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"The CJABer"

Inside the CJABer

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Around the Counties

- Southeastern Region (July 2011)
- South Central Region (July 2011)
- Northeast Region (July 2011)
- Western Region (July 2011)

Local counties around the region have developed their own CJAB sections on their websites. Here are three examples:

Butler County
Franklin County
Lancaster County

In the Spotlight

- Berks County:
  Berks County CJAB Hosts Legislative Breakfast
- PCCD Honors Judge for Exemplary CJAB Leadership

Links of Interest

- **Information about the Carey Group and Evidence-Based Practices**.
  http://www.thecareygroupinc.com/

- **Center of Excellence**
  www.pacenterofexcellence.pitt.edu

- **Crime Solutions Website Launched**
  On June 22, 2011, the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP) launched www.crimesolutions.gov. This new website is a resource to inform practitioners and policymakers about effective programming for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. The site includes information on more than 145 justice-related programs and assigns "evidence ratings"—effective, promising, or no effects—to indicate whether there is evidence from research that a program achieves its goals.

- **Philadelphia Prison Population Decline Addressed**
  In 2010, the Pew Charitable Trusts Philadelphia Research Initiative released a report titled, Philadelphia's Crowded, Costly Jails: The Search for Safe Solutions. The report can be viewed by clicking the link above.

- **Montgomery County Community Advocates Interceptor Newsletter**
  The Community Advocates of Montgomery County is a non-profit group dedicated to assisting adults who are using mental health services. Each month, they distribute the *Interceptor Newsletter.* The June 2011 issue can be found here: *Interceptor Newsletter*

- **Pennsylvania's Local Government Websites**
  http://sites.state.pa.us/govlocal.html?papowerPNavCtr=%7C30207%7C

Training Opportunities

- **American Probation and Parole Association Project Based Training**
  http://www.appa-net.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?WebCode=IIIC_ProjectBased

- **Housing Alliance Conference: *Homes Within Reach*** – PCCD is co-sponsoring one day of the Housing Alliance Conference on November 14, 2011 at the Hilton in downtown Harrisburg. This segment of the conference will focus on the successes, obstacles and opportunities that we face at the state and county levels with the integration of justice-involved individuals with mental illness. The conference will also offer an opportunity to hear from experts in Supportive Housing and Master Lease Agreements and how they can work in your community. Additionally, successful rural and urban county housing programs will be highlighted along with a plenary session titled,

"*Unlocking Doors to Safer Communities"* with Secretary Wetzel, Department of Corrections; Secretary Alexander, Department of Public Welfare; Honorable Sheila Woods-Skipper, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas; and Honorable John Zottola, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. PCCD anticipates announcing the availability of funds for housing initiatives at this conference. These funds will be awarded through competitive grant applications.

- **CJAB Conference -** PCCD hosted the 2011 Statewide CJAB Conference at the Days Inn in State College on June 15 & 16. This was the first statewide event since 2006 when PCCD, due to the economic downturn, moved to regional meetings. The CJAB Conference was attended by approximately 120 individuals and the comments received from the attendees, proved the conference to be a success!

  If you weren't able to attend this year's event, you can view the presentations by following the link below:
  http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=5283&&SortOrder=5&level=2&parentid=5257&css=L2&mode=2

  One of the main topics at the conference this year focused on Evidence-Based Practices. As federal and state funds are decreased and budgets for programs become increasingly difficult to sustain, investing in what works is key. As a result, the second day of the conference opened with a plenary session by Frank Domurad, Vice-President of the Carey Group.
  Mr. Domurad introduced the concept of EBPs during the morning session titled, "*What Works and What Doesn't Work in Changing Offender Behavior and Reducing Recidivism"* and a breakout session, "*Doing Evidence-Based Practices – Why is it so Hard to Get it Right?"*

Strategic Planning

In tough economic times, having a clear vision and identified goals and objectives are critical to effectively addressing systemic issues. A strategic plan is an invaluable tool that helps CJABs stay "on track" and keep the lines of communication open among all of the high-level decision makers in the county.

Below examples of strategic plans from Adams and Cambria Counties:

- ***Adams County***:
  http://adamscounty.us.dnnmax.com/CountyOffices/Judicial/CriminalJusticeAdvisoryBoard.aspx

- ***Cambria County***:
  http://www.co.cambria.pa.us/SiteCollectionDocuments/Cambria%20County%20CJAB%20FY%202011-2014%20Strategic%20Plan%20v.2.pdf

Funding Opportunities

PCCD Funding Opportunities:

- **CJAB Funding Announcement 2011** –PCCD is now accepting applications for funding under the federal Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). The purpose of this funding is to allow existing Criminal Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs) to initiate or enhance CJAB projects and initiatives that have been identified by the CJAB as a priority area as a result of a strategic planning process. The availability of $1.7 million has been announced to support this initiative. Deadline for applications is September 30, 2011. For more information on this funding opportunity or to register to receive alerts when funding opportunities are released, please visit our website at www.pccd.state.pa.us

Links to Other Funding Updates & Opportunities:

- **Link to open Office of Justice Programs Funding Announcements.** http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/solicitations.htm
- **Link to open SMAHSA Treatment Court grant**. http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2011/ti_11_010.aspx
- **Police Grants Help**: Your Resource for Law Enforcement Grant Assistance
- http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding/welcome.htm
- https://www.pccdegmis.state.pa.us/pccd_egmis/Public/Subscribe.aspx
- http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/govdelivery/subscribe.htm
- https://puborder.ncjrs.gov/Listservs/Subscribe_NCVRW.asp
- http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email_subscription_signup.jsp
- http://www.ncjrs.gov/

Subscription Services of Interest

- **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)** http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=46

- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAM HSA)**
  http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/

- **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD**
  https://www.pccdegmis.state.pa.us/pccdegmis/Public/Subscribe.aspx

- **Office of Justice Programs-National Institute of Justice**
  http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding/current.htm

- Subscribe for Email When New Funding Opportunities Become Available

The next CJABer will be published in September 2011. If you would like any items published in this newsletter, please submit them to Jacqueline Weaknecht at jweaknecht@state.pa.us, by September 1st, 2011.

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