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Prima Facie

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Hello to all WJCIA Members and Prima Facie Readers:

I hope everyone is staying warm during this exceptionally cold winter that has been freezing the Midwest! It is too bad that the Packers did not make it to the Super Bowl this year. In fact, it is even sadder that the San Francisco 49ers did not make it either. Now you might think that I am crazy making that kind of a statement, but I assure you that I am not. What I am getting at is that for the 2014 conference raffle, we have an autographed Colin Kaepernick jersey who is the quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers. Had the 49ers gone all the way to the Super Bowl and won it, it would have made the jersey that much more special.

The WJCIA consists of several separate committees and each committee has a committee chair that works hard to contribute to the WJCIA goals. I would not have enough time to provide a summary of each committee; however, I would like to mention a few committees that have been working exceptionally hard.

From the Recognition Committee, Committee Chair Mike Weber wanted me to impress upon our readers the importance of submitting candidates for the prestigious Recognition Award which is awarded annually at the WJCIA Conference. Any WJCIA member is eligible to be nominated. From the Legislative Committee chaired by Glenda Carlson, there have been some important developments in the effort to return 17 year old first-time and non-violent offenders back to juvenile court. It appears that this legislation will not be signed into law this year. This has been a WJCIA cause for several years. The Conference Committee which is chaired by Barb Rahm is steadily filling in the grid for the 2014 Conference. Our present committee members are contracted with highly qualified, professional speakers to create another highly professional, informative conference in 2014. The Curriculum and Training Committees headed by Sarah Socha and Melissa Williams are hugely important to the WJCIA; and in fact, they can be seen as the backbone of the WJCIA and the Juvenile Justice System in Wisconsin. These two committees are directly responsible for maintaining high standards when it comes to training all the new social workers to provide intake services throughout the 72 counties in the State of Wisconsin. This is a huge responsibility, but a responsibility that Sarah and Melissa have handled well.

The bottom line is that I am proud and excited to be involved in the WJCIA. My goal as the president of WJCIA will be to maintain the high standards that have been adopted by the WJCIA long before I became involved. We have significant challenges to overcome in the future; however, the one thing that I learned as a former military officer is that there is no goal that is too big to be achieved if you surround yourself with the right people. The WJCIA is definitely made up of the right people. I would encourage all young and aspiring new juvenile justice workers to first begin by attending regional meetings as much as possible; and someday, they will hopefully join the WJCIA Board itself because it has been a great and rewarding experience.

Kurt Schumacher
President – WJCIA

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SPRING TRAINING

May 14, 2014 / Kalahari - Wisconsin Dells
May 21, 2014 / Holiday Inn & Suites - Rothschild

One of the purposes for which WJCIA was formed was to provide ongoing training for Juvenile Court Intake Workers. To this end, the Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association and Wisconsin Department of Corrections Division of Juveniles Corrections will be sponsoring a Spring Training. The training will consist of two three-hour blocks.

Part One: Victim's Rights Shelley Hagan, OJOR Director

- What is the county's responsibility?
- Notification (who does what, the process)
- Restitution
- Victim impact statements
- Parent liability
- One vs. many victims

Part Two: Children with Mental Health Issues Angela Weideman, LMFT, Successful Children's Network Director, United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley.

Strategies for working with children and families will address how to effectively work with children and families who experience symptoms of trauma, autism, anxiety, and depression. The focus will be on children ages 8-14 and their families. The presenter will share strategies on how to keep this challenging population in their homes, and support them at school and in the community to avoid out of home placements. If placement is necessary how to support foster parents or family members who are caring for the child and set expectations around the out of home placement and birth parents working together for the benefit of the child. The presenter will share ideas about how to work with children and families when the child is in residential treatment/correctional settings, and how to work with the family to help the child return back home or to an out-of-home placement. The reunification process can be exciting and scary for children and families. The presenter will give tips on how to make the reunification transition as smooth as possible for families and professionals. This presentation is encouraged for social workers, day treatment educators, schools staff, school resource officers, guidance counselors, police officers, foster care coordinators, and family therapists.

Brochures describing this training were mailed to WJCIA members and chief intake workers in each county. Additional information and registration will be found on the Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association website www.wjcia.org. Attendance is limited to 80 for each site, so early registration is encouraged. Questions may be directed to WJCIA Board Member Sarah Socha at (715) 339-5217 or Kathy Gourdine at (920) 929-6821

BASIC JUVENILE COURT INTAKE WORKER TRAINING

*The next available training is
scheduled for
October 1-3, 2014
Kalahari, Wisconsin Dells, WI*

Register at WWW.WJCIA.ORG

2013 – 2014 Board Meeting Calendar

November	7 – 8, 2013
January	16-17, 2014
March	13-14, 2014
April	24-25, 2014
June	5-6, 2014
August	Date to be determined

The board gathers together for two days approximately 6 times per year to plan for the annual conference, juvenile intake trainings, update curriculum, discuss upcoming legislative news, discuss topics/ideas for newsletter, and to update the website. Board minutes will be available for review on the website at www.wjcia.org. Feel free to contact any board member if you have any additional questions.

Region 1

04/30/2014 9:00am – Oasis Group Home, Hayward, WI

Contact: Leigh Wahlen, leighw@co.polk.wi.us

Region 2 -

Anyone interested in hosting a meeting contact Kathy Gourdine at kathy.gourdine@fdlco.wi.gov

Region 3

05/09/2014, 08/22/2014, 11/14/2014 - 9:00am - Eau Claire Courthouse, Eau Claire, WI

Contact: Michael Weber, mweber@co.chippewa.wi.us

Region 4

3/21/2014 - LaCrosse County

Contact: Heather Werner, werner.heather@co.la-crosse.wi.us

Region 5

June 2014 – Outagamie County

Contact: Kathy Gourdine, kathy.gourdine@fdlco.wi.gov

Region 6

04/17/2014 – 10:30 Tour of Dane County Detention Center, Madison

Contact Amy Cook, acook@co.dodge.wi.us

Region 7

06/11/2014 – Milwaukee County Children's Court

Contact Mary Ann Hand, MaryAnn.Hand@milwcnty.com

NOTE: These meeting dates and times are subject to change. It is strongly encouraged that you check with your regional contact worker prior to attending a scheduled meeting. If you would like to attend a meeting in another region, contact the identified contact person for that region. If you don't know which region you are in and/or if you have any regional updates, please contact michelle.leccia@co.saint-croix.wi.us

GPS Meeting

April 23 & 24 2014

*Kalahari Resorts
Wisconsin Dells*

This two day session enhances knowledge on electronic monitoring services including using electronic monitoring services as a condition of bond, rules, policies and effectiveness. There is no cost to attend the Training session – Lunch on your own. State rate of \$70.00 will be available for rooms on 4/22/14 & 4/23/14. Please RSVP Kathy Gourdine 920-929-6821 or by e-mail to Kathy.gourdine@fdlco.wi.gov Room reservation can be made by calling the Kalahari Resort 877-253-5466 Rooms will be available until March 23, 2014 at \$70.00 after March 23, 2014 state rate are not guarantee.

2014 Annual Conference

The 2014 WJCIA Conference is scheduled for September 17th, 18th, and 19th at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. The Conference Planning Committee has been working to ensure another high quality yet reasonably priced training opportunity. Some of the topics to be presented this year include: Ethics and Boundaries, sex trafficking, evidence-based practice, domestically violent adolescent relationships, developing resiliency, Juvenile Detention Alternatives, Adverse Childhood Experiences, DSM 5, Tough Guys and Drama Queens (will help us understand why traditional parenting no longer works), the Cutting Phenomenon, drugs and other valuable and useful information. In addition to great conference content, don't forget that hospitality will provide a fantastic chance to "network" with your intake colleagues across the state. See you at Kalahari!!

WJCIA Recognition Award

The Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association, realizes that those who work in the challenging and, ever demanding system of juvenile court services, often do so with little recognition for the outstanding service they provide to the agencies and communities in which they serve. With this in mind, the Board of Directors has developed a procedure to annually recognize one of many outstanding WJCIA members. Go to WWW.WJCIA.ORG to nominate someone for this award!!

Second Chance Bill – UPDATE

Wisconsin is currently one of ten states that treat 17 year olds as adults for purposes of criminal prosecution. A bill was introduced to return 17 year old first-time, non-violent offenders to the juvenile justice system. This bill did not move forward in the legislative process. It should be noted that this is not the first time a bill in this nature was introducedand it probably won't be the last!!!