

Spring 2015 Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 Training Event

“Building Blocks for Effective Case Management”

Session 3

Effective Case Management: Creative Funding Strategies

Friday, June 5, 2015, 9:00am-12:00pm

Presented By: John Evans, MA, 44th Circuit Court—Livingston County

Carla Grezeszak, BA, 23rd Circuit Court—Iosco County

Andrew Thalhammer, MBA, 17th Circuit Court—Kent County



John Evans is the Court Administrator for the Livingston County Circuit and Family Court. He received his Bachelors Degree in Social Science from Siena Heights College and his Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. Prior to his career in the courts, John served as the Director of the Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ) for the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS). During his more than 20 years with DHS, John was a state division director for the Community Support Division within the BJJ & the Child and Family Services. John administered the Child Care Fund as well as other community based programs. Prior to becoming the Director of BJJ, John was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Highfields, Inc. He has more than 30 years experience in juvenile treatment and services beginning as a treatment specialist at Boysville of Michigan in the late '70s. John also has served as Juvenile Probation Officer in Ingham and Lenawee Counties and has worked in the detention facilities of both counties.

John has also served many professional and community groups including the Executive Team for the Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 advocacy organization, Michigan Federation for Children & Families Board of Directors, Ingham County System of Care (IMPACT) Stakeholders Board, Chairperson for the DHS Juvenile Justice Waiver Workgroup, Committee Chair in DHS Director's Public Private Partnership Initiative, Williamston Schools Board of Education Treasurer and past President, State Interagency Coordinating Council for the Handicapped Infants and Toddlers, State Incentive Grant for Drug Abuse Prevention, Blended Funding Initiative Interagency Workgroup, Jurisdictional Planning-Partnership with State Court Administrative Office, and Board member of Williamston Schools Foundation.

Andrew Thalhammer is the court administrator of the State of Michigan's 17th Judicial Circuit – Kent County. He was hired by the Court in April of 2012 as the Deputy Court Administrator, and was promoted to his current position in April 2013. Prior to his current job, he has built a strong background in juvenile justice. His career has led to him to most level sof juvenile justice, from private agency youth worker, to Juvenile probation officer, to Supervisor at the Bureau of Juvenile Justice for the State of Michigan. He has become an expert on funding alternatives and community based programs.

Andrew received his MBA from Michigan State's Eli Broad School of Management in December 2009. He resides in Spring Lake Michigan with his wife Leslie, and three children (Cameron, Amelia, and Andrew Mark).

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Carla Grezeszak attended and graduated from Lake Superior State College with an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice and from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice. She began her career with Iosco (then Probate) Family Court in March 1985 as the County Juvenile Officer. She has been with the Iosco County Court System for 30 years and was a part of many changes experienced by the court system during that time, including the creation of Truancy Court and the development of a Family Dependency Treatment Court. Carla currently supervises six full time employees and several part-time/contractual workers as the Family Division Administrator/Referee . She is an active member of the Northern Michigan Juvenile Officer’s Association since 1986 and has served as President for the last 16 years. She has also been a member of the Michigan Association for Family Court Administration for more than 25 years and is currently a member of Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20’s Executive Team. Carla also serves as an adjunct professor for Alpena Community

College.

Carla and her husband Larry have been married for almost 31 years and together they have one daughter, Erin, who has a Master’s Degree in Health Administration and currently works as a health educator in Iosco County. In her spare time, Carla enjoys traveling with friends, reading and working on her family’s beef farm.

Presentation Summary

Building on the national and local best practices presented on Thursday, this session will engage Michigan experts John Evans, Carla Grezeszak, and Andrew Thalhammer, who have juvenile court and Department of Human Services experience, to share their knowledge of resources and funding mechanisms that will allow juvenile justice workers and case managers to effectively pursue creative community based programming. In addition to receiving materials regarding available funding options, conference participants will have an opportunity to discuss programming needs and creative funding options to help build a continuum of care in their community.