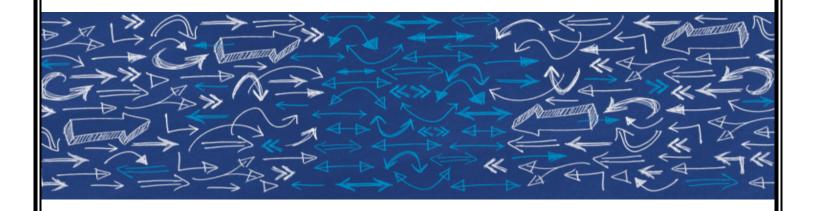


An Innovative Approach to Evidence-Based Practice in Juvenile Justice

A SYMPOSIUM



Friday, December 3, 2010

Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center Georgetown University Washington, D.C. Over the past several years, much attention has been given to evidence-based practice as a way to reduce recidivism rates and improve outcomes for juvenile justice involved youth. Resources such as the Blueprints for Violence Prevention and other similar collections of effective programs have shown the juvenile justice field which programs have been effective in producing positive outcomes for youth. While this knowledge has greatly benefited the field, little progress has been made in taking evidence-based programs to scale. The apparent gulf between research and practice begs for an innovative solution. While our knowledge of effective programs and practices is significant, the "name brand" programs are often costly, of limited range for the spectrum of services needed or thought to be overvalued when compared to local programs that are anecdotally viewed as effective but lack the resources to show evidence of positive results. Moreover, when evidence-based practices are implemented, they are often operated in silos with the benefit of research-informed practice accruing only to those placed in that particular program.

A more holistic approach is necessary to ensure that juvenile justice agencies are operating in a research informed and cost effective way to improve outcomes for youth in their care. Therefore, the purpose of this symposium and the paper being released today is to present and facilitate discussion around a new comprehensive approach to evidence-based practice that can help juvenile justice systems enhance the effectiveness of their interventions and achieve more positive outcomes for the youth they serve.

AGENDA

8:00am - 8:30am

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST / REGISTRATION

8:30am - 8:40am

WELCOMING REMARKS

Shay Bilchik, Director and Research Professor, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University

Edward Montgomery, Dean, Georgetown Public Policy Institute

8:40am - 9:00am

OPENING REMARKS

The Opening Remarks will stress the importance of using science and research in responding to children and youth engaged in delinquency or at risk of becoming engaged in delinquency, with a focus on the use of evidence-based practices.

Laurie Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs

9:00am - 10:15am

PRESENTATION OF THE PAPER

Authors of the paper will present a comprehensive approach to evidence-based practice by reviewing research on juvenile justice best practices and reviewing a tool, the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol, that can help states translate the research into practice. OJJDP's Comprehensive Strategy will be presented as a framework in which to embed the SPEP tool to ensure that evidence-based practice benefits the entire continuum of juvenile justice interventions.

<u>Moderator</u>: *Shay Bilchik*, Director and Research Professor, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University

James C. (Buddy) Howell, Criminologist, The Comprehensive Strategy Group

Mark W. Lipsey, Director, Peabody Research Institute and Research Professor, Vanderbilt University

10:15am - 10:30am

BREAK

10:30am - 12:00pm

CHALLENGES TO ADOPTING EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES

Panelists will discuss the continuum needed to have an effective juvenile justice system and stress the importance of effective interventions at all stages of system involvement. Panelists will also present what it means to transform a juvenile justice system to work in an evidence-based way at a systemic level, not merely at a programmatic level.

<u>Moderator</u>: *Mark W. Lipsey*, Director, Peabody Research Institute and Research Professor, Vanderbilt University

Tim Decker, Director, Missouri Division of Youth Services

Dan Pompa, Court Administrator, Lucas County Juvenile Court

Beth Ann Rosica, Vice President, Business Development, VisionQuest National Ltd. and Secretary of the Board of Directors, Advancing Evidence Based Practice

12:00pm - 1:00pm

LUNCH

1:00pm – 3:00pm EXPERIENCES FROM INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION SITES

This panel will show participants how the SPEP has been implemented and tested and how lessons learned have strengthened it. Panelists will discuss what initially interested them in the SPEP, their experience implementing it, the outcomes or changes that resulted from implementation and the lessons learned for sustainability.

Moderator: Marion R. Kelly, Managing Partner, CSG

Arizona

Rob Lubitz, former Director of Juvenile Justice Services, Administrative Office of the Courts, Arizona Supreme Court

Jeanne K. Brandner, Program Manager, Juvenile Justice Services Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, Arizona Supreme Court

North Carolina

Susan Terrell Whitten, former State Administrator, Community Programs, North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Nancy Hodges, Eastern Area Consultant, North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

<u>Tennessee</u>

Steven C. Hornsby, Deputy Commissioner for Juvenile Justice, TN Department of Children's Services

Randal M. Lea, Assistant Commissioner of Emerging Best Practices, TN Department of Children's Services

3:00pm - 3:15pm

BREAK

3:15pm – 4:45pm

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This panel will build upon the prior sessions by exploring the policies and system changes that need to be supported to adopt such an approach to evidence-based practice and sustain it over time. The topics covered will include the allocation of funds, the role of advocacy groups and the importance of judicial, legislative and executive leadership.

<u>Moderator</u>: *Shay Bilchik*, Director and Research Professor, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University

Brandy Bynum, Director of Policy and Outreach, Action for Children North Carolina

Elizabeth Glazer, Chair, New York State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

The Honorable Jerrauld C. Jones, Judge, Norfolk Circuit Court, 4th Judicial Circuit of Virginia

Supervisor Ron Roberts, San Diego County Board of Supervisors—Fourth District

4:45pm - 5:00pm

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

5:00pm

ADJOURN

BIOGRAPHIES

Presenters and Authors

Shay Bilchik

(Presenter)

Shay Bilchik is the founder and Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute. The Center's purpose is to focus the nation's public agency leaders, across systems of care and levels of government, on the key components of a strong juvenile justice reform agenda. This work is carried out through the dissemination of papers on key topics, the sponsorship of symposia, and Certificate Programs at Georgetown providing public and private agency leaders with short, but intensive periods of study, and ongoing support in their reform efforts. Prior to joining the Institute in 2007, Mr. Bilchik was the President and CEO of the Child Welfare League of America, a position he held from February of 2000. Shay led CWLA in its advocacy on behalf of children through his public speaking, testimony and published articles, as well as collaborative work with other organizations. Prior to his tenure at CWLA, Shay headed up the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in the U.S. Department of Justice, where he advocated for and supported a balanced and multi-systems approach to attacking juvenile crime and addressing child victimization. Before coming to the nation's capital, Mr. Bilchik was an Assistant State Attorney in Miami, Florida from 1977-1993, where he served as a trial lawyer, juvenile division chief, and Chief Assistant State Attorney. Mr. Bilchik earned his B.S. and J.D. degrees from the University of Florida. He and his wife Susan are the proud parents of two young adults, Melissa and Zach.

Ieanne K. Brandner

(Presenter)

Raised in Nebraska, Jeanne K. Brandner is a graduate of Wayne State College and Bellevue University where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Human Services, respectively. She has been employed with the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) in the Juvenile Justice Services Division (JJSD) for approximately six years, advancing through a series of progressively responsible roles. During this time, Ms. Brandner had an opportunity to work in the Treatment Services Unit assisting with the facilitation and management of procurement processes for the administration of treatment services statewide for the juvenile probation departments and treatment providers. In the Information and Research Unit, she served as the primary staff in the launch and implementation of the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP). The SPEP is an evaluation of contracted service providers in regards to how effectively their programs are reducing juvenile recidivism. Responsibilities of this position also included the provision of education and technical assistance for juvenile justice jurisdictions across the state surrounding evidence-based practices for community supervision. In Arizona, Jeanne has, through her work, exemplified the innovative efforts of the JJSD and the State of Arizona in moving juvenile justice forward by co-authoring an article highlighting the SPEP. The American Probation and Parole Association published "Ensuring Quality Juvenile Offender Programs," in its Winter 2010 Perspectives Journal. In April of 2010, Jeanne completed the required coursework to obtain a Doctoral Degree in Human Services from Capella University and will be awarded this degree upon successful completion of her dissertation. Most recently, Ms. Brandner was promoted to work as part of IISD's management team to afford service and assistance to juvenile probation departments across the state of Arizona by providing on-site program and budget assistance, facilitating operational effectiveness and efficiency, and enhancing court relations with community and local governments. Additional responsibilities of this position also include fiscal authority over designated state-funded programs.

Brandy Bynum

(Presenter)

Brandy Bynum joined Action for Children North Carolina in June 2002, where she currently serves as the Director of Policy and Outreach. Brandy conducts research and analysis of public policy issues on a variety of topics, with a primary focus on juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. She is also responsible for building and mobilizing local support in key areas across the state to raise awareness about issues affecting children. Prior to joining Action for Children, she worked in the public policy arena for various nonprofits, including the North Carolina Center for Nonprofits where she assisted in the production of a bimonthly newsletter and monitored sources related to public policy issues for the nonprofit sector. She also worked at the Mental Health Association of Greensboro where she planned and organized discussions and actions on mental health reform. As a young leader in the child advocacy community, Brandy serves on numerous boards, including NC Women United, NC Juvenile Services Association, Covenant with North Carolina's Children, NC Dropout Prevention Committee and others. Brandy graduated cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, receiving a BA in Psychology with a minor in Sociology. She completed her master's degree in public administration (MPA) from North Carolina State University, with a concentration in mental health policy.

Darin Carver

(Author)

Darin Carver, M.S.W., has worked extensively over the past 20 years as a therapist, program developer, and consultant. His primary focus has been working with delinquent and substance-abusing teens. He is currently the Program Administrator of several highly recognized juvenile justice treatment programs within the State of Utah. Darin has been actively involved in the development and implementation of evidence-based practices with many private and public entities as well as institutions of higher learning. His work has been recognized nationally by the American Probation and Parole Association, the Coalition of Juvenile Justice, and SAMHSA. He has published professional articles on juvenile justice, mental health, and substance abuse related topics. Darin graduated with his master's degree in Clinical Social Work from the University of Utah in 1991.

Gabrielle Lynn Chapman

(Author)

Gabrielle Chapman is a Research Associate at the Peabody Research Institute at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Chapman received her Ph.D. in Sociology at Vanderbilt, specializing in crime and deviance. Dr. Chapman's expertise has a broad base that includes experience working for and with all levels of criminal and juvenile justice entities, legislatures, private industry and academia. Gabrielle has program evaluation experience specializing in adult corrections and juvenile detention populations. Gabrielle's current work at Vanderbilt University's Peabody Research Institute focuses on juvenile justice and delinquency intervention and implementing the Standard Program Evaluation Protocol. Before her Vanderbilt appointment, Dr. Chapman built and directed a research department for a private correctional system and served as the Director of Policy, Planning, and Research for the Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC). Prior to TDOC, Dr. Chapman's experience included the design, management, and impact analysis of the Career Criminal Statutes in Florida, research and consulting with crime victims' assistance groups and other justice related non-profits. As a result of these experiences, she has developed an extensive background in both academic and applied criminology and criminal justice. She possesses expertise in working with local governments, state legislatures, government agencies, as well as grant funding agencies. She has also published and presented numerous papers on criminal justice and rehabilitation for academic and non-academic audiences.

Tim Decker

(Presenter)

Tim Decker was appointed Director of the Missouri Division of Youth Services in January 2007, and served for the past 26 years in a variety of leadership positions within the Missouri Department of Social Services and non-profit sector. Director Decker previously served as an administrator with the Missouri Division of Youth Services from 1984 – 1993 as part of a major system transformation focused on more humane, therapeutic, developmental, and effective approaches to juvenile justice. His community-based and statewide system change experience includes work with the Greater Kansas City Local Investment Commission (LINC), one of Missouri's innovative public/private partnerships, and the Missouri Family and Community Trust (FACT) statewide system change initiative. He served as a certified national trainer with Families and Schools Together (FAST) from 1999 - 2007, a model prevention program recognized by OJJDP and the SAMHSA National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices; and was a 2007 Graduate of the Institute for Education Leadership (IEL) Education Policy Fellowship Program.

Elizabeth Glazer

(Presenter)

Elizabeth Glazer is the Chair of the New York State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group. Ms. Glazer has held a number of senior positions at both the federal and local levels, implementing crime control and prevention strategies, most recently as Special Counsel to the New York State Attorney General. She previously served in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, successively as the Chief of Organized Crime, Violent Gangs and Crime Control Strategies sections. Subsequently, she was the First Deputy Commissioner in New York City's Department of Investigation, the city agency charged with investigating corruption and fraud. She then served as First Deputy District Attorney in Westchester County where she was responsible for developing and executing strategies to reduce the county's crime rate, including the creation of the county's first crime analysis center that connected the area's 43 police jurisdictions. She has written about her work in the *New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Public Interest* and *The Boston Review*, among other publications. *The American Lawyer* named her as one of 45 top public interest lawyers. Ms. Glazer is a graduate of Harvard University and Columbia Law School. She clerked for the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, then-United States Court of Appeal Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Nancy Hodges

(Presenter)

Nancy Hodges began working with delinquent and at-risk juveniles in 1986. She worked as a cottage supervisor in a group home for teenage boys and girls in central North Carolina and then went on to become the Executive Director of a small non-profit shelter for juveniles in eastern North Carolina in 1989. She continued there until 1998 when she started with the Division of Youth Services, soon to be the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, where she is still employed as a consultant for juvenile justice programming and systems improvement in eastern North Carolina. Ms. Hodges has had the privilege of working in all 32 eastern counties in North Carolina at some point during the past 13 years. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Education from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina and has two sons and one grandson; all residing in eastern North Carolina.

Steven C. Hornsby

(Presenter)

Steve Hornsby is the Deputy Commissioner for Juvenile Justice at the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. He was appointed on April 1, 2005 and began a system-wide reform effort. Major initiatives include: implementation of the Evidence-Based Practices Act, a statutory mandate requiring the use of evidence-based practices for juvenile justice programs and practices; Aggression Replacement Training in all state operated facilities; usage of a criminogenic risk assessment (YLS/CMI) for placement and case planning; a restorative justice pilot project; substantial reduction in pre-placement detention usage; gender-specific programming for all female programs; and, full accreditation and standardized operations in all facilities. Prior to joining DCS, he served for 13 years as general sessions and juvenile court judge for Hardeman County, Tennessee. Having served five years on the executive committee of the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, in 2004 he received the McCain-Abernathy Memorial Award for his service to the children of Tennessee. He has served on numerous state, local and national organizations in leadership positions and has taught on various topics for the legal, judicial and youth service communities. He obtained his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Memphis. He is the father of two adult children, and has a handsome six-year-old grandson. He is a resident of Nashville.

James C. (Buddy) Howell

(Presenter and Author)

James C. (Buddy) Howell, Ph.D., worked at the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), in the U.S. Department of Justice for 21 years, mostly as Director of Research and Program Development. He currently is a Senior Research Associate with the National Gang Center in Tallahassee, FL and a Criminologist, residing in North Carolina. While employed at OJJDP, Buddy co-authored with John Wilson the OJJDP "Comprehensive Strategy for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders," which has been implemented in a number of states and cities. Buddy has authored or co-authored more than 30 publications on juvenile justice, including four books, and his most recent one is titled Preventing and Reducing Juvenile Delinquency: A Comprehensive Framework (2009, Sage Publications). He actively assists state and local agencies in evaluating and improving their juvenile justice systems using the Comprehensive Strategy framework, basic research, and evidence-based program services.

The Honorable Jerrauld C. Jones

(Presenter)

When he was sworn in on June 3, 2005 as a Judge of the Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Jerrauld Corey Jones became one of the few persons in Virginia history to hold office in each branch of government. In 2007, he became the Court's Chief Judge. On October 7, 2008, Governor Timothy M. Kaine elevated him by appointment to the Norfolk Circuit Court. His appointment was confirmed by the Virginia General Assembly on January 22, 2009. Previously, on July 1, 2002, Governor Mark R. Warner appointed him to be the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice for the Commonwealth of Virginia. As head of the youth authority, Director Jones was responsible for the incarceration, rehabilitation, and transitional reentry of juvenile offenders in the state. During his tenure, he became nationally recognized as a leader in the movement for juvenile detention reform and the elimination of disproportionate minority confinement. Prior to his gubernatorial appointment, Jones was eight times elected as a Delegate to the Virginia General Assembly where he served for over fifteen years. While in the state legislature, he served on the Finance, Rules and Judiciary Committees, and he chaired Virginia's Commission on Youth. He enacted many positive and progressive changes within the systems of criminal and civil justice and the Commonwealth of Virginia at large. In addition, Delegate Jones was the long time Chair of the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus. After graduating with honors from Princeton University and the School of Law at Washington and Lee University, he began his legal career as the first African-American to serve as a law clerk for the Justices of the Supreme Court of Virginia. Following his clerkship, he prosecuted for two years as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Norfolk, Virginia. For 25 years he was a member of the Virginia State Bar and numerous

other professional, political, and civic organizations. During his practice of law, he established a reputation as a zealous trial lawyer who handled many challenging and high profile cases. He has received numerous honors, awards, and citations for his contributions to law and public service. His affiliations include the Board of Directors of the non-profit AMIKids, Inc., and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. He is listed in Who's Who in American Politics and Who's Who in America. He has served as a consultant to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, and the Vera Institute of Justice. Since his judicial appointment, Judge Jones has been elected to the Board of Governors of the American Judges Association and the Commission on Accreditation of the American Correctional Association. A renowned public speaker, he has served on the faculty of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the National Juvenile Defender Center, and numerous continuing legal education programs. He is a frequent speaker at schools, colleges, and universities. He has testified before Congress and President Clinton appointed him to be a delegate to the White House Conference on Youth Violence. Virginia's Chief Justice appointed him to serve on several Supreme Court advisory committees. The Governor appointed him to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (ACJJ) and selected him to represent Virginia on the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJ) advising the Congress and President of the United States of America. A jazz music enthusiast, Judge Jones is married to attorney Lyn M. Simmons, a veteran Norfolk prosecutor. They have one son, Jay, a recent college graduate who lives and works in New York.

Marion R. Kelly

(Presenter and Author)

Marion Kelly is managing partner of CSG, a juvenile justice and child welfare consulting group, and is a senior consultant with the Langhorne Group. Previously, she was Director of the Professional Development and Leadership Division for the South Carolina Department of Social Services. She was founder and director of the Child Welfare Professional Development Academy School of Social Work at Norfolk State University, a program that specialized in competency improvement of mid-career human services personnel. Marion served in Virginia State Government for more than 15 years, first as the state's Juvenile Justice Program Manager and more recently in the Virginia Department of Social Services. She has held faculty positions at four different universities: The University of Texas in El Paso, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Tech and Norfolk State University. She served two terms as Chairperson on the Juvenile Justice Specialist Association. She is currently on the Board of Prevent Child Abuse Virginia.

Randal M. Lea

(Presenter)

Mr. Lea was appointed in March 2003 as Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Children's Services for resources and community development. In November 2007, he was appointed by Commissioner Miller as Assistant Commissioner of Emerging Best Practices, transferring to the Division of Juvenile Justice in September 2009. He has a master's degree in counseling from Trevecca Nazarene University and a master's in psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute. Mr. Lea has been recognized in 2008 by the Praed Foundation for leading the first statewide deployment of the CANS assessment instrument in a child welfare setting throughout Tennessee and in 2010 by Tennessee Voices for Children with the Lifetime Achievement – Friend of Children award for work developing systems of care. Prior to work with DCS, Randal Lea spent 15 years managing public and private social services agencies and working with adolescents and families. Mr. Lea is a licensed addictions counselor, and is a Past Board President of the Tennessee Association for Children and Families (TACF) and Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Tennessee Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors.

Mark W. Lipsey

(Presenter and Author)

Dr. Mark W. Lipsey is Director of the Peabody Research Institute and a Research Professor at Vanderbilt University. His research activities include meta-analysis of longitudinal studies that identify predictive risk factors for adverse outcomes among children and youth; meta-analysis of prevention and intervention studies for those adverse outcomes; evaluation of social and educational programs for at-risk children; application of research findings to improve program practice; and methodological quality in program evaluation research. This research has been funded by major federal agencies and private foundations and has been recognized with awards from, among others, the Campbell Collaboration, the Society for Prevention Research, the American Evaluation Association, and the American Probation and Parole Association. Over the last 25 years, Professor Lipsey has built an extensive database of studies of interventions with juvenile offenders that has been analyzed to identify the characteristics of the most effective interventions and the juveniles for whom they work best. The results have been published in peer reviewed journals, widely cited, and used to assist several state juvenile justice systems improve their evidence-based programming.

Rob Lubitz

(Presenter)

Rob Lubitz is the retired Director of Juvenile Justice Services for the Arizona Supreme Court (Administrative Office of the Courts). He previously served as the State Court Administrator for the Florida Supreme Court; Deputy Director of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts; Director of the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission; Director of the North Carolina Sentencing & Policy Advisory Commission; Associate Director of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing; and Deputy Administrator for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention with the U.S. Justice Department. Mr. Lubitz currently sits as a gubernatorial appointee on the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission and chairs the Commission's Legislative Committee.

Edward Montgomery

(Presenter)

Edward Montgomery is the Dean of the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. Dean Montgomery comes to Georgetown from having served on President Obama's Auto Task Force and as the Executive Director of White House Council for Auto Communities and Workers. Before his 2009 appointment by President Obama, he was Dean of the University of Maryland's College of Behavioral and Social Sciences from 2003–2009, where he also served as a Professor of Economics since 1992. As Dean of the University of Maryland's largest college, he focused on building their social science research program, which has ranked 10th in faculty productivity; broadening the undergraduate experience; and expanding diversity. Dean Montgomery has previously served as Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer at the U.S. Department of Labor in the Clinton Administration and held faculty appointments at Michigan State and Carnegie Mellon Universities. He holds a B.S. (Honors) in Economics from Pennsylvania State University, and an A.M. and Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University.

Dan Pompa

(Presenter)

Mr. Pompa has been with the Lucas County Juvenile Court for 36 years, serving as Court Administrator for last 23 years. He is responsible for all functions of the Court including probation services, a 44 bed treatment center for felony offenders, and a 125 bed detention center. He oversees an operation of over 200 staff and an annual caseload exceeding 10,000 cases. He has been certified as a Professional Juvenile Administrator by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National Juvenile Court Services Association. Mr. Pompa has served two terms as president of the National Juvenile Court Services Association, has served two terms as president of the Ohio Urban Juvenile Court Administrators Association, was co-chair for the Lucas County Comprehensive Strategy for Violent and Chronic Juvenile Offenders, is chair of the Lucas County Disproportionate Minority Contact project, is chair of the Data Evaluation Network for the Lucas County Family Council, has served on the training and technical assistance board of the American Correctional Association, has participated and presented at the Contributors to the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, has contributed to the Desk Top Guide for Good Juvenile Probation Practice, has served as a faculty member at a number of national and regional conferences on a variety of subjects, has served on numerous study groups and committees for the Ohio Department of Youth Services, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the National Center for Juvenile Justice, and the Ohio Supreme Court. In 1996, Mr. Pompa was selected as the Outstanding Court Administrator by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. In 2004, he was given the Founders Award by the board of the National Juvenile Court Services Association. Currently, he is conducting an extensive study of offending patterns of over 5,000 youth who were involved in the Lucas County juvenile court system.

Supervisor Ron Roberts

(Presenter)

After a 20 year career, Ron Roberts left his managing partner's position at a large architecture firm to successfully pursue a seat on the San Diego City Council. Two terms later he was elected to the County Board of Supervisors where he represents nearly 640,000 residents in the very diverse – 30-plus languages – Fourth District. While Ron's commitment to fiscal discipline helped him turn around a teetering government, his heart has always been with the less fortunate, especially at-risk youth. In 1997, he helped launch the groundbreaking Critical Hours after-school program to keep middle school students on track and off the streets. Recognizing the vulnerability of youth in certain working-class communities, Ron was a key backer of STAR/PAL, which brings uniformed law enforcement officials together with community organizers to provide free services to more than 10,000 youth annually. Perhaps Ron's most nationally-noted effort was the creation of the Comprehensive Strategy for Juvenile Offenders. A federal pilot program, it was envisioned and continues today as a region-wide partnership to develop healthy, responsible youth through a continuum of services including juvenile prevention and intervention programs as well as

appropriate sanctions. Separately, Ron played a leading role in the creation of the San Pasqual Academy, a one-of-a-kind residential education campus exclusively for foster teens.

Laurie Robinson

(Presenter)

Laurie O. Robinson was sworn in as Assistant Attorney General on November 9, 2009. Ms. Robinson previously served as Assistant Attorney General at the Office of Justice Programs from 1993 to February 2000. During that time, she oversaw the largest increase in federal spending on criminal justice research in the nation's history, and under her leadership the annual appropriations for OJP grew substantially - from \$800 million in 1993 to over \$4 billion in 2000. At the same time, she also spearheaded initiatives in areas ranging from comprehensive community-based crime control to violence against women, law enforcement technology, drug abuse and corrections. Ms. Robinson served as Acting Assistant Attorney General and Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General of OJP from January 2009 until nominated by President Obama in September 2009. Since returning to the Department of Justice, she has overseen the implementation of the \$2.7 billion in programs for which Congress assigned responsibility to OJP under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; launched a new agency-wide Evidence Integration Initiative to help ensure science-based approaches in OJP-funded programs; and held a series of "listening sessions" with state and local constituents to learn what OJP can do to better serve the field. From 2004 until January 2009, Ms. Robinson served as director of the Master of Science Program in the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Criminology. Between 2001 and January 2009, she also served as a Distinguished Senior Scholar in the University's Jerry Lee Center of Criminology and as Executive Director of its Forum on Crime & Justice. Prior to joining the Department of Justice in 1993, Ms. Robinson was the director of the American Bar Association's Section of Criminal Justice for 14 years, where she founded the ABA's Juvenile Justice Center. Ms. Robinson has served on a number of national boards relating to the justice system (including the Board of Trustees of the Vera Institute of Justice (which she chaired), the Board of Directors of the Police Foundation, and the Advisory Board for the George Mason University Administration of Justice Program), has published numerous articles in criminal justice and legal periodicals, and has spoken at hundreds of criminal justice-related conferences and forums. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Brown University and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Beth Ann Rosica

(Presenter)

Beth Ann Rosica, Ph.D., is the Vice President of Business Development for VisionQuest National Ltd. (www.vq.com), a nationwide provider of evidence-based services to at-risk youth. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Advancing Evidence Based Practice (www.advancingebp.org), an association of providers, model developers, researchers, and public agencies committed to promote the development, adoption, and effective implementation of evidence-based programs for at-risk youth and families. Dr. Rosica has worked in the provider community for almost 20 years serving youth in the juvenile justice, child welfare, and behavioral health systems. She has assisted her agency in embracing evidence-based practices and has been responsible for selecting and implementing several evidence-based models. Dr. Rosica implements evidence-based programs that are funded by Medicaid and has collaborated with states and agencies to explore Medicaid funding for these services.

Susan Terrell Whitten

(Presenter)

Susan T. Whitten, retired State Administrator for Community Programs for the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, has worked for the welfare of juveniles in North Carolina for more than 30 years. As State Administrator, her responsibilities included the management of the statewide Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Operation, the Community Initiatives Programs, Community Commitment Programming and Comprehensive Gang Violence Prevention Projects. Under Whitten's management, North Carolina JCPC programs have been evaluated using a Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) developed by Mark Lipsey, PhD, and James C. (Buddy) Howell, Ph.D. Most recently during 2009-10, Whitten worked as the Interim Chief Professional Officer for the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central North Carolina. Susan Whitten was appointed by then Governor Jim Hunt in 1998 as an advisor to the Governor's Commission on Juvenile Crime and Delinquency Prevention, which made recommendations that led to the North Carolina Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 1998. She has presented on effective programs using the SPEP at the National Conference on Juvenile Justice, the American Probation and Parole Association Annual Training Institute and the Annual Juvenile Probation and Justice Management Conference. She earned a BA degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

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