



Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County

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Interagency Services Report May 2016

Highlights this Month

Judge Dan H. Michael's Calendar

Judge Michael attended the **Memphis Bar Association's Law Week Luncheon** on May 2, 2016 at the Peabody Hotel. The event featured noted speaker, Bryan Stevenson, Founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative.

On May 3, 2016, Judge Michael met with Traci Sampson, **Consilience Group, LLC**.

Judge Michael participated in the **National Correctional Officers and Employees Week**. On May 4, 2016, Judge Michael introduced Sheriff Bill Oldham at the Memorial Service held at Mt. Olive Cathedral C.M.E. Church.

On May 4, 2016, Judge Michael attended "**Stewards of Children**" training conducted by the **Memphis Child Advocacy Center**.

On May 5, 2016, Judge Michael attended the **6th Annual Juvenile Court CLE**.

Judge Michael provided Opening Remarks at the **Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association (TJCSA) Mini Conference** on May 5, 2016.

On May 6th, 2016, a story by April Thompson aired on **WREG News Channel 3** featuring Judge Michael. The story was entitled "Juvenile Justice: Those who have been through the system speak out."

Judge Michael attended a meeting on May 6, 2016 with **Congressman Steve Cohen, Mayor Jim Strickland and Dr. Kenneth Whalum, Jr.** regarding youth violence.

On May 9, 2016, Judge Michael attended **Operation: Safe Community III, Juvenile Justice Leadership Team** Meeting.

Judge Michael hosted a meeting on May 9, 2016 with **Amy Moritz, Center for Transforming Communities**, concerning Shalom Zones.

Judge Michael attended the **Sentencing Workgroup Meeting** in Nashville, Tennessee on May 10, 2016.

On May 12, 2016, Judge Michael attended the **Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, Board of Directors** Meeting.

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Judge Michael's Calendar, continued

On May 13, 2016, Judge Michael and CAO Pam Skelton participated in a conference call with Mia Henley of the **Consilience Group, LLC**.

Judge Michael attended a meeting with CAO Pam Skelton on May 13, 2016 concerning **Hope Academy**. Officials with Shelby County Sheriff's Office and Shelby County Schools were in attendance.

On May 16, 2016, Judge Michael met with Dana Wilson, Vice-President of **Bridges**.

Judge Michael held a Swearing-In Ceremony for the new **Magistrate Judge, Honorable Ray Lepone** on May 19, 2016.

On May 19, 2016, Judge Michael attended the **Cordova Republican Club Meeting**.

Judge Michael was the Luncheon Speaker for the **Rotary Club of Memphis Central #3931** on May 20, 2016.

On May 26, 2016, Judge Michael met with **Dr. K.B. Turner and Dr. Angela Madden, University of Memphis**, regarding Juvenile Cease Fire.

Judge Michael, Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden and CAO Pam Skelton met with **Mark Soler, Center for Children's Law and Policy (CCLP)**, on May 26, 2016.

Juvenile Court Staff Activities

The **Memphis Bar Association's Law Week Luncheon** was held on May 2, 2016 at the Peabody Hotel. The event featured noted speaker, Bryan Stevenson, Founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative. In addition to Judge Michael, staff attending includes Pam Skelton, Scot Bearup, Gary Cummings, Demetria Banks, Chief Magistrate Judge David Walker and Magistrate Judges Terre Fratesi, Felicia Hogan, Mitzi Pollard and Sheldon McCall.

On May 4, 2016, **Memphis Child Advocacy Center** conducted "**Stewards of Children**" training. In addition to Judge Michael, Court staff participating includes Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden, Chief Magistrate Judge David Walker; Magistrate Judges Mitzi Pollard, Debra Sanders, Nancy Kessler, Joseph Little, Harold Horne, Felicia Hogan, Sheldon McCall, Lyttonia Cunningham and Terre Fratesi; Pam Skelton, Fran Gonzales, Scot Bearup, Jason Tate, Martha Rogers, Laurie Neale, Nancy Schiller and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett.

May 2016 Highlights

Juvenile Court Staff Activities, continued

On May 5, 2016, the **6th Annual Juvenile Court CLE** was held at the Urban Child Institute. Scot Bearup was a presenter at the event. In addition to Judge Michael, other Juvenile Court participants were Pam Skelton, CAO, Garland Erguden- Chief Judicial Officer & Magistrate Judge, David Walker- Chief Magistrate Judge; Magistrate Judges- Sheldon McCall, Terre Fratesi, Joe Little, Debra Sanders, Lyttonia Cunningham, Felicia Hogan, Nancy Kessler; Thomas Coupé, Nancy Schiller, Laurie Neale, Belynda Dwyer, Yolanda Joshua and David Zac (AAG).

Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association (TJCSA), West TN Grand Division held a Mini Conference at the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel from May 5-6, 2016. Jennifer McKissick is the TJCSA Training Chair and West Grand Division Coordinator. Other Court Staff participants include Judge Michael, Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings, Sharon Fuller, Rita Hall, Judith Hampton, Tyrone Hurd, LaTisha Levenson, Jennifer McMillian, Patriece Minner, Kimbrell Owens, Scott Ritter, Brigitte Rodgers, Yolanda Rumph, Debra Salters, Sheronda Smith, Alisa Suggs, Bernard Williams, Satina Williams, Kweilyn Wiseman and Martha Rogers.

On May 9, 2016, Judge Michael hosted a meeting with Amy Moritz, **Center for Transforming Communities**, concerning Shalom Zones. Court Staff attending included Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden, Gary Cummings and Bridgette Bowman.

From May 13-18, 2016, Brenda Johnson attended the **2016 International Public Management Association Human Resources, Southern Region Conference**, Peabody Memphis.

On May 16, 2016, a training event was held. The workshop, **Recognizing and Addressing Trauma in Children**, was sponsored by the Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council. Juvenile Court participants were Fran Gonzales, Avis Allen, Theoplias Benson, Dayna Johnson, Dr. Tucker Johnson and Jennifer McMillian.

On May 19, 2016, Michael J. Smith, Hope Academy, was elected Vice-President of the **National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS) Education Council**.

On May 19, 2016, a training event was held. The workshop, **Becoming a Trauma Responsive Community**, sponsored by the Urban Child Institute hosted Dr. Nandy Hardt as keynote speaker. Juvenile Court participants were Debbie Holdman, Bernard Williams, Theoplias Benson and LaTisha Levenson.

On May 26, 2016, a **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Governing Committee Meeting** was held with Mark Soler, CCLP, attending. Juvenile Court participants include Kimbrell Owens, Avis Allen, Matthew Ian John, Aimee Burgdorf, Gary Cummings, Pam Skelton and Tom Coupé.

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Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships

American Correctional Association (ACA) Accreditation- Juvenile Court Detention has undergone accreditation through the ACA. Accreditation is a system of verification that correctional agencies/facilities comply with national standards promulgated by the ACA. Accreditation is achieved through a series of reviews, evaluations, audits and hearings. ACA standards are the national benchmark for the effective operation of correctional systems throughout the U.S. and are necessary to ensure correctional facilities are operated professionally. They address services, programs and operations essential to good correctional management, including administrative and fiscal controls, staff training and development, physical plant, safety and emergency procedures, sanitation, food service, and rules and discipline. Standards reflect practical, up-to-date policies and procedures that safeguard the life, health and safety of staff and offenders. Final audit-October 3-5, 2011 & accreditation awarded on 1/22/2012. **February 23-27, 2015:** ACA Audit conducted and reaccreditation was successful pending Panel Interview in August. Detention Services scored 100% on mandatory standards. - **September 2015 Update:** ACA Re-accreditation awarded on August 17, 2015. **Contacts: Teresa Harris and Larry Weichel**

Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF), Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI) Site- Memphis' success in reducing the number of youth in Detention earned the City a coveted partnership with the AECF in June 2011. Memphis is one of the largest urban Courts in the U.S. and the first in Tennessee selected by AECF as a JDAI Site. The AECF has JDAI sites in approximately 300 counties and 40 states across America focusing on education, counseling, rehabilitation, and therapy. The Foundation's juvenile justice reform agenda is designed to improve the odds that delinquent youth make successful transitions to adulthood. **Contact: Kimbrell Owens, JDAI Site Coordinator**

Child Protection Investigation Team (CPIT) Advisory Coalition - Coordinated interagency multidisciplinary response to prevent, detect, investigate, treat and prosecute child sexual abuse & severe physical abuse. **Contact: Michael Blancett**

Department of Children's Services Community Advisory Board (CAB) – Mission is to empower families and support community safety and partnerships to insure the safety, permanency and well-being of children. The Board meets monthly and membership is composed of community organizational leaders. **Contact: Matthew Ian John**

Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI) Grant/Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse (NOVA) - DOJ Initiative addressing children's exposure to violence. Goals are to prevent children's exposure to violence as victims and witnesses, mitigate negative effects by children exposed to violence and increase awareness. A key component is the multiyear demonstration program whereby eight cities were awarded planning grants. Shelby County's Office of Early Childhood and Youth spearheads the local response. **Note:** Plan developed in coordination with the Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan & Operation: Safe Community 2012-2016. On 10/10/2012, Memphis' Plan launched under project name of Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse (NOVA). May 2013-2014: Family Violence Specialist (FVS), housed at Juvenile Court. Funding ended for the position in May 2014. **Contact: Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**

Gang Reduction Assistance for Saving Society's Youth (GRASSY) (SCS) - The GRASSY Program is a school and community based prevention and intervention program that works with gang members to reduce their involvement and provide assistance when feasible. In utilizing various

Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, continued

GRASSY continued

approaches, this program combines various forms of prevention, intervention, outreach and suppression. GRASSY is based on an OJJDP Model Program, a comprehensive wrap-around to gang intervention and to reduce, address, and focus on gang member issues as well as community quality of life concerns. GRASSY began within the MSC Juvenile Justice Board and evolved to separate entities. Juvenile Court participates in GRASSY's Steering Committee & Intervention Team (IT) **Contacts: Mamie Jones, Steering Committee and Jacqueline Parson, IT Team**

Hope Academy - Partnership between Juvenile Court and Shelby County Schools (SCS) to provide full-time academic instruction and programming for detained youth. Classes began on February 8, 2010 as partners recognized the need to insure a quality education to all children and the need to prepare youth to be successful and productive citizens. Hope Academy staff includes a Principal, certified teachers, special education services, and support staff. Further, SCS provides an educational mentor to assist the student in transition to a community school. A Recreational Coordinator, employed by the Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), leads students in daily activities to improve their health, wellness, and physical fitness. **The Hope Academy Advisory Council** meets quarterly to discuss program progress and make recommendations. **Contacts: Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings, and Sherry Schedler**

Juvenile Cease Fire Gun Safety Program- (New) -Partnership with the Tennessee Department of Corrections, U.S. Attorney's Office and Memphis Police Department for juveniles aged 12-17. All of the organizations will work together to create a strategy to help young people put down their weapons. The first classes were held on April 26, 2016 and will take place on the 4th Thursday of the month thereafter. Participants are assisted with employment training and placement, social services, faith-based services and gang outreach. **Contact: Martha Rogers**

Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County Evening Reporting Center (ERC) Pilot Program - The ERC formally launched and received the first youth at JIFF on 2/24/2015. The ERC is a community-based alternative to detention for a target group of youth under supervised probation. Referrals from Juvenile Court are made in response to probation violation for youth who need additional supervision and a structured environment for a brief time. The ERC is designed to help keep youth involved in positive experiences while ensuring they are occupied during times they are most likely to recidivate. **Contact: Fran Gonzales**

Juvenile Court Precinct Liaison (JCPL) Initiative- On October 5, 2015, an MOU was executed between Shelby County Government, Juvenile Court, City of Memphis and Memphis Police Department to implement the Juvenile Court Precinct Liaison (JCPL) Initiative. The Initiative calls for placing an experienced Juvenile Court staff member at MPD precincts selected by the MPD Director. The JCPL will act as liaison with Juvenile Court to assist law enforcement officers in screening and/or referral of juveniles brought to the precinct. Further, the JCPL will serve as facilitator for communication and coordination with the Court. The objective is to reduce the need for detention where possible and assist MPD officers in communicating and dealing with juveniles and Juvenile Court staff. The pilot began on November 6, 2015 at Old Allen Station Precinct and may expand to Raines Station Precinct in early 2016. **Contacts: Pam Skelton**

Juvenile Intervention & Faith Based Follow-up (JIFF) – Provides juvenile justice system involved youth with the skills, support and direction necessary to break the destructive cycle of delinquent behavior. JIFF provides holistic, intensive intervention with a goal of successful reintegration to the community for youth under the supervision of Youth Services Bureau (YSB). Since 2003, JIFF has served over 700 youth under YSB supervision. JIFF is a partner under Operation: Safe Community 2012-2016 and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Memphis Face Forward grant. **Contact: Fran Gonzales**

Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, continued

Law Enforcement Assessment Phone-In (LEAP) Pilot Program– LEAP was created in 2013 to pilot a project to reduce the number of youth transported to Juvenile Court who do not pose a danger to themselves or the community. LEAP allows law enforcement to phone in information about a youth taken into custody to determine if they may be issued a Juvenile Summons in lieu of transport. Local law enforcement calls Detention Services 24/7 to determine if the youth meets criteria for discretionary transport. The DAT may be given telephonically. LEAP incorporates elements of the OJJDP Model Program, Diversion and the Annie E. Casey Foundation's, JDAI. **September 2015 Update: (1)** MOU originally executed with **Shelby County Sheriff's Office** on 9/4/2013. **(2)** 10/23/2014-MOU amended to include **Memphis Police Department** as Project Partner. **(3)** 8/27/2015- MOU further amended adding **Collierville Police Department (4)** 9/3/2015-MOU amended adding **Germantown Police Department** as project partner. **Contacts: Pam Skelton and Gary Cummings**

Mediation and Restitution/Reconciliation Services (MARRS) - MARRS is a program of Memphis Leadership Foundation (MLF). The mission of MARRS is to intervene in the lives of first and second-time juvenile offenders by providing mediation, restitution, character development and positive outreach activities. MARRS' vision is to change lives thereby empowering youth served to become healthy community members and avoid further offenses using a restorative justice approach. MARRS is a partner in the U.S. DOL, Memphis Face Forward grant. **Contact: Yolanda Rumph and Martha Rogers**

Memphis and Shelby County Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Task Force – Sponsored by Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY), the mission is to bring together citizens, stakeholders, and families to identify and address issues leading to overrepresentation of minority youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. **Contacts: Gary Cummings, Morrie Noel and Lisa Hill**

Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board (Juvenile Justice Board) – The Juvenile Justice Board provides direction in developing and implementing school safety programs and strategies. Further, Board works collaboratively with partners in seeking improvements and policy changes addressing emerging and changing needs of Memphis and Shelby County youth at risk of delinquency. In January 2009, the group adopted bylaws, elected an executive committee, and adopted the OJJDP Gang Reduction Model Program, Gang Reduction Assistance for Saving Society's Youth (GRASSY). In June 2009, GRASSY became the GRASSY Steering Committee and Implementation Team separate and apart from the Juvenile Justice Board. **Contacts: Gary Cummings, Kimbrell Owens, Bridgette Bowman and Sherry Schedler**

Memphis and Shelby County Truancy Prevention Initiative (TPI) – Group of school and community-based agencies that meet monthly to study and formulate truancy reduction strategies. Meetings are held monthly during the school year. **NOTE:** Participating schools include Arlington Community Schools, Bartlett City Schools, Collierville Schools, Germantown Municipal Schools, Lakeland School System, Millington Municipal Schools, Shelby County Schools and the Achievement School District (ASD). Other agencies represented include Commission on Missing and Exploited Children (COMEC), District Attorney General's Office (DAG), Shelby County Community Services Agency (CSA), Shelby County's Office of Early Childhood & Youth, TN Department of Children's Services (DCS), Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) and Shelby County Mayor's Administration. **Contacts: Sharon Fuller, Martha Rogers and Sherry Schedler**

Memphis Police Department (MPD) "Real Talk" Program – "Real Talk" engages high school students in an informal way and provides opportunities for productive dialogue to build relationships among law enforcement, schools and communities. MPD schedules a monthly presentation with a local high school. Officers arrange a basketball scrimmage or drill challenge with students followed by a brief presentation and small group breakout session. Juvenile Court provides staff to assist MPD in "Real Talk" & began participation in January 2014. **Contacts: Matthew Ian John and Lisa Hill**

Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, continued

Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan Project – Memphis was selected as one of six cities by the U.S. DOJ tasked to develop a comprehensive, community-based plan to prevent gang and youth violence. In 2011, Memphis and other cities presented their plans at a Youth Violence Summit in Washington D.C. Memphis' project coordination is provided by the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, spearheading Operation: Safe Community. The Initiative is led by City and County Mayors with participating agency representation provided by U.S. Attorney's Office, District Attorney's Office, Public Health, Public Safety, Children's Services, both City and County governments and school systems, as well as representatives from the non-profit, business and faith-based communities. Project developed in coordination with the *Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI) Grant*. April 2012 - Second National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention Summit held. October 1-2, 2015: Long Beach, CA Delegation Peer City Visit to Memphis. **Contacts-Judge Michael and Pam Skelton-Policy Council; Gary Cummings, Fran Gonzales, Nancy Roll, Sherry Schedler and Mike Smith (Hope Academy)**

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Initiatives:

1) Juvenile Justice Model Court-Juvenile Justice Model Courts Project of the Juvenile and Family Law Department of the NCJFCJ; Short Title: NCJFCJ Juvenile Justice Model Courts Project – On 7/1/2011, Juvenile Court became one of only a dozen courts nationwide designated a Juvenile Justice Model Court. A Juvenile Justice Model Court is one that makes the commitment of human and fiscal resources to follow key principles and recommendations set forth in the Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines. In this context, the term means that a court seeks to improve practice by implementing the Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines and assessing its progress serving as a "model" for broad systems change. The Project advances essential elements to help courts achieve improved delinquency case processing and outcomes for youth, families and communities while aspiring to excellence. Project is underway. **Contacts: Pam Skelton and Dini Malone**

2) School Pathways to Juvenile Justice System Project - On November 25, 2013, the NCJFCJ selected Juvenile Court as one of 16 courts in the nation to participate in the School Pathways to Juvenile Justice System Project. The NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to help judicial leaders develop efforts to reduce referrals of youth to juvenile courts for school-based misbehaviors and expand positive disciplinary practices in schools. The goal is to support student engagement and reduce students' school exclusion. The work is based on the successes of Judge Steven Teske (Clayton Co., GA) and former judge Brian Huff (Jefferson Co., AL) that addressed school-to-juvenile justice system issues in their jurisdictions and assisted other courts in this regard. Sites were assigned a Site Visit Facilitator by NCJFCJ based on their knowledge and experience in school-court issues. The first Site Visit occurred on December 16-17, 2014. Judge Steven Teske, Judge John Romero of Albuquerque, NM and Cheri Ely are NCJFCJ Facilitators. October 2015: Phase 2 Technical Assistance (TA) pending. **December 2015:** Conference call with Teresa Bohannon, NCJFCJ, to discuss Phase 2 TA. **March 2016: (New)** Phase 2 TA Site Visit conducted on March 7-8, 2016. The NCJFCJ Team includes: Kelesha Nevers, Irene Rose and John Rosiak-NCJFCJ; Teri Deal and Melissa Sickmund-National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ). **Contact: Pam Skelton**

3) National Implementation Site for Dependency and Neglect - On July 7, 2014, the NCJFCJ chose Juvenile Court as one of only eight sites in the country as a National Implementation Site for Dependency and Neglect. This is a nationwide child welfare program to "implement best practices and to improve court systems for the benefit of the children and families in the respective jurisdiction." Juvenile Court was chosen, in part because of "the court's commitment and motivation to implement system reform efforts; the court's willingness to organize and form a strong collaborative team; and the court's desire to improve current court practice." The NCJFCJ has partnered with courts across the country since 1992 to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and their families. Selected sites receive assessments, training and technical assistance as they work to improve practices and outcomes. NCJFCJ staff works closely with judges and their court teams. The NCJFCJ provides training on the [Enhanced Resource Guidelines](#) and fosters connections to the network of the NCJFCJ Model Courts. On November 12-14, 2014, the first TA Site Visit was conducted by Franz Braun and Sarah Ray, Project Leaders. On March 18-20, 2015, Judge Michael and key Court staff attended the All-Sites Conference in Reno, NV. **(New) March 2016 Update:** Sarah Ray is Project Leader. **Contact: Pam Skelton**

4) Memphis and Shelby County Trauma Audit (New) - In order to successfully meet contradictory goals, courts need to understand the many underlying factors affecting the lives of juveniles and their families. One of the most pervasive of these factors is exposure to trauma. To be most effective in achieving its mission, juvenile courts must both understand the role of traumatic exposure in the lives of children and engage resources and interventions that address child traumatic stress. The NCJFCJ is working with juvenile and family courts and stakeholders nationally to (a) define and operationalize what it means to be a trauma-responsive court, and (b) develop a protocol to conduct "trauma audits" in courts to assess the degree to which environment, practice, and policy are trauma-responsive. The NCJFCJ formed a multidisciplinary team of staff and consultant experts in social psychology, developmental psychology, trauma/victimization, domestic violence, and research methods to explore various methodologies and conduct trauma audits in courts.

On February 16-18, 2016, Juvenile Court participated in the first comprehensive Trauma Audit. The NCJFCJ Team is comprised of Sarah Ray, Lorie Sicafuse, PhD, Carlene Gonzalez, PhD, Kelly Ramasinghe, JD and Monique Morrow, PhD. All Court staff was involved in the process, including Judge Michael and Magistrates. Additional participants included Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) -Bailiffs, Security and Detention; Child, Juvenile and Non-Custodial Attorneys; Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Guardian Ad Litem (GAL). **Contact: Pam Skelton**

Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, continued

Operation Hope – Founded in 2001, Operation Hope is a faith-based program designed to provide intervention for high-risk juveniles and empower them toward a healthy productive future. Operation Hope provides intensive intervention for those at highest risk of custody and is under the administration of Memphis Leadership Foundation. **Contacts: Yolanda Rumph and Martha Rogers**

Operation: Safe Community (OSC) - Partnership of government leaders, faith-based community, neighborhood groups, business leaders and citizens across Memphis and Shelby County in an unprecedented joint effort to reduce crime. Goal is to make Memphis & Shelby County one of the safest communities in the U.S. Key local and federal agencies and partners originally convened to develop the strategic plan presented at a Crime Summit. **2012 Update:** OSC 2012-2016 launched incorporating the Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan & Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI). **Contacts: Judge Michael and Pam Skelton -Executive Committee- *See Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan & Defending Childhood Initiative**

School-Based Probation Liaison (SBPL) Initiative - The SBPL Initiative is a partnership between Juvenile Court and Shelby County Schools (SCS) whereby trained school faculty/staff serve as liaisons with regularly assigned probation counselors for probationers who are students in those schools. The Initiative formally launched on January 7, 2014 and serves students under the active supervision of Juvenile Court's Auxiliary Probation Service (APS) or Youth Services Bureau (YSB) in 21 target schools. The liaisons are paid a stipend by SCS for their work. Liaisons serve as monitors of school attendance and academic progress of the probationers and also act as advocates and mentors for them in the school setting. An MOU was fully executed with SCS on April 22, 2013. **Contacts: Pam Taylor, Fran Gonzales and Sherry Schedler**

School House Adjustment Program Enterprise (SHAPE) – Legacy Memphis City Schools (MCS) originally awarded grant funds in 2007 by TCCY for a DMC Pilot to develop & implement an informal adjustment program. Grant funds ended in 2011 and program sustained Shelby County Schools. SHAPE provides immediate intervention with students who commit minor offenses & provides alternatives from transporting to Juvenile Court. Coordinators at target schools assign dispositional alternatives such as community service, restitution, and/or counseling. On 8/24/11, MCS was notified that SHAPE was selected as a DMC Best Practice by OJJDP and added to the OJJDP Model Programs Guide. 2014 Update: MOU updated with expanded charges and project partners in 21 SCS schools. **September 2015 Update:** SHAPE is operational in 22 schools for the 2015-2016 school year. The Seven Challenges Curriculum has been added and interns from the University of Tennessee monitor their progress post-release. **Contacts: Morrie Noel, Gary Cummings and Sherry Schedler**

University of Tennessee, Center of Excellence-Community-Based Learning Collaborative (CBLC) - The Evaluation and Referral (E&R) Bureau participated in a CBLC on Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) in July 2013. E&R completed "train the trainer" sessions to serve as community "brokers" to identify, connect & refer children who may have experienced trauma. The goal of the project is to develop a community-wide approach for professionals and agencies to learn, implement and sustain the use of Evidence Supported Treatments (EST) over time. Further, to insure children receive appropriate trauma-focused treatment and planning. E&R participated in TF-CBT specialized training, participates in conference calls, data collection and senior leadership meetings. **Contact: Nancy Roll**

Youth Court - Juvenile Court and project partners, Tennessee Bar Association, Memphis Bar Association, Memphis Area Legal Services, and Shelby County Schools implemented a Youth Court in 2010 pursuant to state statute. The first cases were heard on 2/24/11. Students from Cordova, Hillcrest, Overton, and Middle College High Schools comprised the inaugural student volunteer panelists, who perform the roles of prosecutors, defense counsel, and jurors. Participation provides a rich learning experience and mentoring by volunteer attorneys. Teen/Youth Court is a model program of the OJJDP and incorporates elements of restorative justice to hold youth accountable for offenses and prevent future

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Youth Court, continued

delinquency. Youth courts, also known as teen or peer courts, are an alternative sentencing mechanism for first time, non-violent juvenile offenders who appear before and are sentenced by a jury of their peers. 2014 Update: Youth Court added 2 new schools for a total of 12 participating schools. 175 students underwent training. August 2015 Update: Youth Court has 15 schools participating, 248 student volunteers and 55 volunteer attorneys. **Contacts: Avis Allen, Thomas Coupé and Pamela James**

Board and/or Advisory Council Involvement

- **Child Protection Investigation Team (CPIT) Advisory Coalition-** Michael Blancett
- **Commission on Missing and Exploited Children (COMEC) Board of Directors-** Pamela Taylor
- **Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI)/ NOVA, Steering Committee Member & Grant Management Team** – Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett
- **DCS Community Advisory Board (CAB)-** Matthew Ian John
- **DMC Taskforce of Memphis & Shelby County** –Morrie Noel, Gary Cummings and Lisa Hill
- **DMC State Taskforce-** Gary Cummings and Lisa Hill
- **Early Success Coalition Steering Committee** – Michael Blancett and Erica Glynn
- **Gang Reduction Assistance for Saving Society’s Youth (GRASSY) Committees** (Shelby County Schools) - Member: Steering Committee– Mamie Jones & Implementation Team (IT)- Jacqueline Parson
- **Hope Academy Advisory Council** – Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings, Larry Weichel, Sherry Schedler and Michael Smith-Hope Academy
- **In Home Tennessee Committee on Domestic Violence** – Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett
- **In Home Tennessee Committee on Intensive Family Preservation** - Barbara Jackson
- **In Home Tennessee Mental Health Assessment Workgroup-** Nancy Roll, Co-Chair and Mental Health Blitz Committee
- **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Governing Committee & Sub-committees** - Kimbrell Owens
- **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Advisory Committee** - Sherry Schedler
- **LeBonheur Nurse-Family Partnership Program Board** – Fran Gonzales **(New)**
- **Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board** –Gary Cummings, Kimbrell Owens, Lisa Hill, Bridgette Bowman and Sherry Schedler- Board Secretary
- **Memphis and Shelby County Truancy Prevention Initiative (TPI)** –Sharon Fuller, Martha Rogers and Sherry Schedler

Board and/or Advisory Council Involvement, Continued

- **Memphis Shelby Crime Commission Board of Directors-** Judge Michael
- **Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council-** Fran Gonzales, **President**; Michael Blancett and Fran Gonzales, **Executive Committee**; *Other Members-* Pam Taylor, Avis Allen, Matthew Ian John, Belynda Dwyer, Thomas Coupé, Brenda Johnson, Nancy Roll and Sherry Schedler
- **National Partnership for Juvenile Services(NPJS), Education Council-** Michael Smith, Hope Academy- Vice-President Elect **(New)**
- **Shelby County Interagency Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Team-** Michael Blancett
- **Shelby County Relative Caregiver Advisory Board-** Stacey Smith
- **Shelby County Schools, Student Discipline Taskforce-** Kimbrell Owens, Martha Rogers, Eric Roberts and Sharon Fuller
- **Southwest Tennessee Community College (STCC) , Business, Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies Advisory Committee -** Sherry Schedler

Active Interagency Memorandum of Understanding and/or Agreement

- **April 25, 2002:** User agreement between **TBI** and Juvenile Court for administration of the **National Crime Information Center (NCIC) telecommunications equipment**, and/or interfaces for transmission and retrieval of information.
- **June 11, 2003:** Interagency MOU with **COMEC** for use of computer network system.
- **October 13, 2006:** MOU with **Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Jail Division**, to establish policies and practices for communication & information for juveniles transferred to Criminal Court.
- **April 30, 2008:** MOA between Juvenile Court and Memphis City Schools (MCS), Division of Alternative Schools and Programs, to implement a **Transitional Center**. The Center serves delinquent youth in YSB and those leaving secure residential settings. The Center provides academic assessment, instruction and comprehensive services with the aim of returning the youth to the appropriate school setting. Center opened on 8/12/08 with a capacity of 60.
- **July 17, 2008:** Updated 2nd Revision Multi-agency MOU signed with The Memphis Child Advocacy Center, **Child Protection Investigation Team (CPIT)** and project partners. Purpose is to work through interagency approach to insure best outcomes for child victims of sexual and severe physical abuse. Protocol is culmination of teamwork of law enforcement, child protection, medical, victims' services, mental health, and prosecution per TCA 37-1-607.
- **August 8, 2008:** Multi-agency MOU signed between Shelby County Schools, City of Memphis, Memphis Police Department, Shelby County Government, Shelby County Public Defender's Office, and Juvenile Court for the **School House Adjustment Program Enterprise (SHAPE)**. August 27, 2010: Updated Revision to Multi-agency MOU signed. Revision updates original MOUs of 8/8/08 and 1st revision of 6/3/09 extending partnership for additional year. November 22, 2013: Updated MOU signed. November 2014: Updated MOU executed on 11/30/2014 with expanded project partners and charges.
- **November 26, 2008:** MOU with **Tennessee Career Center Memphis (TCCM)** to establish policies and practices for referrals and outcome reporting for individuals referred by the Court for job training and employment services.
- **December 21, 2009:** MOU signed to develop & implement educational services in Detention. **NOTE: Hope Academy** opened in February 2010. February 8, 2011: MOU Extension approved for 1 year. October 5, 2012: Extension approved. October 15, 2014: MOU Extension approved with Shelby County Schools (SCS). SCS Attorney - Sybille S. Noble

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- **June 22, 2010:** MOA with local law enforcement, Shelby County Schools), District Attorney General, University of Memphis, DCS, and community agencies for **The Gang Reduction Assistance for Saving Society's Youth (GRASSY)**. GRASSY, in partnership with community stakeholders, is a school-based intervention working with identified gang members to reduce gang involvement, delinquent behavior, and school disruption by providing targeted services to gang-involved youth based on the OJJDP national Gang Reduction Program (GRP) Model.
- **November 8, 2011:** MOU with Memphis City Schools (now Shelby County Schools) to establish policies and practices for Memphis and Shelby County Youth Court (**Youth Court**).
- **December 14, 2011:** MOA with **Shelby County Health Department** for nursing services, screenings and coordination of indicated support services for youth in Detention.
- **August 3, 2012:** MOU with **CASA** to define the working relationship and policies and practices for CASA's daily operations in accordance with the Juvenile Court Administrative Manual and facility usage.
- **December 7, 2012:** MOU with **JIFF, Inc.** in support of Operation: Safe Community 2012-2016, Action Item 18e, & to increase the number of youth referred for intervention services.
- **February 15, 2013:** Letter of Agreement between **The Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF)** and Shelby County Government on behalf of Juvenile Court (and Shelby County) for grant funds and to support replication of the JDAI. **NOTE:** Updated MOU executed on 10-14-2014.
- **April 22, 2013:** MOU with Shelby County Schools to implement a **School-Based Probation Liaison (SBPL) Initiative**.
- **September 4, 2013:** MOU with Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) for the **Law Enforcement Assessment Phone-In Pilot Program (LEAP)**. October 23, 2014: MOU signed to include Memphis Police Department. **August 27, 2015:** MOU amended adding Collierville Police Department. **September 3, 2015:** MOU amended adding Germantown Police Department as a project partner.
- **January 29, 2014:** MOU with Shelby County Office of Early Childhood and Youth and project partners for grant application to U.S. DOJ, Office on Violence against Women (OVW). If funded, grant will expand services of **DCI/NOVA** for children and youth exposed to violence.
- **June 2, 2014:** MOA with **Shelby County Early Success Coalition (ESC)** for participation as Endorsing Partner.
- **July 22, 2014:** MOA between Shelby County Government on behalf of Juvenile Court and **Christ Community Health Services, Inc.** for dental exams, treatment and services for detained children.
- **April 2, 2015:** MOU with **Memphis Leadership Foundation (MLF)** & community partners for continuation of Fast Forward Memphis via U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), if funded.
- **April 21, 2015:** Letter of Commitment signed supporting **Seedco** & Training to Work 3 Initiative.
- **July 6, 2015:** MOU with **Arlington Community Schools** for receipt of a morning report and confidentiality factors.
- **August 4, 2015:** MOU with **Shelby County Schools** for receipt of a morning report and confidentiality factors.
- **September 18, 2015:** MOU with **Shelby County Community Services Agency (CSA)** for partnership, referrals and confidentiality.
- **October 5, 2015:** Executed MOU between Shelby County Government, Juvenile Court, City of Memphis and Memphis Police Department for implementation of the **Juvenile Court Precinct Liaison (JCPL) Initiative**.
- **October 20, 2015:** Letter of Commitment as project partner and in support of Shelby County Schools' (SCS) grant application for reentry, career and technical services/curriculum for Hope Academy and SCS Transition Centers. Initiative will be named **Project STAND** (**S**tudent **T**ransition **A**cceleration and **N**CRS Demonstration Project) if funded.
- **November 2, 2015:** MOU with the **Achievement School District (ASD)** for receipt of a morning report and confidentiality factors.

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- **May 13, 2016:** Letter of Commitment in support of **OJJDP FY2016 Evaluations of Trauma- Informed Care in Juvenile Justice Settings (CFDA#16.540)**. Project would conduct evaluations on the integration of trauma-informed care for youth who have come into contact with the juvenile justice system in Memphis and Shelby County, if funded. **(New)**

Juvenile Court Grant Initiatives & Activity

❖ Child and Family Intervention Grant

Grant award by the Tennessee Department of Children's Services (DCS) directly to Juvenile Court for work with children and families at risk of entering State custody.

- September 2014: Received notice of new proposals due & change from 1 to 3-year grant term.
- October 7, 2014: Grant proposal submitted to DCS for FY 2016-2018.
- January 28, 2015: Program Accountability Review (PAR) conducted by Jamillah Norrells and Minnie Butts, DCS. **(Sherry Schedler)**
- January 29, 2015: Fiscal Review conducted by Russell Todd, DCS. **(Tinny Bryson)**
- June 16, 2015: Grant proposal approved for 3 years, FY 2016-2018. Contract received/approved. **(Sherry Schedler and Dini Malone)**

❖ Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) / YSO - TCCY State Supplement

Grant award from TCCY to Juvenile Court and redirected to CASA for services of Youth Services Officer (YSO). Administrative support provided by Juvenile Court Administrative Services.

- September 16, 2015: New multi-year contract received. **(Dini Malone & Sherry Schedler)**

❖ Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

JAG replaces Byrne Formula & Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) with a single funding mechanism for specific purpose areas including programs for law enforcement, prosecution and court, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment, and planning, evaluation and technology improvement. Funds provided by the U.S. BJA passed through to Shelby County Government.

- March 24, 2015: Audits conducted by BJA via Shelby County Government. **(Trisha Monteil, Avis Allen and Sherry Schedler)**
- **May 19, 2016:** Proposal submitted to Shelby County Grants Management FY 2016. **(New)**
- **May 25, 2016:** JAG Advisory Committee Meeting to vote on 2016 Proposals. Juvenile Court's proposal approved pending executive recommendations & public comments. **(Sherry Schedler) (New)**

❖ Memphis Bar Foundation

Juvenile Court received notification on October 20, 2015 that a grant proposal was approved for funding from Memphis Bar Foundation. This represents the first funding received from Memphis Bar Foundation and will be used for Youth Court. **(Sherry Schedler)**

Interagency Activity Detail

May 2, 2016: Memphis Bar Association's Law Week Luncheon **(Judge Michael, Pam Skelton, Scot Bearup, Gary Cummings, Demetria Banks, Chief Magistrate Judge David Walker and Magistrate Judges Terre Fratesi, Felicia Hogan, Mitzi Pollard and Sheldon McCall)**

Interagency Activity Detail, continued

- May 3, 2016:** GRASSY Implementation Team Meeting (**Jacqueline Parson**)
- May 3, 2016:** Meeting with Traci Sampson, Consilience Group, LLC (**Judge Michael**)
- May 4, 2016:** In Home Tennessee Mental Health Assessment Workgroup (**Nancy Roll**)
- May 4, 2016:** National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, Memorial Service held at Mt. Olive Cathedral C.M.E. Church (**Judge Michael**)
- May 4, 2016:** Stewards of Children Training conducted by Memphis Child Advocacy Center (**Court participants- Judge Michael, Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden, Chief Magistrate Judge David Walker; Magistrate Judges Mitzi Pollard, Debra Sanders, Nancy Kessler, Joseph Little, Harold Horne, Felicia Hogan, Sheldon McCall, Lyttonia Cunningham and Terre Fratesi; Pam Skelton, Fran Gonzales, Scot Bearup, Jason Tate, Martha Rogers, Laurie Neale, Nancy Schiller and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**)
- May 5-6, 2016:** Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association (TJCSA), West TN Grand Division Mini Conference, Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel (**Judge Michael-Opening Remarks; Jennifer McKissick, TJCSA Training Chair & West Grand Division Coordinator; Pam Skelton, Gary Cummings, Sharon Fuller, Rita Hall, Judith Hampton, Tyrone Hurd, LaTisha Levenson, Jennifer McMillian, Patriece Minner, Kimbrell Owens, Scott Ritter, Brigitte Rodgers, Yolanda Rumph, Debra Salters, Sheronda Smith, Alisa Suggs, Bernard Williams, Satina Williams, Kweilyn Wiseman & Martha Rogers**)
- May 5, 2016:** Presenter at TJCSA West Grand Division Mini Conference, Topic: DMC 101 (**Bridgette Bowman**)
- May 5, 2016:** 6th Annual Juvenile Court CLE (**Presenter-Scot Bearup; Court Participants- Judge Michael, Pam Skelton, CAO, Garland Erguden- Chief Judicial Officer & Magistrate Judge, David Walker- Chief Magistrate Judge; Magistrate Judges- Sheldon McCall, Terre Fratesi, Joe Little, Debra Sanders, Lyttonia Cunningham, Felicia Hogan and Nancy Kessler; Thomas Coupé, Nancy Schiller, Laurie Neale, Belynda Dwyer, Yolanda Joshua and David Zac -AAG**)
- May 5, 2016:** Youth Court Hearings (**Avis Allen, Pamela James & Jasmine Newsom**)
- May 5, 2016:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting (**Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**)
- May 6, 2016:** Meeting with Congressman Steve Cohen, Mayor Jim Strickland & Dr. Kenneth Whalum, Jr. (**Judge Michael**)
- May 9, 2016:** Operation: Safe Community III, Juvenile Justice Leadership Team Meeting (**Judge Michael**)
- May 9, 2016:** Meeting with Amy Moritz, Center for Transforming Communities, concerning Shalom Zones (**Judge Michael, Garland Erguden, Chief Judicial Officer, Gary Cummings and Bridgette Bowman**)
- May 9, 2016:** Auxiliary Probation Service (APS) Monthly Meeting (**Pam Taylor, Tonya Watson and Nataki Oyeleye**)
- May 9, 2016:** In Home Tennessee Committee on Intensive Family Preservation Meeting (**Barbara Jackson**)
- May 9, 2016:** DCI Steering Committee (NOVA) & Grants Management Team Meetings (**Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**)
- May 10, 2016:** GRASSY Implementation Team Meeting (**Jacqueline Parson**)
- May 10, 2016:** Sentencing Workgroup Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee (**Judge Michael**)
- May 12, 2016:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting (**Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**)
- May 12, 2016:** Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, Board of Directors Meeting (**Judge Michael**)

Interagency Activity Detail, continued

May 12, 2016: COMEC Board of Directors Meeting (**Pam Taylor**)
May 13, 2016: Conference call with Mia Henley, Consilience Group, LLC
(**Judge Michael and CAO Pam Skelton**)
May 13, 2016: Meeting with SCSO and SCS concerning Hope Academy
(**Judge Michael and Pam Skelton**)
May 13-18, 2016: 2016 International Public Management Association Human Resources,
Southern Region Conference, Peabody Memphis (**Brenda Johnson**)
May 16, 2016: Training Event, Recognizing and Addressing Trauma in Children,
sponsored by the Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council
(**Fran Gonzales, Avis Allen, Theoplias Benson, Dayna Johnson,**
Dr. Tucker Johnson and Jennifer McMillian)
May 16, 2016: In Home Tennessee Committee on Domestic Violence Meeting
(**Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**)
May 16, 2016: Meeting with Dana Wilson, VP of Bridges (**Judge Michael**)
May 17, 2016: Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network Meeting (**Rita Hall**)
May 17, 2016: Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board Meeting (**Kimbrell**
Owens, Bridgette Bowman and Sherry Schedler)
May 17, 2016: GRASSY Implementation Team Meeting (**Jacqueline Parson**)
May 19, 2016: Cordova Republican Club Meeting (**Judge Michael**)
May 19, 2016: Training Event, Becoming a Trauma Responsive Community, sponsored
by the Urban Child Institute, Dr. Nandy Hardt, Keynote Speaker
(**Debbie Holdman, Bernard Williams, Theoplias Benson and**
LaTisha Levenson)
May 19, 2016: 2016 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Proposal submitted to Shelby
County Government (**Sherry Schedler**)
May 19, 2016: CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting (**Michael Blancett and Demetria**
Maxwell-Hughlett)
May 19, 2016: Swearing-In Ceremony for new Magistrate Judge, the Honorable Ray
Lepone (**Judge Michael**)
May 19, 2016: Youth Court Hearings (**Avis Allen, Pamela James & Jasmine**
Newsom)
May 20, 2016: Luncheon Speaker for Rotary Club of Memphis Central #3931 (**Judge**
Michael)
May 24, 2016: GRASSY Implementation Team Meeting (**Jacqueline Parson**)
May 24, 2016: Juvenile Cease Fire Gun Safety Program- 2nd Session
(**Martha Rogers and Eric Roberts**)
May 25, 2016: JAG Advisory Committee Meeting to vote on 2016 Proposals
(**Sherry Schedler**)
May 25, 2016: Meeting with Lori Swanigan, LIFE Academy (**Judge Michael**)
May 26, 2016: CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting (**Michael Blancett and Demetria**
Maxwell-Hughlett)
May 26, 2016: Meeting with Dr. K.B. Turner and Dr. Angela Madden, University of
Memphis, regarding Juvenile Cease Fire (**Judge Michael**)
May 26, 2016: Meeting with Mark Soler, Center for Children's Law and Policy (CCLP)
(**Judge Michael, Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden and**
CAO Pam Skelton)
May 26, 2016: JDAI Governing Committee Meeting with Mark Soler (CCLP) (**Court**
Participants-Kimbrell Owens, Avis Allen, Matthew Ian John,
Aimee Burgdorf, Gary Cummings, Pam Skelton and Tom
Coupe)
May 31, 2016: GRASSY Implementation Team Meeting (**Jacqueline Parson**)
May 31, 2016: Shelby County Interagency Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Team
(**Michael Blancett**)

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