



Colleagues in the Spotlight

KYLE MCMAHON

has joined the staff of Family Preservation Services as Assistant State Director. Previously Kyle was Director of Marketing for Intercept Youth Services. He has also worked for Family Focus, Richmond Court Service Unit and Roanoke Court Service Unit serving as In-Home Services Supervisor Program Manager, Team Supervisor, Intensive In-Home Counselor, Senior Parole Officer, Probation Officer and Group Home Counselor. Kyle has been employed in human services for 16 years. Kyle has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Radford University. He is a member of VJJA's Capital District Chapter and a former Blue Ridge District Chair.



CAPRIA PINKNEY was recently promoted to Parole Officer Senior with the 14th District Court Service Unit in Henrico. She has been employed by the Henrico Court Service Unit since 2011, serving as a Probation and Parole Officer. During 2014, Capria completed specialized training in Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS), and serves as one of her CSUs Internal Coaches for the practice and implementation of Cognitive Behavioral Interventions. Capria began her career with the DOC in August 2004 as a Therapeutic Rehabilitation Counselor. Prior to beginning employment at the CSU, she also worked for DJJ at the Reception & Diagnostic Center and the Bon Air JCC. Capria also works part-time as a Counselor with Guiding Young Minds LLC. Capria has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration from Norfolk State University and is pursuing a master's degree in Criminal Justice through Troy University.



KIMBERLY DAWSON RUSSO has been named Director of the 13th District Court Service Unit in Richmond, Virginia. She had been acting in the role since December. Kim started her career in 1986 as an Intake Officer with the Mercer County Family Court in Trenton, New Jersey. She has been employed by the Department of Juvenile Justice since 1989 working as an Intake Officer, Senior Intake Officer, Parole Supervisor, Intake Supervisor and Deputy Director. Kim is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University.



COLIN BAGWELL was recently promoted to Probation Supervisor with the 17th District Court Services Unit office located in Falls Church. Colin began his career in 2005 as a Parole Officer with the 31st District Court Services Unit in 2005. In 2007 he moved to the 17th District Court Services Unit in Arlington. Colin completed his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice in 2004 at the West Chester University of Pennsylvania, and his master's degree in Criminal Justice Management in 2014 at the University of Maryland. In his new role, Colin will assist with the merger of the 17F (Falls Church) and 17A (Arlington) CSUs.



FAIRFAX COURT SERVICE UNIT - Eight staff of the 19th District Court Service Unit completed the Virginia Gang Investigator Association's (VGIA's) Gang Certification Training and passed the examination necessary to be recognized as Gang Specialists. They are: **WILL MULHEM, TERRANCE NIXON, RANDY BRONTE-TINKEW, CHRIS ACOSTA, DAN REILLY, BRAD WATSON, KEVIN DANIEL, LESLIE MALONE.**

The 26th District Court Service Unit welcomed a new staff member. **KHADIJAH MUHAMMAD** joined the CSU on June 25 as a Probation Supervisor. She will be working primarily in the Harrisonburg, Luray and Woodstock branch offices. Khadijah has worked as a program manager with inner city youth. She has also provided substance abuse services in a correctional center. Khadijah has a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree.



RON LEMLEY retired as Director of the 18th District Court Service Unit in Alexandria after a nearly 40 year career. Ron was active with VJJA's Legislative Committee in the early 2000s and attended the first VJJA Day at the General Assembly. Ron was honored by colleagues at an afternoon celebration followed by a BBQ dinner. He is said to be looking forward to a second career as a "first-rate golfer and dotting grandfather."



Immediate Past VJJA President **SUSAN FARMER** was presented the Prevention Council of Roanoke's 2014 *Courage to Care* Award. The award was for her work teaching parenting classes to the women at the Western Regional Jail. The Prevention Council is a partnership of parents, youth, school, faith, law enforcement, business, medical, and other community leaders who are committed to promoting the healthy development of youth. Susan is an Intake Officer with the 23rd Court Service Unit in Salem.





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DELANDO GALES has been promoted to Probation Officer Senior with the 11h District Court Service Unit - Petersburg. She had been a Probation Officer with the CSU since 2008. Previously Delando served as a Juvenile Correctional Officer at Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center from 1997 to 1999, a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer at Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court from 1999 to 2003, and a Lead Youth Counselor / Supervisor at Brookfield Group Home from 1999 to 2008. Delando is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey.



WILLIAM STANLEY was recently promoted to Probation Supervisor with the 12th District Court Service Unit in Chesterfield. He had been acting in the role since November 2013. William started his career as a Juvenile Correctional Officer with the Hanover Juvenile Correctional Center. He has been employed by the Department of Juvenile Justice since 2004 working as a Juvenile Correctional Officer, Probation/Parole Officer, and Senior Parole Officer. William completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice at Virginia Union University.



DONALD JONES and **ELAINE LASSITER** each celebrated the milestone of 30 Years of Service with the County of Fairfax. Donald is employed by the Fairfax Juvenile Detention Center. Elaine is Unit Director for Special Services with the 19th Court Service Unit.

ED RYAN recently recognized employees with Outstanding Performance Awards (OPAs). OPAs are given for consistently high performance, significant benefit to county operations, or exemplary performance on a specific project or assignment. Award winners included **ADRIANNE BROITMAN**, Probation Counselor, **CHARLES HUTSON**, Probation Counselor, and **ED RYAN**, Probation Supervisor. Awardees received a certificate of commendation, \$300 in cash, one day of administrative leave.

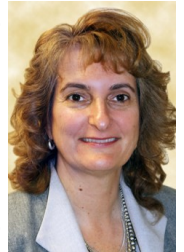
GREG FISSELL retired as Court Services Supervisor with the 17F District Court Service Unit in Falls Church. He had been employed by Falls Church for 5 years. Greg previously retired from the 17A District Court Service Unit in Arlington after 30 years. He began his career with the 4th District Court Service Unit in Norfolk in 1971 but moved to Arlington in 1976. He was promoted to Probation Officer II in 1979. While working in Arlington, Greg helped create their restitution, community service and shoplifter programs and was a member of their mediation team. Greg was the recipient of VJJA's 2004 Meritorious Award in the Area of Court Services.

MICHELLE MCPHATTER, **GERALDINE LEE**, **CARL FOGLE**, and **SHARON SPATES-MILLER** each celebrated the milestone of 25 Years of Service with the County of Fairfax. Michelle is a Parole Officer. Geraldine is an Administrative Assistant with East County Probation, Carl and Sharon are employed by Fairfax Juvenile Detention.

BILL WILLIS, celebrated the milestone of 20 Years of Service with the County of Fairfax. Bill is a Probation Officer.



The Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice welcomed **DR. LISA FLOYD** as the agency's Deputy Director for Education. Dr. Floyd began her educational career in 1996 as an instructional assistant, became a middle school math teacher, moved into administration as a middle school assistant principal, high school assistant principal, then as an alternative school principal. Dr. Floyd moved into central office in Northampton County as Director of Testing & Accountability, and most recently in Clarke County, as Director of Curriculum & Instruction. Dr. Floyd received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Salisbury State University, her Master of Science degree in Secondary Education from Old Dominion University (ODU), and her Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Administration & Supervision from the University of Virginia (UVA).



VJJA Capital District Chapter Member **BILL WOOLDRIDGE** has been promoted to Juvenile Programs Supervisor with the City of Richmond's Department of Justice Services. Bill started his juvenile justice career at the Department of Juvenile Justice's Beaumont Learning Center as a Cottage Supervisor. He has held several positions within Corrections and Community Based Programs all of which were supervisory level positions working with or on behalf of at-risk juveniles.



ED RYAN, **ELIZABETH LAYTON**, and **RAY MATTHEW** each celebrated the milestone of 15 Years of Service with the County of Fairfax. Ed is a Probation Supervisor. Elizabeth and Ray are both Probation Officers.



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On May 3 and 4, Elaine Lassiter (left) and Amy Sommer (right), of the 19th Court Service Unit - Fairfax, participated in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Washington, DC. Collectively, Elaine and Amy walked 78.6 miles and raised approximately \$8,500 for Breast Cancer Research.



In the category of "You Never Know Who You Might Run Into" while touring Virginia wineries in the Nelson County area, a group of VJJA members ran into Jim Turpin, former member of the Board of Juvenile Justice. After many years in politics, for Jim's encore career he co-founded *Democracy Vineyards*.



On May 3, 2014, Teresa Johnson (left) and Beth St. John, of the 1st Court Service Unit - Chesapeake, participated as members of the "Courting a Cure" Chesapeake Relay for Life Team. The team, which has been involved for 11 years, raised \$1,677 by selling wine cork crafts and hosting soup luncheons.



Hundreds gathered in Rockbridge County at the annual Relay for Life event to celebrate cancer survivors and honor the memories of loved ones lost to cancer. Out front on the far right carrying the banner this year was Debbie Hubbard, wife of former VJJA Board Member Rodney Hubbard.

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