

The MASCA Connection

President's Message

I hope everyone had a great summer and that you're all having a wonderful fall so far. I encourage everyone to get outside on these warm fall days to check out the fall colors, buy some cider, watch football or whatever you like to do. Sometimes we get too wrapped up in our work to enjoy some of what nature puts all around us. All of us in the corrections/criminal justice field have earned a relaxing walk after work or a weekend in the mountains or at the shore. Autumn is a great time for it.

But there is work to be done and the MASCA Board has started our work for the 2012-2013 business year. Some of the things we will be working on include outreach to members and former members, additional scholarship opportunities for members, and more training events between conferences. We will also be looking for worthy charities to support. We are already planning another "Polar Bear Plunge" in 2013 to raise money for Special Olympics. We will again have a silent auction at our 75th Annual Conference to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs.

Speaking of our 75th Annual Conference, please save the dates of June 9 through 12, 2013, we will be at the Princess Royale hotel in Ocean City, Maryland, and will once again offer an outstanding training program. Registration

is \$250.00; but, if you register before January 31, 2013, you can take advantage of the early registration rate of \$225.00 and save yourself or your agency money. The conference planning committee is starting to develop the program. There will be much more detail in the winter edition of the MASCA Connection.

The timing of an October Newsletter doesn't allow me the opportunity to promote a September event, but for those who missed it, September was designated as National Recovery Month. It is a national observance that educates Americans on the fact that addiction treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life. The observance's main focus is to laud the gains made by those in recovery from these conditions, just as we would those who are managing other health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and heart disease. **Recovery Month** spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover. Many of the offenders we deal with in our various corrections jobs are in some stage of recovery. Some are fighting our efforts to steer them to recovery and some will die before they ever get there; but, correc-

tions professionals successfully coach, guide, or threaten offenders into recovery every day and many of them become responsible citizens as a result of it. If you missed the chance to thank our partners in the mental health and substance abuse treatment fields in September, I hope you will take the opportunity this month to thank them for the efforts at making successful reentry possible for the people we send their way.

I'll write more in the next issue of the MASCA Connection.

Henry

Henry Alexander,
President
Middle Atlantic States
Correctional Association

My message was written well before Hurricane Sandy hit the region and disrupted so many lives. The MASCA Board is concerned with the safety and well being of all of our members and their families. While we do not have resources to assist all members who may need it, MASCA has made a donation to the American Red Cross in the amount of \$1500.00 to help with Hurricane Sandy recovery.



President Henry Alexander

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Get Involved—MASCA Committees

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) is looking for talented members to share their knowledge and skills by volunteering to participate on one or more of our committees. For more information, contact a committee chair via e-mail.

Finance & Audit Committee

Chair: Larry Glover
glover200v@gmail.com

Membership Committee

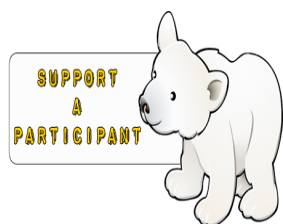
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Policy & Procedure Committee

Chair: Marigold Henderson
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Publications & Communications Committee

Chair: Dawn Pearson
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17th Annual Maryland State Police – Polar Bear Plunge

The 17th Annual Maryland State Police—Polar Bear Plunge will be held at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis, MD on Saturday, January 26th, 2013. Come out and join the MASCA Blue Gills for a dip in the Chesapeake Bay.

To join our team or submit your donation, visit us at the [MASCA Blue Gills](#).

If you are unable to access this link, copy and paste the link listed below into your web browser.

<http://plunge.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1017636&lis=0&kntae1017636=15A9B8BCFCCD4E88B3E488325612CE34&team=5319802&tteam=0>

This event benefits Maryland's children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Above images from: <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/ccp.asp?ievent=1017636&ccp=619676>



MASCA 2014 Conference Survey

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association is in the process of planning our 2014 Annual Conference and Training Event and are considering the District of Columbia Metropolitan area as the location for our event. But we need to hear from you.

Your comments and suggestions are important to us! If you could please take a moment to complete our MASCA 2014 Annual Conference Survey, it would assist us in better planning our 2014 conference.

All surveys are confidential. We can in no way identify who you are or what agency you

are from.

Please take a moment to complete our survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YJPS7WP>

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Connecticut

Connecticut Corrections and Parole Adopt State-of-the-Art Risk Assessment System

By William D. Burrell

In a landmark collaborative effort, the Connecticut Department of Correction (DOC) and the Board of Pardons and Parole (BOPP) have joined together to implement a comprehensive risk and need assessment system. The system was developed by the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Known as the Ohio Risk Assessment System or ORAS, the system features multiple instruments developed to support the decisions of the court and corrections systems at key decision points, including pre-trial release, community supervision (probation), prison intake, parole release and parole supervision.

The instruments are designed to stand alone, or ideally to be used as a full set. Information collected is passed along to the next decision point, avoiding duplicate data collection and building comprehensive data base of offender information and system performance.

The Connecticut implementa-
tion will be limited to the tools

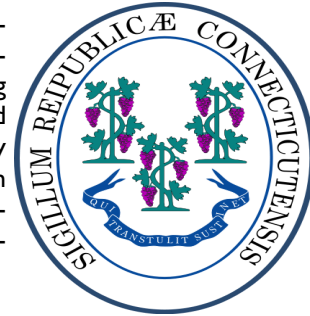
for correctional facilities, parole release and parole supervision. The system has been renamed SCORES for State-wide Collaborative Risk Evaluation System.

Implementation of SCORES is a daunting challenge. To guide that process, the DOC and the BOPP established joint Implementation Team composed of some 120 staff from both agencies to guide the process. The Team includes a vertical slice of both agencies, with staff from line officers up to top managers to ensure that all staff are represented and all functions and units have a voice in the process. The implementation process began with a two-day meeting held July 10 & 11, 2012. Staff from the Center for Effective Public Policy's *National Parole Resource Center*, the Urban Institute's *Justice Policy Center* and the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati facilitated the meeting and assisted the team in forming working groups and conducting the kick-off meetings of the working groups. A complete schedule for implementation will be developed by the working groups and coordinated by the Implementation Team.

Implementation of SCORES enables the DOC and the BOPP to meet a legislative mandate for a unified risk assessment system. It also provides a robust research capability for both agencies. Staff will benefit from the integra-

tion and automation of the instruments, reducing staff burdens and providing ready access to a wealth of current and historic data on offenders.

In adopting the renamed ORAS system, Connecticut joins Ohio and Indiana in implementing this comprehensive and systematic approach to risk and needs assessment. Additional states have expressed interest and are exploring the possibility of adoption.



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APPA Leadership Institute

MASCA Well Represented at APPA Leadership Institute Graduation

By William D. Burrell

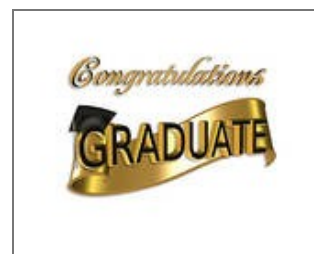
The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) hosted the graduation celebration for the third class of its Leadership Institute. The graduation was held at APPA's annual Training Institute, held in Indianapolis in August. The MASCA region, the Association and the Board of Directors were all represented in this graduating class with a total of six graduates, out of a total class of 25 graduates.

MASCA awarded a scholarship to the Institute of Tanesha

Clardy, of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) in Washington, DC received her certificate of graduation. Board members in the graduating class included Joseph Rinaldi, of Westchester County (NY) and Lavonya Douglas, also of CSOSA. Graduates from MASCA jurisdictions included Kara Ciriani (CSOSA), Jennifer Lopez (CSOSA) Mark Pisano (NY) and Audrey Rigsbee (NJ). Joe Rinaldi was guided through his Institute experience by his mentor, MASCA President Henry Alexander.

The APPA Leadership Institute is an 18 month program of classroom training, readings and assignments and a final project focusing on the participant's home agency. APPA established the Leadership Institute to develop the future leaders of the Association.

Graduates from the first two Institutes have already assumed leadership positions in



APPA and several have been promoted to new, more responsible positions in their agencies. Sponsoring the Leadership Institute with APPA are the National Association of Probation Executives, the National Institute of Corrections, the Correctional Management Institute of Texas at Sam Houston State University and the National Curriculum and Training Institute.

NOTE: If you are not a member of MASCA, this will be your last issue of the MASCA Connection. If you would like to continue receiving this publication, you must join MASCA or renew your membership.

Join the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association

For more information, visit us on the web at <http://masca.corrections.com/>

Or, Apply for membership using your Smartphone.

For membership, visit us at:

[MASCA Membership](#)



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Delaware

Federal grant adds funds for Delaware public safety

By Joseph Leahy

Delaware is getting a boost from the Department of Justice with \$1.6 million in funding for county and city law enforcement and public safety operations. The grants from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) Program will support a range of program areas including crime prevention, prosecutions, corrections, and drug treatment.

County Executive Paul Clark says the additional funding will also create new public safety jobs, and support existing forces with more training and equipment.

“It’s grants like this coming into New Castle County that helps us make it work. We’ve actually been able to increase public safety in a time where other departments around the country are laying people off,” said Clark. “We hope to have more police on the street in the next year than we’ve ever had in New Castle County, more 911 call takers and more paramedics – the whole public safety family.”

The Delaware Criminal Justice Council is getting more than two-thirds of the funds, slightly less than \$1.1 million, which will be used to combat violence and shootings in high-crime areas, and for upgrades to the criminal justice system overall.

Wilmington, which was recently ranked the nation’s most dangerous city by Parenting Magazine, will receive

nearly a quarter million dollars to support law enforcement activities. About 230 thousand dollars is going to New Castle County.

“That money is not out there for most counties, cities and states. We were asked to do things on a much leaner budget. So this is a huge benefit. We’re able to hire people. We’re able to do training and allowed to do targeted overtime in crime-ridden areas. So, it’s huge,” said New Castle County Public Safety Director Scott McLaren.

The City of Newark, the Town of Middletown and the Delaware State Police also received portions of the grant money.

(Story accessed from: <http://www.wdde.org/30104-federal-grant-delaware-public-safety>)



District of Columbia

Recovery Month and Parole and Probation

By Kim M. Barry, Treatment Specialist for CSOSA

National Recovery Month Observance is part of a national initiative sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA’s) Center for

Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) observance of National Recovery Month emphasizes our belief in the value of partnerships with community organizations, local, and federal criminal justice agencies, city government, the faith commu-

nity and individual citizens in promoting both successful reintegration and public safety.

This article examines the integration of SAMHSA best practices into the work of CSOSA.

Read the article at:

<http://www.corrections.com/news/article/31525-recovery-month-and-parole-and-probation>



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Additional News: Justice-Involved Girls

New Report Examines Needs of Justice-Involved Girls, Parents/Caregivers, and Staff

Oakland, CA — The [National Council on Crime and Delinquency](#) (NCCD), through a cooperative agreement with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), has released “Voices From the Field: Findings From the NGI Listening Sessions.” This [report](#) details the results and implications of listening sessions held nationwide to assess the current training, technical assistance, and informational needs of state, tribal, and local entities serving girls who are justice-involved or at risk of involvement as well as their families. An [executive summary](#) of the report is also available.

The [National Girls Institute](#) (NGI) is a research-based training and resource clearinghouse designed to advance understanding of girls’ issues and improve program and system responses to girls in the juvenile justice system. With federal funding, NCCD directs NGI through a cooperative agreement with the OJJDP.

“Through NGI, we’re able to translate research to practice for the stakeholders who are

committed to improving outcomes for girls,” said Lawanda Ravoira, director of [NCCD’s Center for Girls and Young Women](#). “The NGI listening sessions provided an unprecedented opportunity to involve stakeholders from diverse backgrounds and locations in sharing their experiences and needs.”

Sixty-four listening sessions and 16 small-group interviews were held throughout the United States in 2011, with three groups of key stakeholders: girls involved in the justice system or at risk of involvement, parents/caregivers, and staff and volunteers across the continuum of services. A total of 607 individuals participated in listening sessions or interviews.

Several themes emerged across the three stakeholder groups. These include the need for effective, supportive communication between girls and parents as well as girls and staff; an emphasis on peer learning opportunities; using gender-responsive strategies when working with girls; recognizing differences among girls, particularly regarding issues of gender expectations, sexuality, and identity; and increasing collaboration across fields including juvenile justice, child welfare, and mental health in order to improve outcomes for girls.

The report also sets forth a

series of recommendations for NGI, OJJDP, other federal agencies, and the field, which were developed from the listening sessions’ key themes. Recommendations include increasing opportunities for information sharing and collaboration; involving girls and parents/caregivers in conversations, research, and theory building about what works for girls; and incorporating content and methods that surfaced in the listening sessions into the gender-responsive training and technical assistance that NGI provides nationwide.

About NCCD: NCCD promotes just and equitable social systems for individuals, families, and communities through research, public policy, and practice. For more information about NCCD, please visit the website www.nccdglobal.org at

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Word List

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- Juvenile
- Leadership
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Maryland

Detention Facilities Embrace Green Technology

The Frederick County Adult Detention Center in Maryland is joining the growing list of prisons that are going green.

The 400-inmate jail is in the process of adding a solar energy array as part of a previously planned project to replace the roof. The solar panel installation is being managed by Solar Energy Services, while Citiroof Corporation is conducting the roof replacement part of the project.

The funding for the work will come primarily from a Department of Energy block grant awarded to the county in 2009. The county will add just over \$20,000 from its own budget to \$245,000 in federal funds to complete the project. Frederick County expects to recoup its money in the first year, as Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources Manager Shannon Moore told the Frederick News Post he anticipated annual savings of at least \$10,000 per year in energy costs, in addition to \$40,000 per year in renewable Energy Credits from the federal government. With the roof replacement project also receiving significant state funding, Frederick County appears to be getting a lot of bang for its buck.

The detention center was singled out for the grant when the county discovered the facility used significantly more hot water than any other county-run facility. Solar arrays designed to heat water are estimated to be

roughly three times more efficient than solar systems that generate electricity directly.

Lt. Keith Welty, commander of fiscal services at the detention center, said the roof replacement project was originally planned to be an actual expansion of the structure and its capacity, but the economic downturn led to a change in plans.

Welty commented that tabling the expansion plans worked out so far, as incarceration rates have dropped over the last three years at the county level, leaving the facility at capacity, but not overflowing. He added that the new roof and solar panels were currently scheduled to be in place by the end of September.

Meanwhile, county commissioners in Miller County, Miss., met with Dan Mills of Energy Engineering Technologies Inc., in July, to begin a feasibility study on the topic of installing solar panels at the Miller County Justice Complex. Similar to the Frederick County project, the commissioners are focusing on hot water, which they say accounted for \$2,000 of the jail's \$7,000 monthly electric bill. Second District Commissioner Brian Duncan told Missouri's News Tribune the county could save \$1,000, a month, with the proposed system.

In Tulsa, Okla., the David L. Moss Criminal Justice Center approached the expensive nature of hot water from the other direction, trying to remove water from the process of cleaning clothes, as much as that is possible. The Tulsa County Sheriff's Office used a \$64,000 stimulus grant to switch to an ozone laundry system, a technique, which employs ozone

as the primary cleaning agent. Ozone is the molecule made up of three oxygen atoms that gives off the singed-air smell most people associate with thunderstorms. The jail bought the new system from RJ Kool in North Kansas City, Mo. The company's president told Tulsa World the ozone system would drop the water use of a 100-pound washer from 161 gallons of hot water per load to approximately 24 gallons. County Purchasing Director Linda Dorrell estimates that the system will save Tulsa County over \$10,000 per year.

While these facilities are beginning to put their toes into the green energy water, Santa Rita Jail sits on the other side of the spectrum. The 4,000-inmate facility in California's Alameda County already has wind power, solar arrays, and hydrogen fuel cells, leading it to take a step many cities across the nation are beginning to think about: Updating the grid that makes all these new technologies work together. The Alameda jail recently began work on an updated microgrid, which will allow the facility to keep the lights on, even if the local power grid stops working.

Having an efficient, self-contained energy system will also allow the jail to buy power when it is cheap and save up energy to use when electricity prices are rising. The decision to be an active player in the energy market is expected to lead the jail more than \$100,000 in energy savings, per year.

(Story from: <http://www.correctionalnews.com/articles/2012/08/9/detention-facilities-embrace-green-technology>)

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New Jersey

Probation Executive Departs for the Juvenile Justice Commission

By William D. Burrell

Kevin M. Brown, a 26 year veteran of probation services with the New Jersey court system, has been nominated by Governor Chris Christie to serve as Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC). The JJC is the state's juvenile correctional and after-care agency.

Brown started his probation career in Camden in 1986. He

served as a probation officer in the juvenile unit of the Camden Probation Division before joining the Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program (JISP) at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

In 2009, Brown was appointed Assistant Director for Probation, heading the AOC's Probation Services Division. In that position, he was responsible for the adult, juvenile and child support units, as well as the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) and JISP. Working with the Conference of chief Probation Officers, he oversaw the operations of the state's 21 local probation divisions. When he was appointed Assistant Director, Brown succeeded Robert P. Sebastian,

another veteran of the Camden Probation Division.

Brown assumed his duties at the JJC on September 24, serving in an acting capacity until his nomination is confirmed by the State Senate.

Additional News

[Fallen N.J. corrections officers finally have their stories told](#)

[Report: Number of juveniles in jail declines throughout New Jersey](#)

[New Jersey Fines Halfway Houses \\$45,000 Over Escapes](#)



New York

Goldman to Invest in City Jail Program, Profiting if Recidivism Falls Sharply

New York City will be first in the U.S. to test "social impact bonds," also called pay-for-success bonds, says the New York Times. Embracing an experimental mechanism for financing social services that has excited and worried reformers around the world, the city will allow Goldman Sachs to invest nearly \$10 million in a jail program, with the pledge

that the financial services giant would profit if the program succeeded in significantly reducing recidivism rates.

First used in Britain and now being explored in Australia, the bonds are capturing the imagination of some U.S. public officials. Yesterday, Massachusetts announced that it was completing negotiations with two nonprofit groups to finance juvenile justice and homelessness programs, with the promise of repayment only if the programs work. The federal government, Connecticut, New York State and Cuyahoga County, Ohio, among others,

are at various stages of considering using the bonds to harness new funds for human-services programs. New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg says Goldman Sachs will provide a \$9.6 million loan to pay for a four-year program intended to reduce the rate at which adolescent men incarcerated at Rikers Island reoffend after their release.

[New York Times](#)

(Story accessed at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/02/nyregion/goldman-to-invest-in-new-york-city-jail-program.html?ref=nyregion>)





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MASCA 2013 Annual Conference and Training Event

MASCA's 2013 annual conference will be held at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel and Conference Center in Ocean City Maryland from Sunday, June 9, 2013 through Wednesday, June 12, 2013. The theme for our conference will be MASCA's 75th Anniversary: "Looking Toward Tomorrow, Building on Yesterday".

[Registration](#) is now open and is as follows:

Early Registration: \$225.00
(through January 31, 2013)

General Registration:
\$250.00 (February 1, 2013
through April 30, 2013)

Late Registration: \$275.00
(May 1, 2013 and after)

Daily Registration
Early Registration: \$120.00
(through January 31, 2013)

General Registration:
\$140.00 (February 1, 2013
through April 30, 2013)

Late Registration: \$260.00
(May 1, 2013 and after)

Register online now to receive our early discounted rate.

The [Princess Royale Hotel](#) rates are:

June 9 — June 13, 2013

Ocean View/Pool View Suite:
\$140.00

Ocean Front Suite:
\$180.00

2 - Bedroom Condominium:
\$475.00

3—Bedroom Condominium:
\$565.00

June 7— June 8, 2013

Ocean View/Pool View Suite:
\$229.00

Ocean Front Suite:
\$289.00

2—Bedroom Condominium:
\$475.00

3—Bedroom Condominium:
\$565.00

**Princess Royale Hotel
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For more information, please feel free to visit our website at www.masca.us.

Interested in [presenting](#) a workshop? If so, please click [here](#) for the Call for Presenter form.

[Exhibitors](#) please click [here](#) to register for our conference.

[Academic Scholarship Applications](#) can be located if you click [here](#).

If you would like to nominate, someone from your agency for a [MASCA Award](#), click [here](#) to submit an electronic application.

To join MASCA, you can submit your [electronic membership application](#) if you click [here](#).

Our 2013 Annual Conference and Training Event will be discussed in more detail in our next edition of the MASCA Connection. Until then, please visit our [conference website](#) periodically for updates.

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To apply for our MASCA Scholarship by March 1, 2013 visit us at: [MASCA Scholarship](#).

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MASCA SAL RUSSONIELLO SERVICE AWARD

WILLIAM BURRELL HONORED BY MASCA AT TRAINING INSTITUTE IN HERSHEY, PA

William Burrell of New Jersey, Editor-in-Chief of PERSPECTIVES, the professional journal of the American Probation & Parole Association (APPA) was the recipient of MASCA's prestigious SAL RUSSONIELLO SERVICE AWARD at our recent annual conference in Her-

shey, Pennsylvania. The award is presented to a person who has demonstrated extraordinary devotion to advancing the educational mission of MASCA and is named after Sal Russoniello, a long-serving parole official in New Jersey and past president of MASCA.

Mr. Burrell serves on the MASCA Board of Trustees and heads the association's Strategic Planning Project. He is the retired Chief of Probation Supervision Services in the N.J. Administrative Office of the Courts. Bill was a founding member and first president of the National Community Ser-

vice Sentencing Association. He now works as a corrections management consultant. In 2003, Bill was the recipient of MASCA's CARL ROBINSON AWARD for correctional leadership.



MASCA extends its congratulations to Bill Burrell and is thankful for his outstanding and ongoing contributions to the work of the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association.

Upcoming Events and Training Opportunities

MASCA One Day Conference—Hope and Help for Veteran Offenders

November 13, 2012 (SOLD OUT)

MASCA, APPA and the Williams Institute

Ethical Decision Making: Empowering People to Go from "I Can't" to "I Won't"

December 3, 2012
Boys, MD

MASCA, APPA and the Williams Institute

Communicating with VALUES: Being Effective in Difficult Conversations

December 4, 2012
Boys, MD

MASCA, APPA and the Williams Institute

Ethical Decision Making: Empowering People to Go from "I Can't" to "I Won't"

December 6, 2012
Newtown, PA

MASCA, APPA and the Williams Institute

Communicating with VALUES: Being Effective in Difficult Conversations

December 7, 2012
Newtown, PA

National Institute of Corrections Orientation for New Parole Board Executives

January 8 - January 10, 2013
Aurora, CO

American Probation and Parole Association, 2013 Winter Training Institute

January 13 — 16, 2013
Phoenix, AZ

American Correctional Association (ACA) Winter Conference

January 25— January 30, 2013
Houston, Texas

National Institute of Corrections, Jail as Part of County Government

Feb. 5—Feb 7, 2013
Albuquerque, NM

National Institute of Corrections, Orientation for New Pretrial Executives

Feb. 11—Feb. 14, 2013
Aurora, CO

National Institute of Corrections, Planning of New Institutions

Feb. 25—Feb. 28, 2013
Aurora, CO

National Institute of Corrections, Conducting Security Audits

Mar. 11, 2013 - Mar. 15, 2013
Location: To Be Determined



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More News: Collateral Consequences Website Launch



NIJ is pleased to announce the launch of the new "National Inventory of Collateral Consequences of Conviction" website. This searchable database lists the federal and state restrictions faced by former offenders. Visitors to the site can choose a jurisdiction by clicking on an interactive map to search for restrictions by either the triggering offense or by the type of consequence (such as employment, education, housing, etc.).

The website was created by the American Bar Association with funding from NIJ.

Currently, the site contains data for nine states and the federal government; the remaining states will be added over the coming year. NIJ anticipates that the site will be useful to policymakers and practitioners who are working to understand the impact of rules and policies that challenge the ability of former of-

fenders to reintegrate with their community and become tax-paying, productive citizens.

Visit the [Collateral Consequences webpage](#).



Harold Miller, 93, probations official

Harold G. Miller, 93, of Wyncote, who retired in 1979 as a hearing examiner for the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, died of cancer Friday, July 27, at Abington Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Miller was the first African American to serve as a district director and as a regional director for that agency, grand-

daughter Tory Harris said in an interview.

After working as a Pennsylvania Department of Welfare caseworker for two years, Mr. Miller worked for the probation board for 30 years.

Mr. Miller became the first African American president of the Middle Atlantic States

Correctional Association in 1972, Harris said, and was president of the Pennsylvania Association of Probation, Parole, and Corrections in 1975-76.

[To read more, click here](#)



National Center for State Courts launches One-Stop Shop for Traffic Safety Issues

The National Center for State Courts has launched a new web page designed as a one-stop shop of traffic safety information. The web page was designed to help judges, court administrators and other criminal justice practitioners access relevant and updated information on a variety of

topics. You can visit the website at <http://home.trafficresourcecenter.org/>.

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District Attorney holds Safe Schools Summit Focusing on Drug Abuse, Bullying and Violence Prevention

Keeping Delaware County's school communities safe from illicit drugs, bullying and violence was the focus of the 2012 Safe Schools Summit, hosted Oct. 24 by Delaware County District Attorney Jack Whelan.

For 14 years the Delaware County Office of the District Attorney has been holding the Safe Schools Summit, partnering with school officials, safety officials and law enforcement to protect students from threats such as internet predators, bullies and acts of violence in the community.

The 2012 Summit, held at the Drexelbrook, attracted more than 250 participants, including educators, administrators, social workers, public safety and law enforcement officials, healthcare workers and providers.

"Bullying and drug abuse are just two of the many issues that our educators and public safety officials face within our schools, at the middle and high school levels and at universities," said District Attorney Jack Whelan. "We hold this summit every year to promote a proactive rather than reactive approach to keeping our

schools safe."

"This year, out of concern for the number of drug overdoses we are seeing, we are highlighting a new initiative we launched to address the abuse of prescription drugs and use of heroin among our young people," said Whelan.

Whelan and other officials presented information on the County's Heroin Task Force, which is focused on prevention, education and awareness regarding the tragic consequences of heroin use in the community.

Whelan was joined in opening remarks by Patricia Stouch, parent of Pamela, a young woman who died of a heroin overdose in April 2010. Stouch told her daughter's story and read excerpts from Pamela's "recovery journal" to help shed light on her daughter's battle with addiction.

Delaware County Senior Medical Advisor Dr. George Aevitian presented a slide show on prescription drug abuse and heroin, including a video that shows how teenagers often get their prescription drugs from the family's medicine chest.

Assistant District Attorney Sharon McKenna, Chief of Narcotics and Forfeitures, furthered the conversation on heroin with tips on how to identify drug abuse. She also detailed some of the new drugs showing up in schools. An afternoon session at the Safe Schools Summit featured McKenna along with Dr. Frederic Hellman, the County Medical Examiner who reports

that as of July, there were 33 heroin-related deaths in Delaware County for 2012.

Other Safe Schools speakers included Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Chief Joseph Ryan discussing bullying, Assistant District Attorney and Anti-Violence Task Force Chief George Dawson talking about safety in schools, and FBI Special Agent Joseph Metzinger talking about concealed weapons. Chief Ryan, in discussing bullying prevention and awareness, showed the video "Sticks & Stones," which tells the story of a young boy who commits suicide as a result of being bullied by his classmates in school.

The goal of the DA's Safe Schools Summit is to promote safe school environments, share best practices and encourage collaboration between local law enforcement, schools and community partners. The Summit was hosted by District Attorney Jack Whelan in partnership with the Drexelbrook, a sponsor for the event.

(accessed from: <http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/spotlight/12safeschools.html>)

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