduce school-based incidents resulting in arrest and court referral was among the recommendations of a 2012 assessment of Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) conducted by the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The community-wide meeting, which was made possible as a result of support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, was attended by the judiciary, prosecution, defense, court services, schools, law enforcement and other child serving agencies. An action plan is under development and protocols are being established to differentiate between incidents that could/should be handled by school administration and incidents that require court intervention.

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# Governor Announces Creation of Children's Cabinet and Commonwealth Council on Childhood Success

**PRESS RELEASE** - Governor McAuliffe signed an Executive Order creating a cabinet solely dedicated to the education, health, safety, and welfare of Virginia's children and youth. The newly launched Children's Cabinet will develop and implement a policy agenda that will help better serve Virginia's children and will also foster collaboration between state and local agencies. As a part of that effort, the Governor also signed a second Executive Order establishing the Commonwealth Council on Childhood Success. This Council will be chaired by Lt. Governor Northam and will focus on improving the health, education, and well-being of our youngest children.

"Children are the Commonwealth's most important resource, and it is critical that we provide them with the tools and resources they need to thrive in a 21<sup>st</sup> century economy," said Governor McAuliffe. "Both the Children's Cabinet and the Commonwealth Council on Childhood Success will help ensure that Virginia's children live happy and productive lives."

Secretary of Education Anne Holton and Secretary of Health and Human Resources Bill Hazel will serve as co-chairs of the Children's Cabinet. Lt. Governor Ralph Northam, Secretary of Public Safety Brian Moran, Secretary of Commerce and Trade Maurice Jones and the First Lady of Virginia Dorothy McAuliffe will serve as members of the Children's Cabinet.

"The Children's Cabinet provides an opportunity to work together on the complex issues that affect a child's development. Addressing the need for safe housing, access to healthcare and proper nutrition are important first steps that will help bridge the achievement gap and prepare Virginia's children to succeed in a new Virginia economy," said First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe.

"It is an honor to be named Chair of the Commonwealth Council on Childhood Success," said Lt. Governor Northam. "I am incredibly grateful that early childhood is a priority for Governor McAuliffe and his administration. The early years of a child's life are extremely formative, and have a significant impact on their health, growth, and readiness to succeed. As policymakers we must ensure that our public investments in these services provide adequate access and high quality programs. I look forward to working with state agencies, local school districts, service providers, the business community, and advocates to ensure that every Virginia child has the opportunity to thrive and succeed."

"The establishment of the Children's Cabinet is a great first step towards addressing the basic needs of Virginia's youth," said Secretary Holton. "There are schools, neighborhoods, and communities across the Commonwealth suffering under the crushing weight of entrenched poverty, and it is our goal with the Children's Cabinet to offer a helping hand, not a wagging finger."

Secretary Hazel added, "While regular communication between secretariats regarding children and youth issues is important, we believe a more significant impact can be achieved by delving further into the issues impacting the health, education and success of our children."

The Children's Cabinet will focus on five specific priority areas:

- Eradicating the achievement gap in schools in high poverty communities.
- Increasing access to basic needs including housing, healthcare, and proper nutrition.
- Improving outcomes for youth transitioning out of Virginia's juvenile

justice, mental health and foster care systems.

- Increasing workforce opportunities for parents and for youth as they transition out of high school.
- Improving early childhood care and education.

The executive orders have received praise from leaders from across the Commonwealth:

*Margaret Nimmo Crowe, Voices for Virginia's Children:*

"Governor McAuliffe's creation of a Children's Cabinet is exciting news for those of us working every day to improve the lives of Virginia's children. For the first time, a Virginia governor has elevated children's issues to the highest level of state government, showing his intention to work collaboratively to solve the most pressing challenges facing our kids. At Voices for Virginia's Children, we believe this is an excellent step forward."

*Lisa Specter-Dunaway, CHIP of Virginia:*

"We are so excited to work with such a committed governor and his administration to improve the lives of our youngest citizens, their families, and our future workforce. We all know that starting early is the key to success -changing lives, two generations at a time."

*Meg Gruber, Virginia Education Association:*

"Governor Terry McAuliffe said he would focus on children and he is a man of his word. With the formation of both the Children's Cabinet and the Commonwealth Council on Children's Success, he is ensuring that the needs of our children in their most formative years will be addressed. I commend the Governor on these initiatives."



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The U.S. Department of Justice is training qualified candidates to become certified auditors of the national Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards in prisons, jails, juvenile confinement facilities, and community confinement facilities.

**Background:** On June 20, 2014, the Department of Justice (DOJ) issued National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape via the Federal Register. Recognizing that sexual abuse and harassment in confinement is a serious and widespread problem, the standards mark the first ever federal effort to protect inmates from sexual abuse in all forms of confinement facilities at the federal, state, and local levels.

Among the most significant provisions of the standards is the establishment of the first nationwide audit of correc-

tional facilities. Every facility in the United States that seeks to be compliant with the federal PREA standards must be audited by a Department of Justice (DOJ) certified PREA auditor on those standards at least once every three years, beginning August 20, 2013.

**Auditor Certification Process:** Auditor candidates must complete a 40-hour training conducted by the DOJ and the PREA Resource Center (PRC), pass an examination, and clear a background check before they are certified to begin auditing. The DOJ has been certifying auditors since August 2013. Certified auditors do not work for the DOJ, but are certified as qualified by the DOJ to conduct PREA audits as independent contractors for corrections agencies seeking to demonstrate compliance.

**Auditor Qualifications:** The DOJ has set qualifications for individuals interested in training to become certified as a PREA auditor. Those qualifications can be found in detail at <http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/audit/auditor-qualifications-and-application>.

The most significant qualification is auditing, monitoring, investigative, or quality assurance experience in a correctional setting.

**The Application Process:** Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. To find out more about this opportunity, determine if you meet the criteria of a qualified applicant, and find the link to the application portal, visit this link see this <http://www.appa-net.org/eweb/docs/APPA/announce/Auditor-Training-Outreach.pdf>.

# Treasurer's Report

Submitted by VJJA Treasurer Elaine Lassiter

Fall Institute Account		General Account	
Balance 1/1/2014	\$25,221.85	Balance 1/1/2014	\$19,169.80
Revenue	\$35,988.00	Expenses (Thru 10/31)	(\$2,875.30)
(registration & exhibits)		Balance 11/30/2014	\$18,705.05
Expenses (Thru 10/31)	(\$36,540.58)		
Balance 11/30/2014	\$24,669.27		

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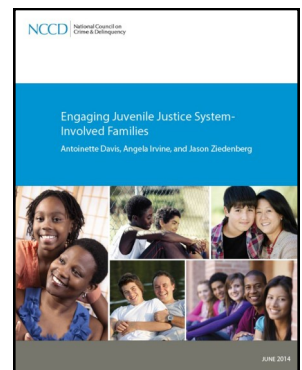
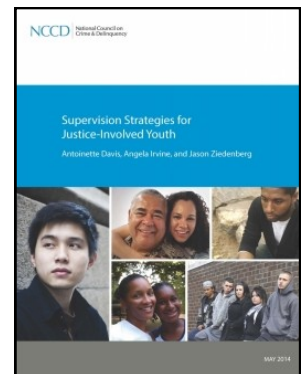
### Core Principles for Reducing Recidivism, Improving Outcomes for Youth in JJ System

The National Reentry Resource Center, a project of the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, has released two publications to help state and local governments reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for youth in juvenile justice settings. The publications are produced with the support of OJJDP and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. "Measuring and Using Juvenile Recidivism Data to Inform Policy, Practice, and Resource Allocation" highlights the findings of a survey of juvenile correctional agencies in all 50 states, providing 5 recommendations for state and local policymakers to improve their measurement, analysis, collection, reporting, and use of recidivism data on system-involved youth. "Core Principles for Reducing Recidivism and Improving Other Outcomes for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System" offers policy and practice recommendations to support successful reentry for system-involved youth and help these youth successfully transition to a crime-free, productive adulthood. The Council of State Governments Justice Center is a national nonprofit organization that serves policymakers at the local, state, and federal levels from all branches of government. Staff provides practical, nonpartisan advice and evidence-based, consensus-driven strategies to increase public safety and strengthen communities. Learn more about the Justice Center at the Council of State Governments (CSG) here: <http://csgjusticecenter.org/about-jc/> Download the publications here: <http://csgjusticecenter.org/youth/publications/juvenile-justice-white-paper/> (July 2014)



### New Reports Available from NCCD's Series on Youth Deincarceration

The National Council on Crime & Delinquency (NCCD) has released additional reports in their eight-part series regarding the dramatic reduction of youth incarceration rates in most US states over the past 10 years. The first two reports, which were highlighted by the *VJJA Advocate* in the April 2014 issue, summarized stakeholder views on reducing youth incarceration and identify ways to budget for reform. NCCD studied the deincarceration trend through interviews with key stakeholders, listening sessions in five states, a national convening of juvenile justice leaders, and the compilation and analysis of county-level data from five jurisdictions. Despite a 41-percent drop in the rate of youth in confinement between 2001 and 2011, youth of color continue to be held in formal supervision and state facilities at much higher rates than white youth. During the month of June, NCCD released, "Supervision Strategies for Justice-Involved Youth." This policy brief describes strategies to improve supervision of low- and moderate-risk youth on probation, parole, or under community supervision to keep them out of the juvenile justice system. Key strategies explored include reducing supervision of youth who do not need it, avoiding unnecessary revocations, and engaging youth with families and service providers. NCCD also released "Engaging Juvenile Justice System Involved Families". Families of justice-system involved youth have traditionally been excluded from decisions regarding their children and often are assumed to be the cause of their children's activity. This policy brief acknowledges that families are a key component to supervision strategies and improved outcomes for their youth. Watch for the addition of a ninth piece but in the meantime, download the initial eight NCCD reports in the series here: <http://nccdglobal.org/what-we-do/our-focus-areas/juvenile-justice/youth-deincarceration> (June 2014)



### A Focus on Education: Helping You Help Your Child

This self-help manual, produced by JustChildren, describes the legal obligation of school systems across a range of areas, as well as tips on effective advocacy strategies. The manual is now in its sixth edition. The manual is written for parents and includes tips for successful self-advocacy, as well as plain language guidance on complicated areas of education law such as special education, enrollment, student discipline, access to ESL services, and more. Though written for parents, the publication is also for juvenile justice staff seeking to help young people experience educational success. Download a copy of the publication here: <https://www.justice4all.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/HYHYC-Handbook-2014-Final-Version-6th-Edition-FOR-WEB.pdf> Learn more about JustChildren here: [www.justice4all.org](http://www.justice4all.org) (September 2014)



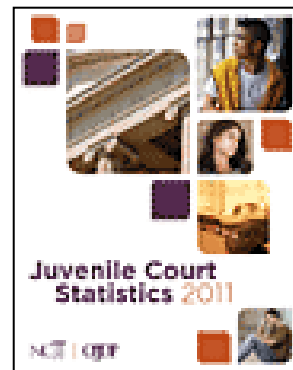


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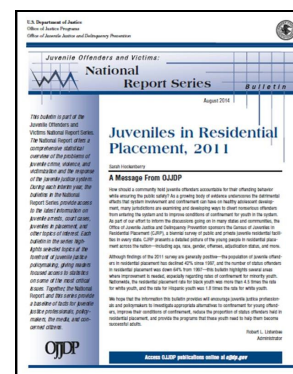
### National Center for Juvenile Justice Releases Juvenile Court Statistics 2011

The National Center for Juvenile Justice has released "Juvenile Court Statistics 2011." The Briefing Book is a comprehensive online resource describing various topics related to delinquency and the juvenile justice system, including the latest information on juveniles living in poverty, teen birth rates, juvenile victims of violent crime, trends in juvenile arrest rates, and youth in residential placement facilities. The Briefing Book is also a repository for more detailed presentations of juvenile court data than are found in the annual Juvenile Court Statistics report. The report describes trends in delinquency cases processed between 1985 and 2011 and status offense cases handled between 1995 and 2011. Data include case rates, juvenile demographics, and offenses charged. In 2011, courts handled an estimated 1.2 million cases (down 34 percent from the peak in 1997). Thirty one percent of cases involved females, and 53 percent involved youth younger than 16. Resources: The report draws on data from the OJJDP-sponsored National Juvenile Court Data Archive. See OJJDP's Statistical Briefing Book for additional information on juvenile court case processing. <http://ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/njcda/pdf/jcs2011.pdf>



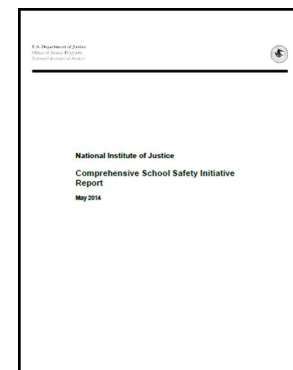
### OJJDP Bulletin Provides Overview of Juveniles in Residential Placement

OJJDP has released "Juveniles in Residential Placement, 2011." The bulletin presents information from the 2011 Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau and sponsored by OJJDP. Findings from this biennial survey of public and private juvenile residential facilities offer a detailed picture of the young people in residential placement in the United States. The data indicate that while the population of juvenile offenders in residential placement has declined 42 percent since 1997, the residential placement rate for black youth was more than 4.5 times the rate for white youth, and the rate for Hispanic youth was 1.8 times the rate for white youth. Resources: See other publications in OJJDP's Juvenile Offenders and Victims: National Report Series. <http://www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/246826.pdf> (August 2014)



### Comprehensive School Safety Initiative Report, National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

The Comprehensive School Safety Initiative Report, which was developed by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, is a research-focused, collaborative effort to increase school safety nationwide by identifying the most effective and sustainable school safety interventions and programs. In FY 2014, NIJ plans to examine the issues of school safety within three broad areas: the history of school safety programs nationwide; independent research and evaluation; and identification of the effects of various school safety interventions. The ultimate goal is to develop a comprehensive model that includes evidence-based components. Six associated activities are planned in pursuit of this goal. <https://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/247757.pdf> (May 2014)



### Changing Lives: Prevention and Intervention to Reduce Serious Offending

This final bulletin of the series of six bulletins on the findings from the National Institute of Justice Study Group on the Transitions From Juvenile Delinquency and Adult Crime (the "Study Group") reviews effective prevention and intervention programs intended to reduce serious offending in early adulthood. Five conclusions are drawn about the literature reviewed. First, there is a paucity of high-quality evaluations of programs that have measured the impact on offending in early adulthood. Second, there are some promising signs that early prevention programs can produce lasting effects on offending. Third, there are some promising signs that family-based interventions for adjudicated delinquents that operate outside the juvenile justice system can reduce offending in early adulthood. Fourth, evidence on intervention modalities used with both juvenile and adult offenders indicates their effects are substantially similar. Fifth, there are a number of evidence-based programs for juvenile and young adult offenders that can produce monetary benefits that exceed costs. The focus of the literature review is on the highest quality research studies. <https://www.ncjrs.gov> NCJ 243993 (August 2014)







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## Upcoming Dates & Events

TYSF Santa Claus Shuffle .....	Dec 13, 2014
VJJA Capital District Chapter Meeting .....	Dec 17, 2014
Blue Ridge VJJA District Training .....	Dec 19, 2014
Tidewater VJJA Winter Blues Training .....	Feb 6, 2015
VJJA Board of Directors Meeting .....	Mar 25, 2015
VJJA Tidewater District Spring Conference	Mar 26-27, 2015
4th Annual CSA Conference .....	Apr 21-22, 2015
Detention, Correctional and Res Week .....	May 4-8 2015
VJJA Board of Directors Meeting .....	June 2015 (TBA)
Probation, Par & Comm Supervision Week	July 20-24 2015
VJJA Board of Directors Meeting .....	Sep 2015 (TBA)
VJJA Board of Directors Meeting .....	Nov 3, 2015
VJJA 39th Fall Juvenile Justice Institute .....	Nov 4-6, 2015

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

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### Membership Report, November 2014

Effective September 30, 2014, VJJA Director of Membership Samantha Higgins reported that the association had 348 members.

#### **Membership report by district chapter:**

Blue Ridge:	35
Capital:	109
Northern:	38
Southwest:	22
Tidewater:	117
Valley:	27

Total Members: 348