



DJC Newsletter

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Model County Programs

DJC will reserve space in each newsletter to highlight county programs that are especially effective in promoting juvenile accountability, competence building and public safety. If you have a contribution for the next newsletter, please forward it to Janell Lathrop at janell.lathrop@wisconsin.gov no later than November 15, 2007. Thank you.

WIAA Sports at Ethan Allen School

Submitted by Mr. Tim Fuller, Varsity Basketball Head Coach for EAS

Ethan Allen has offered its students the chance to participate in WIAA sports programs for over thirty years. Currently the school participates in soccer, basketball, and baseball and belongs to the Indian Trails Conference. The sports programs provide opportunities for the students to learn a wide range of skills by developing individual abilities and improving group proficiencies. Ethan Allen's student

athletes have to deal with the issues surrounding competition: what it means to make (or not make) the team, how to win in a respectful way, how to lose a game without losing one's temper.

At the start of each season, over one hundred students try out for the program. Somewhere between twenty-five and forty make the team. The goal for the program, as with most school athletics programs, goes beyond winning. At Ethan Allen, the focus is more on the learning/improving objectives. Since the athletes volunteer to participate, their investment in the program provides a good opportunity to test their progress in areas like anger management and empathy. Additionally, they have opportunities during every practice and every game to understand the rewards of hard work and cooperation. At home games, they have an opportunity to show the staff and students at the institution that they can be part of a positive program. At off-grounds games, they can represent the best parts of Ethan Allen to the community.

The trophy case at Ethan Allen is home to several conference championships. At the end of each season, the awards banquet offers the coaches and athletes a chance to celebrate the progress made both individually, as well as the progress made as a team. Each team member receives a certificate of completion, with several athletes usually collecting all conference awards, medals and certificates given to them by opposing coaches in the conference.

Ethan Allen's WIAA Athletic Program Objective

Social Objective

Cooperation / Team Work
 Leadership
 Respect for Property
 Respect for Authority
 Respect for Individuals
 Respect for Rules
 Dealing w/ Winning and Losing
 Support for Others
 Competitiveness
 Fair Play

Personal Objectives

Initiative
 Perseverance
 Responsibility
 Self-discipline / Self Control
 Following directions
 Listening
 Goal setting
 Patience

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Let The Games Begin!

For the past number of years, Lincoln Hills School (LHS) has taken a break from their year round school program to hold a series of competitive activities for youth. The purpose of this time is to teach youth new skills, sportsmanship and hopefully instill a life long interest in a pro-social activity. The youth prepare for the activities leading up to the final competition. Interestingly enough, during this time there is typically much less acting out which results in fewer and shorter stays in security.

On September 4, 2007, the Summer Games at LHS will begin. Youth can sign-up to participate in individual or team events. The youth are encouraged to participate and try different activities. The activities include softball, basketball, chess, artwork, team handball, soccer, LHS Quiz Bowl, speech, track and field events, punt/pass & kick, cards, volleyball, handball and more.

At the conclusion of the games on Friday, September 7, 2007, there is an award ceremony honoring

youth for their accomplishments during the games. Youth are divided into age categories and medals are awarded to the top three finishers for individual activities and the top two teams for team events.

After the Award Ceremony youth and staff are treated to a picnic meal. After the meal there is friendly competition between the youth winners and staff in different activities. This gives staff an opportunity to interact with youth on a different level. The Games are always well received by youth and all staff is actively involved, who also enjoy a break from the routine. Visitors are welcome as spectators to the activities.

For more information on the Summer Games at LHS, please contact Superintendent Paul Westerhaus at (715) 536-8356.

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Multipurpose Building Completion is Very Near

Completion of the Southern Oaks Girls School Multipurpose Building will greatly enhance the facilitation of physical education programming and intramural recreation services!

The Wisconsin Building Commission authorized through the State Capital Fund the construction of the Multipurpose Building. Prior to this building, SOGS had no such facility on grounds to conduct activities as stated above. With a process that was several years in the making, capital funding was used to create the Multipurpose building that is now nearing completion.



SOGS staff and students are ecstatic about the completion of their new Multipurpose Building! This *ten thousand square foot* facility includes regulation size basketball/volleyball courts, long-anticipated expansive gymnasium space, two classrooms, a craft area, and a small servery for special events. Movement of staff and equipment is scheduled to occur on May 10, 2007. Southern Oaks Girls School has been accepted into the Indian Trails Interscholastic Sports Conference and planning is underway relative to team formation and competition. Key staff members have been busily selecting equipment and materials for this exciting new resource! Southern Oaks looks forward to conducting Graduation Ceremonies, Girl Scouts Court of Awards Events, Ethnic Festivals, Life Work Education Events, and Family-Focused Activities within this new facility!



Many thanks to Superintendent, Patricia Ogren and Business Manager, Debra Aschauer for making this long-awaited dream a reality!!!



Successful Outback Events Will Continue

In addition to these exciting new fitness-focused initiatives, Southern Oaks Girls School will continue to facilitate the popular Outback Experiential Education Events. These four-day sessions, introduced in 2000, include on-grounds camping, team-building initiatives, and ropes and challenge course activities. Southern Oaks Girls School staff co-facilitate these sessions with contracted experiential educators three times annually. Students who would otherwise be unable to participate in off-grounds exhibitions due to case-specific dynamics have thrived within this on-grounds orientation to experiential education!



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SPRITE in the Summer

The months of June, July, and August are the ideal months for direct commitments from counties to SPRITE. The SPRITE program, whose acronym means Support, Pride, Respect, Initiative, Teamwork, and Education, is an intensive, experiential education program for males that is offered each month. The program consists of five phases: teambuilding, rock climbing, wilderness expeditions, community service and urban integration that are designed to actively engage youth in positive challenges which will teach them responsibility, pre-employment skills, problem solving, and daily living skills.

The program accepts youth in two ways: as referrals directly from counties, and from the juvenile institutions as youth are about to transition to the community. In this way, SPRITE functions uniquely to both prevent youth from likely placements in juvenile institutions, and to also strengthen a youth's preparation for a successful return to the community after a correctional placement.

To learn more about the referral process, please contact SPRITE Director Tim Casiana at (608) 288-3356.

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Legislative Updates

Budget Summary: Joint Finance Co-Chairs announce policy items removed from budget.

There were 48 non-fiscal policy items that will not be considered as part of the budget. Those items will be drafted into separate bills. The following is a partial list of those items:

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board

- Real estate donations to the foundation.

Corrections – Adult Corrections

- Rename Parole Commission the Earned Release Review Commission and expand authority to modify bifurcated sentences.
- Placements for 90-day sanctions.
- Audit limit for state and county-purchased correctional services.

Employee Trust Funds

- Modify retirement provisions for educational support personnel.

Insurance

- Minimum coverage requirements for treatment of mental health and alcohol and other drug abuse problems.
- Required health insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders.
- Health insurance – Insurer disclosure of current procedural terminology code changes and explanation of restriction or termination of policy coverage.

Justice

- Public intervenor.
- Civil rights enforcement authority.

Legislature

- Audit of the state crime laboratories.

Public Instruction – Administrative and Other Funding

- High school credit requirements.
- Wind electricity generators.

Transportation – Motor Vehicles

- Operating while intoxicated driver improvement surcharge.

Workforce Development – Child Support

- Study on child support collection process.

Green Bay Passes Sex Offender Placement Residency Ordinance

With Green Bay City Council passing an ordinance limiting the placement of sex offenders in the city of Green Bay and the publication of the ordinance in Friday's Green Bay Press-Gazette [April 5, 2007] means that Green Bay's ordinance is in effect banning certain convicted sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of places where children gather. From this weekend on, most convicted sex offenders will not be allowed to move into most areas of the city of Green Bay to reside unless they can persuade an appeals board to grant an exception. Those offenders living within the safety zones at the present time are "grandfathered" in, but if they move they will have to find a new place outside of one of the zones.

City Council minutes of 04/04/07 meeting: http://www.ci.green-bay.wi.us/mins_agd/.

City Map of zones: <http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/assets/pdf/U066748321.PDF>

Brown Co. Considering a Website for Drug Dealers

A listing of all drug offenders residing in Brown County would be posted on the web by this summer. Story:

<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070406/GPG0101/704060601&template=printart>

AB 245 – Battery to a District Attorney / ADA (introduced by Rep Molepske on April 10, 2007)

Penalty for battery to a district attorney, ADA or their family members. The bill defines district attorney to include any person authorized to prosecute a criminal case or a delinquency petition, or his/her designee. A person who does so is guilty of a Class H felony and may be fined not more than \$10,000, imprisoned for not more than six years, or both (same penalty as battery to a judge).

AB 249 – Juvenile Predispositional Conditions Order (introduced by Rep Albers on April 10, 2007)

This bill permits the juvenile court to impose similar conditions with similar consequences for a violation on a juvenile who is subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, but who is not being held in custody. At the plea hearing the juvenile court may subject the juvenile to a "predispositional conditions order". The court may (1) subject the youth to the supervision of any agency agreeing to supervise the juvenile; (2) impose reasonable restrictions on the juvenile's travel, association with other persons, or places of residence during the period between the plea hearing and the fact-finding or dispositional hearing; or (3) impose any other conditions considered reasonably necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the juvenile or of the community or to prevent intimidation of witnesses during that period, including a condition requiring the juvenile to attend school or to be monitored by an electronic monitoring system. The bill also permits the juvenile court to impose a "predispositional conditions order" for the period between the fact-finding hearing and the

dispositional hearing.

If the juvenile violates a condition of a predispositional conditions order, the juvenile may be taken into custody, and the predispositional conditions order may be amended so as to place the juvenile in temporary physical custody, including secure custody if the juvenile meets the criteria for being held in secure custody, which criteria under the bill include the condition that the juvenile, having had predispositional conditions imposed on him or her, has run away or committed a delinquent act and no other suitable alternative exists.

Finally, under the bill, a person who is alleged to have committed a delinquent act and who has had failed to comply with the conditions of predispositional conditions order is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

AB 269 - Threats Against Social Workers, Juvenile Intake Workers, or Child Support Workers (introduced by Rep Musser on April 13, 2007)

Prohibits certain threats to cause bodily harm to a SW employed by or working under contract with a government agency, a juvenile intake worker, or a child support worker. A threat is covered by this prohibition if: 1) the person making the threat knows or should have known that the victim is a SW, juvenile intake worker, or child support worker; 2) at the time of the threat, the victim is acting in her/his official capacity or the threat is made in response to any action taken in an official capacity; and 3) the victim did not consent to the threat. Penalty is a Class A misdemeanor and may be fined not more than \$10,000 or sentenced to the county jail for up to nine months or both.

Full text of bill can be read at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2007/data/AB-269.pdf>

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Announcements

Appointment of New OMB Director

DJC pleased to announce that Wesley Ray accepted the OMB Director positioning DJC Central Office. Wes began his new position on Monday, March 19, 2007.

Wes is not new to DJC. He brings a wealth of Juvenile Justice Program knowledge and information technology skills to this position. Wes served four years as a social worker with Dane County Human Services, followed by four years with DJC as an Administrative Policy Advisor and manger of the JJIS Project. Additionally he spent one year as a DCC Field Supervisor. Finally, and most recently, Wes served the last three years in Project Management Roles within the DOC and the private sector.

Please welcome Wes Ray back to DJC as our newest member of the DJC Management Team.

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