

2008

APPA Awards

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Awards will be presented in Pavilion 8-11

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Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year



Darrin Dill
Deputy Probation Officer
San Francisco Adult Probation Dept.
San Francisco, CA

In 2007, Darrin Dill began a campaign to develop a program to assist homeless probationers in San Francisco. The program links services from homeless shelters, mental health providers, the Sheriff's department, judges and the Public Defender's Office to attempt to transition homeless probationers from the streets into services such as housing, substance abuse, and/or health care. Within Project Outreach, Darrin Dill and his partner along with two police officers conduct weekly compliance checks on homeless probationers. He was named Bay Area Employee of the year in December 2007 and received a certificate of honor from Gavin Newsome, Mayor of San Francisco this past January. Darrin Dill's creativity and dedication as well as his efforts to both supervise and assist such a difficult caseload is deserving of this award and recognition.

APPA Members of the Year



Gary Bushkin
President
NCTI, Inc.
Phoenix, AZ



Denny McFarland
Hearing Officer (Ret)
Georgia Dept. of Corrections
Atlanta, GA

For 2008, the APPA Awards Committee selected two recipients of the Member of the Year Award. Both Mr. Bushkin and Mr. McFarland have contributed many years to the success of APPA. Gary Bushkin is the current chairperson for the APPA Membership Committee and has put in place several plans to both increase membership as well as maintain current members. He has also been instrumental in coordinating fund raising events for APPA that have resulted in significant savings for the association. Mr. Bushkin's contributions were especially important to the success of APPA's 25th Annual Training Institute and the recent 2008 Winter Training Institute both held in Phoenix. The time, effort and determination Gary Bushkin takes to make APPA as successful as possible is sincerely appreciated by all members.

Denny McFarland has played many roles within APPA over the past 19 years of membership. Mr. McFarland took part in APPA's mission and vision development in the 1990s; he has held numerous committee positions including serving on the Executive Committee from 2001 to 2007; he is the current affiliate representative for the Georgia Probation Association; he has participated in several Institute workshops as both presenter and moderator. This year, Denny McFarland served as Program Chairperson for the 33rd Annual Training Institute here in Las Vegas. Denny McFarland's contributions to APPA have been a wonderful example of support for the field of community corrections and are truly worthy of this recognition.

Awards above will be presented at the Opening Session on Sunday, August 3; 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Walter Dunbar Memorial Award



Raymond H. Wahl
Juvenile Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
Salt Lake City, UT

Ray Wahl's expertise in the field of juvenile justice is nationally recognized and he has served in numerous capacities to advance the field. Mr. Wahl is a consultant to the Interstate Compact for Juveniles and he has provided technical assistance to several states on electronic monitoring programs. He is also a consultant to the National Institute of Corrections on several topics. In addition to APPA, Mr. Wahl is a member of many other associations; Western Correctional Association, American Correctional Association, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and is a member of the steering committee for the Center for the Promotion of Mental Health in Juvenile Justice at Columbia University. Ray Wahl's service to APPA includes his tenure as President of the association from 2001-2003 as well as acting as local host for the 1997 and 2003 Winter Training Institutes in Salt Lake City.

University of Cincinnati Award



Marlene Beckman
Sr. Program Analyst
National Institute of Justice

Marlene Beckman has for many years been a supporter of a national research agenda and significant research funding that aids in understanding how the specific tasks performed by community corrections professionals can produce better results that enhance public safety and cost efficiency. Ms. Beckman draws together experts in the field of community corrections for NIJ's Community Corrections Research Network (CCRN). The CCRN is comprised of agency researchers at the state and local level who are utilizing data and research to improve community corrections policy and practice. Ms. Beckman has also been instrumental in bringing worthwhile presentations to APPA Institutes for many years. Through her many efforts, the field of community corrections has been strengthened and will continue to reap benefits into the future.

Sam Houston State University Award



Anil K. Goswami
Sr. Probation and Parole Officer
Virginia Dept. of Corrections
Radford, VA

Anil Goswami is co-author of "Prescription Drug Abuse Among Prisoners in Rural Southwestern Virginia" published in the Journal of Addictive Diseases in 2007. The work sought to better understand the role of OxyContin as a drug of abuse in Western Virginia. A probation/parole officer since 1992, he is also a certified substance abuse counselor and has a particular interest in substance abuse issues and their impact on community corrections. Mr. Goswami is known to friends and colleagues as a man of impeccable integrity with the ability and talents to positively affect the offenders he supervises.

Awards above will be presented at the Plenary Session on Monday, August 4; 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Joe Kegans Award for Victim Services in Probation and Parole

Sunday, February 8, 2009, Opening Session 6:30 p.m.



Harvey M. Goldstein

Director of Intensive Supervision Program (ISP)
NJ Administrative Office of the Courts Probation Services
Lawrenceville, NJ

As Director of the New Jersey Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) in the NJ Administrative Office of the Courts' Probation Services Division, Mr. Goldstein is responsible for managing the close monitoring of nearly 1,400 state prison releases. New Jersey's ISP has maintained a 96% employment rate and has resulted in a graduate recidivism rate under twelve percent. Harvey has been a national leader in developing victim services. He has substantially increased restitution disbursements; developed an innovative comprehensive enforcement program as an alternative to traditional court processing of collection cases; ensured victims role in sentencing, and appointed APPA's first Victim's Issues Committee. Under his directions, ISP has achieved remarkable results in collecting court-ordered restitution, fines, and financial assessments, and has produced thousands of hours of free service to the community. A former president of APPA, he has served on Advisory Boards to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Institute of Justice, and the National Institute of Corrections.

APPA Award for Excellence in Community Crime Prevention

Sunday, February 8, 2009, Opening Session, 6:30p.m.



Wings for L.I.F.E.

Ann Edenfield Sweet
Executive Director
Wings for L.I.F.E. Ministry
Albuquerque, NM

Wings for L.I.F.E.—Life-skills for Inmate Families and Education is the Wings Ministry's newest program. It is a weekly empowerment/support group for the entire family offering support for the children, parents/caregivers and released inmates. Ann and her husband also lead marriage seminars in prisons for inmates and their spouses. Ann is an internationally recognized motivational speaker and frequent presenter of workshops and trainings at national and international conferences. She authored a book based on her personal life experiences, *Family Arrested: How to Survive the Incarceration of a Loved One*. Listed among important lessons learned by Wings for L.I.F.E. participants are:

- We are more alike than different
- We all need friends no matter what are lives are like
- There is a need to keep families with someone incarcerated in a family-friendly environment.
- Every step makes a difference.

Including families in the lives of those incarcerated prevents crime as it lessens the divide felt between family members when someone is away from home for long periods of time and aids in re-integration into the community upon release from prison or jail.

APPA Community Awareness through Media Award

Monday, February 9, 2009, Plenary Session, 8:30a.m.



Sean Porter

West Regional Director
LA County Probation-Residential Treatment Services Bureau
Los Angeles, CA

As West Regional Director, Mr. Porter manages three residential treatment facilities; Camp Holton, Camp Miller and Camp Kilpatrick as well as the Head Quarters camp. This award recognizes his inspirational story as portrayed in the film, *Gridiron Gang* (2006). It is a movie based on a real life documentary that was originally filmed in 1990 at Camp Kilpatrick. The movie is about a fledgling varsity level football team comprised of 15, 16 and 17 year-old young men who were sent to a probation camp by the juvenile courts in Los Angeles County. Starring as Sean Porter, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson inspires a team of young people many had given up on to become a competitive football team. Through the game, Sean Porter teaches his players the principles of good character, strength through resiliency and genuine respect for one another. *Gridiron Gang* is a film that set out to improve community awareness in terms of what obstacles juveniles face after they are referred to probation in Los Angeles and how the dedication of one probation officer can make a difference in their lives.

President's Award

Monday February 9, 2009, Plenary Session, 8:30 a.m.

Maricopa County Adult Probation Department

Financial Compliance Program
Phoenix, AZ

The Maricopa County Adult Probation Department's (MCAPD) Financial Compliance Program demonstrated innovation by successfully adapting a business model to a community corrections agency. This exemplary program benefits victims, probationers, and the community through vastly improved probationer compliance in the payment of court-ordered restitution and fees. Probationers are held accountable for payments while receiving assistance, as needed, with budgeting and employment. A key component of the program includes tracking probationers' compliance with payment orders and addressing delinquencies at specific time intervals with consistent, predictable graduated responses. Information sharing, another key component, is conducted through the department-wide Financial Compliance Committee (FCC); a monthly meeting designed to share information about various collection related issues, policy changes, resources in the community and other relevant topics. The MCAPD web-site provides employees with on demand access to resource information regarding job services and community resources; statistics on collection rates for the department and collections tips and techniques.