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APPA Award for Excellence in Community Crime Prevention

Community Corrections Improvement Association
Cedar Rapids, IA

The Community Corrections Improvement Association (CCIA), is the 501 (c) (3), non-profit foundation arm of the Sixth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services in east central Iowa. The Sixth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services provides Iowa Code mandated community-based correctional programming to six counties. CCIA's mission is to support community-based corrections with community involvement, acceptance, and the financial resources to establish and embrace proactive programs that break the cycle of crime. CCIA provides leadership in developing "solutions for safer communities." It has advocated new perspective on crime control within the community to push community members to work to prevent and intervene long before a crime happens – pushing the long term thinking necessary to design responses to get ahead of crime.

CCIA currently has 17 board members and a current Operating Budget of \$2,290,000.00. There are 19 full-time staff, 70 part time and 12 summer employees. In FY2012, CCIA had 416 community volunteers supporting VITA, BRIGHTEN, and Children of Promise programs. Additionally, there were 35 year long and 11 summer AmeriCorps State program members and 22 VISTA members and 7 summer members supporting community capacity building to reach out to underserved populations.

The principles of crime prevention form the basis for the approach and strategies at work in programs operated by CCIA. They are designed to increase an individual's assets and resiliency, strengthen families, reinforce community norms and promote connectedness. The final CCIA focus is about community education, also a basic crime prevention principle. Overall, CCIA programs target:

- high risk youth
- high risk families/offenders
- high risk neighborhoods
- community capacity building
- redefinition of critical issue impacting crime and development of strategies to respond

Since its inception in 1991, one strategic focus for CCIA has been proactively addressing the gaps in services for at-risk youth in an effort to prevent the next generation of offenders.

This award will be presented at the Opening Session on Sunday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m.



Sam Houston State University Award

Art Bowker
Cybercrime Specialist
U.S. Pretrial Services and Probation Office, Northern District of OH
Burbank, OH

Art Bowker, a U.S. Probation Officer, has written consistently for over ten years on the role of community corrections in the management of offender

computer use. During the Fall of 2011 through November of 2012, Art had two print articles published in Perspectives and nine online articles. All of these articles focused on cybercrime and community corrections.

Additionally, Art authored the The Cybercrime Handbook for Community Corrections: Managing Offender Risk in the 21st Century, published by Charles C. Thomas Publisher, LTD, March 21, 2012. Art has over 26 years experience in law enforcement and corrections at state and federal levels. This experience is primarily in the areas of high risk criminal behavior.

Art has consistently worked to educate the field of corrections with respect to cybercrime. In his most recent publication, he lays out a roadmap for officers to simplify the daunting task of supervising cyber-savvy offenders in the community. He researches current trends in community corrections as well as current trends in cybercrime. He has married these two complicated items in writing through his book as well as through multiple academic articles published in various journals. Some of the notable articles can be found in the Federal Probation journal and the APPA publication Perspectives.

Art also maintains a blog on Corrections.com where he has continued to provide crucial information to officers in the field with respect to the challenging topic of cybercrime.

Art has also taken on the task of maintaining APPA's LinkedIn page that currently has over 2,200 members and is still growing. LinkedIn provides an avenue for professionals already working in the field of community corrections as well as those seeking a career in the field the opportunity to share information and ask questions. It is a valuable tool for those interested in social media and probation and parole to engage in meaningful online conversations.

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APPA Community Awareness Through Media Award

Adam J. Sherlock
Radio Documentary Instructor
Spy Hop Productions
Salt Lake City, UT

Since February 2010, Spy Hop Productions have been providing a radio documentary podcast program called Sending Messages at Decker Lake Youth Center in West Valley City. It is the only youth-in-custody produced podcast in the country and provides these youth with a platform and mentorship to share their stories while simultaneously helping them earn school credit in English. Recent episodes include topics of truth, regret, addiction and the loss of identity. In a writing assignment called "A Letter You Can Never Send", one student wrote a letter to his cousin who was killed in a gang fight. He talked about how he had always looked up to him, but now he has to choose his own path, and make something better of his life. Another student wrote a letter to his future wife talking about his fear of trusting someone enough to tell her about the mistakes he had made in his life. But that he had to have faith that this future wife would love him enough to understand his past. These voices are not often heard in such a raw state, and by gaining an audience, these youth can feel that their stories are valid and have worth.

Monthly episodes are published online through iTunes and the programs website, www.sendingmessages.org. The podcast series has won three awards along the way, including a 2011 City Weekly "Best Of" award and attained a steady audience of over 3000 people from around the world. Spy Hop's purpose is to empower youth to express their thoughts in order to create positive change in their lives, their community, and the world. Spy Hops mission is to promote free expression, selfdiscovery, critical and inventive thinking, and skilled participation via the big screen, the airwaves, and the web.

This award will be presented at the Plenary Session on Monday, January 14th at 8:30 a.m.

Joe Kegans Award for Victim Services in Probation and Parole

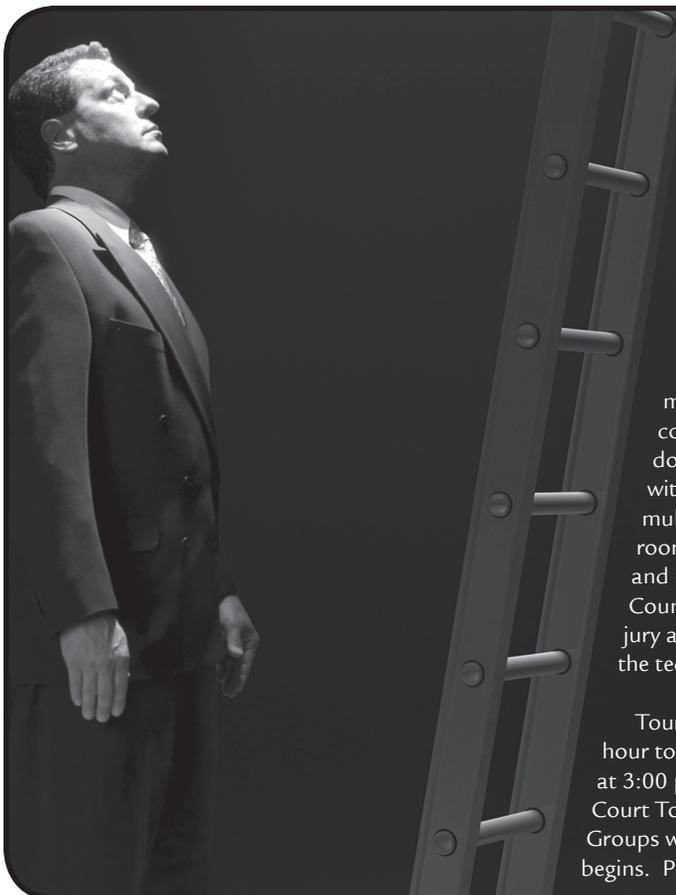
Mike Ramos
District Attorney
San Bernardino County District Attorney Office
San Bernardino, CA

Mike Ramos started his career in the Criminal Justice System with the Probation Department where he frequently dealt with victims of crime. In 1989 he brought that knowledge and experience to the District Attorney's office when he became a trial lawyer. He observed firsthand the tragic circumstances surrounding victims while he was in the court room. It became his practice

to take a victim advocate to the victim's home, or some other venue, where they would be comfortable talking about the case. That's when he recognized the impact on collateral victims like brothers, sisters or other family members who were affected by criminal acts. He conveyed their sense of grief into the courtroom by giving jurors not just the elements of a crime, but its impact on human beings. One of his first tasks as a newly elected District Attorney was to ensure Victims Services would be an important part of his organization by promoting the Coordinator to Victim Services Chief and including the Chief as a member of his Executive Staff. He added assessment of the treatment of victims to the Work Performance Evaluation from pre- to post-conviction, including how efficiently restitution orders are processed. His office has served as a model for District Attorneys' offices throughout the State of California.

For the past six years his Office, in conjunction with Loma Linda Children's Hospital, has operated Camp Good Grief, modeled after a camp for children with cancer/medical issues. This 3-day camp offers a relaxed, supportive and safe environment for children and teens whose lives have been shattered by an act of violence. In this camp victims have the opportunity to work with professionals to share their feelings of frustration and anger related to the loss of a loved one.

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Professional Development Tour

Maricopa County Superior Court South Court Tower
Tuesday, January 15th starting at 1:00 pm

The Maricopa County Superior Court South Court Tower is a modern marvel built at a cost of \$342 million with 16 floors and 22 criminal courtrooms, with an additional 10 to be finished later. It opened its doors for business in February 2012 and includes a jury assembly room with multiple kiosks for checking in, meeting rooms for counsel and client, multi-defendant court rooms, also known as "jumbos," separate waiting rooms for victims and witnesses, and state-of-the art technology in energy and environmental design. Tour participants will be escorted by the Maricopa County Sheriff's office personnel and court administration staff through the jury area, expedited court rooms, and the secured detention areas, highlighting the technology and innovation in efficiency and design.

Tours will begin on Tuesday, January 15th at 1:00 pm. A total of three one hour tours are offered with the first beginning at 1:00 pm and the last beginning at 3:00 pm. Each tour will be able to accommodate 20 visitors. The South Court Tower is within walking distance from the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown. Groups will meet in the lobby of the Renaissance 15 minutes before each tour begins. Please see the Local Host Table to sign up!

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Khameelah Shabazz
Phoenix, Arizona

Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year

Khameelah Shabazz has dedicated her life to the service of others. For twenty-eight years, she served the community as a probation officer. Over the past seven years, she had served as a specialized probation officer working with the seriously mentally ill in the South Phoenix neighborhood where she lives. Throughout her career in probation she has reached out

and developed collaborative relationships with the South Phoenix community and committed to living in the neighborhood that she serves. For her exemplary career, the impact he has made working with the mentally ill and the contribution she had made to her community, Khameelah was awarded the 2011 Statewide Arizona Probation Officer of the Year. In addition, Khameelah has been dedicated to working with Arizona's foster care system, owning and operating her own foster care home, working in numerous group homes and foster-parenting forty-five children in addition to rearing her own. She is President of United Parents and Youth League, serves on the advisory board for the Carver Museum, is a board member of Kid's Place, a member of the Sisters Who Care Program and is a charter member of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice.

This award will be presented at the Opening Session on Sunday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m.



Gerald R. Hinzman
Iowa Sixth Judicial Dept.
of Correctional Services
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Walter Dunbar Memorial Award

Gerald (Gary) R. Hinzman has been Director of the Sixth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services since 1989. During this 23 year span, Gary brought the Sixth District DCS to the forefront of community-based corrections. He has been instrumental in leveraging resources, starting new initiatives and developing staff.

Gary has been instrumental in developing a Mental Health Reentry Program for offenders, a High Risk Supervision Unit (HRU),

Offender Employment Units, ANCHOR center, a Drug Treatment Court, as well as establishing a private foundation, the Community Corrections Improvement Association (CCIA). These are only a few of his landmark contributions to corrections. Both nationally and internationally, Gary has been recognized as a leader in his field and an innovator in developing creative yet practical solutions to the problems confronting correctional services. His leadership to probation and parole is unparalleled.

Additionally, Gary has supported several of his staff in their participation in the APPA Leadership Institute. His forward thinking attitude and willingness to build leadership talent is indicative of how much he feels that community corrections is a necessary and valued service to our communities. Gary also served as the President of APPA from 2007-2009 and is a Past President of the National Association of Probation Executives.

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Alex M. Holsinger, Ph.D.
Principal Graduate Advisor
Associate Professor of Criminal Justice
& Criminology

University of Cincinnati Award

Dr. Alex Holsinger, of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, is an alumna of the University of Cincinnati and an experienced researcher, evaluator and author. He is also considered an expert consultant on the implementation of Evidenced Based Practices.

In collaboration with Johnson County, Kansas, Dr. Holsinger has validated the LSI-R in Johnson County twice, with the second validation resulting in correlation rates as high as any jurisdiction he has reviewed. As a result of this project, Kansas has fully implemented the use of the LSI-R within the state correctional system and at the district court level.

Dr. Holsinger has also worked with Johnson County on several grants including the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Grant. He has also provided his pretrial expertise and guided Johnson County into a comprehensive data analysis of their local predictors of failure to appear and reoffending during the pretrial process. From this analysis Dr. Holsinger developed a pretrial risk assessment tool launched in July 2012.

Dr. Holsinger has assisted in a lethality screening project, a Juvenile YLS-CMI Validation tool, a Crossroads Program Evaluation, a Juvenile Intake and Assessment Case Management and Psychological Services Evaluation, and a Justice Reinvestment Initiative work group with Johnson County. As they put it, Dr. Holsinger continues to respond to Johnson County's needs for analysis of programs and data, even when there is no specific funding for this purpose. It is his knowledge, his passion for his work, and his ability to explain his findings and recommendations that convince their legislators and criminal justice stakeholders to move forward with evidence-based programming.

Additionally, Dr. Holsinger has consulted for the National Institute of Corrections, the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute and others.

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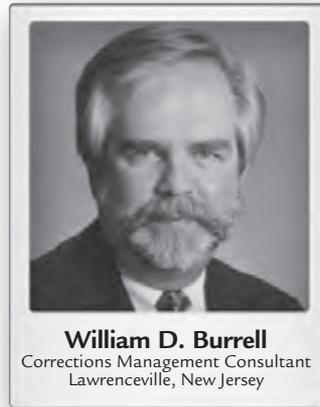
APPA President's Award

Reengineering Probation Supervision:
Georgia's Exceptional Model
10-Step Framework

At a time when state revenues are lower than expected, when prison and probation caseloads are exploding and the overall national economy has been plummeting – in spite of all this – the Probation Operations Unit of the Georgia Department of Corrections has determined to remain vigilant to fulfill its mission, “To protect and serve the public by enforcing the orders of the Court(s) through the effective community supervision of felony offenders.” Georgia's 10-Step Framework is a statewide initiative and is a coordinated effort with a variety of other public safety bodies.

To this end, using guidance offered through such institutions and publications as the Urban Institute's “Putting Public Safety First” and the Pew Center on the States' “One in 31, The Long Reach of American Corrections” and “Putting Public Safety First: 13 Strategies for Successful Supervision and Reentry Probation Operations”, Georgia's Probation Operations crafted its own guiding and prevailing “framework” of significant crime reduction, public safety initiatives, founded upon modern evidence-based research, literature and technology. The Probation Operations Framework Initiative has an overwhelming potential to fulfill many legislative objectives and goals which include the enhancement of public safety, the reduction in victimization, improvement in rehabilitation of our offenders, the increase in holding offenders accountable as well as the enhancement of probation and parole supervision.

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APPA Member of the Year Award

William “Bill” D. Burrell has been a member of APPA since 1991 and has participated in multiple projects over the years. Bill began work on Perspectives as a member of the Editorial Committee for the Spring issue of 2000 and assumed the role of Co-Chair with Ronald Corbett, Jr. in the very next issue. With the Winter issue of 2001, he became Chairman of the committee and remains the

person who brings each and every issue of Perspectives to the APPA membership filled with interesting and insightful articles.

Bill has participated in many APPA projects over the years such as serving as a member of the working group for the grant, Community Corrections Marketing Strategies, funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This project resulted in the creation of a website and other materials to assist community corrections agencies to portray themselves as important and needed members of our society. Former APPA Sr. Research Associate Matthew DeMichele, Ph.D., thanked Bill for his assistance on the publication, Probation and Parole's Growing Caseloads and Workload Allocation: Strategies for Managerial Decision Making and says this, “Bill has a broad knowledge of community corrections. He has a sense of what direction he'd like to see the field move and a practical way of getting it there. He has an appreciation for scientific methods and a desire to push the field in a more evidence based direction.”

Bill is a member of both the Research and Technology Committees, has attended nearly every Training Institute over the past ten years, is author of the APPA Issue Paper, “Caseload Standards for Probation and Parole,” and is an active participant of the APPA Board of Directors. Bill Burrell served as Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice of Temple University in Philadelphia and in 2003, retired as Chief of Probation Services for the New Jersey state court system.

APPA thanks Bill Burrell for his continued support of the Association and his willingness to share his knowledge and expertise to the field of community corrections.

This award will be presented at the APPA Luncheon on Tuesday, August 14 at 12:30 p.m.