



Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County

616 Adams Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38105

Interagency Services Report April 2017

Highlights this Month

Judge Dan H. Michael's Calendar

From April 4-6, 2017, Judge Michael, Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden and Chief Administrative Officer Pam Skelton welcomed the welcomed the **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)** to the Court for a Site Visit regarding compliance with the Memorandum of Agreement. Members of the DOJ Team attending were Michael Leiber, PhD; Sandra Simkins, Attorney; Bernard Glos, PhD; Winsome Gayle, Attorney and Tom Harig, PhD.

Judge Michael participated in a conference call with Clyde Stith, Project Manager for **Maximus** on April 10, 2017.

On April 10, 2017, Judge Michael met with Mary Ehrhart, **Mid South Therapy Dogs**.

On April 11, 2017, Judge Michael served as the Keynote Speaker for the **Clarksdale, Mississippi Rotary Club Meeting**. Judge Michael spoke on the impact of brain science on juvenile justice. Leon Gray also attended.

Judge Michael attended **The Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court Meeting** on April 11, 2017.

On April 17, 2017, a conference call was held with **The Pew Charitable Trusts**. Juvenile Court participants include Judge Michael, Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden and Shannon Caraway.

The **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)** hosted the **Implementation Sites Project Lead Judge Meeting and All-Sites Conference** from April 18-21, 2017 in Reno, Nevada. Judge Michael, Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden and Chief Administrative Officer Pam Skelton attended.

On April 24, 2017, Judge Michael hosted a **Docket Sub-Committee Meeting**.

On April 25, 2017, Judge Michael participated in two conference call meetings for the **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Board of Directors**.

April 2017 Highlights

Judge Michael's Calendar, Continued

From April 27-28, 2017, Judge Michael attended “**At the Boundary of Adolescence and Young Adulthood: The Next Generation of Criminal Justice Reform Conference,**” sponsored by the **McArthur Foundation**, in Washington, D.C.

Juvenile Court Staff Activities

In-service training continued each Wednesday in April at **MPD's Training Academy** on the **Law Enforcement Assessment Phone-In (LEAP) Pilot Program**. Juvenile Court instructors are Pam Skelton, Bridgette Bowman, Avis Allen and Kimbrell Owens.

On April 5, 2017, Juvenile Court representatives participated in a training event in Nashville, Tennessee. “**Addressing Implicit Bias: Steps Toward Cultural Competence**” was facilitated by Sarah Kassas of Vanderbilt Kennedy Center. Participants were Avis Allen, Kimbrell Owens, Heather McLemore and Lisa Hill.

SaTina Williams and Kweilyn Wiseman of the Evaluation & Referral (E&R) Section attended the **Youth Town Awards Luncheon** in Pinson, Tennessee on April 7, 2017. Both received the *Giraffe Superhero Award* recognizing those who “stick their neck out for others” and for their compassion and dedication to youth.

On April 7, 2017, Magistrate Judge Terre Fratesi was a featured speaker at the **2017 Child Advocacy Center Annual Children's Memorial Flag Raising**.

On April 11, 2017, **Court Services Parent Orientation** was held. The Orientation is a guide through the Juvenile Court process for parents whose children are in Detention. Fran Gonzales and Mamie Jones were presenters.

Brittany Looney represented Juvenile Court at the **University of Memphis, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Career Fair** on April 13, 2017. Brittany presented volunteer and internship opportunities at Juvenile Court to participants.

On April 13, 2017, Kimbrell Owens attended a community screening of **The Juvenile Project**. The Juvenile Project is a collection of short films about personal involvement with the juvenile justice system. It is jointly produced by **True Story Pictures** and **Cat and Fish**. The event was held at the National Civil Rights Museum.

April 2017 Highlights

Juvenile Court Staff Activities, Continued

The **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) 2017 Inter-Site Conference** was held in Orlando, Florida from April 17-19, 2017. Matthew Ian John and Aimee Burgdorf were Conference Workshop Presenters. Other Juvenile Court staff members attending were Avis Allen, Kimbrell Owens and Debra Salters. Shelby County Sheriff's Office representatives attending include Kirk Fields and Deidra Bridgeforth; and JDAI Governing Committee, Heather McLemore.

On April 22, 2017, Volunteer Services participated in the **Methodist North's Annual Spring Health Fair**. Nataki Oyeleye and Joanne Monti presented Fair attendees with volunteer and internship opportunities and information on how Juvenile Court serves the community.

On April 27, 2017, Juvenile Court staff participated in a training event. **Trauma and Resilience Training** was conducted by Malrie Shelton, Defending Childhood Shelby, University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC). Twenty-three Court staff members participated.

Please contact the Juvenile Court designee as indicated to the right of each project description with questions. Additional information is available at the following:



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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: Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**

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 Shelby, formerly the Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI)/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 for children exposed to violence and increase awareness. Eight cities were awarded planning grants and Shelby County's Office of Early Childhood and Youth originally led the local response. Work Plan developed in coordination with the Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan & Operation: Safe Community 2012-2016. The Memphis' Plan was named Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse (NOVA). **(New) September 29, 2016:** The University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) assumed leadership of DCI. A Public Campaign to raise awareness of children's exposure to violence was announced in a press conference. Going forward, UTHSC will lead Phase II and the Initiative will be known as Defending Childhood Shelby. Phase II will provide resources to children and families through specialized programs, training and social work initiatives. **(New) April 27, 2017:** A series of mandatory Trauma and Resilience Training classes began for Juvenile Court staff. Malrie Shelton, Instructor. **Contact: Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**

Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, Continued

Gang Reduction Assistance for Saving Society's Youth (GRASSY) (SCS) - School and community based prevention and intervention program working with gang members to reduce involvement and provide assistance. In utilizing various approaches, GRASSY combines various forms of prevention, intervention, outreach and suppression. Based on an OJJDP Model Program, GRASSY is a comprehensive wrap-around gang intervention aiming 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 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 Ceasefire Gun Safety Program- Partnership with the Tennessee Department of Corrections, U.S. Attorney's Office and Memphis Police Department for juveniles aged 12-17. Organizations work together to help youth put down their weapons. The first classes were held on April 26, 2016 and take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Participants are assisted with employment training and placement, social services, faith-based services and gang outreach. **Contact: Martha Rogers and Brigitte Rodgers (New)**

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. **Contact: 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. **Contact: Fran Gonzales**

Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, Continued

(New) Juvenile Intervention & Faith Based Follow-up (JIFF), Early Intervention Program (E.I.P.) (formerly Mediation and Restitution/Reconciliation Services -MARRS) - E.I.P (formerly MARRS) is a program of JIFF. The mission of E.I.P. is to intervene in the lives of first and second-time juvenile offenders by providing mediation, restitution, character development and positive outreach activities. EIP's vision is to change lives thereby empowering youth served to become healthy community members and avoid further offenses using a restorative justice approach. **Contact: Yolanda Rumph and Martha Rogers**

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. **February 2017 Update:** Beginning February 1st through October 2017, weekly in-service training has begun at MPD's Training Academy on the LEAP Program. Juvenile Court instructors are Pam Skelton, Bridgette Bowman, Avis Allen and Kimbrell Owens. **Contacts: Pam Skelton and Gary Cummings**

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, Bridgette Bowman, Kimbrell Owens 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**

Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, Continued

Memphis Police Department (MPD) “Real Talk” Program – “Real Talk” engages high school students informally and provides opportunities for productive dialogue in order 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**

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. **June 27-29, 2016: National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention’s Fifth National Summit** in Baltimore, MD. Matthew Ian John attended. **Contacts-Judge Michael and Pam Skelton-Policy Council; Gary Cummings, Matthew Ian John, 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. This 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. **Contacts: Pam Skelton and Trisha Monteil**

2) 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 commitment and motivation to implement system reform; willingness to organize and form a strong collaborative team; and 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. Sites receive assessments, training and technical assistance as they work to improve practices and outcomes. 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. March 2016 Update: Sarah Ray is Project Leader. **Contact: Pam Skelton**

3) Memphis and Shelby County Trauma Audit - 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 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.

Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, Continued

Memphis and Shelby County Trauma Audit, Continued

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. Court staff participated, 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**

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 original plan presented at a Crime Summit. 2012: OSC 2012-2016 launched incorporating the Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan & Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI). **(New) November 15, 2016 Update:** Press Conference held to announce The Crime Plan 2017-2021, Operation: Safe Community 3. **Contacts: Judge Michael and Pam Skelton -Executive Committee- *See Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan & Defending Childhood Shelby**

School-Based Probation Liaison (SBPL) Initiative - Partnership between Juvenile Court and Shelby County Schools (SCS) whereby trained school faculty/staff serve as liaisons with probation counselors for probationers who are students in those schools. The Initiative 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 target schools. Liaisons are paid a stipend by SCS for their work. Liaisons serve as monitors of school attendance and academic progress of probationers and as advocates and mentors for them in the school setting. An MOU was fully executed with SCS on April 22, 2013. **September 2016 Update:** 2016-2017 School Based Probation Liaison (SBPL) training was held on 9/19/16. The training was facilitated by Fran Gonzales, Pam Taylor and Ron Pope. Twelve schools are participating with the program: Booker T. Washington High, East High, Hamilton High, Kirby High, Manassas High, Sheffield High, Trezevant High, Whitehaven High, Carver College & Career Academy, Northeast Prep, Northwest Prep and Adolescent Parenting. **Contacts: Fran Gonzales, Pam Taylor and Sherry Schedler**

School House Adjustment Program Enterprise (SHAPE) – Legacy Memphis City Schools (MCS) originally awarded grant funds in 2007 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, SHAPE was selected as a DMC Best Practice by OJJDP and added to the 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 was added and interns from the UT monitor their progress post-release. **July 2016 Update:** SHAPE is operational in 19 schools (15 high & 4 middle) for 2016-2017 school year. **Contacts: Gary Cummings and Morrie Noel**

Shelby County Schools (SCS)-Project S.T.A.N.D. – SCS received federal grant funds to implement Project S.T.A.N.D. (**S**tudent **T**ransition **A**cceleration and **N**CRS (National Career Readiness Certificate) **D**emonstration) to serve students enrolled in **Hope Academy**. The grant provides academic assessment and tutoring while at Hope Academy to prepare students for career exploration and readiness. Students transition to an intensive phase of support services and career readiness, which includes CTE (Tutoring, Career and Technical Education) instruction/tutoring, workforce training, individualized career planning, job shadowing, internships, job placement, and National Career Readiness Certification. Project formally launches in January 2017. **Contacts: Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler, Project S.T.A.N.D. Council (New)**

Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, Continued

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. The first cases were heard on 2/24/11. Students from Cordova, Hillcrest, Overton, and Middle College High Schools comprised the inaugural student volunteers, who perform the roles of prosecutors, defense counsel, and jurors. Participation provides a rich learning experience and mentoring by volunteer attorneys. Youth Court is a model program of OJJDP and incorporates elements of restorative justice to hold youth accountable and prevent future delinquency. Youth courts, also known as teen or peer courts are an alternative disposition for first time, non-violent offenders who appear before and are sentenced by a jury of their peers. 2014 Update: 12 participating schools total and 175 students were trained. **August 2016 Update:** Fifteen (15) schools participating, 300 student volunteers and 78 attorney volunteers. **Contacts: Avis Allen, Thomas Coupé, Jasmine Newsom and Pamela James**

Board and/or Advisory Council Involvement

- **Child Protection Investigation Team (CPIT) Advisory Coalition-** Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett
- **Commission on Missing and Exploited Children (COMEC) Board of Directors-** Pamela Taylor
- **Defending Childhood Shelby, formerly 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** –Gary Cummings, Morrie Noel, 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 and Sherry Schedler; Larry Weichel- SCSO; Michael Smith-Hope Academy
- **In Home Tennessee Committee on Intensive Family Preservation** - Barbara Jackson
- **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Governing Committee & Sub-committees** - Kimbrell Owens
- **Juvenile Justice Realignment Task Force-** Judge Michael
- **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Advisory Committee** - Sherry Schedler
- **LeBonheur Nurse-Family Partnership Community Advisory Board** – Fran Gonzales
- **Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board** –Gary Cummings, Bridgette Bowman, Kimbrell Owens, Lisa Hill, and Sherry Schedler- Board Secretary

Board and/or Advisory Council Involvement, Continued

- **Memphis and Shelby County Truancy Prevention Initiative (TPI)** –Sharon Fuller, Martha Rogers and Sherry Schedler
- **Memphis Shelby Crime Commission Board of Directors**- Judge Michael
- **Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council**- Fran Gonzales and Michael Blancett, **Executive Committee**; *Other Members*- Pam Taylor, Avis Allen, Matthew Ian John, Belynda Dwyer, Thomas Coupé, Brenda Johnson, Nancy Roll, Bryan Branch, Bernard Williams and Sherry Schedler
- **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Board of Directors**- Judge Michael
- **National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS), Education Council**- Michael Smith, Hope Academy- Vice-President Elect
- **Shelby County Citizen Review Panel (CRP)**- Michael Blancett
- **Shelby County Interagency Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Team**- Michael Blancett
- **Shelby County Relative Caregiver Advisory Board**- Stacey Smith
- **Shelby County Schools, Project S.T.A.N.D. Council**- Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler **(New)**
- **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:** MOU signed between Shelby County Schools, City of Memphis, MPD, Shelby County Government, Shelby County PD, and Juvenile Court for the **School House Adjustment Program Enterprise (SHAPE)**. August 27, 2010: Updated MOU signed. Revision updates original MOUs of 8/8/08 & 1st revision of 6/3/09 extending partnership. 11/22/2013: Updated MOU. 11/30/2014: Updated MOU executed with expanded project partners and charges.

Active Interagency Memorandum of Understanding and/or Agreement, Continued

- **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. Note: SCS Attorney - Sybille S. Noble
- **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 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, policies, practices and facility usage for CASA's daily operations.
- **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.
- **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.
- **August 4, 2015:** MOU with **Shelby County Schools** for receipt of a morning report.
- **September 18, 2015:** MOU with **Shelby County Community Services Agency (CSA)** for partnership, referrals and confidentiality.
- **October 5, 2015:** MOU between Shelby County Government, Juvenile Court, City of Memphis and Memphis Police Department for the **Juvenile Court Precinct Liaison (JCPL) Initiative**.
- **November 2, 2015:** MOU with **Achievement School District (ASD)** for morning report.
- **March 9, 2017:** MOU with **Bartlett City Schools** for a morning report.
- **October 19, 2016:** MOU with **Millington Municipal Schools** for receipt of a morning report.
- **October 20, 2016:** MOA between Juvenile Court and **Shelby County Division of Community Services** for reallocated funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Shelby County Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI). Juvenile Court receives no-cost extension funding to address trauma audit beginning on 10-1-2016 through 9/30/2017.

Juvenile Court Grant Initiatives & Activity

❖ 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.

- **June 22, 2016:** New multi-year contract received. **(Trisha Monteil)**

❖ Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI)

No-cost extension of OJJDP/DCI grant originally awarded to Shelby County Government. Funds will be used for programming and services necessary to increase trauma-responsiveness at Juvenile Court. Funding begins on 10/1/2016 and ends on 9-30-2017. **(Pam Skelton, Trisha Monteil & 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.

- May 19, 2016: Proposal submitted to Shelby County Grants Management FY 2016.
- May 25, 2016: JAG Advisory Committee Meeting to vote on 2016 Proposals. Juvenile Court's proposal approved. **(Sherry Schedler)**

Interagency Activity Detail

April 3-6, 2017:	U.S. DOJ Site Visit. DOJ Team- Sandra Simpkins, Ph.D., Michael J. Leiber, Ph.D., Bernard Glos, Ph.D., Winsome Gayle, Atty. and Tom Harig, Ph.D. (Judge Michael, Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden and CAO Pam Skelton)
April 5, 2017:	Training Event- Addressing Implicit Bias: Steps Toward Cultural Competence, Nashville, TN. Instructor- Sarah Kassas of Vanderbilt Kennedy Center (Participants- Avis Allen, Kimbrell Owens, Heather McLemore and Lisa Hill)
April 5, 2017:	Weekly In-Service Training at MPD Training Academy, February-October 2017 on the LEAP Program (Trainers- Pam Skelton, Bridgette Bowman, Avis Allen & Kimbrell Owens)
April 5, 2017:	GRASSY Implementation Meeting (Jacqueline Parson)
April 6, 2017:	CPTI Advisory Coalition Meeting (Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)
April 6, 2017:	Youth Court (Avis Allen, Jasmine Newsom and Pamela James)
April 6, 2017:	Conference call with Mark Soler, CCLP, JDAI (Avis Allen, Kimbrell Owens and Sherry Schedler)
April 7, 2017:	Speaking Engagement- 2017 Child Advocacy Center Annual Children's Memorial Flag Raising (Presenter: Magistrate Judge Terre Fratesi, Closing Remarks)
April 7, 2017:	Youth Town Awards Luncheon, Pinson, TN (SaTina Williams and Kweilyn Wiseman, Award Recipients)
April 10, 2017:	Auxiliary Probation Service (APS) Monthly Meeting (Pam Taylor, Eric Roberts and Nataki Oyeleye)
April 10, 2017:	In Home Tennessee Committee on Intensive Family Preservation Meeting (Barbara Jackson)
April 10, 2017:	Conference call with Clyde Stith, Maximus (Judge Michael)
April 10, 2017:	Meeting with Mary Ehrhart, Mid South Therapy Dogs (Judge Michael)
April 11, 2017:	Court Services Parent Orientation (Fran Gonzales and Mamie Jones, Presenters)

Interagency Activity Detail, Continued

- April 11, 2017:** Speaking Engagement: Keynote Speaker at Clarksdale, MS Rotary Club Meeting (**Judge Michael-Presenter; Leon Gray attending**)
- April 11, 2017:** The Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court Meeting (**Judge Michael**)
- April 12, 2017:** Weekly In-Service Training at MPD Training Academy, February-October 2017 on the LEAP Program (**Trainers- Pam Skelton, Bridgette Bowman, Avis Allen, & Kimbrell Owens**)
- April 12, 2017:** GRASSY Implementation Meeting (**Jacqueline Parson**)
- April 13, 2017:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting (**Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**)
- April 13, 2017:** COMEC Board of Directors Meeting (**Pam Taylor**)
- April 13, 2017:** University of Memphis, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Career Fair (**Brittany Looney**)
- April 13, 2017:** The Juvenile Project, free community screening of films, produced by True Story Pictures and Cat and Fish, National Civil Rights Museum (**Kimbrell Owens attending**)
- April 17, 2017:** Conference Call with Pew Charitable Trusts (**Judge Michael, Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden and Shannon Caraway**)
- April 17-19, 2017:** Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) 2017 Inter-Site Conference in Orlando, FL (**Conference Presenters- Matthew Ian John and Aimee Burgdorf. Other Juvenile Court staff attending- Avis Allen, Kimbrell Owens & Debra Salters; SCSO participants- Kirk Fields and Deidra Bridgeforth; JDAI Governing Committee- Heather McLemore**)
- April 19, 2017:** Weekly In-Service Training at MPD Training Academy, February-October 2017 on the LEAP Program (**Trainers- Pam Skelton, Bridgette Bowman, Avis Allen, & Kimbrell Owens**)
- April 18-21, 2017:** NCJFCJ Implementation Sites Project Lead Judge Meeting & All-Sites Conference in Reno, Nevada (**Attending-Judge Michael, Chief Judicial Officer Garland Erguden & CAO Pam Skelton**)
- April 18, 2017:** Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board Meeting (**Sherry Schedler**)
- April 18, 2017:** DCS Community Advisory Board (CAB) (**Matthew Ian John**)
- April 19, 2017:** GRASSY Implementation Meeting (**Jacqueline Parson**)
- April 20, 2017:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting (**Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**)
- April 20, 2017:** Youth Court (**Avis Allen, Jasmine Newsom and Pamela James**)
- April 22, 2017:** Methodist North's Annual Spring Health Fair (**Nataki Oyeleye and Joanne Monti, Participants**)
- April 24, 2017:** Docket Sub-Committee Meeting (**Judge Michael**)
- April 25, 2017:** Juvenile Ceasefire Gun Safety Program (**Martha Rogers**)
- April 25, 2017:** NCJFCJ Board of Directors, Finance Committee Conference Call (**Judge Michael**)
- April 25, 2017:** NCJFCJ Board of Directors, Conference Call on "White Paper" (**Judge Michael**)
- April 25, 2017:** LeBonheur Nurse-Family Partnership Community Advisory Board Meeting (**Fran Gonzales**)
- April 26, 2017:** Weekly In-Service Training at MPD Training Academy, February-October 2017 on the LEAP Program (**Trainers- Pam Skelton, Bridgette Bowman, Avis Allen & Kimbrell Owens**)
- April 26, 2017:** GRASSY Implementation Meeting (**Jacqueline Parson**)
- April 27-28, 2017:** At the Boundary of Adolescence and Young Adulthood: The Next Generation of Criminal Justice Reform Conference, sponsored by the McArthur Foundation, Washington, D.C. (**Judge Michael participating**)
- April 27, 2017:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting (**Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**)

Interagency Activity Detail, Continued

April 27, 2017:

Training Event: Trauma and Resilience Training. Malrie Shelton,
Facilitator- Defending Childhood Shelby, UTHSC (**23 Court
employees participated**)

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