



MACPOST

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS

Welcome **TODD EUSTICE!**
2012-13 MACPO PRESIDENT



FALL 2012

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your MACPO President. I have a tough act to follow, as Evonn Westcott provided great leadership and organization for our MACPO Board and members. I have also had the privilege for the past year, as President-Elect, to work with a very talented and dedicated MACPO Board. I am looking forward to this coming year and all the challenges that we will see as the Board.

MACPO again is making plans to provide more exceptional and quality training that is supported by Evidence Based Practice. These trainings, as in the past, should hopefully be free or at a reduced fee to all MACPO members. For example, and as a reminder, we should have a regional training sometime this Fall on the topics of collateral consequences and testifying. Also, the support staff conference is scheduled for November 9 at St. Cloud.

One of our goals this year at MACPO is to increase our membership. We want to encourage and welcome all probation officers and supervisors of all three delivery systems in Minnesota, to become members. We need to keep our current members and recruit new members.

For more information about MACPO, please visit our website, or contact one of our officers or representatives.

Mission

Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers is dedicated to promoting quality correctional practices through professional growth, leadership, education, communication and support.

Vision

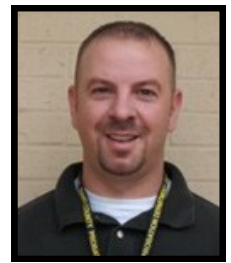
Providing a voice for the probation profession and leading the promotion of sound correctional policy toward the principles of evidence based practices, restorative justice, community involvement, public protection, victim restoration, offender accountability and competency development.

Training & Education Committee

Thank you to all who attended MACPO's 55th Annual Spring Conference at Breezy Point Resort. Attendance at this year's conference was up slightly from last year. We would like to thank all of our vendors for providing the hospitality for the conference. Most of our conference attendees took advantage of the reduced rate offered on Tuesday evening. We are hopeful to be able to offer that again to our members in 2013. We will have more details on the MACPO website when they are available. Based on the feedback the Training and Education Committee received, the conference was a success. Our members were very appreciative of Breezy Point being so accommodating and allowing us to move our Wednesday evening festivities inside due to the weather conditions. We are already beginning to plan for the 2013- 56th Annual Spring Conference. The conference will be held on May 22rd- 23rd at Breezy Point Resort. If you have any speaker or training ideas, please notify Jason, Debbie, or anyone on the Training and Education Committee.

The 11th Annual Support Staff Conference will be held on November 9th- 2012, at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud. An e-mail with speaker and registration information should be coming soon. This year we will once again be opening up the conference to support staff from other departments, please feel free to pass the information on to other support staff in your county. Please continue to check the MACPO website for more information.

Finally, the Training and Education Committee would like to thank Evonn Westcott for her leadership this past year and welcome Todd Eustice as MACPO President.



Jason Vande Kamp

Isanti County Probation



Debbie Lawrence

Isanti County Probation



Rachel Miller

Isanti County Probation



Randy Baker

Brown County Probation

Membership Committee

Hello all MACPO members and MACPOST readers! We on the Membership Committee are happy it's summer and vacations reign!

To say the Spring Conference was a success would be an understatement. We heard all good things and we'd like to thank the Training and Education Committee for all their hard work on putting together a great conference. Our membership numbers jumped as always, and we've got the largest student member base we've had in all my (7) years of MACPO. We attribute this to our push to participate in many job/college fairs over the last year, and we will continue that focus in the upcoming school year. Thanks to all members for your continued support, and remember to spread the word about our fantastic organization.

If you are a CPO probation officer, please remember that we rely on your continued support to keep our organization thriving. Membership for MACPO is a mere \$35 a year. If you did not attend the Spring Conference and wish to renew, visit www.macpo.net.

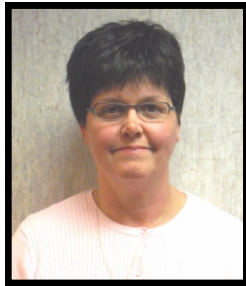
I'd like to extend a HUGE "thank-you" to the Membership Committee for all the work they do. Randy Baker, my co-chair for the last 2 years, has stepped down from his position this year and will be missed. I'm on my own now--uh oh! I know the continued support of the Membership Committee members will get us through just fine as we work over the next year to increase membership numbers and get the word out there about how fantastic MACPO really is.

If you'd like to join the Membership Committee, please contact me at rachel.miller@co.isanti.mn.us. We're always open to new people and new ideas on how to continue membership support.

Communications Committee



Christopher Maas
Sherburne County Probation



Tammy Thompson
Meeker County
Court Services

Welcome to the Summer MACPOST! We continue to try to share some upcoming trainings and articles we come across to keep you informed. If anyone has an idea or wants to submit something for the MACPOST, please forward it to me or call us at (320)693-5260. We welcome your input!

Legislative Committee



Bruce Hagstrom
Chisago County
Court Services



Margaret Munson
Wright County
Court Services

Happy Summer from MACPO's Legislative Committee,

Since the end of the session Sherry has been letting us know what happened during the session. Many of you may have heard our Legislative Update at the Awards Dinner at the conference, but not a whole lot happened in the areas that concern us. I can e-mail a copy of Sherry's report on what passed & what didn't. Just e-mail me a request & I will reply as soon as I can.

Remember that all 201 seats in both the House & Senate are up for election this fall, so there will be a lot of campaigning going on all over the state. Take the time to talk to the candidates about: Probation, and the impact of cuts in probation funding. There is no doubt that there are going to be some fledgling Senators and Representatives when they convene next year, and most of them aren't going to know much, if anything, about probation or corrections. Offer to be a resource for them when they go to St Paul next winter.

The 2013 session is supposed to be a Budget session for the 2014/15 Biennium. There are rumors that tax receipts are doing better than projected, so the deficit may not be as bad as anticipated, \$1 billion instead of \$1.8 billion. Regardless we plan on pressing for increased funding for probation.

The Committee plans on meeting again in August. We typically meet at 12:30 on the first Thursday of the month, at the DOC Central Offices. We will be starting the process of deciding our priorities for our initiatives for the next session. Anyone interested in being a part of our committee, or just attending is certainly welcome.

2012 AWARD WINNERS

2012 MACPO AWARD WINNER

AL REKER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNER

Curtis Johnson and Dennis Larson, "The Wheaton Warriors"

The Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO) was proud to present its prestigious Al Reker Distinguished Service Award to Curtis Johnson and Dennis Larson at the 55th Annual Conference on May 24th, 2012. The Al Reker award is bestowed to a member annually to recognize contributions made by an individual over a sustained period of time in the field of probation. Further, this award is to acknowledge exemplary contributions and dedication to the profession of probation/parole.



Curtis Johnson graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN in 1970. He started his career as a Probation Officer in Fargo, ND. He was hired in Wheaton, MN on December 1, 1970 as County Probation Officer for Big Stone, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin counties. He was the only agent in the five counties until March 1971. Today, Curtis is the Court Services Director for these five counties. Curtis is married to his wife of 40 years, Lynette. They have two children and six grandchildren.

Dennis Larson graduated from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN in 1969. He went to work as a high school teacher until March 1971. He then was hired as the second County Probation Officer for the counties of Big Stone, Grant, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin. Dennis stayed in correction until his retirement in January 2012. Dennis is married to his wife of 42 years, Pat. They have two children and three grandchildren.

Mike Stoltman, Department of Corrections. "What is professional achievement? There are different ways to define it, but a wonderful barometer of professional achievement is maintaining and serving five counties in West Central Minnesota for over 40 years has that distinction. Through many changes in administrations, Judges, Sheriffs Offices, politics and demographics, a staple combination of Court Services has faced all these, and despite the changing times, Curt and Dennis have kept the basic concept of probation strong and effective. Dennis and Curt have served the communities of those counties in a high level, with continual local and state satisfaction. How many young offenders were helped by their guidance and care? How many school administrators, police and courts were given counsel and advice on how to handle many difficult issues dealing with safety, community, and families? The answer is countless, and it was consistent for over 40 years."

Desta Lutzwick, Otter Tail County. "A definite problem in being a "Greater Minnesota" agent is the amount, territory you could be assigned to cover. Big Stone, Grant, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin had two agents that are assigned to monitor all adult gross misdemeanor, misdemeanor, and juvenile offenders. This means they have had to figure out how to cover court hearings in five counties, appease five different county boards, and get to offenders who are the true meaning of the word "rural". Not only have Curt and Dennis worked together their entire careers but they are good friends. They have an obvious respect for each other and are affectionately called the "Warriors" from their peers. If you look at professional achievement, I can't think of two other people in corrections that are still providing direct probation supervision for offenders after all these many years. They have quietly done their job and have been a pleasure to work with. Warriors...they have ruled!!"

Richard Crawford, Department of Corrections. "I have known Curt and Dennis (known to many of us as the "Wheaton Warriors" throughout the entirety of my career in corrections. During this time, I have always considered them to be consummate community corrections professionals. Together they have been the backbone of providing outstanding supervision services to thousands of juvenile and adult offenders in west central Minnesota. As professionals, they are content to go about their duties without expecting outside recognition. Instead, they are satisfied within themselves that what they are doing is making an important contribution to society. Philosophically, Dennis and Curt are bonded by a common belief of holding clients responsible for their conduct, while at the same time rewarding, respecting, and promoting their efforts to make pro-social changes.

I could go on about the merits of recognizing Dennis and Curt for their enormous contributions to corrections in Minnesota. But perhaps the greatest tribute I can pay them is to state that if any of my children or family members had ever needed a probation agent, I would have been highly satisfied if the agent selected to work with them possessed the same outstanding characteristics and values Curt and Dennis have modeled throughout their careers."

2012 MACPO AWARD WINNER
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD WINNER
Bobbie Shafer, Supervisor, Sherburne County Probation

The Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO) presented the Outstanding Performance Award to Bobbie Shafer, Supervisor with the Sherburne County Probation Department at the 55th Annual Conference on May 24th, 2012. This award is given to recognize an individual who has demonstrated professionalism and leadership within their county or in the field of probation. The award winner may have implemented a new corrections program, worked in the community to bring new corrections related services to clients or simply is an incredibly hard-working individual who merits recognition.

The Outstanding Performance Award nomination was submitted by J. Hancuch, Director of the Sherburne County Probation Department.

Bobbie is an exemplary supervisor and currently supervises two units in the Sherburne County Probation Department, both the Court and Juvenile Units. Bobbie demonstrates strong leadership skills and has the ability to positively motivate, supervise and discipline staff when necessary. Bobbie is a role model and works well with all Probation Department staff.



During 2011 the Probation Department was without both the Adult Unit and Support Unit Supervisors for a significant amount of time. As a result Bobbie took on additional tasks to ensure the effective functioning

of the department, including supervision of additional staff and all the related issues.

Bobbie continually researches state and federal laws and during 2011 she developed several additional policy and procedures including updating our department's Data Practices policy which is also utilized by numerous agencies across the state. Bobbie represents our department on the county OHP screening team and works closely with Health & Human Services to monitor and approve billing/payments made to vendors. Over the past three years, Bobbie's oversight of our juvenile out of home placements (OHP) has resulted in significant reductions in both placements and cost. In 2011 our Department's OHP budget was reduced by over \$500,000 and we have experienced an over savings of over \$1,500,000 over the past 3 years.

Bobbie coordinates and represents the department on numerous committees, including the Sherburne County Safe Schools, she organized and Chairs' the Metro Juvenile Supervisor Committee. Bobbie is well respected throughout the Minnesota Corrections Community; she is strong, confident and not afraid to express her opinion. Bobbie is respected by all department staff and manages both of her units exceptionally well.

In all areas Bobbie exemplifies the term "Outstanding Performance" and without reservation I absolutely, positively and unequivocally nominate Bobbie Shafer for

Congratulations Award Winners!



Nicole Kalow, a Junior from MSU - Mankato, as the recipient for the \$750 Memorial Scholarship Award this year.



**Change will not
come if we wait for
some other person, or
some other time...
We are the ones
we've been waiting
for! We are the
change that we seek.**



2012 MACPO AWARD WINNER

EXCELLENCE IN CORRECTIONS AWARD

***Tracy Bachman and Kelley Lang
Mower County Truancy Program***

The Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO) presented the Excellence in Corrections Award to Tracy Bachman and Kelley Lang and the Mower County Truancy Program at the 55th Annual Conference on May 24th, 2012. This award is given to recognize a corrections program which has demonstrated outstanding leadership and development in the field of probation.

The Excellence in Corrections Award nomination was submitted by Steve King, Director of Mower County Correctional Services.

I wish to take this opportunity to nominate the Mower County Truancy Program and our hard working, dedicated Truancy Counselors Kelley Lang and Tracy Bachman for the Excellence in Corrections Award.

Mower County has had a Truancy Prevention Program since 1999 and Tracy and Kelley have been actively serving in this capacity since 2002 and 2006 respectively. The truancy program is highly regarded in the Austin community and by school personnel. The level of credibility that this program has garnered rests solely on the relationships these two have built, fostered and maintained between Mower County Corrections and the local school systems. Tracy and Kelley are well known and respected within the schools and they are often invited to serve on school committees, participate as event chaperones and are active in on-going weekly team meetings. This level of participation, cooperation and responsivity has been instrumental in the school districts continued financial support of the Mower County Truancy Program. The schools are not alone in showing appreciation for this program. Local law enforcement and the Mower County Attorney's Office have come to know Tracy and Kelley as extremely competent corrections professionals. It has become common, almost nauseating at the amount of compliments I hear from our professional partners regarding Ms. Lang and Ms. Bachman and the good work they do. Their reputation is rooted in their comprehensive approach to truancy and the effect it has on juvenile offenders and public safety. They understand that in most cases successful intervention includes involvement from far more entities than just the offender, their parents and families. This level of involvement is often frustrating and time consuming but Kelley and Tracy persevere with professionalism and positive attitudes.

It is with humility and respect for the MACPO organization and the history of these awards that I ask that the Mower County Truancy Program and Kelley Lang and Tracy Bachman be honored with the 2012 Excellence in Corrections award.

***Thank you for your
your years of service!***



OUTGOING PRESIDENT RECOGNITION AWARD *Evonn Westcott, Assistant Director, Brown County Probation*

Evonn received a plaque as outgoing president of MACPO for the 2011-2012 year. Evonn worked very hard this past year and did an outstanding job for all of MACPO's members! She will move to the Past President position on the Executive Board and Steve Peterson moves off the E-Board after his 3 years of service on the Board.

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MACPO 2012-2013 ELECTED OFFICERS

Contact MACPO secretary, Jocelyn Worden at jnworde@co.chisago.mn.us for the location and time of MACPO Board meetings.

Executive Board Goals:

- Review the vision statement on an annual basis at the steering committee meeting.
- Use MACPO's APPA Affiliate Membership to send our President (or assigned representative) to the national conference to maintain/promote our presence on a national level, to be reviewed annually.
- Continue to solicit input from MACPO membership regarding nominations for awards: Al Reker, Excellence in Corrections, Outstanding Performance, and Memorial Scholarship, as well as officer-elect positions.

Election of all officers shall be held at the annual meeting. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority at such meeting when a quorum of the voting members in good standing is present at the time of balloting.

Absentee ballots will be accepted or counted in any election and will be distributed by the Secretary at least 21 days in advance of election, ballots to be returned three (3) days before the annual meeting to the Nominating Committee Chair.

The Nominations/Awards Committee shall meet at least 60 days in advance of the annual meeting. The Nominations/Awards Committee shall contact candidates and potential candidates from among the voting membership of the association and shall prepare a list of such candidates and the offices for which they are candidates.

MACPO E-Board's Update

On July 18, 2012 the new MACPO Executive Board met with the outgoing Board Members for a joint meeting. A special thanks to Steve Peterson who is leaving the Past President spot and the Evonn Westcott who finished her term as President and will now move to the Past President position. Welcome to our new President, Todd Eustice, who will lead MACPO through 2013. Also, Deanna Ruffing, from Nicollet County, began as our President Elect for the upcoming year until she takes over as MACPO President next summer!

This was an extended meeting so the Board could discuss plans for the Lobbyist for the next legislative session which is a year where many funding decisions are made. Also, the Board finalized a new (and balanced) budget for the upcoming year.

Thanks to all serving on the Executive Board for their time and energy in overseeing the MACPO organization.

You are invited to attend our 2nd Annual Fall Training Day at MCF-Togo on Thursday, September 13, 2012. This is a **free** training opportunity for your agency, and the invitation is extended to probation officers, corrections agents, support staff, and other community service agencies throughout the State of Minnesota.

By attending this training day, you will have the opportunity to network with colleagues, learn job-related skills, and earn DOC credit for each training offered. We are offering five different trainings. Please choose one for the morning and one for the afternoon session.

There is limited lodging available on site. Please RSVP your training preferences and/or lodging needs to Carla Pocket via the email link in the above right corner. We look forward to hearing from you. Please respond promptly as space is limited.

Special thanks to St. Louis County Probation for helping to plan and facilitate this event.

Training Day Schedule:

8:30-9:00 Coffee and rolls

9:00-12:30 Training sessions (RSVP your selection)

12:30-1:30 Lunch (meal tickets available on site, \$2.50/ea.)

Guest Speaker

1:30-5:00 Training sessions (RSVP your selection)

5:00 - ? Join us for BBQ (provided) and
socializing at Thistledew Campground

RSVP Carla Pocket at:

Carla.Pocket@state.mn.us



11th Annual Support Staff Training

*"Get information to better
yourself at work and at home"*

Friday, November 9th, 2012

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m

Thank You to All the Vendors that Attended the 2012 MACPO Spring Conference!

MACPO Vendors	SINCE
Auburn Lake Academy- Clinic Care	2005
Concordia University-St Paul	2009
Elmore Academy	1998
Gerard Academy	1999
KidsPeace Mesabi Academy	2001
Leo A. Hoffmann Center, Inc.	Since MACPO
Anoka County Juvenile Centers	2006
MCF - Togo Thistledeew Program	1974
MCF - Red Wing	Since MACPO Began- more than 16 years
McLeod Treatment Program, Inc.	1998
MEDTOX Scientifics, Inc	2002
Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	2000
Mille Lacs Academy	1993
North Homes Children and Family Services	2002
Northstar Problem Gambling Alliance	2010
Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	2000
Minnesota Teen Challenge	2011
Project Turnabout	2008
Valley-Lake Boy's Home Inc.	1982
Village Ranch	1995
Volunteers of America / Bar-None Residential Services	1995
Wings	2009
Woodland Hills	1982
Recovery Plus	
Alpha Human Services	1994
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) MN	2012
180 Degrees, Inc	1992
Heartland Recovery Services, Inc.	2012
Watchguard / RSI Laboratories	1995
Smart Start	2009





More Pictures of Vendors at MACPO!

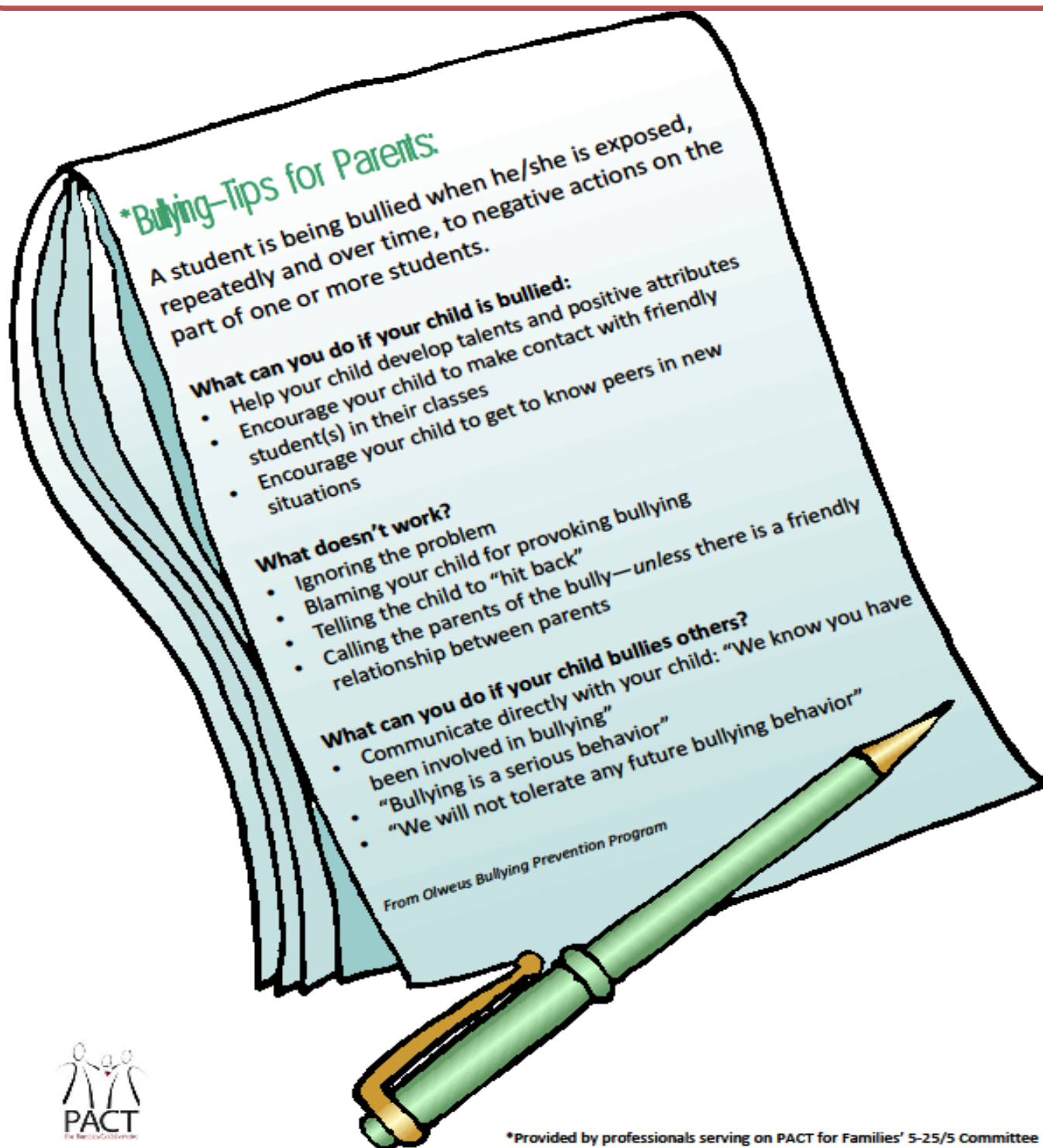
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SAMHSA has re- leased *Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for High Schools*

This toolkit represents the best available evidence and expert opinion on preventing suicide among high school students. It provides schools with recommended steps and accompanying tools to guide them in creating and implementing strategies and programs that prevent teen suicide and promote behavioral health among their students.

Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for High Schools will help schools and their partners: Assess their ability to prevent suicide among students and respond to suicides that may occur. Understand strategies that can help students who are at risk for suicide. Understand how to respond to the suicide of a student or other member of the school community. Identify suicide prevention programs and activities that are effective for the needs of individual schools. Respond to the needs and cultures of each school's students. Integrate suicide prevention into activities that fulfill other aspects of the school's mission such as preventing the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.



*Provided by professionals serving on PACT for Families' 5-25/5 Committee

Discover Corrections Today

Tracy G. Mullins
Deputy Director
American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)

Recruiting and retaining qualified individuals present challenges for community corrections. Among these are: how people seek and keep employment; the salary and benefit differentials between corrections and traditional local law enforcement; the negative image of corrections as portrayed in the popular media; competition to hire public service workers from the military, law enforcement and homeland security; and the demanding nature of the work that we do. In addition, the selection, recruitment, and retention of corrections workers is further influenced by the decreasing number of workers to fill an increasing number of positions being vacated by the current leaders within the corrections system as they retire.

To address these and other workforce development issues in corrections, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) funded a competitive award to the Council of State Governments/American Probation and Parole Association (CSG/APPA) to develop and implement the Discover Corrections website. Due to the wide ranging nature of the corrections field, the planning, development, and implementation of the website was a collaborative effort overseen by core project team of corrections stakeholders including APPA, the American Correctional Association (ACA), American Jail Association (AJA), and the Center for Innovative Public Policies (CIPP). After two years in development, we are pleased to announce the site is now available at www.DiscoverCorrections.com!

A key feature of Discover Corrections is its job board. Once registered, agencies can share information about their agency and location to pique the interest of job seekers, and post job openings, search resumes, and receive resume alerts of job seekers that meet specified criteria. For job seekers, individuals who register on the site may: review job listings, save searches, post resumes, receive job alerts by email, and apply to jobs.

Discover Corrections is more than just a job board. In addition to the Find/Post Your Jobs section of the site, there are three other main categories of the site: Why Corrections, Explore the Field, and Career Resources. Here people can learn some of the primary reasons corrections is an appealing career choice; review comprehensive information about the many types of job opportunities throughout community corrections, jails and detention, and prisons and institutions; read personal stories from people working in corrections to learn more about the community nuances of various jobs; and learn how corrections is organized within each state.

Now that the website is operational we are reaching out to community corrections agencies to educate you about the site and encourage you to register your agency's profile and post job openings. Ultimately, this site was created for you! So take some time to review the site to become familiar with the resources it provides. If you are an employer, we want www.DiscoverCorrections.com to be the first place you think of to find new hires. If you are looking for a job, we want it to be the first resource you think of for your job search.

With BJA's continued support, APPA and its partners will continue to create new content for the site in the coming year. For example, we plan to enhance information on the site related to, but not necessarily limited to, Indian Country jails and juvenile facilities. A mobile version of the job board is also in development.

We invite you to visit DiscoverCorrections.com today! If you have comments or suggestions for the site, please email Mary Ann Schmitz-Mowatt at mmowatt@csa.org.

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New Synthetic Drug Emerging

Jefferson County, MO (KSDK) - K2, then bath salts. Both products were available over the counter and both were banned. Now there is a new way some people are trying to get high and it's legal.

Investigators with the Drug Enforcement Administration say "**Pump It**" is emerging in Missouri and across the country.

According to the DEA it's a synthetic drug that acts like speed. It can be marketed as a plant food and it's not for human use but many use it to get high.

Scott Collier, A DEA investigator, says this synthetic drug is very dangerous and has effects similar to cocaine and meth. Meaning, if you use this drug you could hallucinate, have a seizure, or even die. This drug is also addicting.



Grandma's pot cookies land California toddler in hospital

By msnbc.com staff and wire reports

A three-year-old California boy was rushed to the hospital after apparently eating marijuana-laced cookies.

The family believes the boy got into his grandmother's stash of chocolate-chip pot cookies, tucked away in a garage refrigerator, one day earlier.

The family called police around 10:30 a.m. the next day when the toddler would not wake up after a long night's sleep, and they realized he may have eaten the cookies, according to a press release from the Murrieta Police Department.

The boy's grandmother, who had been diagnosed with cancer, had a doctor's recommendation for medical marijuana to treat her pain and help her sleep, Sgt. Phil Gomez told The Press-Enterprise newspaper. (<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/murrieta/murrieta-headlines-index/20120702-murrieta-toddler-eats-marijuana-hospitalized.ece>)The boy's aunt was babysitting him and his younger sibling Friday while the father was away, Gomez said. When the father returned that afternoon, he noticed crumbs on the garage floor and assumed the child's grandmother had been into the cookies, the Press-Enterprise reported.

The boy fell asleep around 5 p.m., Gomez said. The family didn't become concerned until the next morning, however, when they couldn't wake him up.

At that point, Gomez said, the father mentioned noticing the crumbs and decided to call police.

The boy was admitted to a local hospital for observation and later released.

It is not known how much the boy ate, but the child's grandmother said a silver-dollar-size bite had been enough to make her sleep, the Press-Enterprise reported.

"It's unfortunate that they didn't take better steps to keep those cookies out of reach of the child," Gomez said. "[The grandmother] claims she's not going to make them ever again."

Police have not released the names of the family members and said the investigation is ongoing. No arrests have been made.

Investigators are awaiting the results of a toxicology test. If traces of marijuana are found in the boy's system, Gomez said, family members could potentially face a child endangerment charge.



2012 BCA Criminal Justice Information Users Conference

September 11-12, 2012

River's Edge Convention Center - St. Cloud

This is one of the BCA's most popular conferences -- and this year, **new tracks for investigators and patrol personnel** provide even more reason to attend! The conference is also still the place for TACs, IT staff, records clerks - those who work in Law Enforcement, Corrections, Supervision, County/City Attorney or Public Defense - to get new information about criminal justice applications, policies and hot topics.

THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE INCLUDES TWO NEW TRACKS FOR INVESTIGATORS AND PATROL PERSONNEL. 9.5 POST CREDITS AND 9.5 CLE CREDITS

**"Are You Following the Law?"
Pretrial Services Required
Standards and Statutes**

You are invited to attend this highly informative and interactive training. Whether you work in Pretrial Services and want to know what other Minnesota counties are doing, or just want to know the history, standards, and functioning of pre-sentence services, this training is for you.

MAPSA cordially requests that you bring a copy of your county's Bail Evaluation Form to discuss or add to the compilation being acquired for the MAPSA website.

Where: Otter Tail Operations Center

469 Main Street West Otter Tail, MN 56571

When: September 19, 2012

Time: 1:00 to 3:30 PM

Cost: \$10.00

Website: www.MAPSA.us – Please visit us for more training information and frequent updates!

* Light refreshments provided

MACPO WELCOMES NEW DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR FIELD SERVICES!

Commissioner Tom Roy has announced Ron Solheid will be the new deputy commissioner of the Community Services Division. Solheid is currently the regional director of community corrections.

"Ron is an excellent person to fill this important role," said Commissioner Roy. "He has broad experience across corrections and a solid relationship with the counties. He fully understands community corrections and has a strong knowledge of inspections, working with sheriffs and reentry from facilities."

Solheid began his corrections career as a detention deputy with Hennepin County in 1984. He came to the DOC in 1999 as a detention facilities inspector. In 1997, he became the Sentencing to Service regional supervisor. From 1999 to 2006 he was a program manager for the work release and Institution/Community Work Crew (ICWC) Programs. From 2006 to present, he has been the community corrections regional director, overseeing work release and ICWC programs, central region probation and supervised release, the grants and subsidies unit and the inspection and enforcement unit.

Solheid has degrees from the University of Minnesota and Metropolitan State University.

He succeeds Deputy Rich Crawford who is retiring on August 31.

MACPO is grateful for Rich Crawford's service and tireless advocacy of Minnesota's probation officers and their issues, and we wish him well.

The following is an excerpt from NAMI's Legislative Update:

Bullying Task Force Delivers Recommendations to Governor Dayton

The Governor's Task Force on the Prevention of School Bullying delivered their final report to Governor Dayton on Wednesday. The report, titled "Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools" includes eight recommendations for the Governor and Legislature to consider:

- 1) Repeal existing, ineffective statutes, and replace them with a stronger law based upon the Task Force's recommendations.
- 2) Adopt the recommended definitions pertaining to bullying, harassment, and intimidation to increase effective identification and response to these issues.
- 3) Establish baseline policies within every school district that emphasize the equal, strong protection of all students.
- 4) Create policies and practices that enhance communication between school personnel, students, parents, and communities to help develop strategies and techniques to reduce bullying.
- 5) Create a uniform, baseline data collection system regarding bullying issues to facilitate monitoring of these issues.
- 6) Create interagency and interdepartmental collaborations within the State of Minnesota to assist schools in their anti-bullying efforts.
- 7) Create a "School Climate Center" within the Minnesota Department of Education to:
 - * Provide information and assistance to schools in their anti-bullying efforts
 - * Improve safe-learning spaces for students, school-wide
 - * Increase discipline, with a focus on remediation in all cases of bullying, harassment, or intimidation.
- 8) Make resources available to fund these efforts on both the state and local levels.

The report calls for swift action by the Governor, Legislature and other stakeholders to implement these recommendations as soon as possible. For more information, check out the press release <<http://e2.ma/click/f2mcd/7b5atd/7j7tfb>> from the Minnesota Department of Education. The full report is available here<<http://e2.ma/click/f2mcd/7b5atd/nc8tfb>>.

'From What Works to What Matters' presents the North American premiere of the film, *'The Road from Crime'*

The exit at the prison gate often appears to be a revolving door with nearly 60 per cent of released prisoners re-offending within two years of their release. Prisons and probation departments have, almost literally, tried everything in efforts to rehabilitate offenders over the past century, but the results have been uniformly bleak leading many to conclude that "nothing works." In the past ten years, however, a group of criminologists have hit upon what should have been an obvious source of inspiration for prisoner rehabilitation — the other 40 percent!

In this timely and compelling documentary, Allan Weaver, a Scottish ex-offender turned probation officer (author of the book, *So You Think You Know Me?*) asks a simple question: What can we learn from those former prisoners who have successfully "desisted" from criminal behavior or "gone straight?"

Starting where it all began for him on the streets of his home town and in Barlinnie Prison in Glasgow, Scotland, Allan sets off to understand how individuals like himself get caught up in cycles of crime and punishment, and how they break out of these patterns and move on to new lives. This journey takes him across the U.K., meeting an array of ex-prisoners and ex-prisoner activist groups, probation leaders, and criminological experts from London to Washington, DC.

He discovers that much of what the criminal justice process does actually leads to more re-offending through the labeling and stigmatization of ex-offenders. Indeed, few ex-prisoners say they were "rehabilitated" by the criminal justice system, but many blame their experiences with the justice system for keeping them trapped in cycles of crime and punishment.

Allan learns that real change more typically involves processes of self-discovery and mutual support. He discovers that 'desistance' from criminality is an internal change process although it is almost never done without support from the outside. Ex-prisoners speak in detail about the remarkable people who believed in them when others had lost hope, and about realizing that they too had something to offer others, including, for many, their children. Desistance for them is about realizing one is more than just the sum of one's crimes and re-discovering one's humanity, potential, and true self.

The big question — especially pressing for Allan as a probation officer — is whether we can bottle and package these often intangible dynamics into our criminal justice interventions? Can criminal justice processes be improved by a better understanding of how the change processes in desistance from crime really work? How would the criminal justice system be different if it were run by people like Allan who had been through the process themselves?

To answer this, Allan finds a fascinating world of ex-prisoner-led mutual aid and activist groups championing a new model of criminal justice practice. Like Allan, many of the ex-prisoners find meaning and purpose in their lives by helping others to avoid the mistakes they made. They might also have the answer for tackling the enduring problem of criminal recidivism."

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