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## Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week Celebrated

During the week of July 13-19, 2014, the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association will celebrate Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week (PPCS Week) 2014. This special recognition week provides an opportunity to recognize intake, probation, parole, outreach, electronic monitoring and other court services and community supervision professionals throughout the Commonwealth. First celebrated by the association in 2005, the week was established by former VJJA President Beth Mohler Stinnett, who said she drew inspiration from the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA).

Professionals working in court service units and other pre-trial and community supervision settings play a significant role in making the Commonwealth a safe place to live. Community supervision staff include Intake Officers, Outreach Detention and Electronic Monitoring Workers, Diversion Officers, Probation Officers, Parole Officers and more. The duties of community supervision staff are varied, challenging and rewarding. These professionals provide not only public safety but also intervention designed to decrease risk, enhance skills, and reduce recidivism.

In celebration of PPCS Week 2014, VJJA developed a prize lottery, held a drawing and selected several community supervision professionals as prize winners. These colleagues will be awarded gift cards to restaurants, VJJA logo lunch coolers, and complimentary fiscal year 2015 memberships to the association. One grand prize winner will receive complimentary registration to VJJA's 38th Fall Juvenile Justice Institute, "Moving Forward: Serving Virginia's Youth and Families With PRIDE", scheduled for November 2014 at the Newport News Marriott.

In addition to the prize lottery, in the current issue the *Advocate* staff is featuring profiles of eleven community supervision colleagues beginning on page 4 of this publication. Read about: **Mark Bauer**, Probation Officer, 2nd Court Service Unit - Virginia Beach, **Matt Bond**, Probation Supervisor, 14th Court Service Unit - Henrico, **Brian Ellsworth**, Probation Officer, 6th Court Service Unit - Hopewell, **Kevin Heller**, Probation Supervisor, 27th Court Service Unit - Pulaski and Wythe, **Darcy Janson**, Probation Supervisor, 28th Court Service Unit - Abingdon and Washington County, **Sharon Lassiter**, Outreach Detention / Electronic Monitoring Counselor, Richmond Justice Services, **Aileen Lewis**, Probation Officer, 10th Court Service Unit - Mecklenburg, **Ellen Madison**, Probation Supervisor, 8th Court Service Unit - Hampton, **Shirley Thompson**, Probation / Parole Officer, 25th Court Service Unit - Covington / Botetourt, **Darryl Whiten**, Supervised Release Program Coordinator, 20L District Court Service Unit - Loudoun, and **Rob Joumas**, Probation Officer - Supervised Release Services, 19th Court Service Unit - Fairfax.



Probation, Parole & Community  
Supervision Week 2014

*Thanks for all that you do!*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

June 2014



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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 June 27, 2014, in Charlottesville, Virginia. 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 June 2014 our membership total was 613 members and District memberships: Blue Ridge-56, Capital- 194, Northern- 74, Sourtwest-72, Tidewater-165, Valley-52. Our fiscal year membership renewal started July 1, 2014. Please renew your memberships for fiscal year 2014 - 2015 and recruit at least one new member. The Marketing & Public Relations Team has a number of membership recruitment events planned, including a recruitment table at Virginia Summer Institute for Addiction Studies July 14-15, 2014.

**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:** The Advocate has been reinstated as a quarterly publication— February, April, and June issues. Emails: The Director of Recognition sent a membership-wide e-mail on May 5 in recognition of Detention, Correctional & Residential Week. VJJA Website: The website has continued to be updated. Recent uploads include 38th Fall Institute updates, *Advocate* updates, "Colleagues in the Spotlight" updates, and updated District pages.

**Stated Goal: Increase Attendance at Training Events –** We will increase the number of educational offerings that are skill-based and replicate proven practices.

**Progress:** The Northern and Tidewater Districts held trainings during the last quarter. Planning continues for the 38th Fall Institute, co-sponsor agency Virginia Department of Criminal Justice, slated for November 5 and 6, 2014, at the Newport News Marriott at Center City! Early registration is coming soon.

**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:** We have new Director of Child Advocacy, Barbee Burfoot. She provided the Board of Directors with a summary of recent child advocacy organization trainings and a summary of new and amended 2014 Virginia juvenile laws.

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. Have great summer!

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
- ◆ differentiates between criminal/delinquent acts and normative adolescent acting-out
- ◆ uses proven models, strategies, and approaches
- ◆ presumes innocence, protects liberty and justice, and affords due process of law
- ◆ ensures community protection and holds adjudicated children accountable for their actions
- ◆ weighs heavily decisions concerning the deprivation of liberty and favors the least restrictive means necessary to achieve public safety
- ◆ is free from racial, ethnic, and gender disparities and exercises objective decision-making as a means to ensure fairness and equity
- ◆ relies upon data to measure progress and guide policy, practice, and programmatic changes
- ◆ promotes professionalism, collaboration, integrity, accountability, and transparency among key stakeholder agencies
- ◆ provides services relative to risk level, arranged in a continuum, and consistent with the principles of effective intervention
- ◆ favors fiscal responsibility and accountability to be good stewards of scarce resources
- ◆ does no greater harm, limits exposure to risk, and exceeds minimum standards
- ◆ routinely reviews policies, practices, and programs for quality, consistency with stated goals, and the ever evolving science of our field

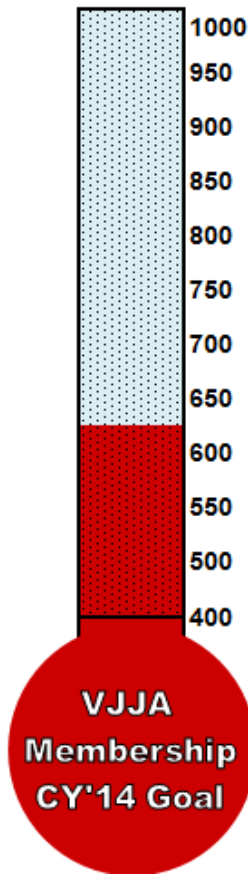


# VJJA Celebrates Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week July 13-19, 2014

## Colleague Profiles

We want to get to know you better. Send your own profile or suggest a colleague to be profiled.

Colleague profiles are included in each issue, but for the current issue, in honor of *Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week* we are exclusively featuring the profiles of probation, parole & community-based supervision colleagues.



**06/30/2014 - 613 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



**AILEEN LEWIS**

Probation Officer  
VADJJ 10th CSU  
Mecklenburg

10 Years in Current Role  
17 Years In Human Services

Previous Positions Held:  
Mental Health Support Specialist,  
Southside Community Services Board;  
Admissions Coordinator  
Cornerstone Camp Kenbridge;

Specialized Trainings/Credentials:  
Certified Adult Basic Ed. Instructor

Past Awards:  
VJJA's 2001 Meritorious Award in the  
Area of Residential Services;  
VJJA's 2005 Professional  
Development Scholarship

Education:  
Bachelor of Science Degree  
Old Dominion University  
Master's Degree in Human Relations  
Liberty University

Hometown:  
Born and "reared" in South Hill, VA

First Job:  
Peebles Department Store

Reason for Entering the Field:  
I came into the field while employed at CK Boot Camp program watching strong mentors like Katherine Farmer, Tom Keating, Ken Spurlock, Don Johnson, Beth Stinnett and countless others come through the gates inspiring their youth to soar. Their encouraging words motivated them and me!



**MATT BOND**

Probation Supervisor  
14th District CSU  
Henrico

2 Years in Current Role  
14 Years with DJJ

Previous Positions Held:  
Probation Officer Senior  
Probation Officer  
Probation Officer (WE-14)

Capital District VJJA Member

Specialized Trainings/Credentials:  
Effective Practices in  
Community Supervision (EPICS)  
Cognitive Behavioral Interventions  
Implementation Coach

Education:  
Bachelor of Science Degree  
in Criminal Justice  
Virginia Commonwealth University

Hometown:  
Northern Virginia

First Job:  
Store Clerk

Favorite Part of Job:  
Being a part of helping juveniles  
leave DJJ better off than  
when they arrived.

Reason for Entering the Field:  
A strong desire to help  
those in need.

Hobbies / Past-times:  
Skiing, Going to the Beach,  
Traveling the Country,  
Eating Out





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**ELLEN MADISON**

*Probation & Diagnostic Supervisor*  
8th District CSU  
Hampton

7 Yrs in Role / 37 Yrs Human Services

**Previous Positions Held:**

Special Programs Coord. / 8th CSU  
Probation Officer / 8th CSU CSU  
Social Worker / Newport News DSS  
Asst Youth Director / Housing Authority

Also a Certified Family Counselor, a Sworn Intake Officer, a Grandmother, and a Praise Dance Coordinator.

Awarded and recognized as the primary speaker for the nationally acclaimed *Every 15 Minutes* Program held annually for Newport News Schools.

**Education:**

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology,  
Norfolk State College (University)

**Hometown:**

Hampton/Newport News

**First Job:**

Delivering Flyers / Human Affairs Office

**Favorite Part of Job:**

I love working with children and believe if given an opportunity they can flourish and become productive.

**Reason for Entering the Field:**

I wanted a job helping other people. I have been given many opportunities and blessings and feel it is important to give back. I also believe this is my calling in life because after all these years, I'm happy to come to work every daily.



**ROB JOUMAS**

*Probation Officer I*  
19th CSU / Supervised Release  
Fairfax

25 Years in Current Role  
30 Years in Human Services Field

**Previous Positions Held:**

Probation Officer and Residential  
Counselor in Michigan.

**Specialized Trainings/Credentials:**  
Trained in Motivational Interviewing, Verbal Judo, and other areas to aid in communicating with the families and children of Fairfax County.

**Education:**

Psychology and Sociology  
Wayne State University  
Theology and English  
Sacred Heart Seminary College  
Oakland County Community College

**Hometown:**

Red Oak, Michigan

**First Job:**

Delivering evening newspapers  
for the Royal Oak Tribune

**Favorite Part of Job:**

Seeing my hard work and that of my co-workers bringing about positive changes in the clients and families of Fairfax County.

**Reason for Entering the Field:**

Working with kids and families.

**Hobbies / Past-times:**

Wood Working, Playing Guitar and Singing, Spending as much time as I can with my family.



**KEVIN HELLER**

*Probation Supervisor*  
27th District CSU  
Pulaski and Wythe Offices

1 Year in Current Role  
16 Years in Human Services Field

**Previous Positions Held:**

Foster Care Social Worker  
Pulaski County DSS;  
Director, Radford Office on Youth;  
Probation Officer, Roanoke CSU;  
Probation/Intake Officer, 27th CSU

Pulaski J&DR Court's Best Practice Committees on Domestic Violence and Truancy; Pulaski Co. FAP Team; Pulaski Co. Truancy Team; Pulaski Co. Public School's Drug Task Force Committee; PCPS Assoc. of Southern Colleges Accred. Panel for PCPS & 6Year Plan Committee; Wythe/Bland SA & Re - entry Council; Highlands Re - Entry Council.

**Education:**

Bachelor of Social Work degree & Bachelor of Science in Psychology  
Radford University

**Hometown:**

Lynchburg, Virginia

**First Job:**

Lifeguard at Recreation Assoc.

**Reason for Entering the Field:**

My interest in public service was spawned by my parents' careers in service to others (a police officer and a nurse). My interest in working with youth was due to the behavioral & emotional struggles experienced in my own childhood.



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### SHARON LASSITER

*Outreach / EM Counselor*  
Richmond Justice Services  
Richmond

6 Years in Role  
17 Years Human Services

Previous Positions Held:  
Youth Counselor  
Richmond Juvenile Detention;  
Juvenile Correctional Officer  
Beaumont JCC

Education:  
Enrolled through Central State  
University, in Wilberforce, Ohio,  
majoring in Psychology

Specialized Training in First Aid /  
CPR, Medication Administration, Handle  
With Care, GPS Offender Tracking

Hometown:  
Brooklyn, New York

First Job:  
Nurse's Aide  
Jamaica School of Nursing

Favorite Part of Job:  
Assisting families via linking  
community resources.

Reason for Entering the Field:  
Love of working with juveniles and  
families involved in the juvenile court  
system. Being able to provide support  
and advocate when necessary.

Hobbies / Past-times:  
Enjoy practicing and spending quality  
time at the shooting range and love  
home improvement and traveling.



### DARRYL WHITEN

Coordinator  
Supervised Release Program  
20L District CSU - Loudoun

7 Years in Role  
14 Years Human Services

Previous Positions Held:  
Probation Officer

Awards / Recognition:  
As the site coordinator, our group  
received the New Site of the Year  
Award from the National Youth Hook  
a Kid on Golf program in Loudoun  
County for the H.O.P.E (Help  
Our Probationers Excel).

Education:  
Bachelor of Science Degree  
in Communications  
Clarion University of PA

Hometown:  
Frederick, Maryland  
(been there my entire life)

First Job:  
Mowing Lawns & Delivering Papers

Favorite Part of Job:  
Truly blessed to be able to mold,  
shape, and change the lives of youth.

Reason for Entering the Field:  
To have the ability to hold youth ac-  
countable, but most important, to be  
able to assist in change in their lives.

Hobbies / Past-times:  
I enjoy going to church, playing golf,  
coaching basketball, spending time  
with my family, and traveling.



### SHIRLEY THOMPSON

Probation Officer  
25th District CSU  
Covington / Botetourt

15 Yrs in Role/16 Yrs Human Services

Previous Positions Held:  
CSA Coordinator/Alleghany Highlands

Education:  
Bachelor of Science Degree  
in Criminal Justice, minors in  
Psychology and Business Admin,  
Radford University  
Master of Science Degree  
in Criminal Justice  
Radford University

Hometown:  
Covington, Virginia

First Job:  
Wendy's

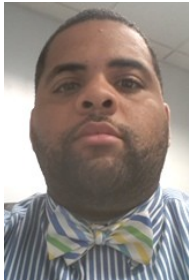
Favorite Part of Job:  
Helping kids learn about choices,  
responsibility and developing self-  
esteem, in hopes they will use  
those skills to better their lives.

Reason for Entering the Field:  
I entered the field because I always  
had an interest in the criminal justice  
system and I have always enjoyed  
working with kids (I was a  
recreation/park supervisor for the  
Covington Recreation Department  
for two summers while in college).

Hobbies / Past-times:  
Raising my daughter, spending  
time with family and friends,  
dancing, bowling, and shopping.



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## BRIAN ELLSWORTH

*Probation Officer*  
6th District CSU  
Hopewell

1 Month in Role  
4 Years Human Services

Previous Positions Held:  
Rehabilitation Counselor,  
Beaumont JCC;  
Rehabilitation Counselor,  
Abraxas House;  
Juvenile Correctional Officer,  
Reception & Diagnostic Center

Education:  
Bachelor of Science Degree  
in Criminal Justice  
Virginia State University

Hometown:  
Southampton County, Virginia

First Job:  
Subway Sandwich Artist

Favorite Part of Job:  
Interacting with  
court-involved youth.

Reason for Entering the Field:  
I wanted to make a difference in  
the lives of court involved youth.  
I wanted to relay the message  
that there are more positive  
things in life and that those  
things are not out of their reach.

Hobbies / Past-times:  
Playing basketball,  
watching the Discovery Channel,  
and relaxing with my family.



## MARK BAUER

*Probation Officer*  
2nd District CSU  
Virginia Beach

1 Year in Role  
1 Year in Human Services

Previous Positions Held:  
None, New to the Field

Specialized Training in Victim  
Impact and Anger Management.  
Trained in Aggression Replacement  
Training (ART) Curriculum.  
Completed ART Train the  
Trainer Course.

Education:  
Bachelor of Science Degree  
in Criminal Justice  
Minor: Homeland Security  
Everest University

Hometown:  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

First Job:  
Landscaping / Mowing Lawns

Favorite Part of Job:  
Assisting youth and their  
families make positive  
changes in their lives.

Reason for Entering the Field:  
Love helping kids.

Hobbies / Past-times:  
Fishing, crabbing, paddle boarding,  
spending time with family.



## DARCY JANSON

*Probation Supervisor*  
VADJJ 28th CSU  
Abingdon / Washington County

2 Years in Current Role  
27 Years w/ DJJ/DYFS

Previous Positions Held:  
Senior Probation Officer, 28th CSU  
Probation Officer, 29th CSU Tazewell

Southwest District VJJA Member

Education:  
Bachelor of Arts Degree  
in Human Services  
University of Tennessee  
Master of Social Work  
University of Kentucky

Hometown:  
Paris, Tennessee

First Job:  
Youth Conservation Corp

Favorite Part of Job:  
The people I work with everyday.

Reason for Entering the Field:  
Just fell into it. I wasn't  
planning to work with juveniles.

Hobbies / Past-times:  
Spending time with family.  
Taking care of a new puppy.



Many Workers... Many Workplaces  
One Juvenile Justice System ... One Team





## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.







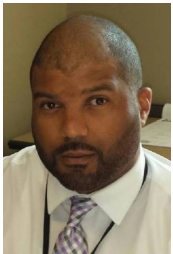
## Colleagues in the Spotlight

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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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THE FAIRFAX COURT SERVICE UNIT** 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.

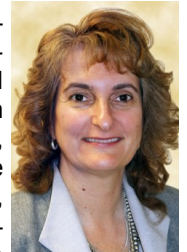


**MICHELLE MCPHATTER**, **GERALDINE LEE**, **CARL FOGLE**, and **SHARON SPATES-MILLER** each celebrated the milestone of 25 Years of Service with the County of Fairfax. Michelle is a Parole Officer. Geraldine is an Administrative Assistant with East County Probation, Carl and Sharon are employed by Fairfax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



# Capital District Holds Annual Crab Feast & Resource Expo and Attends "Hopewell Day"

## Capital District Chapter News

On June 13, 2014, VJJA's Capital District Chapter held their annual Crab Feast and Resource Expo. Approximately 65 participants and exhibit staff attended the event.

The venue for the event was The Bankquet Place, a former historic 1913's bank located on Hull Street in the historic Manchester district of Richmond. The building was renovated in 2005 to preserve its historic charm and original details — tall, coffered ceilings, scagliola marble columns and ornate plaster friezes.

The group assembled represented court services, secure detention, detention alternatives, corrections, mental health, education, the judiciary and more. Several attendees traveled from Newport News to attend.

Members of the planning committee included: Greg Hopkins, Capital District Chair, Fatima Smith, Capital District Vice Chair, Kara Ruskin, Capital District Secretary, Rodney Baskerville, Capital District Treasurer, and Members Adrienne Foster and Evy Perkins.

Six agencies and organizations exhibited during the event. Exhibitors included: Abilities Beyond Disabilities, Clinical Alternatives, Family Life Services, Family Preservation Services, Jackson Feild, and National Counseling Group.

The event featured an assortment of food and beverages with several bushels of blue crabs. In addition to opportunities to dine and learn about resources, the event was also designed to foster networking and pro-

vide after-hours leisure and entertainment and there was a DeeJay and a dance floor.

Special guests in attendance included The Honorable Delegate Delores McQuinn, (70th District), City of Richmond Justice Services Director Rufus Fleming, the Honorable Judge Marilyn Goss, Current VJJA President Stephanie Garrison, and Past President Beth Mohler Stinnett.

In speaking of the event, Judge Marilyn Goss said, "I had an awesome time and look forward to the next Capital District event. Event Chair Greg Hopkins said he was pleased with the turnout, adding, "It is always a good opportunity to network with folks outside of the normal work environment".





# Capital District Holds Annual Crab Feast & Resource Expo and Attends “Hopewell Day”

## Capital District Chapter (cont.)

On May 17, 2014, VJJA’s Capital District Chapter participated in the Hopewell Community Day sponsored by the Virginia Office of the Attorney General. The Hopewell community, city and state leaders joined forces for Hopewell Community Day in an effort to unite the community and perform community service work.

Attorney General Mark Herring, Delegate Rosalyn Dance, Sen. Henry Marsh, D-Richmond, Mayor Michael Bujakowski, Vice Mayor Jasmine Gore and Hopewell Police Chief John Keohane were all on hand to celebrate. Participating on behalf of VJJA were Capital District Officers Greg Hopkins, Capital District Chair, and Kara Ruskin, Capital District Secretary, and VJJA Marketing Representative Adrienne Foster.



Adrienne Foster and Kara Ruskin



Greg Hopkins



Hopewell High School Color Guard



Senator Henry Marsh and G. Hopkins

## Districts Hold Sex Offender Trainings

### Northern District Chapter News

On June 7, 2014, the Northern District Chapter held a training entitled “Continuum of Sexually Harmful Behaviors”. The training which was held at the Prince William County McCoart Government Building in Woodbridge, Virginia, focused on working with youth who have sexually offended.



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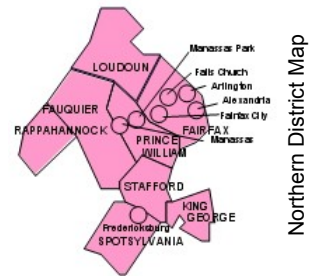
The primary facilitator was Megan Hall, Doctoral Candidate, Family Preservation Services. Megan also serves as VJJA’s Northern District Chapter Secretary. Additional facilitators were Dr. Ramfis Marquez and Jamie Austin, CSTOP, of Family Preservation Services. More than 30 participants representing court service units, correctional centers, local

government, and private provider agencies were in attendance. District Chair Ellen Patterson said, “Megan did an excellent job and the training was very beneficial. Although this can be a disturbing topic, they kept it light, informative and very interactive. They did an excellent job and it was exciting to have members attend from the Richmond and Tidewater areas. A special treat was to have VJJA President Stephanie Garrison join us. In addition to our speakers, special thanks also to Tammy Dehr, Vice Chair, for handling registration and Carla White, Treasurer, for providing lunch. It was a great day and we are looking forward to planning our next event”.

### Tidewater District Chapter News

On June 20, 2014, the Tidewater District Chapter held a training on Sexual Offenders. The training, which was held at Indian River Library in Chesapeake, was facilitated by Shaina

Miranda, Program Coordinator, Hallmark Youthcare. Participants had lunch together prior to the event and District Officer Marc Crippen led the group in icebreakers designed to stimulate increased networking.



Northern District Map



Tidewater District Map

# Beaumont's "Books Behind Bars" Russian Literature Program Airs on *Katie Show*

A camera crew from the national talk show "Katie," hosted by former "Today Show" personality Katie Couric, recently visited Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center (BJCC) to observe Beaumont's Russian Literature program. The production crew filmed the class and interviewed two of the participants and DJJ Director Andy Block. The episode of "Katie" featuring the program aired on Friday, May 16, 2014, on ABC.

The class, taught by University of Virginia (UVA) professor Dr. Andy Kaufman, brings together UVA students and BJCC residents to discuss works such as "A Hero of Our Time," "The Death of Ivan Ilych," and other Russian classics. Couric, a UVA graduate herself, learned about the class, and dedicated two back-to-back segments of her show to spotlight Dr. Kaufman and his students.

Books Behind Bars: Life, Literature, and Leadership is an internationally recognized program that brings together incarcerated youth and university students and transforms both groups through the power of conversation about Russian literature.



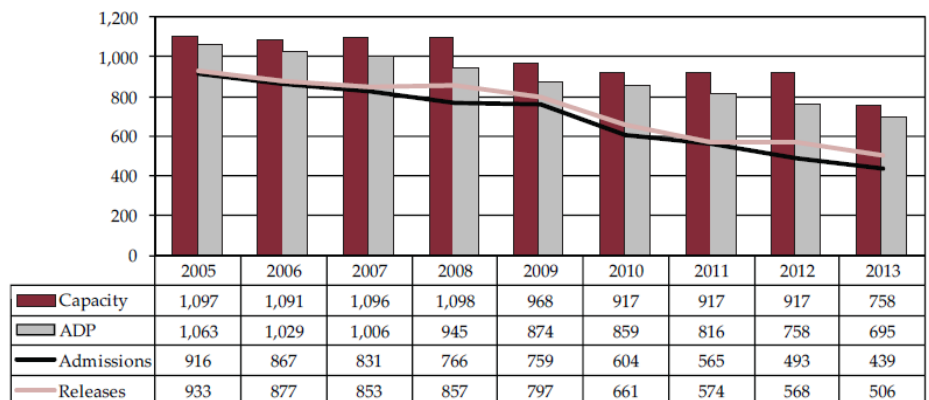
Andrew Kaufman, second from left, with Katie Couric, second from right, on the set of "Katie." Kaufman; U.Va. students Jackie Cipolla, left, and Kamala Ganesh, right; and former Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center resident Douglas Avila, center, discussed the "Books Behind Bars" program, in which youth offenders read and digested Russian literature.

Watch the archived "Books Behind Bars" segments here:  
<http://katiecouric.com/tag/books-behind-bars/>

Learn more about the "Books Behind Bars" program here:  
<http://andrewdkaufman.com/books-behind-bars-in-the-news/>

# Culpeper Juvenile Correctional Center Converted to a Women's Facility

Effective July 1, 2014, the Culpeper Juvenile Correctional Center ceased operation as a juvenile facility. The facility, which had been operated by the Department of Juvenile Justice for approximately 15 years, was transferred to the Department of Corrections for use as a female prison. According to the *Daily Progress*, repurposing the facility will net a savings of several million dollars per year the first and second years. The overall juvenile offender population has been decreasing while the adult female population is increasing.



Capacity, ADP, Admissions, and Releases for all Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice facilities, FY 2005-2013 (only 2013 includes halfway houses) Source: VADJJ Data Resource Guide, FY 2013





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## Community Placement Programs (CPPs) at Detention Homes Provide Additional Direct Care Beds

Beginning during the month of May, the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) forged a partnership with four local detention facilities to operate contracted direct care beds known as Community Placement Programs or CPPs. CPPs will be housed in four detention homes: Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention in Charlottesville, Chesapeake Juvenile Detention in Chesapeake, Rappahannock Juvenile Detention in Stafford County, and Virginia Beach Juvenile Detention in Virginia Beach.

The CPPs will provide a highly structured, disciplined residential program for juvenile offenders committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice who meet screening criteria. The screening criteria includes residents who: are preferably at least age 16-20, have 3 to 12 months remaining on their lengths of stay, have demon-

strated consistent, stable behavior, have been 90 days major charge free, have been 30 days moderate charge free and who have no active DOC or jail time.

Juveniles who meet the criteria are referred by case management staff at the juvenile correctional centers, with final placement approval decisions made by the DJJ Central Classification and Review Committee (CCRC).

Programmatically the CPPs will focus on community re-integration planning and the development of skills and competencies in the areas of education, job readiness, life and social skills. Services and interventions provided will target criminogenic or "crime producing" risk factors with the results of the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) serving as basis for case planning. CPP staff

will use cognitive-behavioral techniques and interventions and tailor services to residents' individual needs and patterns of offending.

DJJ's goal is to place residents in the CPP closest to their home community in order to increase community connections and family visitation and promote a seamless transition from incarceration to community living. DJJ Community Programs Manager Angela Valentine said, "It has been an opportunity to use all of our resources for the betterment of youth in our care and strengthens our partnership with local detention facilities. It's a win-win!"

Readers interested in learning more about CPPs should contact Marc Booker, DJJ Detention Specialist, at [Marc.Booker@djj.virginia.gov](mailto:Marc.Booker@djj.virginia.gov) or 804-371-0700.



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# Professional Development Opportunities

**Gender & Trauma Webinar, National Council for Behavioral Health**

Webinar / Online Course, July 14, 2014,  
<https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1038198>

**"Using Title IV-E for Juvenile Justice: The Multnomah County Experience"**

Online Course Sponsored by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, July 23, 2014  
<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/1540231432045819905>

**Girls Matter Webinar (#6 in a Series): Youth Development & Recovery Supports for Girls**

Online Course, July 24, 2014  
<http://womenandchildren.treatment.org/HERR%20page.asp>

**Grant Writing USA Workshop Through Rappahannock Reg. Criminal Justice Academy**

Fredericksburg, Virginia, July 28-29, 2014  
<http://grantwritingusa.com/grants-training/grant-writing-workshops/fredericksburg-virginia-july-2014.html>

**39th Annual Training Institute of the American Probation & Parole Association**

New Orleans, Louisiana, August 3-6, 2014  
[http://www.appa-net.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?WebCode=IIIA\\_Institutes](http://www.appa-net.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?WebCode=IIIA_Institutes)

**2014 Coalition for Juvenile Justice Youth Summit**

Washington, DC, August 7-8, 2014  
<http://juvjustice.org>

**National Forum on Criminal Justice**

Breckenridge, Colorado, August 10-12, 2014  
<http://www.national-forum.net>

**13th Annual Central Virginia Region CSA Training & Resource Day**

Midlothian, Virginia, September 22, 2014  
[www.cvpy.org](http://www.cvpy.org)

**What Works... Arts in Corrections, National Center for Youth in Custody**

Webinar, September 24, 2014  
<http://npjs.org/ncyc/events/event/webinar-what-works-arts-in-corrections/>

**20th National Symposium on Juvenile Services**

Greensboro, NC, October 19-23, 2014  
<http://npjs.org/symposium/>

**VJJA's 38th Fall Juvenile Justice institute**

Newport News Marriott at Center City, Newport News, Virginia, November 5-6, 2014  
<http://www.vjja.net/fall-institute.html>

**Evidence-Based Practices for Supervisors, National Institute of Corrections**

Online Course, Open Enrollment, Self-Paced Learning  
<http://nicic.gov/training/nicwbt13>

**Evidence Based Practices in a Correctional Setting, National Institute of Corrections**

Online Course, Open Enrollment, Self-Paced Learning  
<http://nicic.gov/training/ebplp>

**Transformational Change: Theory and Practice, National Institute of Corrections**

Online Course, Open Enrollment, Self-Paced Learning  
<http://nicic.gov/training/nicwbt09>



## Virginia Represented at 2014 National Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Conference

During the week of June 2-6, 2014, a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional delegation from Virginia attended the Annie E. Casey Foundation's National Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The conference attendance was funded by a grant from the AECF.

Among the individuals making the trip from Virginia were VADJJ Agency Director Andy Block, DJJ Assistant Deputy Director of Operations Jack Ledden, DJJ Program Manager & State JDAI Coordinator Beth Stinnett, Hampton Assistant Public Defender Kimberly Karle and Hampton Social Services Family Services Program Manager Melanie Galloway, Loudoun Family Services Program Manager Vincent Froehlich, Newport News Police Lieutenant Scott Williams. Norfolk Court Service Unit Supervisor Kathy Staton, Petersburg CSU Director Mike Traylor, Richmond Behav-

ioral Health Authority Psychologist Supervisor Dr. Jacqueline Curtis. Virginia Beach CSU Director Olymphia Perkins, Virginia Beach Department of Human Services Director Dannette Smith, and Virginia Beach Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court Chief Judge Deborah Bryan.

Director Block, Ms. Galloway, Ms. Perkins, and Judge Bryan each served as Conference Faculty. Director Block participated in a workshop entitled: "Addressing the Crisis in Indigent Defense Services: Observations & Solutions". Ms. Galloway participated in a workshop entitled "From Family Conflict to Collaboration". Ms. Perkins and Judge Bryan participated in a panel workshop entitled, "Let's Talk About Race: Leadership Reflections and Tools for Advancing the Racial & Ethnic Disparities Agenda". Judge Bryan also participated as faculty during the workshop, "Judicial Leadership: All Eyes on the Robe".

The conference, which was attended by more than 800 juvenile justice professionals from across the nation, featured more than 40 workshops focusing on topics such as, alternatives to secure detention, indigent defense, disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system, adolescent brain development, the school-to-prison pipeline, conditions of confinement and family-focused juvenile justice policies.

Virginia celebrated 10 years of detention reform this past fall. Eight jurisdictions participate in the reform efforts statewide: Hampton, Hopewell, Loudoun, Newport News, Norfolk, Petersburg, Richmond and Virginia Beach. Learn more about JDAI at: <http://www.jdaihelpdesk.org/> or download the conference APP to your smartphone by visiting this link: <http://my.yapp.us/A96V3V> (conference materials available for download)



Front row (L-R) Melanie Galloway, Family Services Program Manager, Hampton Department of Social Services, Hampton Kimberly Karle, Assistant Public Defender, Hampton Public Defender's Office, Kathy Staton, Probation Supervisor, Norfolk Court Service Unit, Claudette Overton, Casey Consultant and retired Director of the Norfolk Court Service Unit, Dr. Jacqueline Curtis, Licensed Psychologist Supervisor, Richmond Behavioral Health Authority, Jack Ledden, Assistant Deputy Director of Operations, DJJ Central Office, and Mike Traylor, CSU Director, 11<sup>th</sup> Court Service Unit. Back row (L-R) Virginia Beach CSU Director Olymphia Perkins, Virginia Beach Department of Human Services Director Dannette Smith, Virginia Beach J&DR Court Judge Deborah Bryan, Andy Block, Director, DJJ, Beth Stinnett, Program Manager & State JDAI Coordinator, DJJ Central Office, Vincent Froehlich, Program Manager, Loudoun Family Services, and Scott Williams, Lieutenant, Newport News Police.





# Colleagues in the Spotlight

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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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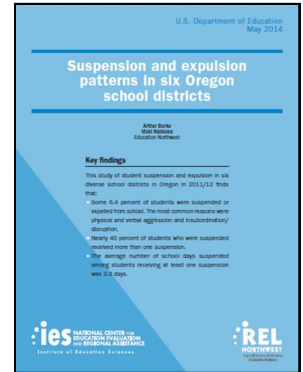
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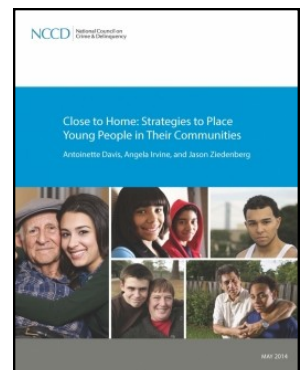
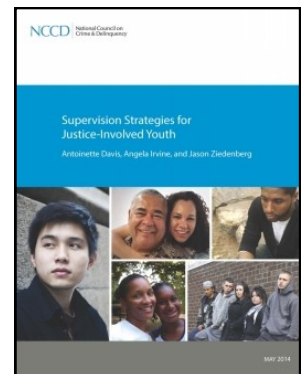
## USDOE Funded Report Addresses Suspension and Expulsion Patterns in Schools

The Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Northwest has released "Suspension and Expulsion Patterns in Six Oregon School Districts." This study highlights student exclusionary patterns in urban school districts in Oregon during the 2011-12 school year. The study examines exclusionary discipline by grade, gender, race/ethnicity, and special education status. Key findings include: the percentage of students receiving exclusionary discipline was 2.5 times higher for male students than for female students, the percentage was higher for American Indian, Black, Hispanic, and multiracial students, the most common reasons for suspension and expulsion were physical and verbal aggression and insubordination/disruption, and nearly 40 percent of students who were suspended received more than one suspension. REL Northwest is part of the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Program funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences. View or download the full report at: [http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/regions/northwest/pdf/REL\\_2014028.pdf](http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/regions/northwest/pdf/REL_2014028.pdf) (May 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 months of May and 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 "Close to Home: Strategies to Place Young People in Their Communities." This policy brief describes strategies for juvenile justice stakeholders to reduce the number of young people placed in secure facilities. Key strategies include developing a decision point where alternatives to out-of-home placement are reviewed, building a local continuum of placement and treatment options, and reducing lengths of stay in facilities at various points in the system. Download NCCD's eight-part series and a ninth piece containing resources here: <http://nccdglobal.org/what-we-do/our-focus-areas/juvenile-justice/youth-deincarceration> (April - June 2014)



## Sentencing and the "Affluenza" Factor

"During the month of February a judge in Texas ordered a 16-year-old boy who killed four people in a drunken-driving crash to enter rehabilitation as part of 10 years of probation she imposed without a jail sentence. A defense psychologist had said the teenager suffered from "affluenza," his judgment stunted by his pampered, privileged upbringing. The case has angered many who have said that a poor person would have been imprisoned, without the same considerations. To what extent should life circumstances affect sentencing?" This case is expected to be appealed and may impact the way affluent youth are treated by the juvenile justice system. A group of seven criminal justice experts weigh in on this judgment. They explain why the decision should or should not have been made. Issues debated are: "All Circumstances Are Not Created Equal" by Alan M. Dershowitz; "Systematic Changes are Necessary" by Preeti Chauhan; "Consider the Crime's Root Causes" by Aundrea Brown; "Utilitarianism vs. Retributivism" by Alan M. Gershel; "Judicial Discretion Can Help the Poor" by Timothy K. Lewis; "Life Circumstances Level the Sentencing Field" by Marc Mauer; and "Money Can Open Up Options" by Jenna Finklestein. View or download the report here: <http://nicic.gov/Library/027918> (February 2014)



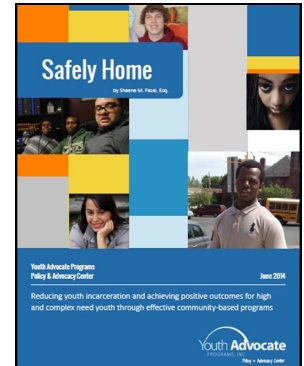


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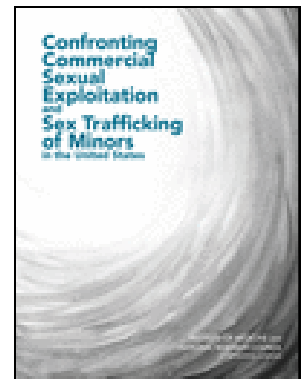
## “Safely Home” Report Highlights Community-Based Alternatives to Youth Incarceration

The [Youth Advocate Programs Policy and Advocacy Center](#) has released “[Safely Home](#).” This report highlights cost-effective, community-based alternatives to incarceration for high-needs youth. Some key findings: more than 8 of 10 youth remained arrest-free and 9 of 10 were at home after completing their community-based programs and intensive programs based in the community can serve 3 to 4 youth safely for the same cost as incarcerating one child. The report details elements of effective community-based alternatives, including individualized services, cultural competence, positive youth development, safety and crisis planning, and no reject/no eject policies that promote unconditional caring. View and download the report here: <http://www.safelyhomecampaign.org/safelyhomereport> (June 2014)



## Victim and Support Services Guide - Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking

The [Institute of Medicine](#) and the [National Research Council](#) have released a [guide](#) for victim and support service providers summarizing their report “[Confronting Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States](#).” The OJJDP-sponsored report examines current approaches addressing commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of children. The guide highlights information relevant for providers of victim and support services and includes key terms, risk factors, emerging service strategies, challenges of providing services, and recommendations for preventing, identifying, and responding to these crimes. View and download the report and access additional supplemental materials here: <http://www.iom.edu/sextraffickingminors> (June 2014)



## From Conversation to Collaboration: How Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Agencies Can Work Together to Improve Outcomes for Dual Status Youth

The new white paper, “From Conversation to Collaboration: How Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Agencies Can Work Together to Improve Outcomes for Dual Status Youth,” highlights strategies that youth-serving systems can apply to begin developing a more integrated approach and looks at examples where system integration and coordination led to profound transformations with better outcomes for youth and communities. Jurisdictions which successfully transformed their youth-serving agencies often required workers who had never before connected to collaborate with shared understandings and commitments on the needs of dual status youth. Released by the recently-launched [Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice](#), led by Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps, the white paper describes some of the challenges facing dual status youth, outlines the benefits of collaboration, and provides guidance for practitioners to begin a conversation. Download the report at: <http://www.modelsforchange.net/publications/539> (May 2014)

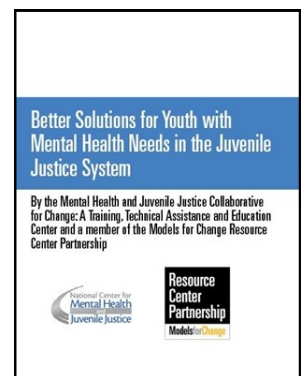


## Runaway Youth: A Research Brief

Running away is a status offense in 39 states. While the exact number of youth who run away from home each year is unknown, evidence suggests that most return home within a few days. This brief, published by the [Status Offense Reform Center](#), summarizes empirical literature on this issue from the last 20 years, highlighting reasons why young people run away from home, risk and protective factors, and what is known about interventions aimed at this vulnerable population. Download brief at: <http://www.modelsforchange.net/publications/624> (May 2014)

## Better Solutions for Youth With Mental Health Needs in the Juvenile Justice System

A new white paper from the [Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Collaborative for Change: A Training, Technical Assistance, and Education Center](#) urges the use of community-based treatment interventions as the more appropriate and effective response to the needs of these youth. [Better Solutions for Youth with Mental Health Needs in the Juvenile Justice System](#) discusses the scope of this problem, scientific breakthroughs that can help, and how communities can adopt better solutions for youth with mental health needs in the juvenile justice system. Download the paper here: <http://www.modelsforchange.net/publications/519> (January 2014)





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- TYSF Santa Claus Shuffle ..... Dec 13, 2014
- VJJA Board of Directors Meeting ..... Mar 25, 2015
- VJJA Tidewater District Spring Conference Mar 26-27, 2015

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE**

*The new membership year started on July 1.*

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**Membership Report, FY 2014**

At the June 27, 2014, meeting of the VJJA Board of Directors, VJJA Director of Membership Samantha Higgins reported that the association closed the 2014 membership year with 613 active members. The membership year runs from July 1 to June 30, 2014.

Membership report by district chapter:

Blue Ridge:	56
Capital:	194
Northern:	74
Tidewater:	165
Southwest:	72
Valley:	52