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Youth Intervention Center Receives State and National Accolades

Pittsburgh, PA, 10-7-08 - The Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center received State and National accolades at the 14th National Symposium on Juvenile Services and the Juvenile Detention Centers' Association of Pennsylvania (*JDCAP*) 2008 annual conference which were held earlier this month.

Employees from the center received the "JDCAP 2008 Staff Person of the Year", "JDCAP 2008 Educator of the Year", and the National Juvenile Detention Association "Bob Rader Line Staff Worker of the Year" awards.

John Candales, Shelter Youth Care Worker, received the "JDCAP 2008 Staff Person of the Year" award for his consistent demonstration of commitment to his profession, displaying sincere interest and understanding of adolescent development and youth in crisis, maintaining high professional and personal ethics and conduct, promoting professionalism and cohesiveness amongst his co-workers, and demonstrating an ability to balance professional and personal interest in order to enjoy fulfillment in both areas while maintaining optimum productivity. John has been working with residents at the Youth Intervention Center since February 2002.

Matt O'Shea, School District of Lancaster Educator, received the "JDCAP 2008 Educator of the Year" award for his consistent development and implementation of creative educational programming for students consistent with the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice, continuously works to promote a sense of "team" between all factions of the facility, and serves as a model of dignity and respect for his students. Matt has been teaching residents at the Youth Intervention Center since May 2006.

Maria Rodriguez, Detention Youth Care Worker, received the National Juvenile Detention Association's "Bob Rader Line Staff Worker of the Year" award for her continued commitment, dedication, knowledge, and service to the field of Detention. Maria has been working with residents at the Youth Intervention Center since May 2006.

Formerly named Barnes Hall, the Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center provides temporary safe and secure care for alleged delinquent juveniles and dependent juveniles of Lancaster County. For all juveniles, the center provides protection for the community and the child.

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