



Spring 2015 Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 Training Event

“Building Blocks for Effective Case Management”

Session 2

Nuts and Bolts: Using Assessment Information to Drive Treatment Planning

Thursday, June 4, 2015, 1:30pm-4:00pm

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Joseph Hall is currently a Treatment Services Supervisor at Oakland County’s Children’s Village where he oversees programing in secure detention & treatment programs for males and females. Prior to working at Children’s Village, Joseph worked at Crossroads for Youth where he was Vice President of Clinical Services. Joseph has also worked at: Vista Maria, Oakland Family Services, Maurice Spears Campus, and Adrian Training School and in private practice. Joseph has spent the past 23 years working with at-risk-youth and families in need. Over the past ten years he has concentrated his efforts on improving programing and services for adjudicated youth and their families. Joseph graduated from Siena Heights College with a BA in Human Services with a concentration in Social Work & Group Leadership and an MA in Counselor Education. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Michigan and is certified in Reality Therapy, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, Solution Focused Therapy and SITCAP Art Therapy. He is also a trainer for the Michigan Juvenile Justice Assessment System (MJJAS) risk assessment. Joseph Hall lives in Hartland, Michigan with his wife and their three children, ages 18, 15 & 14. He spends his free time mountain biking, camping and enjoying the outdoors with his wife and children. He is actively involved in his children’s school and sports.



Michele Bell is the Director of Court Services and Program Development at the 42nd Circuit Court in Midland County. She supervises Juvenile Probation, Intake, and Foster Care Programs. In this role she analyzes and implements new court practices to provide targeted interventions for Midland County’s youth based on criminogenic risks factors and needs; developing training and programs to meet the needs; and analyzing and implementing diversion practices. Michele has served the Midland County Juvenile Division in several capacities, including her involvement in redesigning the Midland County Day Treatment Program using evidence based practices to improve outcomes for Court youth, assistant to the director for managing the detention program, and foster care coordinator. In her position as Foster Care Coordinator she developed and designed the foster care program as well as directed all aspects: recruiting, marketing, training, licensing, and developed programs to improve outcomes for foster care youth and/or their families. In addition, she designed the Life Skills for Foster Care Youth program which included real life experiences with apartment hunting, used car and insurance shopping, food preparation and shopping smart, career exploration, budgeting, and interviewing skills.

In addition to her career at the 42nd Circuit Court, Michele is very active in Juvenile Justice in Michigan. She currently serves as a Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 Action Team #2 member; Midland Kids First Executive Board Member; Midland team member for Michigan School-Justice Partnership; Home Team Meeting member; and participates with the Midland Community School Model project .



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Derek Hitchcock is the Director of Residential Programs for Highfields Inc. He took this position in October, 2012 after a long career with Michigan’s Department of Human Services, Bureau of Juvenile Justice. He has extensive experience in juvenile delinquency and residential treatment based upon his perspectives as a direct care worker, counselor, manager and administrator. He completed his undergraduate education at The University of Michigan and went on to earn an M. A. in Guidance and Counseling, from Eastern Michigan University. As a manager and director, he has overseen the development of specialized programming for youth with substance abuse, behavioral health and sexual offending issues. As the Director of the Maxey Training School from 2002-2011, he oversaw the efforts in meeting Federal Department of Justice standards for residential care and treatment, special education and behavioral health services. As the States’ Director of Juvenile Programs, he developed a strong interest and emphasis in building successful reentry planning and services for youth returning to home communities. As a member of the executive team for Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20, he co-led an action team’s recent project “Michigan Juvenile Offender Risk Assessment Survey Report”.

Presentation Summary

Structured decision making continues to be an important component of assessment and service delivery in the juvenile justice system. The ability to understand and implement delinquency risk assessments is a critical skill for social work professionals. These types of structured tools provide for standardization, least restrictive placement and effective treatment planning for juvenile delinquents. This workshop will review assessments used with juvenile offenders to identify appropriate interventions and treatment needs. The focus will be on accurate completion of risk and need assessment tools. A fictionalized case study will be used to demonstrate the process of utilizing assessment information to create successful treatment plans. Audience participation will be encouraged in the completion of assessment forms and treatment plan development.