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Mission

The mission of the Institute for Youth and Justice Studies is to further studies relating to policies and practices of youth development and juvenile justice. The Institute's work impacts the Southwest Florida region, the State of Florida, and the nation. The Institute is cross disciplinary, incorporating the fields of criminal justice, public administration, education and social work. The Institute provides a research setting conducive to the Development and application of policies and practices relating to youth development and juvenile justice.



Dean Ken Millar

Welcome

Dr. Kenneth I. Millar has been appointed Dean of the College of Professional Studies at FGCU. A native of Montreal, Quebec, Dr. Millar's undergraduate degree is from Sir George Williams University in Montreal. He earned his Master of Social Work degree from the University of British

Columbia and his doctorate from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is the author of two books, numerous articles in refereed journals, and has presented at major conferences in both Canada and the U.S. Dr. Millar has had previous appointments at Aurora University, Louisiana



State University. The University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and Laurentian University in Canada. He is married to Patricia Palmer Millar, who is also a social worker. His two sons, Aaron and Matthew, live in Canada.

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Journey to Stewardship Conference



This conference was held at FGCU on September 28, 2006.

The conference goals included:

To familiarize participants with the civic engagement service model and restorative justice principles and practices.

To converse in proactive dialogue relating to civic engagement and restorative justice

To develop a community action plan.

Speakers were:

Dennis Maloney, President
Community Justice Associates

Dale Landry, President
Village Architects, Inc.

Dr. Gordon Bazemore, Director
Community Justice Institute
Florida Atlantic University

Child Watch

The Lee County PACE Center for Girls plans to open its doors in January, 2007. A newly formed advisory board including Chair Gail Markham, CPA, Judge James Seals, Dr. James Browder, Dr. Sandra O'Brien and numerous community leaders are helping to make PACE a reality.

Senator Dave Aronberg and Representative Trudi Williams led the effort for start-up funding in the amount of \$278,000 from the 2006 legislative session. In addition, \$500,000 in annual recurring funds are available for 51 girls to attend the program. Donna Gallagher, President and Chief Operative Officer of PACE Center for Girls, Inc., stated "We have been so fortunate with the overwhelming support for this new center. We look forward to opening our doors to the girls in January, 2007."

For more information check out the PACE Center Website:

<http://www.pacecenter.org/index.htm>



School Accountability Boards

School Accountability Boards (SAB), adapted after Neighborhood Accountability Board program model, deals with at-risk youth while incorporating restorative justice principles into the implementation of SAB and the youth's case plan. The overall mission is to provide prevention and early intervention services to at-risk youth, to increase student participation, and to empower principals with an available option for providing discipline and restorative consequences. Anti-bullying and suicide prevention programming (including awareness, referrals, and counseling) are included within the SAB purview.

Special thanks to Marilyn and Alan Korest and the Moorings Park Foundation for their generosity in funding this program. The School Accountability Boards (SAB) are currently implemented in East Naples Middle School, Immokalee Middle School, Immokalee High School, and Manatee Middle School in Collier County, Florida. The program seeks expansion to Pine Ridge Middle School, Lely High School, and Barron Collier High School.

A total of seventy-seven cases were referred to the SAB's and ENMS, IMS, HIS, and MMS during the 2005-06 school year. Combined, there were forty-five cases, were for insubordination/disruption, followed by fourteen truancy cases, seven tardiness

referrals, two cases each for gang related activities and violation of school rules, and one case each for computer violations, destruction of school property, missed detention, misuse of library pass, theft, unprepared for class, and violation of bus rules.

The types of assignments that youths received in their case plan included, but were not limited to: write an apology letter; provide restitution/replacement; attend mentoring and/or tutoring services; compose reflective essays, journals or poems; complete PowerPoint presentations; attend Boys and Girls/Youth Groups; perform community service; assist faculty and staff; participate in mediation session, as well as complete behavior modification/grade monitoring sheets. Four FGCU students mentored and/or tutored SAB youths as part of the assigned case plans. Overall, the SAB's average success rate was an impressive 95%.

Dr. O'Brien is working with Dr. James Browder to develop the program model in the Lee County Schools. Charlotte and Sarasota counties have also expressed interest in implementing the SAB model.

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