The Institute Kickoff

In August 2018 the New York Youth Justice Institute held its official “kickoff” with a convening of the co-chairs of the states 9 Regional Youth Justice Teams (RYJT’s). Since this time the Institute has been working to develop and implement a plan for providing technical assistance and training to the counties and RYJT Activities include:

1. The hiring of a new Office Aid John Green to direct calls, connect practitioners with the correct people and resources, organize training and events and to aid in the development of the Institute website and newsletter.
2. The launch of the Institute’s website at www.albany.edu/yji in December 2018 with much more to come!
3. The accumulation and translation of a wealth of information on the evidence-based and best practices from across the nation and globe to be linked on the Institute’s website and integrated with the Partnership for Youth Justice “Vision Grid” for juvenile justice in New York. Check it out at: www.albany.edu/yji/evidence_based_practice.php

Regional Youth Justice Team Activities:

At the August 2018 Convening of the Co-Chairs the primary focus was on the use of data to identify gaps in county and/or regional youth justice services and to work to develop a data informed plan to address these gaps. The state, through the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG) will be providing each team with grants over the next three years to support these activities. The Institute and DCJS staff are working with the teams to help them develop applications and plans for these funds.

The technical assistance team will consist of the following representatives:
Megan Kurlychek, NYS Youth Justice Institute
Tom Andriola, DCJS Office of Youth Justice
Trista Deame, DCJS Office of Youth Justice
Shalain Garcia, DCJS Office of Youth Justice
Meagan Armstrong, DCJS Office of Program Development and Funding

Grant Opportunities:

* Violence Against Women
* Gangs and Gang Violence
* White-Collar Crime: Health Care and Elder Fraud
* Policing
* Administration of Justice
* Desistance from Crime
* Project Safe Neighborhoods
* Promising Reentry Initiatives
Meet The Staff

**Megan C. Kurlychek** is an Associate Professor at the University at Albany School of Criminal Justice and the Acting Director of the New York Youth Justice Institute. Dr. Kurlychek received her B.A. in Sociology from The Pennsylvania State University in 1991, her M.S. in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University in 1997 and her Ph.D. in Crime, Law and Justice from The Pennsylvania State University in 2004. Over her career, she has combined research and academics to inform policy through positions with the Pennsylvania State Senate, the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, and the National Center for Juvenile Justice, as a Visiting Fellow at the United States Bureau of Justice Statistics and Executive Director of the Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center. In her current role, Dr. Kurlychek is dedicated to ensuring that all youth in New York benefit from the best programming possible to meet their needs and that the dedicated practitioners of youth justice receive the support and assistance needed to help them fulfill this goal.

**John Green** is the Office Assistant for the Youth Justice Institute. John came to us from the Office of the State Comptroller’s office, before that he worked for Tax and Finance. In his spare time, you can find him making balloon sculptures.

**Alysha Gagnon** is a PhD student at University at Albany – SUNY in the School of Criminal Justice, Alysha’s research interests include program evaluation, juvenile justice, and the intersection of child welfare with juvenile delinquency. She graduated summa cum laude from Iona College for her undergraduate work in criminal justice with a minor in philosophy.

**Kendall G. Robinson** graduated summa cum laude from the University of Houston in Houston, Texas. Prior to that, she was a case manager at Shoreline Residential Treatment Center in Taft, TX, for juveniles with addiction and other behavioral problems. Her research interests include sex work, sex trafficking, and the foster care system.

Upcoming Events:

Acting Executive Director Megan Kurlychek has been asked to serve as a guest presented on a distinguished panel of experts on Effective Interventions With Youthful Violent Offenders at Marquette Law School. The Panel includes other national known experts such as Christy Visher, Edward Latessa and Faye Taxman. The event will take place in Milwaukee Wisconsin June 3 and 4th and reports from the panel experts will be published in a special issue of the Marquette Law Review this fall.

Job Opportunity

The Youth Justice Institute is looking for an Executive Director. Please follow the link for more details: https://albany.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=109197

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