

DJJ HIGHLIGHTS



Dossett and Mills present at Correctional Security Conference: *Sharing Resources . . . Sharing Success!*

Deputy Commissioner, Mike Dossett, and Libby Mills, Interim Director, Division of Program Services, presented a workshop titled, *Taking It On: Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice Substance Abuse Intervention Initiative*, at the 3rd Annual Correctional Security Conference held in Cincinnati, September 24-27, 2006. In recent years, DJJ saw a significant increase in the need for substance abuse intervention for the youth and families it services. This workshop focused on the statewide substance abuse intervention/treatment program that has been implemented by the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice.



DJJ Forum held at KCCD Conference: *Correctional Challenges, Creative Solutions*

DJJ Deputy Commissioners, Mike Dossett and Dale Liechty, and Division Directors held a three-hour forum at the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency (KCCD) conference that was held, September 16-20 in Louisville. This juvenile justice forum allowed conference participants to learn about new initiatives the department has implemented, and about future initiatives.

2006 KY DJJ AWARDS

Outstanding Professional Development Employee: PAUL OWENS
Manager, Training Branch

Outstanding Program Services Employee: RICHARD THOMAS
Internal Policy Analyst, Quality Assurance Branch

Outstanding Placement Services Employee: JAMES THOMPSON
Social Service Specialist, Classification Branch

Outstanding Support Services Employee: PATRICK GALLOWAY
Supervisor, Information Services Branch

Outstanding Medical Services Professional: JANET POWELL
Nurse Program Supervisor, Medical Services Division

Outstanding Mental Health Professional: CHARLES LOVE
Social Service Clinician, Mental Health Central Branch

Outstanding Administrative Employee: SIMONE SMEDLEY
Administrative Specialist, Eastern Region Division Office

Outstanding Day Treatment Employees:
RUSSELL SMITH, Interim Superintendent, Owensboro
SHARON VOELKER, Youth Worker, Northern Kentucky
TIMOTHY NELSON, Ashland

Outstanding Group Home Employees:
JUNIOR WORLEY, Youth Worker, Burnside
BRYAN SAGER, Social Service Worker, Ashland
GLORIA COSGROVE, Office Coordinator, Westport
TANYA CRICK, Office Coordinator, Hopkinsville

Outstanding Detention Center Employees:
DALE BRANSCUM, Youth Services Program Supervisor, Fayette
CASEY BURNS, Youth Worker, Campbell
MICHAEL PORTER, Youth Worker, Lincoln Village
GREG LINDSEY, Youth Services Program Supervisor, McCracken
JASON LITTLE, Youth Worker, Breathitt

Outstanding Residential Center Employees:
MELODY ADAMS, Fiscal Manager, Northern Kentucky
RONNIE COOTS, Youth Worker, Green River
RUSSELL TUCKER, Social Service Clinician, Lake Cumberland
TIM SUTTON, Social Service Worker, Bluegrass
DALE DECKER, Youth Worker, Owensboro

Outstanding Community Services Employees:
ANTHONY JACKSON, Social Service Specialist, E1
JAMIE DAVIS, Social Service Clinician, N4
JAMES BLANTON, Social Service Clinician, SE4
ANNA JO HATFIELD, Social Service Clinician, C1

TRAINING CALENDAR

October

Family Engagement	Louisville	10/2-6
DJJ Staff Meeting	Richmond	10/2-3
Sibling Training	Lexington	10/3
Safety Phase II	Richmond	10/12
Substance Abuse Mtg.	Richmond	10/18
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Statewide Directors Mtg.	Louisville	10/24-26
Safety Phase II	Richmond	10/27
Academy 54, week 1	Louisville	10/29-31
Clinical Case Consultation	Richmond	10/31

November

Academy 54, week 1	Louisville	11/1-3
Cannabis Youth Treatment	Louisville	11/1-2
Clinical Case Consultation	Elizabethtown	11/1
Community Service/Legal	Louisville	11/1
Safety Phase II	Pennyrile	11/2
JSOCCP	Louisville	11/3-10
Safety Phase II	Pennyrile	11/3
Substance Abuse Mtg.	Louisville	11/3
Academy 54, week 2	Louisville	11/6-10
LEAD Program	Richmond	11/8-9
Community Service/Legal	Elizabethtown	11/9
Academy 54, week 3	Louisville	11/13-17
Academy 54, week 4	Louisville	11/20-22
Academy 54, week 5	Louisville	11/27-30
Substance Abuse Mtg.	Bowling Green	11/29
Community Service/Legal	Lexington	11/29

December

Academy 54, week 5	Louisville	12/1
Academy 54, week 6	Louisville	12/4-8
Treatment Planning	Louisville	12/5-6
First Aid/CPR/AED	Richmond	12/5-8
Academy 54, week 7	Louisville	12/11-15
Academy 54 Graduation	Louisville	12/15
Cannabis Youth Treatment	Louisville	12/11-12
Cognitive Self Change	Louisville	12/12-14

National Trainings Offered to DJJ Staff

In September 2006, several nationally-known trainers provided workshops on the topics of sibling abuse, aggression, forensic interviewing, and assessing sexually abusive children and adolescents.

SIBLING RIVALRY VS. SIBLING ABUSE and UNDERSTANDING AGGRESSION

Vernon Wiehe, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus at the University of Kentucky, and author of over fifty articles in social science journals as well as ten books in the area of family violence.

In Dr. Wiehe's first session, *"Is it Sibling Rivalry or is Sibling Abuse?"*, he explained what the worker needs to know about sibling abuse, its impact on all family members, interventions through group activities, and how to engage parents to intervene in their own families.

Dr. Wiehe's second seminar, *"Understanding Aggression: Implications for Management"*, emphasized the use of theory and in understanding aggression. Biological, social learning, and feminist theories were presented followed by a discussion on intervention clues and implications, based on each theory. Over 200 staff attended these trainings (200 community and 21 youth workers).

MEGA TRAINING

Multiplex Empirically Guided Inventory of Ecological Aggregates for Assessing Sexually Abusive Children and Adolescents (or MEGA)

L. C. Miccio-Fonseca, Ph.D., co-author of MEGA

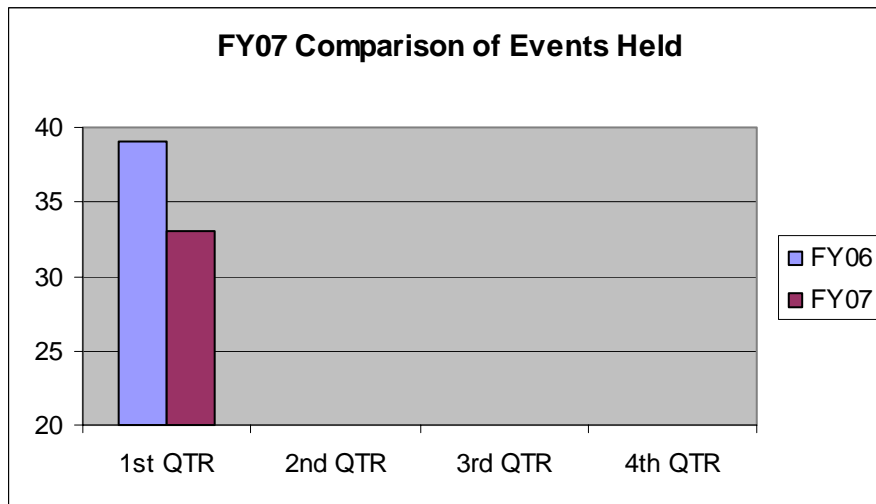
MEGA is the first risk assessment tool developed to apply to all sexually abusive youth, including children under age 12, female adolescents, and developmentally delayed youth. MEGA provides comprehensive criteria used to: a) define and assess sexually abusive youth ages 19 and under, b) estimate their risk of concern for sexually abusive behavior, c) guide treatment planning, and d) evidence improvement as the youth makes changes over time. The advent of MEGA reflects a new paradigm in assessment of sexually abusive youth with all items based solely on the research of sexually abusive youth, not adults. This training was attended by 34 DJJ staff.

FORENSIC INTERVIEWING

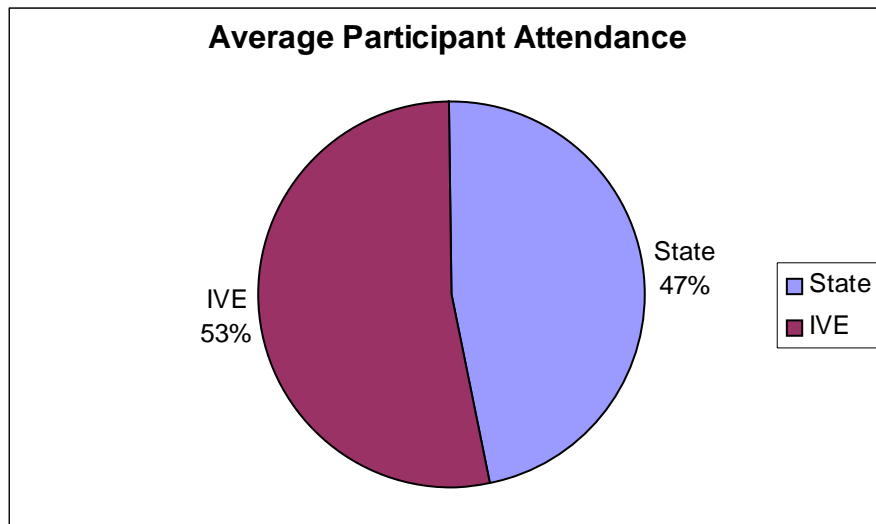
Linda Cordisco Steele, M.Ed., LPC, Curriculum Chair and Senior Trainer for the National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC)

NCAC conducted a specialized course on Child Forensic Interview Structure that was attended by 30 DJJ staff. This training provided a format for the forensic interview of a child who may have been the victim of sexual abuse or physical abuse, or a witness to the assault of another person. The NCAC Child Forensic Interview Structure is flexible and can be adapted to children of different developmental stages and cultural backgrounds.

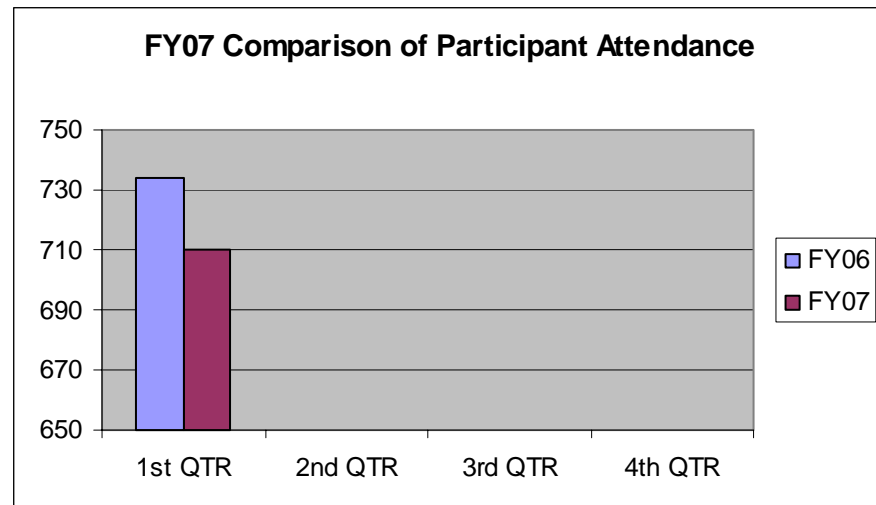
JJTC TRAINING STATS



*excludes Academy training weeks



*does not include Academy participants



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TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

July-September 2006

Number of events held: 33

Number of participants:
IVE 53%
State 47%

The top three training sites, based on number of events held were:

City	County
Richmond	Madison
Louisville	Jefferson
Lexington	Fayette

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Eastern Kentucky University

Training Resource Center
<http://www.trc.eku.edu>

Juvenile Justice Training Center
<http://www.jjtc.eku.edu>

College of Justice & Safety
<http://www.justice.eku.edu>



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DJJ Recognizes Academy 52 and 53 Graduates

The Department of Juvenile Justice recognized 45 graduates of Academy 52, at Eastern Kentucky University's Posey Auditorium on July 20, 2006. On September 22, 29 graduates of Academy 53 were honored at a graduation ceremony held at the Transportation Cabinet Conference Center in Frankfort.

To date, 1767 DJJ employees have completed the training academy. Academy participants who meet ECU admissions criteria will be awarded 6 hours of COR 106 undergraduate credit for their Academy training. Academic credit will be processed in the Fall of 2006 and will appear on student transcripts in December 2006.



ACADEMY 52

Class Motto:

"Shaping Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Society"



ACADEMY 53

Class Motto:

"We, the Graduates of Academy 53, strive to encourage hope, motivate responsible behavior, be positive role models and rise to the challenge of making a difference, one youth at a time."