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Michigan Juvenile Detention Association



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Eaton County Expands

The Eaton County Youth Facility is deep into an expansion project with projected completion in late April. The new expansion will include a 24 student Day Treatment Program, eight-bed community based treatment, commercial kitchen and laundry, secure hearing room, attorney meeting rooms and additional office space.

It has long been advocated by the administrators of the Youth Facility for the development of community-based services for the adjudicated youth of Eaton County. These efforts rested upon the understanding that this extension of services would serve to meet several crucial needs of the population we serve. Specifically, many youth in need of residential treatment do not require a high level of security and they would be better served within an environment that affords greater access to the community. Furthermore, many youth who successfully progress through the existing Residential Treatment Program are unable to return home directly and require transitional programming to better prepare them for community reintegration.

With the expansion of our services we believe it is essential to ensure that there is a high level of integration between new and existing programming. From the inception of this proposal our ideas have stressed the development of a contin-

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President's Message

Submitted by: Fred Woelmer

Let me first say that I am very excited to have the position of MJDA president during a time when MJDA could greatly expand its leadership role within Michigan's Juvenile Justice System. In this message I will share a few of the opportunities for the use of the MJDA member's knowledge and experience in improving communication, cooperation, and services to those working with Michigan's youth and families involved in the court systems.

During my term I will be focusing on the following priority issues:

- MJDA will be working with MSU's Center for Research and Program Development to obtain a grant from the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Michigan "State Advisory Group" (SAG) to enhance Michigan's knowledge of the application of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy concepts within Michigan's juvenile facilities.
- MJDA will be investigating the possibility of being awarded a contract, again from the SAG, to provide the service of monitoring and reporting the number of status offenders in detention.

These two efforts could open the door for MJDA collaborating with the State and OJJDP on many areas of common interest as well as providing funding for Executive Director's services to our organization.

- We will continue to work with the State's Licensing Review Committee to ensure that our Detention facilities, licensed under the CCI rules, will have rules supporting their operating safe, secure, and effective programs.
- We have established a rudimentary MJDA web site at www.mjdaonline.org. Lisa Greco, from Washtenaw County, will be working with her staff to develop this site into a location for sharing of information between all of the juvenile justice community. With the combining of the newsletter committee with the web site development committee, we have established the "Communications Committee" and we will be publishing this newsletter on this web site.
- We will continue to work with the Michigan Juvenile Justice Training Roundtable in the development of professional trainers within our facilities and the development and sharing of training resources around the state.
- We will be working to increase the involvement of our line staff in fulfilling the MJDA mission statement by restructuring our MJDA meeting format, including line staff in sub-committee membership, and emphasizing MJDA's Professional membership as being a service commitment to this organization.

I hope all of you will share in my excitement over the above prospects for the MJDA vision for the next couple of years.

MJDA Directors on the Move...

Submitted By: Lisa Greco

There have been a number of changes in leadership at MJDA agencies over the last six months. Wayne Liddell, former Director of the Berrien County Juvenile Center, has retired and is currently serving as Executive Director of MJDA. Brian Philson, former Director of the Jackson County Youth Center is now working as the Vice-President of Programming at Highfields, Inc. in Onondaga. And Superintendent of the Juvenile Detention Center in Muskegon, Jim Heckathorn, will be retiring in April. They may not be thrilled about publicizing this calculation, but they have a combined experience of 89 years in this profession! What a tremendous contribution to the well-being of our communities these three public servants have made. I had the opportunity to interview them via email so that we might all gain something from their experience. Here's what they said:

How long have you worked in the field and in what capacities?

Wayne:

I have worked in the field since 1974 (I know, I know) when I started as a Youth Camp Counselor at a juvenile correctional facility in Washington State. I was there for 3+ years and left to pursue my graduate education. After obtaining my Masters Degree at MSU, I worked as a Social Work Counselor at Highfields for 3+ years. In 1982 I left Highfields and began my career with Berrien County, serving in a variety of supervisory and management positions until 1991. In that year I was appointed as the Juvenile Center Director and held that position until my retirement last September. In addition, I have done a considerable amount of training and consulting in the juvenile justice field while with Berrien County. I also served as adjunct faculty at Lake Michigan College from 1991 to 2006 in the Corrections, Probation and Parole Department. During my career I have held elected offices in several professional associations including MJDA (President, VP, and Treasurer), the National Juvenile Detention Association (President, VP) and the American Correctional Association. (Board of Governors, Commission on Accreditation for Corrections, Delegate Assembly).

Brian:

I have worked in juvenile justice for 22+ years, serving most of that at the Jackson County Youth Center.

Jim:

I started working for Probate Court in June of 1973. I served as Probation Officer, Casework Supervisor and, for the last 22 years, Superintendent of the Juvenile Detention Center.

Where are you now and how's it going? What will you do when you retire?

Wayne:

I have established a consulting/training business, Wayne R. Liddell and

Associates, and plan to devote a great deal of my time working with juvenile justice, social service, and correctional agencies in the near and distant future. I have always enjoyed meeting with other professionals engaging in mutual learning experiences to benefit our fellow staff and our customers, the kids we serve. I also, currently serve as the MJDA Executive Director and hope to see that position be a catalyst for the future growth of the Association. This isn't retirement for me, it's more reinventing.

Brian:

I am the Vice-President of Programming at Highfields, Inc. I supervise all of the programs, including our Residential facility located in Onondaga. In addition we offer several Community Services programs serving all of mid-Michigan out of three offices, Lansing, Jackson and Onondaga.

Jim:

When I retire, my immediate plans are to go to Baltimore in June and attend an Air Force Reunion for veterans who worked in what is now called the Air Intelligence Command and who served at a specific base in Northern Japan. I also hope to take an extensive trip to Japan later this year or next spring. Travel is something I enjoy a great deal but I will also work more extensively for my church and I plan to volunteer for community services such as Hospice.

What is the best thing about this kind of work?

Wayne:

The best thing about this work is clearly the ability to have a positive influence on the lives of other people. To know that any one of us can be a "change agent" to help a kid believe that he/she can be successful is a huge responsibility and

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Something Fishy Up North....

The Ralph MacMullan DNR Conference Center at Higgins Lake was once again the host site for the 39th Annual Meeting of the Michigan Juvenile Detention Association. Striving for “increased staff morale”, this year’s training adopted a theme based on the nationally known “Fish Philosophy” motivational program. Throughout the conference participants were reminded of the “Fish” experience with different activities and may have been able to take home a “Big One” by winning one of the many “fish” prizes donated for the annual raffle. This creative theme generated enthusiasm and was instrumental in filling everyone’s “energy tanks”.

Close to 100 participants were in attendance for the training and annual business meeting. The conference was kicked off by State Trooper Sgt. Ben Gonzales who presented on “cyber safety”. He shared tips on what staff can do to help keep kids safe while surfing the internet.

Karen Gonser (Eaton County) and Melissa Strong (Saginaw County) facilitated a staff morale exercise on Sunday night to help participants find their energy, creativity, and passion by learning to love what we do! This energizing session complimented our “Fish” theme and helped us reach our goal of increasing staff morale.

Also presenting were Sandy Metcalf, Brian Philson and Reggie LaGrand. Sandy shared her years of research on “*Understanding, Managing and Succeeding with Female Offenders*”. Brian and Reggie did a number of different activities with the participants for their presentation on “*Adolescent Behavior*”. They emphasized that 80% of the behavior we see in our juvenile justice programs is really “normal adolescent

behavior”, and that we need to identify and treat the 20% that is delinquent and socially unacceptable. Both of these presentations complimented our theme and also helped energize the participants.

Finally, as a closing activity Doug Sherman from Eaton and Doug Murch from Jackson had participants moving when they wrapped up the conference with experiential training. This was a natural closing activity that helped bring all of the separate sessions together into one summarizing activity.



Carol Bennett Receives The 2007 Neil Zott Distinguished Service Award

President Fred Woelmer had the privilege of presenting the 2007 Neil Zott award to Carol Bennett from Ingham County at the Mid-Winter Conference. Carol has over 32 years of experience in providing services to juveniles and their families. She has worked in group homes, shelter care and secure detention. In her 28 years of detention work, Carol spent seven years as a direct care staff, twenty years as a supervisor and one year as an interim director.

In her mission to provide the best services to kids and advance the profession of juvenile detention, Ms. Bennett helped create the original Youth Center resident manual, a Self Defeating Behavior program, a Life Skills group and numerous policies, procedures, and special programs. In addition, she has been involved in helping Lansing Community College improve their Juvenile Detention Careworker curriculum and has participated in volumes of training opportunities.

Ms Bennett has been a member of the Michigan Juvenile Detention Association and the National Juvenile Detention Association and was awarded the MJDA's Child Care Worker of the Year award in 1986 and the Support Worker of the Year award in 2005.

The Greater Lansing area has benefited from her community commitment. Carol has served as a Cub Scout Den mother and a Parks and Recreation Baseball Coach, and her been involvement with PTA, Mother's March of Dimes and Parents of Murdered Children organization.

Carol truly believes that change occurs "one kid at a time" and states that her most outstanding achievement involved her being a mentor to a young woman (from 13 to 22 years of age) who was in the court system and had been abandoned by her mother. With the guidance and support of Carol this young woman successfully completed college and is currently a professional in the medical field.



MJDA Co-Sponsors Cognitive Behavior Training For Michigan Juvenile Detention Professionals

Submitted by: Wayne Liddell

Michigan and the Michigan Juvenile Detention Association continue to demonstrate leadership in the development and implementation of cognitive behavioral focused programs for juvenile detention and residential treatment facilities. Cognitive Behavior Training (CBT) is gaining national attention as a highly effective program model for use with youth in a variety of community and facility based settings, but nowhere does it seem to be more prevalent than in Michigan. At the present time, at least eleven Michigan facilities serving youth have implemented, or are in the process of developing, CBT programs in their agencies.

Last November, the Michigan Juvenile Detention Association co-sponsored the “2006 Advanced Cognitive Behavioral Training Conference” at the Shoreline Inn Conference Center in Muskegon. This Conference was a follow-up to the inaugural 2005 Muskegon CBT Conference and drew more than 120 juvenile justice professionals to focus specifically on CBT implementation and program application issues. The participants at this Conference represented a wide range of professionals who serve youth in the State of Michigan. In attendance were individuals from the juvenile detention, residential treatment, juvenile probation, education, and mental health fields. This highly multi-disciplinary audience also represented a variety of roles within their respective organizations. This was truly a Conference for juvenile justice “practitioners”!

Coordinating and hosting a conference such as this requires a great deal of collaboration, cooperation and organization by a team of committed individuals and agencies. The co-sponsoring organizations that worked closely with MJDA to bring this Conference to the field included the National Partnership for Juvenile Services/Center for Research and Professional Development (NPJS/CRPD) and the Muskegon Community College. The Conference Steering Committee worked diligently in identifying workshop topics and presenters as well as developing the schedule of events for the CBT Conference. The Conference Steering Committee was comprised of the following individuals: Matt Kaley (Muskegon), Terry Martinek (Berrien), Kia Loggins (NPJS/CRPD), Carol Brooks (Bureau of Juvenile Justice), Richard Gentry (Ingham) and Reggie LaGrand (Calhoun).

Participant evaluations for the Conference were very positive, indicating that the subject matter was relevant and very informative for those in attendance. The Conference faculty and the workshops they conducted received high ratings and some of the comments indicated the desire for more training in the CBT area in the future. The faculty who presented at the CBT Conference and put forth a great deal of effort into this event included Dr. David Roush (NPJS/CRPD), Reggie LaGrand (Calhoun), Terry Martinek (Berrien), Kurt Struss (Berrien), and Emma Payne (Berrien).

Michigan has certainly begun to embrace the evidence based practice of Cognitive Behavior Training for use in its juvenile facilities and programs around the State. The benefits for

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Child Caring Institution Licensing Rule Review

Submitted by: Fred Woelmer

In January of 2005 law went into effect that changed Child Caring Institution (CCI) rules for any CCI that received payment from Medicaid for housing residents. These rule changes were to be applied to an institution if they had one or more residents whose housing was paid by Medicaid and **do not apply** to CCIs that do not receive Medicaid funding for any residents. The rules were aimed at residents being placed who had mental health cases open in their community and the rules were quite extensive in dealing with the restraint and seclusion process for this specific population.

These rules changes are available at the DHS Licensing web site under Licensing Rules for Child Caring Institutions. You need to start with www.michigan.gov and keep drilling down through the DHS and Licensing levels.

Federal Medicaid funding requirements essentially mandated most of the language in the law and the resulting rule changes. The Michigan Protection and Advocacy group moved the law through. In 2006, this same group petitioned the CCI licensing administrators to change the rules for all CCIs to follow those established for CCIs receiving Medicaid payments. Licensing then initiated a Licensing Rule Review process by establishing a review committee that was charged with the responsibility to review and amend, as needed, all of the CCI rules.

Both Fred Woelmer, current president of MJDA, and Wayne Liddell, current executive director of MJDA are members of this review committee. The other members of the committee represent a number of types of CCIs from 6 bed group homes for abuse neglect youth to the most secure state and private long term juvenile treatment programs. Establishing one set of rules for this range of institutions has proven to be a very intense undertaking that involves a lot of innovative thinking.

The review committee meets once a month and is into the ninth month of meetings. Each month's minutes include pro-

posed changes as they are developed. The final product of this committee will be edited by the state's legal wording experts and sent to legislative committee for review and approval. Anyone that is interested can request copies of the minutes from;

Fred Woelmer at
fwoelmer@co.genesee.mi.us.



Call for Articles....

The 2007 newsletter deadlines are **July 1** and **October 1**. I would like to challenge **YOU** to help make the **"Together"** a quality publication by submitting your articles! Articles can be submitted to me by email;
Rlyons@allegancounty.org.

This newsletter is "For and About the Friends and Members of MJDA" and in order to create a quality publication we must all work **"Together"**!

I'm looking forward to having my email box full of inspirational, informative, and motivational articles to share with this readership!

Last but not least, I would like to thank all of you that contributed to the March issue of **"Together"**!

Thanks again!

*Robin Lyons
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2006 MJDA Child Care Worker Award

Facility

Secure

Non-Secure

Support Worker

Allegan County Juvenile Center

Mark Jackson

Frank Saracina

Cheryl White

Berrien County Juvenile Center

Andrea Caroselli

Freddie Rivers

Calhoun County Juvenile Home

Emily Howard

Crystal Dunklin

Eaton County Youth Home

Andrew Hayes

Mary VanZwoll

Gloria Parker

Genesee Valley Regional Center

Roslynne Camper

Ingham County Youth Center

Khari Worthy

Gregory Hayes

Jackson County Youth Center

Patricia Grubba

Shalanda Hunt

Chad Parrow

Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home

William Rosol

Mollie Peterson

Kent County Juvenile Detention Home

Patrese Davis

Jackie Hall

Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center

Sheri Howell

Deborah Boedeker

Maurice Spears Campus

James Parshall

Michael Cox

Rodney Weaver

Midland County Juvenile Care Center

Rachel DeLand

Mike Brandmair

Michele Brickel

Monroe County Youth Center

Pamela Smith

Judy Michrina

Oakland County Children's Village

Yolanda Pleasant

*Jacquese R. Squirwell**

Ottawa County Juvenile Detention Center

Faith Wilkins

Karen Woodford

Roscommon County Juvenile Detention Center

Mike Umphrey

Shannon Carll

Saginaw County Juvenile Detention Center

*Larry White **

Pam Fuller

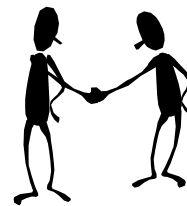
St. Clair County Juvenile Center

Randy Trice

Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility

Cortez Lotts

Michelle Werner



**State Award*



Berrien County Announces Dama New Director

Richard Dama, MA, LLPC, NCC, is now the new Director of the Berrien County, Juvenile Center. Before his appointment as Director on February 14, 2007, he served as the Center's Clinical and Treatment Services Manager. In this capacity he developed and managed an evidence-based, Cognitive Behavioral treatment protocol for the Juvenile Center's long-term residential treatment program. He was also the senior mental health services provider for the facility.

He came to the Juvenile Center from a successful practice providing community outreach therapy in Wayne County, Michigan, and has lectured at universities and community forums on Cognitive Behavioral theory and practice. He has a Masters degree in Counselor Education/Counseling Psychology from Western Michigan University, a Masters degree in Management and Supervision from Central Michigan University, and a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. In addition to his clinical credentials, Dama is a retired US Air Force Major who served as a nuclear command officer and who led large organizations on three continents.



Kalamazoo County Host The 2006 MJDA Golf Outing

Submitted by: Frank Weichlein

Lake Doster Golf Course served as the site of the 2006 MJDA Golf Outing hosted by Kalamazoo County. The weather was wonderful, the golf course was in great shape and the golf was, well it was from the ridiculous to the sublime. There was again a solid turnout for the day with 64 golfers from facilities around the state in attendance to showcase their games and enjoy the camaraderie. The team from Ingham County were the winners with a solid score of nine under par 63. Team members from Ingham were Travis Faulds, Kevin Allen, Thom Lattig and Jody Peterson. MJDA came out as winners too with almost \$2,900.00 being raised for the associa-

tion through entry fees, the silent auction and raffle drawings. A great big Thank You to all that participated and we're already looking forward to the 2007 Golf Outing raising even more for the association. It's never too early to start soliciting prizes, gift bag goodies or tee box sign sales.

MJDA has decided to make the Golf Outing a new standing committee of the association so if any of you would like to assist in that effort please contact Frank Weichlein (Kalamazoo) or Jim Vanderpool (Monroe). Frank can be reached at (269) 385-8577 or feweic@kalcountry.com

Jim can be reached at (734) 240-3237 or james_vanderpool@monroemi.org



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great motivator. This relates not only to helping kids make changes and be successful but also to help and support one another. This profession, as frustrating as it can be at times, provides an opportunity for one to work with some outstanding people. I have learned so much, from so many, that I feel very fortunate that I made this my life's work. We take care of one another and when we're doing the right thing, we're taking good care of the kids!

Brian:

I am now able to focus on the whole continuum of care for youth and families. While there will always (most likely) be juveniles in need of placement, I am able to assist in putting programs in place to help at the early stages of family difficulties.

Jim:

There are many good things about this profession. First and foremost, there is something honorable about working with youth who have been dismissed by the general public and other professions. The good we do is frequently unnoticed or ignored by others including our clientele but we continue to do it because it's the right thing to do. Occasionally we make a significant connection that can change an individual life and perhaps the generations to follow that individual. That's really what life is all about. Reaching out, helping others! In this particular position, we are able to set high standards of care for detained youth and implement effective programming. We work with some terrific people, most especially, the members of MJDA. I also like the aspect of trying to elevate the professionalism of a small and quite specialized profession.

What is the most difficult aspect of doing this kind of work?

Wayne:

The most difficult part of this work is when youth choose not to move in that positive direction despite our best efforts. The other difficulty occurs when a staff or youth sustains an injury in the facility. Some of the very worst memories I have revolve around seeing staff that are there to help kids get seriously injured by those they are trying desperately to help. By the same token, when kids are injured in a facility responsible for their well-being, that is extremely difficult as well.

Brian:

One of the hardest things I have had to deal with in my transition is the differences in private versus public funding. While I did not see it clearly while I was on the "other side of the fence", there are several distinctions that make life in private non-profit organizations, let's say... "interesting".

Jim:

There are many challenges to this kind of work. The number of our clientele who graduate to adult court is higher than any of us desire. Also, there are individuals within our profession who, for a variety of reasons, should not be a part of the profession.

Of what project(s) or achievement(s) in your career are you most proud?

Wayne:

I am proud of being a part of team achievements. Any achievements I may have had have been with the assistance of others. We battled and overcame chronic and acute overcrowding in BCJC after 17 years of this outrageous situation. It ended with a systemic approach by many stakeholders in the community and juvenile justice system. Without this collaboration and team effort, it probably would not have changed. I was one of the voices (a loud one) among many. Secondly, I am proud to have been a part of helping others develop as professionals in the field and move on to bigger and better things. Many people helped me along the way in my career and I believe in "paying it forward".

Brian:

I am proud of the continuum of care that I helped set up in Jackson and some of the juvenile justice reform initiatives that I was part of. I am also pretty happy with the network of great friends and colleagues that I have been able to associate with over the past 22 years.

Jim:

Successful completion of projects and achievements are the result of many people working together and not one individual. I am very satisfied that the level of professionalism and care of residents has improved markedly at our facility over the years with the hard work and cooperation of fellow employees. I take no small amount of pleasure in some of the appointments that were made to bring some very good Supervisors and staff into our organization. And, maintaining the heart of a Probation Officer, I appreciate having been able to positively influence the lives of some specific young people so that they were better able to make decisions and lead a more productive life. I continue to believe that it is through caring and building a positive relationship that youngsters are more willing to listen to what one has to say. As described in the old adage: "Children Don't Care That You Know Until They Know That You Care".

What is one of the sayings or quotations that you turn to or find particularly inspiring for your work or your life?**Wayne:**

I have tons of sayings/quotes that people have probably grown sick of over the years:

"Problems are opportunities"

"Catch 'em doin' good and make it a BIG deal"

"Whatever doesn't kill me makes me stronger"

"Leadership is doing the right thing, management is doing things right"

"We move toward and become that which we think about"

"Common sense isn't all that common"

I could go on but I'll spare you!

Brian:

There are a few that I have used over the years, one is from a book called "Monday Morning Leadership", and I often ask this daily question:

"Are you going to be a Driver or a Passenger?" The responsibilities and expectations of being a driver are much different than those of a passenger.

Jim:

I was inspired the summer I first began working as a Probation Officer and attended one of the MJI certification sessions. The presenter was a professor who held degrees in psychology and theology. He said: "Always remember, you are the keepers of a dream". Many people have given up on our kids. Many people see no hope, no future or good in these kids. We have to believe that despite the odds, these kids do have hope, these kids can succeed. These kids have worth. I continue to believe in that dream because I have seen it come true for some of our kids.

Any message to MJDA members that you would like to give?**Wayne:**

Be proud of the work you do! There aren't a lot of people who can do what good juvenile justice professionals can do! As my late mother once said, "we are truly doing God's work" when we help these children that so many have given up on and do their best to push us and our help away. Support one another as you work in this profession. The MJDA family can provide a great compass for us when our "direction" may be wavering. Get involved in MJDA and NJDA on the national level so you can make the most positive impact on our "customers", our co-workers and our profession as a whole. To sum it up: MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Brian:

I want to wish everyone a very happy hello, I look forward to seeing and talking with many of you soon. Also, feel free to come take a tour and visit of our Highfields campus, we are moving forward and putting together a quality program to serve mid-Michigan youth and families.

Jim:

I wish to thank the members of MJDA for all of their friendship and support over the years. I continue to hold them in the highest esteem. They will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers and I wish them every success possible in their personal and professional lives. MJDA is just a terrific group of people who have become friends.

Our thanks to Wayne, Brian and Jim for sharing some of your wisdom with MJDA! Best wishes on everything that's next!



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uum of services to best meet the individual needs of our youth and their families.

As previously proposed, it is our intention to provide residential treatment services to a larger and more diverse segment of our juvenile population through the development of a multi-tiered treatment model. We plan to retain the most severe and resistant of our adjudicated delinquents with the goal of preventing their transfer to state custody. This population will be served within a secure residential treatment program. Conversely, a “staff secure” community-based residential treatment program is being designed to meet the needs of the relatively low-risk youth that will benefit from greater levels of community involvement.

It is anticipated that there will be an exchange of youth between the tiers of residential programming. Ideally this will consist of youth progressing from the more restrictive to the less restrictive setting when necessary. However, the need may also arise to move residents up to the more restrictive setting if they begin to exhibit high-risk behaviors.

We are very pleased that the County has been able to initiate this expansion project and stay true to the commitment to provide quality treatment services for our youth within our own county

Karen Gonser, Director
Greg Johnson, PhD



2007 Calendar Of Events

MJDA Quarterly Meetings—Hillard Building—Mason, MI

- Wednesday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday July 11th at 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday October 10th at 9:00 a.m.



National Juvenile Services Training Institute

June 8-13 Indianapolis, Indiana

Michigan Juvenile Detention Association Annual Training

August 8, 9, and 10 Higgins Lake

National Symposium on Juvenile Services

October 14-17
San Antonio, Texas

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youth and staff, as well as the community, through the development and implementation of quality CBT programs in our juvenile justice agencies are significant. MJDA has fulfilled a critical role in establishing collaborative relationships with other organizations such as NPJS/CRPD to provide its members and the juvenile justice community at large with quality training in this effective program model. Discussions are already underway to schedule another CBT Conference in the Fall of 2007 that will not only expand the scope of the training but also attract a more regional or national audience.

Agencies or individuals who may be interested in developing and implementing CBT programs in their jurisdictions may contact Dr. David Roush (roush@msu.edu) or Kia Loggins (kloggins@msu.edu) at NPJS/CRPD (517-432-1242) for further information or technical assistance. The CRPD has a number of training packages available and has provided technical assistance in CBT program development to a large number of jurisdictions nationwide.

Stay tuned for further information on CBT trainings, materials and upcoming conferences from MJDA. For more information, contact Wayne R. Liddell, MJDA Executive Director, P.O. Box 247, Niles, MI 49120-0247, 269-683-6443, mjdaoffice@comcast.net

