



Hello WJCIA Members!!

I hope this finds you all happy and healthy and enjoying all the pleasures of springtime. WJCIA has had a very busy year. We are in the midst of finalizing the annual conference that is scheduled for September 18th-20th, 2019 at the Kalahari in the Wisconsin Dells. The Kalahari has increased the size of the conference center so hotel rooms could be limited. Make sure to reserve your room ASAP and no later than August 18th, as that is when the block of rooms will be released. This year's conference will once again be topnotch with several topics you have requested.

WJCIA has also been very busy developing additional training opportunities, including ART and Carey Guides/BITS training. ART was a success and the Carey trainings are scheduled to begin in June.

As this year's President I was given the opportunity to lead an amazing group of professionals. I wish I were able to nominate many of them for the WJCIA Recognition Award for their stellar abilities, knowledge, and commitment to this profession. However, board members can't be nominated. I am sure you all work with people that would also be a perfect candidate for this prestigious award. I encourage you to take the time to nominate them. You can find the form on our website. Also on the website you will find 7 forms that we now host. They include: Informal Disposition Agreement, Law Enforcement Referral, Non-Law Enforcement Referral, Notice of Intake Inquiry, DPA, Notice of Satisfaction of Obligations, and Notice to Victims.

It has been my honor and a privilege to be President of the Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association. I want to thank the board for trusting me and affording me the opportunity to attend the 2019 National Conference on Juvenile Justice in Las Vegas, a once in a career experience that I will forever be grateful for.

I hope you all have a fabulous summer and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Kindest Regards,

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2019 WJCIA Conference

Conference is set for September 18, 19, 20, 2019. We have amazing keynote speakers and breakouts that will keep you wanting more. Ethics and Boundaries will be available on Wednesday afternoon. Yoga will again be offered and we will have an additional entertainment option beyond hospitality. Look for your brochure in your email this summer. Hotel accommodations will fill quickly, so be sure to book your room and register as soon as you receive notice that registration is open. See you in September!

Please reserve your room for conference early to make sure you get the room

2019 Conference Vendor Registration Is Now Open! Go to the WJCIA website for

of your choice. Rooms are limited and will be released on August 18th.

registration and information.

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*Nominations are due by:
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019*

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Do you have a co-worker or colleague that impresses you with their superior job performance, positive work relationships and commitment to the profession that is a current WJCIA member and plans to attend the 2019 WJCIA conference in September? If so, nominate them for the WJCIA Recognition Award that is given out at conference. It is an extraordinary achievement and a career highlight for the winner! Please take the time to make someone feel honored and valued by nominating them, go to WJCIA.org for the application. Please email renee.handrow@co.rock.wi.us for questions.

Complete the
NOMINATION FORM
online at: WJCIA.ORG

GRANT COMMITTEE UPDATE

WJCIA was able to provide 2 trainings on **Aggression Replacement Training (ART)** in Wisconsin, with the help from a Department of Justice grant. ART is a cognitive behavioral intervention program to help youth improve social skill competencies and moral reasoning, better manage anger, and reduce aggressive behavior. ART consists of 10 weeks (30 sessions) of intervention training and is divided into three components: social skills training, anger-control training, and moral reasoning. Incremental learning, reinforcement techniques,

and guided group discussions enhance skill acquisition and reinforce lessons in the curriculum. ART is currently a Model Program for the United State Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the United Kingdom Home Office. It is also classed as a Promising Approach by the United States Department of Education. ART was developed by well-known researcher, Dr. Arnold Goldstein. Master Trainers Mark Amendola, LCSW and Dr. Robert Oliver, Ed.D worked and trained with Arnold Goldstein, Ph.D when he developed ART. Prior to Dr. Goldsteins' death in 2002, he asked Amendola and Oliver to carry on his life's work, which is being done through Education and Treatment Alternative, Inc (ETA). ETA has been providing training on ART since 1998.

The 2 trainings occurred in April and May, 2019 and allowed 28 counties to participate. A total of 29 applications were received, with request for 120 participant slots. The two trainings only allowed a maximum of 60 participants, so WJCIA is actively looking for additional funding opportunities to be able to serve all applicants. Stay tuned for possible future opportunities. Feedback received from the ART training participants was positive and counties are actively working to implement the materials they learned in training.

In addition to ART Training, WJCIA has 3 upcoming training topics through The Carey Group. The first training, **4 CORE COMPETENCIES** is designed to give youth justice staff an overview of the research related to EBP, as well as hands on approaches to address risk reduction. Learning objectives of the training are (1) ability to identify and practice the four core competencies to achieve risk reduction and (2) be familiar with tools supporting staff in developing proficiency in the 4 core competencies. The 4 competencies covered during the training are 1) Building Professional Alliance 2) Engaging in Skill Practice 3) Effective Case Planning and Management and 4) Appropriate Use of Rewards and Responses to Noncompliance. This training is scheduled to occur in June, 2019

The second training, **CAREY GUIDES AND BITS** provides training on cognitive behavioral interventions that are utilized during one on one work with youth to address criminogenic need areas. The Carey Guides/BITs training is a 2 day, hands on training. The contents of the training are highly experiential with a great deal of practicing to ensure that participants leave with a level of comfort to return to work and use the Guides/BITs. The goals of this training are (1) be familiar with the Carey Guides and BITS (2) engage in skill practice using 5 Guides and 6 BITS (3) practice introducing the Guides/BITs to youth (4) understand how to make the most effective use of the Guides/BITs (5) develop strategies for managing youth's potential lack of cooperation. This training is being offered twice in 2019, once in June and again in October.

The final training is **10 STEPS TO RISK REDUCTION**. This training is intended to be an advanced training in the implementation of EBP principles. This training would make sense for agencies that have already had basic training in EPB, have worked on implementing the core competencies related to EBP and would like further training on how all of these pieces fit together. The learning objectives of this training are (1) to understand the purpose of each of the 10 steps and why the step is important to risk reduction (2) to know how to use practical tools to increase the likelihood of achieving the purpose of each step and (3) to prioritize the tools you are most likely to implement. 10 Steps to Risk Reduction Training will occur in October, 2019.

Applications for training through The Carey Group were received from 31 counties in Wisconsin. WJCIA was also able to offer binders of Carey Guides to 13 counties in Wisconsin through this grant. If additional grant funding is receiving, WJCIA will be working to plan another session of 10 Steps to Risk Reduction, as well as Risk Reduction Coaching for Supervisors/Lead Workers.

Watch for announcements for upcoming offerings!

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Legislative Committee is looking forward to the new legislative session. Last year made quite a few changes to how we do business, including notifying schools about permanency plan reviews, foster care changes, and closing Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake. One of the items proposed, but not passed, was moving 17-year-olds back into the Youth Justice System. WJCIA strongly supports this legislation and will be advocating for it. If there is legislation you are interested in, feel WJCIA should consider supporting, or just looking for more information,

Nomination Committee

This committee coordinates the recruitment and receipt of nominations of candidates for the WJCIA Board of Directors. If you are interested in being on the WJCIA board of directors, or have any questions about being on the board, please contact Joy Lynn George at jgeorge@co.pierce.wi.us or 715-273-6766 x6638.

Conference Site Committee

The WJCIA Annual Conference will be held at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center through the year 2030.

WJCIA is always updating our Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Directory so county workers can connect across the state.

Please send your county changes to Kris Fleming at kris.fleming@wicourts.gov [Kris Fleming](#)

Division of Juvenile Corrections Updates

Behavior Management Plans

Copper Lake School (CLS) and Lincoln Hills School (LHS) have implemented the use of individualized Behavior Management Plans (BMPs) at their facilities. The goal of these plans is to help address problematic behaviors, reduce misbehavior, and increase prosocial behaviors. Each BMP provides staff with details on how to best respond to the youth on an individual basis. This allows for more consistency in staff responses, which can increase the effectiveness of interventions and behavior change. Individualized BMPs allow for more intensive interventions and monitoring of behaviors specific to each youth, effectively providing more support and services that are tailored to each youth's circumstances and presentation. Each plan is developed by the youth's multidisciplinary team, which includes the youth themselves, unit staff, psychological services, health services, and social workers. Plans are reviewed regularly and modified as the youth progresses through their programming.

WCWPDS UPDATES

WCWPDS is happy to share a new youth justice training opportunity: The Neurobiology of Case Planning - Youth Justice. Participants in this training will learn about the interaction between brain development and behavior, addressing the youth's disrupted capacities for self-regulation, self-concept, and self-efficacy, and the importance of reactivating and reinforcing positive growth and development.

This training will be offered on 6/26, 8/12, 9/11, and 9/25 of this year. Registration for this training is completed through PDS Online. Seating is limited, so don't miss out on this opportunity!

Mission and Position Committee

The Mission and Position Committee is currently ensuring the Positions of WJCIA are current and up to date. Most recently, we have been researching more recent data to continue our positive position of 17-year-olds returning to the Youth Justice Court System.

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