

News from the Juvenile Probation and Detention Services

Division: Fact Sheet

Last update: December 31, 2017

The Juvenile Probation and Detention Services Division provides a continuum of services to families of youth who have been referred by law enforcement for delinquent offenses. Services range from informal diversion from court to highly structured supervision or probation in the community. The Division also provides in-house residential treatment as well as a secure detention center for more serious and/or chronic juvenile offenders.

JOA/IPCSA/Committee Participation

Probation Officers continue to support the Juvenile Officers Association through their membership as well as serving on the board. Officers attend general meetings bi-monthly during the lunch hour at various locations throughout the County. For the upcoming year, Principle Probation Officer, Mario Urbina, has been elected to the Board to serve as Vice President and Senior Probation Officer Margo Ferretti, to serve another term as Secretary.

Probation Officers continue to be members of the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association and also attend meetings through the Lake County Gang Task Force, Lake County Sexual Assault Council's sex offender treatment committee, the Youth Empowerment for Success Coalition and the Juvenile Justice Council.

On 01-10-17, Claudia Gilhooley and Mary Marsolek attended the Sex Offender treatment committee meeting. Juvenile Probation / Detention Services continues to work with the State's Attorney's Office on the issues of expungement as well as petition for removal from sex offender registry.

Claudia Gilhooley, Assistant Director of Juvenile Probation is a participant on the Consent Committee for the Dually Involved Youth Program, a Pay for Success Project run by the Conscience Community Network. Monthly meetings have occurred to discuss program updates, identification of youth who are DCFS wards in contact with the juvenile justice system and creation of a workflow specific to Lake County for receipt and tracking of referrals to the Dually Involved Youth Program.

On 02-10-17, Robert Cesar, Claudia Gilhooley, Lynette Hampton and Dennis McMahon met with Danielle Young and Russell Saley, AOIC Field Services Coordinator Probation Service Division to discuss ongoing projects within our facility.

On 02-15-17, juvenile employees attended the JOA meeting at the Mundelein Police Department. Claudia Kasten from the State's Attorney's Office presented on the new 2017 juvenile laws.

On 02-24-17, Robert Cesar, Claudia Gilhooley and Lynette Hampton participated on a call with AOIC to discuss transitioning, migration and training from YASI to Caseworks.

On 02-28-17, Claudia Gilhooley attended the YES meeting at Mundelein Police Department. Mary Marsolek with Psychological Services will be retiring at the end of March of this year. She formally resigned from her board position with YES. Claudia was appointed as a board member to replace Mary.

On 04-21-17, James Edwards, Claudia Gilhooley and Lynette Hampton participated in the Northern Region Lake County Immersion Site Stakeholders Meeting.

On 04-25-17, Claudia Gilhooley attended the YES meeting. A Safe Place presented on domestic violence and counseling services available to youth and families in Lake County.

On 10-18-17, Claudia Gilhooley, Lynette Hampton, and Dennis McMahan attended the IPCSA Committee Meetings.

DATA Focus Group & Technology

The DATA group continues to meet monthly. We continue to seek ways to improve data collection and workflow.

The Lake County website team has partnered with a new vendor to provide the County's public-facing website with a new layout design, new user-friendly tools and other features. Principal Probation Officer Sia Booras, Assistant Director Claudia Gilhooley, Senior Juvenile Counselor Roger Salgado and Administrative Assistant Gina Zastany have been appointed as the approved content editors for our divisional page/content specific area on the Court's public facing website. In the month of January, a new form was created for youth on Minimum Group Reporting. The form is accessible through the website and can be submitted electronically to the Probation Officer.

Girl Wise

The 14th Annual Girl Wise Conference was held on April 8, 2017. Approximately 100 girls and 40 parents/role models attended the conference. We are in the process of planning for the 15th Annual Girl Wise Conference which will be held on April 7, 2018 at the College of Lake County.

Planning

Probation Officers continue to utilize satellite offices to be closer to the youth being supervised in the community and for minimum group reporting. To make resources available to officers at satellite locations, we are piloting having a vehicle stationed at the Park City Branch Court location.

In anticipation of the opening of the new Court building, Juvenile Probation / Detention Services has been working with JIS to ensure a smooth transition with workflow. As a result, officers are now able to use laptops in the new Court rooms and when meeting with families.

On 07-17-17, the ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new Court addition.

A proposal for a new high-risk program, High Risk Offender Programming through Engagement (HOPE) was presented to the Juvenile Judges, Director of the Juvenile Division, the State's Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office. Programming should be available starting February of 2018.

The Juvenile Division has been meeting on a regular basis to address new legislation, including automatic expungements.

Internships

On 01-19-17, Jennyfer Garcia started her part-time internship with Probation. Michael Robeck from Illinois State University was assigned to the detention center for the Spring 2017 session.

Two interns, McKenzie Kelley from Lake Forest College and Yuri Fernandez from Western Illinois University completed their summer internship with Juvenile Probation/Detention Services. McKenzie will be assigned part-time in Detention and Yuri will be full time in Probation.

Awards/ Promotions

On 01-20-17, the JOA Awards Ceremony was held at Mickey Finns. Robert Cesar, Jan Hanson and Mary Marsolek were the recipients of the Juvenile Justice Award.

On 08-08-17, Jennifer Zakaras was appointed the new PREA Coordinator/Unit Manager.

Public Service

Youth continue to find public service sites on their own.

Training and Education

Probation Officers continue to attend trainings to promote improved customer service, technical skills and professional development. In the month of January LEADS re-certification has taken place.

Momodou Njie, Brandon Rauen and Robert Brothers attended Managing and Mediating Conflict sponsored by Lake County.

Training on new Motorola radios was completed and the new radios being used.

Training on new cameras in the Detention Center was completed by Facilities.

Smart Boards and mac books are being installed in the classrooms in Detention and FACE-IT to enhance the education program.

Unit Managers in Detention continue Management and Leadership training sponsored by Lake County.

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) training was conducted by Deputy Superintendent Dennis McMahan.

Conflict Resolution Training was conducted by Kathrine Rayford on 05-11-17 and 05-23-17.

Juvenile Probation Officers participated in a training for YASI CaseWorks sponsored by AOIC.

During the month of May, Juvenile Probation Officers participated in a training provided by Conscious Community Network for Dually Involved Youth as well as training provided by Adult Probation Officer Rudy Martin, *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses*.

All Juvenile employees participated in First Aid/CPR refresher training this year.

Training was facilitated for Detention employees on FREA and the new behavior modification modality for detention.

On 11-07-17, Claudia Gilhooley and Lynette Hampton presented to a Criminal Justice class at the College of Lake County.

11-17-17 to 11-17-17 consultant Wayne Liddell conducted a PREA audit of the Hulse Detention Center.

ISBE audit was conducted from 11-27-17 to 11-29-17.

IDJJ audit was conducted on 11-30-17.

Partnerships

Probation continues to conduct bi-monthly service reviews with Psychological Services, Lake County Health Department, and NICASA. A representative from One Home United attended a unit meeting to discuss the trauma-informed, evidenced-based program, SPARCS.

Peace Circle Groups in FACE-IT and detention continue a weekly basis.

Quentin Road Baptist Church and the Monday evening Church group continue to hold voluntary church services on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Conflict resolution (IBARJ) continues to take place in detention.

FACE-IT attended the following community outings in January: "Living Literature", poetry reading by FACE-IT participants, at the Vernon Area Public Library.

On 06-02-17, Youth Build presented programming available to youth to our Probation Department.

Jr's Challenge

On 05-16-16, Mario Urbina and Jesus Rodriguez were certified to manage the Jr's Challenge Course. This certification is good for three years.

On 02-28-17, juvenile facilitators for Jr's Challenge Course attended the Roundtable event at the Lincoln March Challenge Course in Wheaton, Illinois.

Jr's Challenge programming continued through the summer and fall of this year. 79 youth on Probation and 9 youth from Mundelein's Leadership group completed the course this year. Also, 17 juvenile employees completed the course.

Tours

A tour of the facility was given to the Deans of Stevenson School District on February 16, 2017.

A tour of Detention, FACE-IT and Probation was given to the PREA coordinator of Cook County on February 23, 2017

A tour of Detention was completed with Claudia Kasten and Chief Leonis of Lincolnshire Police Dept. on February 27, 2017.

On March 29, 2017, a tour of the facility was given to Judge Scully and Judge Christensen.

On June 15, 2017, a tour was given to Highland Park Police Department.

Upgrades

The camera and door access projects in the juvenile complex have been upgraded to better enhance safety and security. New Motorola radios are being used in Detention.