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SAC News

There are new SAC directors in California and Wisconsin. **Marilyn Yankee** was appointed at the end of November as the Assistant Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Criminal Information and Analysis, where the California SAC is housed, at the California Department of Justice (DOJ). In Wisconsin, **Kristi Waits** was tapped in October. Ms. Waits' experience includes working at JRSA as an information specialist and research analyst. Look for more information on these new directors in the upcoming issue of *The JRSA Forum*. Contact information is available on the JRSA Web site at <http://www.jrsa.org>.

Conferences and Trainings

Conference Explores Model Programs for Youth and their Families

The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence will hold its biennial *Blueprints Conference* in Denver, Colorado, on **March 17–19, 2008**. The conference will provide information on youth violence, delinquency, and evidence-based prevention and intervention programs. The Center's *Blueprints for Violence Prevention Initiative* has identified 11 model programs or "blueprints," shown to be effective in reducing adolescent violent crime, aggression, delinquency and substance abuse. For more information about the 2008 Blueprints conference and to register online, visit <http://www.blueprintsconference.com>. Additional information on the Blueprints for Violence Prevention Initiative is available at <http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints>.

Conference for Youth to Address Drugs and Violence

On **March 26-29**, Youth Crime Watch of America will hold the *19th National Youth Crime Prevention Conference and International Forum* in Miami, Florida. Designed for youth ages 12-22 and the adults who work with them, the conference will address the prevention of crime, drug use, and violence. As customary for this conference, youth participants will play a significant role. For more information, go to <http://www.ycwa.org/youthcon/index.html>.

Publications

BJS Reports on *Prisoners in 2006* and *Probation and Parole in the United States, 2006*

According to reports released by the Bureau of Justice Statistics this month, the U.S. adult correctional population—incarcerated or in the community—reached 7.2 million men and women, an increase of 159,500 during the year. About 3.2 percent of the U.S. adult population, or one in every 31 adults, was in the nation's prisons or jails or on probation or parole at the end of 2006. To access *Prisoners in 2006*, visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/p06.htm>. For *Probation and Parole in the United States, 2006*, go to <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/ppus06.htm>.

Guide for Siblings of Abducted Children Available from OJJDP

Written by siblings of abducted children, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's *What About Me? Coping With the Abduction of a Brother or Sister*, provides information to help children of all ages when their brother or sister has been kidnapped. In child-friendly language, the guide offers such children insights into what they might expect to feel following the abduction, related events that may ensue, and steps that they may take to cope with their feelings. Print copies, which are accompanied by a

DVD that features informative interviews with several of the guide's authors, can be ordered at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/App/Publications/AlphaList.aspx> (NCJ 217714). The guide is also available online at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=239397>.

Report Released on Dangers of Incarcerating Youth in Adult Jails

The Campaign for Youth Justice released *Jailing Juveniles: The Dangers of Incarcerating Youth in Adult Jails in America*, which provides a summary of the risks that youth face when incarcerated in adult jails, data on youth incarcerated in U.S. jails, and a review of federal and state laws regarding youth in jails.

This publication is available at

http://www.campaignforyouthjustice.org/Downloads/NationalReportsArticles/CFYJ-Jailing_Juveniles_Report_2007-11-15.pdf.

NIJ Standard Addresses Portable X-Ray Systems

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Office of Science and Technology, released [Portable X-Ray Systems for Use in Bomb Identification](#) (NCJ 218586, 29 pp.), a standard that establishes performance requirements and testing methods for portable x-ray systems used in bomb identification. It contains definitions to help readers use and understand the specifications and provides field testing procedures for and mechanical drawings of several tests. For a copy of the standard, go to

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/218586.pdf>.

Fact Sheet Shows Reduced Youth Drug Use

The Office of National Drug Control Policy released "[Youth Drug Use Declines](#)" (NCJ 220942, 2 pp.), an online fact sheet that provides an overview of youth drug use trends from 2001-2007, showing that antidrug strategies being implemented at the federal, state, and local levels are working. According to the most recent Monitoring the Future Study, there are 860,000 fewer young people using drugs today than there were in 2001. To view the fact sheet and view related resources, go to

http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/news/youthdrug_declines.html.

Research into Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Explored

NIJ's new publication, *Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: What Do We Know and What Do We Do About It?*, explores research into the organization of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC), the effects of CSEC on victims, and what measures are being taken and can be taken in the future to prevent its occurrence. This publication is available online at

<http://ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/215733.htm>. Print copies may be ordered online at

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/App/shoppingcart/ShopCart.aspx?item=NCJ%20215733>.

Announcements

OVC and OVW Host Web Forum on Assisting Victims of Intimate Partner Stalking

In recognition of [National Stalking Awareness Month](#), the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), in conjunction with Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), will host a *Web Forum Guest Host Session* on best practices for serving intimate partner stalking victims. Join Michelle Garcia, Director of the National Center for Victims of Crime Stalking Resource Center, on January 9, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time for the discussion. **Help for Victims Service Providers** is a message board sponsored by OVC to facilitate the exchange of ideas and best practices in victim services. Guest Host Sessions are held each month on a variety of topics. For more information, instructions on how to participate in the session, and text from past sessions, go to <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ovcproviderforum/index.asp>.

NIDA Launches Web Site for Information Sharing

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has launched a Web site to facilitate information exchange and collaboration among researchers, practitioners, and policymakers. The *NIDA Networking Project* site facilitates information sharing and research collaboration through access to locations, people, expertise, and resources from NIDA's research networks. To access the NIDA Networking Project Web site, visit <http://nnp.drugabuse.gov/>. NIDA's Web site is at <http://www.nida.nih.gov/>.