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Letter from the President –

I would like to start by saying thank you to all members that attended the 2012 Conference. Reviewing the evaluations that were submitted, it was a huge success. We even had an attendee from New Port Richey, Florida, Sherrie Warden-Weisner, who made the trip for this year's conference. Sherrie is a retired Juvenile Court Worker. The presenters were very uplifting this year and left me with a sense of purpose. It was nice to come away from this year's Conference refreshed with new ideas. Kudos goes out to the Conference Chairperson, Barb Rahm, and the rest of the committee for making it a very successful event. We have also been receiving positive feedback for our newly designed website. This has been in the works for the past year and we will continue to update it as we receive new information.

As always, if you have any recommendations for next year's Conference, please feel free to contact one of the board members with that information. I hope everyone has a great holiday season.

Respectfully,
Jim Schroeter, President WJCIA

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Recap of 2012 Conference



Picture left to right: Frank Crisafi, Vic Karaliunas, Todd McDonald

Congratulations to Vic Karaliunas, retired Juvenile Intake Worker from Waukesha County. Vic was nominated by his former supervisor, Todd McDonald. As a Juvenile Intake Worker, Vic was described as not only well respected, but also as a statutory expert who was a reputed asset to the Waukesha County Department of Human Services.

After receiving the award, Vic wrote a letter of appreciation to WJCIA President Jim Schroeter. Vic states that it is heartwarming to receive this prestigious award. Vic is honored by the award because it comes from his peers.

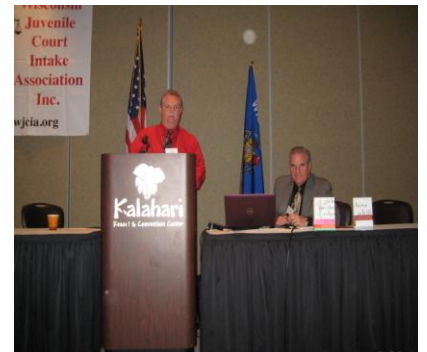
Congratulations again to Vic Karaliunas, the 2012 WJCIA Recognition Award Winner. Thanks Vic for the many years of service!

For more information on how to nominate someone for this award, please e-mail the nomination committee chairperson, Kurt Schumacher, at kschumacher@co.lincoln.wi.us

The WJCIA Board of Directors and Conference Committee send a big thank you to everyone that made this year's conference a success. The Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells continues to be a suitable facility to hold the annual conference.

There were a total of 201 registrants this year who were overall pleased with the presentations. Leonard Sax opened up on Wednesday with great information on how social media has an impact on children and how we need to pay attention to the needs of different genders. There were numerous breakout sessions with information on trauma informed care, programming at Lincoln Hills & Copper Lake Schools, Engaging Absent Fathers, Juvenile Justice in the State of Wisconsin, Maximizing your Intake interview, and much more. The conference ended with a keynote speaker, Tom Kidd, providing excellent information on taking care of yourself before you can take care of others.

If you have any topics or ideas you would like to see in an upcoming conference, please don't hesitate to contact one of the board members.



SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

2013 Annual Conference is September 11 - 13

ATTEND YOUR REGIONAL JUVENILE INTAKE MEETING!

Juvenile Intake regional meetings are typically held quarterly and are beneficial in obtaining updated information that is currently going on around the state. This is also a great way to network with neighboring counties. Please contact your identified regional contact person to obtain more information or an agenda for upcoming regional meetings.

The following regions have scheduled meetings for 2013:

Region 1

2/27/ 2013 - 9:00am - Oasis Group Home, Hayward, WI
Contact Leigh Wahlen, leighw@co.polk.wi.us

Region 2

Meeting dates not available

Region 3

2/22/ 2013 - 9:00am - Eau Claire Courthouse, Eau Claire, WI
Contact Michael Weber, mweber@co.chippewa.wi.us

Region 4

Meeting dates not available

Region 5

Meeting dates not available

Region 6

01/17/2013 - 10:30am- Northwest Regional Office, Madison
04/18/2013 - 10:30am- Northwest Regional Office, Madison
10/17/2017 - 10:30am- Northwest Regional Office, Madison
Contact Amy Cook, acook@co.dodge.wi.us

Region 7

03/06/2013 - 9:30 - Racine County
06/05/2013 - 9:30 - Milwaukee
09/04/2013 - 9:30 - Milwaukee
12/04/2013 - 9:30 - Milwaukee
Contact Kim Boldon, KBoldon@waukeshacounty.gov

NOTE: These meeting dates and times are subject to change. It is strongly encouraged that you check with your regional contact worker prior to attending a scheduled meeting. If you would like to attend a meeting in another region, contact the identified contact person for that region. Please send region updates/meeting times to: michelle.leccia@co.saint-croix.wi.us

What Region Are You?

REGION 1 - Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, Iron, Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Price, Polk, Barron, Rusk, Taylor

REGION 2 - Vilas, Forest, Florence, Oneida, Forest, Marinette, Lincoln, Langlade, Oconto, Menominee, Oconto, Marathon

REGION 3 - St. Croix, Dunn, Chippewa, Clark, Pierce, Pepin, Eau Claire, Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, Wood

REGION 4 - La Crosse, Monroe, Juneau, Adams, Vernon, Crawford, Richland

REGION 5 - Shawano, Portage, Waupaca, Outagamie, Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Calumet, Winnebago, Marquette, Waushara, Green Lake, Fon du Lac

REGION 6 - Sauk, Columbia, Dodge, Iowa, Dane, Jefferson, Lafayette, Green Rock, Grant

REGION 7 - Washington, Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine, Walworth, Kenosha

BASIC JUVENILE COURT INTAKE WORKER TRAINING

The next training is scheduled for
March 6-8, 2013 at
Holiday Inn and Suites
Rothschild, WI

Register at WWW.WJCIA.ORG

WJCIA Board Update

Welcome New Board Members!!!

Lindsay Campbell - Lindsay Campbell is the Juvenile Justice supervisor for Waushara County DHS and has been in that position since 2008, supervising juvenile justice social workers and also maintaining a case load. Prior to working in Waushara, she worked in CPS on-going and then initial assessment for six years in Waupaca County, and also worked after hours on-call juvenile intake. She has a BS in Psychology from UW-Stevens Point, and a MSW from UW-Oshkosh.

Dave Bauer - Dave has been Juvenile Court Intake Supervisor for Sawyer County since 2001. He has been employed as an intake worker for Sawyer County since 1987. Dave has been an active association member for many years. He has also been a key participant in redesigning the current WJCIA website.

Leigh Wallen - Leigh graduated with a BSW from the College of St. Catherine in May 2003 and has been a certified Social Worker since August 2003. She received her MSW, Child Welfare concentration, from UW-Madison in December 2011 and attained her Advanced Practice Social Worker certification in June 2012. She continues to be intrigued by the child and juvenile court process and how child welfare policy and/or legislation affects children and families. Leigh's career goals are to attain more knowledge and experience in the juvenile court systems and legislation that affects this process. Her long term career goal is to create and/or implement child/juvenile welfare policy at a state or federal level. She has been employed with Polk County Human Services since August 2005. Leigh began her work in Polk County as a CST case manager and transferred to child protection as an IA worker in June 2006. In September 2007 she began a new position as the Juvenile Court Intake Worker for Polk County. Since then, she has received over 1000 juvenile intake referrals on juveniles and/or children.

Heather Werner - Heather graduated from UW-La Crosse in 1991 and has been employed as a social worker with La Crosse County Human Services in the Family and Children Section since 1994. At the current time she is in the Juvenile Justice Unit providing intake and ongoing services but has also worked in CPS ongoing services, and ran a home detention program and an after-school report center program for the county. Heather has been involved in numerous committees in the last several years addressing truancy, evidence-based practice, and foster home recruitment and retention. She has also participated in the development of an intensive supervision program and development of a 180-day treatment program called "CORE Academy" in the La Crosse County Juvenile Detention Facility.

2012 – 2013 Board Meeting Calendar

November 8 – 9, 2012
January 17-18, 2013
March 14-15, 2013
April 18-19, 2013
June 6-7, 2013
August Date yet to be determined

The board gathers together for two days approximately 6 times per year to plan for the annual conference, juvenile intake trainings, update curriculum, discuss upcoming legislative news, discuss topics/ideas for newsletter, and to update the website. Board minutes will be available for review on the website at www.wjcia.org. Feel free to contact any board member if you have any additional questions.



Board Members Jacob Aslakson, JoyLynn George, and Jodi Petersen at 2012 Conference working hard at the registration table

Innovative Programming: 180 Days in La Crosse County

By Heather Werner

C.O.R.E. Academy (Community Option for Re-Engagement) is a court ordered program for 10-17 year old delinquent youth. Housed in La Crosse County's secure detention facility, C.O.R.E. Academy is utilized as a placement option with a maximum stay per statute of 180 days.

The purpose of CORE Academy is to provide tools to teach youth to be productive members of their own community within their own community. The program utilizes evidence based programming to reduce recidivism and target the most serious offenders. C.O.R.E is looked at as fiscally responsible in its operations by utilizing existing staff and reducing expensive out of county placements in residential facilities.

Youth are assessed for appropriateness for the program through the use of a two phase screening process that takes into consideration risk and need levels, need for out of home placement (CANS), and previous efforts attempted. The program is divided into four phases: Orientation, Skill Building, Community Transition, and Aftercare. Case management is provided by a La Crosse County Juvenile Justice Social Worker. Individual and family therapy and AODA group counseling is provided in-house by a contracted provider. Individualized case planning is developed for youth based on their individual and family's needs, including but not limited to: individual and family counseling, psycho-educational groups to address drug and alcohol issues, criminal thinking, victim impact, independent living skills, and other topics as necessary. Youth are also enrolled in full school days through the La Crosse School District while placed in C.O.R.E. Academy.

La Crosse County is anticipating a regionalization of C.O.R.E. Academy to surrounding counties in the near future. For additional information or inquiries, please contact:

David Steinberg, La Crosse County Juvenile Detention Facility Superintendent
(608)785-5542
Steinberg.david@co.la-crosse.wi.us

Mandy Bisek, La Crosse County Juvenile Justice Supervisor
(608)785-6216
bisek.mandy@co.la-crosse.wi.us

Corresponding Statute on 180 Placement in Juvenile Detention Facility:

938.34(3)(f) Placement: A juvenile detention facility or juvenile portion of a county jail that meets the standards promulgated by the department by rule, or in a place of nonsecure custody designated by the court, subject to all of the following:

1. The placement may be for any combination of single or consecutive days totaling not more than 180, including any placement under pars. (a) to (e). The juvenile shall be given credit against the period of detention or nonsecure custody imposed under this paragraph for all time spent in secure detention in connection with the course of conduct for which the detention or nonsecure custody was imposed.

2. The order may provide that the juvenile may be released from the juvenile detention facility, juvenile portion of the jail, or place of nonsecure custody during specified hours to attend school, to work at the juvenile's place of employment or to attend or participate in any activity which the court considers beneficial to the juvenile.

3. The use of placement in a juvenile detention facility or in a juvenile portion of a county jail as a disposition under this paragraph is subject to the adoption of a resolution by the county board of supervisors under s. [938.06 \(5\)](#) authorizing the use of those placements as a disposition.

4. If a juvenile's placement under this paragraph exceeds 30 days, whether or not consecutive, the county department shall offer the juvenile alcohol or other drug abuse treatment, counseling, and education services under sub. [\(6r\)](#). The payment for those services shall be in accordance with s. [938.361](#).

The Following WJCIA History Information is being provided to you from a document created by Cheryl Huenink who is retiring in January 2013. A special "thank you" goes out to Cheryl for her role and years of service on the WJCIA board. Good Luck and "best wishes" on retirement!!!

WISCONSIN JUVENILE COURT INTAKE ASSOCIATION How it all started...

Reflections

- The June – August 1981 premiere issue of “Prima Facie” included the following statements in the “Welcome from Cheryl Huenink” about the formation of WJCIA
 - The first Ad Hoc Committee meeting to discuss the need for a statewide association for juvenile court intake workers was held in December 1980. At that meeting, a Board of Directors representing the geographic regions of the state, rural and urban counties, and Court and Department of Social Services programs was formed.
 - Court intake workers around the state have been discussing their professional needs and concerns for over two years. Case problems and their resolutions are regularly exchanged. Difficulties in getting various parts of the system to work together are often discussed. Creative physical custody and court intake actions are explored.
 - Intake workers statewide seem to agree that it has been exciting being in on the ground floor of this newly legislated position and profession; but it tends also to be frustrating. The frustration seems to stem primarily from a need for additional training and sharing of information on a regular basis, and also a need to feel a sense of definition and cohesiveness as a profession. Now, court intake workers will have an outlet – the Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association.
 - The pros and cons of a statewide association have been discussed at length by the Ad Hoc Committee. Even when recognizing the difficulties of time and travel distance and population and program differences, the benefits of a statewide membership outweighed the other drawbacks. The potential for input into other statewide systems is obviously greater when we speak as a group. The potential for learning from each other, regardless of program size or type, has already been explored and used by many of us. There were approximately 460 people in Wisconsin who perform all or some of the intake duties specified under s.48.067. Obviously, that’s a lot of people with a lot of decision-making responsibility. The association is a vehicle to help all of us perform those duties with a sense of professional knowledge and pride.
- In 1980, Cheryl Huenink was the Juvenile Court Intake Worker for Clark County and WJCIA’s first president
 - As a new Intake Worker: she attended every training that she could find, participated in discussions after training sessions until the trainers insisted that “they buy beer or shut up” and drove the Clark Co Corp Counsel to distraction
 - Fall of 1980, made a statement about needing a group to share program ideas, to ask questions, to sponsor training and to provide input to others about Intake and related issues
 - Peter Plant from Youth Policy and Law Center, Gary Northrop (a private consultant working with a number of counties), and Frank Vazquez (Corp Counsel Clark Co) said, “of course, so do it”
 - Oct 1980, looked at a map and called 16 Chief Intake Workers that she knew or Peter knew around the state and they all said “yes” to meeting in Dec
 - Peter Plant, Gary Northrop and Mark Mitchell (then a Substitute Care Specialist with the State) agreed to be resource people to WJCIA
- WJCIA took a number of risks that first year, including independently hosting a very successful conference in Madison in August 1981 just eight months after our first Board meeting (because they didn’t know any better)
 - Cheryl had contacted and met with WSSA and WJOA asking if they would run an Intake Worker training track for us but they were not interested, yet.....
 - The conference chair broke his leg (after several of us on the planning committee had wished him luck and said “break a leg”)
 - A Board member spent an additional week in a hospital Madison hospital following emergency surgery

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- Some Board members may also remember
 - Receiving \$185, the total treasury, from the Northern Wisconsin Juvenile Workers Association (which was formed in 1971) in April 1981 as seed money
 - The debates about “the flaming amazon” logo on the newsletter “Prima Facie” (Peter Plant suggested the name)
 - Peter Plant and Mark Mitchell cooking for the Board members at Peter’s house or “the Maison du Piere et Marc”
 - The 1st WJCIA and Wis Juvenile Officer Association Conference in 1984, which was a big risk for WJOA

Growth of Juvenile Court Intake, and in general Social Work, as recognized and respected profession

- History and growth of WJCIA is documented in its minutes, publications, positions taken and oral legends – what a great research paper for someone
- From the early days of being “almost/kinda like/wanna be cops” and the enforcers to the current professionals who are expected to identify a multitude of complex issues and options and then to actually do the work in the trenches to facilitate change (unlike doctors, therapists and many others who usually get to work in sterile, safe settings)
- Expected to successfully communicate and interact with everyone, including the families, law enforcement, doctors, schools, lawyers, judges, service providers and a host of others even when they can’t or won’t talk to each other
- Despite the efforts of politicians to conveniently divide kids and their families into different statutory chapters and between different State departments, we recognize the commonalities of the issues and the strengths of kids and families who often are trying to survive the only way they know how
- We have seen the growth in service options (during good and tough fiscal times) from a time that was often driven by placements in institutions to an array of creative community services for families
- We have developed significant experience and understanding of what removing most children from their families means to their development and future life successes
- We are the brain trust of experience and expertise related to working with kids and families in many of our counties

WISCONSIN JUVENILE COURT INTAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association, Inc. is a professional association for intake workers and juvenile justice professionals.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Persons who perform in whole or in part any of the duties of Juvenile Court intake Worker as defined in 48.067/938.067, Wis. stats.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Persons who are engaged in whole or in part in any aspect or work within Wisconsin’s juvenile justice system, social services, mental health or education systems, and who are not eligible for active membership.

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EauClaire County
Children’s Court Division
721 Oxford Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54703

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

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For further information, please call 715-839-5172 or fax 715-831-5850. To keep your newsletters coming to you if you are unable to attend conference, please submit this membership application.

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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