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SAC News

Texas has a new interim SAC Director, Ken Nicolas, who serves as the Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's Office. For the most current information on SAC contacts, go to the JRSA Web site at <http://www.jrsa.org> and click on "State SACs."

Conferences and Trainings

The Academy of Correctional Health Professionals is holding a seminar on *A Systemwide Approach to Managing Chronically Ill Patients in Correctional Health Care*, on **August 18** in Fairfax, Virginia. This seminar will describe key elements of a systemwide approach to managing offenders using examples of common chronic medical and mental illnesses. The approach presented will be specific to managing chronic illness but will include universal concepts that can be implemented in most settings and applied to many common issues dealt with in correctional health care. Registration is limited to promote a more interactive and collaborative educational experience. Formal lectures will be presented, with significant time set aside for case presentations, work groups, roundtable discussions and lots of questions. For more information, visit the Academy's Web site at

http://www.correctionalhealth.org/education/seminars/seminar_up.html.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the GJXDM Training and Technical Assistance Committee are cosponsoring the third annual **Global Justice Information Sharing Users' Conference** on **August 21-23**, in Chicago, Illinois. Presentations will include information and updates on the development of the National Information Exchange Model and case studies illustrating a specific implementation of DOJ's Global Justice XML Data Model. More information is available at

<http://registration2.iir.com/globalconference2007/>.

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is holding its **26th Annual Juvenile Probation & Justice Management Conference September 9-12**, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), this national conference is designed to help Juvenile Probation Officers meet growing challenges in the field, and will include sessions on methamphetamine, mental health and drug abuse, youth suicide, tribal youth, juvenile sex offenders, programming for girls, and detention alternatives. For more information and to register, go to

<http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/980/315/>.

The National Institute of Justice is cosponsoring the 2007 Biometric Consortium Conference and Technology Expo, in Baltimore, Maryland, **September 11-13**. The conference will address the latest trends in biometrics; research, development, and application of biometric technologies; and the use of biometrics in many important government programs and commercial applications. For more information, go to <http://www.biometrics.org/bc2007/index.htm>.

Publications

The Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics has released "**America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2007.**" Each year since 1997, the Forum has published this report,

which includes detailed information on the welfare of children and families. The report addresses such topics as family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education, and health. The Forum alternates publishing a comprehensive report, as is the case this year, with a condensed version that highlights selected indicators. The report is available online at <http://www.childstats.gov/americaschildren/index.asp>. Print copies can be ordered online at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/app/publications/alphaList.aspx>.

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) has published a report on the benefits of cognitive-behavioral treatment in corrections. *Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment: A Review and Discussion for Corrections Professionals* (ACCN 021657, 103 pp.), informs corrections and probation/parole professionals about the availability and benefits of cognitive-behavioral treatment services while considering the specific risks and needs of offender populations. It also helps mental health professionals evaluate or improve delivery of treatment to their clients. To view or download a copy, go to <http://nicic.org/Library/021657>.

NIC also released *Motivating Offenders to Change: A Guide for Probation and Parole*, (ACCN 022253, 117 pp.) which serves as a tool for probation and parole professionals, a classroom aid for supervisors and trainers, and a self-study resource for individual officers. This guide promotes motivational interviews as a means for correctional professionals to act as positive influences toward the offenders they supervise. The publication is available at <http://nicic.org/Library/022253>.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police, in partnership with BJA, has produced a new resource guide titled "*Building An Offender Reentry Program: A Guide for Law Enforcement*." Through law enforcement-involved program profiles, the guide presents key strategies, components, and results of law enforcement participation in offender reentry efforts. For more information, go to <http://www.theiacp.org/profassist/ReturningOffenders.htm>.

The results of tests conducted by the Computer Forensics Tool Testing Program (CFTT), a joint program of the National Institute of Justice and other federal agencies, on Hardware Write Block Devices, are available in a series of reports. This series presents test assertions, environments, and results on various Hardware Write Block Devices and other alternatives: "[Test Results for Hardware Write Block Device: FastBloc FE \(USB Interface\)](#)" (NCJ 218378, 21 pp.), "[Test Results for Hardware Write Block Device: FastBloc FE \(FireWire Interface\)](#)" (NCJ 218379, 22 pp.), "[Test Results for Hardware Write Block Device: Tableau T5 Forensic IDE Bridge \(USB Interface\)](#)" (NCJ 218380, 21 pp.), and "[Test Results for Hardware Write Block Device: Tableau T5 Forensic IDE Bridge \(FireWire Interface\)](#)" (NCJ 218381, 22 pp.). The reports are available only online.

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is offering a tool to grantees who are developing print, online, and video products. *Publishing Guidelines for Print and Multimedia*, originally published in 2004, now includes a section on producing OVC-funded videos on VHS or DVD. An expanded section addressing copyright issues is also included. The guide is available at <http://www.ovc.gov/publications/infores/pubguidelines/welcome.html>.

The National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice has published *Trauma Among Youth in the Juvenile Justice System: Critical Issues and New Directions*. This research and program brief provides an overview of trauma among youth in the juvenile justice system, including its scope and impact; and reviews tools, curricula and approaches for addressing trauma among justice-involved youth. Issues related to implementing trauma services within the juvenile justice system context are also discussed. The brief is available online at http://www.ncmhjj.com/pdfs/Trauma_and_Youth.pdf.

Announcements

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges has issued a position announcement for **Director of the National Center for Juvenile Justice**. The Center, which serves as the Council's research arm, focuses on providing research and statistics relating to the juvenile justice system and the prevention of juvenile delinquency and child abuse and neglect. The Center's mission is the attainment of effective justice for children and families, which it advances through research and technical support. The application deadline is **August 10, 2007**. The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. For more information, go to <http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/999/195/>.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) announced a new section of their Web site on *Deaths in Custody – Statistical Tables*, which contains a series of data tables describing recent trends in mortality in state prison, local jails and state juvenile correctional facilities. The address is <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/dcrp/dictabs.htm>.

An ongoing section of the BJS Web site, *Homicide Trends in the United States*, has been updated through 2005, and is available online at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/homicide/homtrnd.htm>. This site contains a series of charts that describe homicide patterns and trends in the United States since 1976.

Members of the public safety community are invited to participate in the National Protection Center's [Personal Protective Equipment Surveys for First Responders](#). Surveys will focus on protective headgear, chemical/biological protective equipment, and basic duty uniforms. Each survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes. The surveys will close on September 14, 2007.

The videoconference **Addressing the Needs of Juvenile Status Offenders and Their Families** (NCJ 216888) is now available on DVD. The broadcast highlighted programs, practices, and policies that have shown promise in intervening with status offenders to prevent further offending, provide support to their families, and guide them toward a positive future. For more information, go to <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=238511>.