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Joe Kegans Award for Victim Services in Probation and Parole

Sunday, January 8, 2017
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Reno Ballroom, Casino Level



Mark Odom

*Deputy Director, Victim Services
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Austin, Texas*

Mark has earned an unassailable reputation for his powerful work ethic and for his uniquely deep sensitivity to, and compassion for, crime victims/survivors. He is far more than a fierce and compassionate victim advocate. He has also demonstrated a powerful ability to “connect” with offenders, both under community supervision and in custody, in ways that actually inspire them to take personal responsibility. Not only responsibility for what they have done, but also for working to modify their thinking toward a much greater awareness of the victim/survivor experience in order to encourage a more personally accountable frame of reference in them. Mark’s many years of work with individuals from victims/survivors and offenders has informed his understanding and strengthened his practice.

Mark is one of the most sought-after experts in the field of corrections-based victim services nationally. His roles in the development of rigorous national standards in this area for both the National Association of Victim Service Professionals in Corrections, and for the American Correctional Association have been invaluable. He has been an integral part of the second-to-none training opportunities provided to victim service professionals in corrections through the National Association of Victim Assistance in Correction’s annual conference. He coordinates the annual Victim Offender Dialogue Summit each year, and is a mentor to countless advocates nationally. He was also instrumental in the development of the Texas Victim Offender Mediation and Dialogue Program and is a nationally recognized speaker and trainer in victim and offender dialogue.

Mark will forever be one of the “founding parents” of Victim Offender Mediation Dialogue in this country. For generations to come, victims will have opportunities for restorative healing because of his work, his commitment, and his heart.

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Award for Excellence in Community Crime Prevention

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Georgia Department of Community Supervision's Day Reporting Centers

Atlanta, Georgia



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Started in 2005 as an alternative to incarceration for offenders with an underlying substance abuse issue, Georgia's Day Reporting Centers (DRCs) is a non-residential substance abuse and mental health treatment program designed to offer judges and other criminal justice officials with a viable and cost effective option for high-risk, high-need offenders who have substance abuse, cognitive, and/or mental health treatment needs. Today, 15 DRCs across Georgia provide offenders in 47 counties with access to programs and services that are proven to reduce criminal thinking and behavior, eliminate substance abuse, improve compliance, and increase educational levels and employability. By targeting each offender's individual criminogenic needs and collaborating with community and government resources, Georgia has enjoyed a great deal of success as their DRCs have created opportunities for thousands of Georgians to change their lives for themselves, their families, and communities. Combined with rigorous alcohol/drug testing and a high level of supervision, DRCs offer services and programming that address criminogenic needs: employment, education, cognitive restructuring, life skills, and substance abuse.

By tailoring individual treatment plans to target criminogenic needs, DRCs are effective at preparing offenders for a crime and substance free life. For instance, a 2010 study conducted by the University of Cincinnati demonstrated that offenders who successfully complete DRC treatment are 24% less likely to recidivate than an offender who does not complete DRC treatment. DRCs' success relies on strong bonds fostered with local resource providers. Collaboration with community partners is pivotal in coordinating resources such as treatment programs, transportation, clothing, housing, food, counseling, medical services (HIV testing), and employment training. The integration of community-based resources into the DRC program enables offenders to establish a continuum of care upon completion and ensures that they are provided with a community-based solution to substance abuse and crime, prevalent at the local level. In addition to partnerships with local resource providers, DRCs rely on close relationships with other government agencies to meet a variety of participant needs. In addition to satisfying the requirements of the DRC program, participants will be better qualified for future employment opportunities.



APPA Awards

Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year



Andre Turner
CSOII
Dallas County CSCD
Dallas, TX

Andre Turner has been employed by the Dallas County Community Supervision and Corrections Department for 22 years with much of that time working in Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Courts. Judge Roberto Cañas, Jr. credits Mr. Turner with being instrumental in making Dallas County Criminal Court #10 a Domestic Violence Mentor Court as named by the U.S. Dept. of Justice in 2013 and 2015. Mr. Turner founded A.L. Turner Academic Intervention, a non-profit focused on assisting young men to improve their decision-making process and quality of life. Supporters use words such as innovative, professional, genuine, and leader to describe Mr. Turner.

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Walter Dunbar Memorial Award



Andrew Molloy, Jr.
Director, Community Corrections Services
Chesterfield County/City of Colonial Heights
Chesterfield, VA

Andrew “Drew” Molloy entered the field of community corrections in 1977. Throughout his 35 years in the field he has served in many different positions representing both line staff and management across state and federal agencies. These positions have provided Drew with a breadth of practical and policy experience that he has used to raise the visibility of community corrections and demonstrate its tremendous value to the justice system and the public. Throughout his career, Drew has served on numerous state and national workgroups/task forces addressing corrections, reentry, offender supervision and treatment, and been an effective voice for community corrections professionals. In 2004-2005, Drew was the driving force behind assembling a group of community corrections professionals to develop the training video and document, “Building a 21st Century Community Corrections Workforce,” focused on the phenomenon of the multi-generational workforce, four distinct age groups co-existing and working together in community corrections, and strategies for successful outcomes. Drew is not only a past president of APPA, but he has also served as president-elect, vice president, and at-large representative to the Executive Committee. During his term as president, Drew greatly increased the focus on and inclusion of line staff at all training institutes. He worked to ensure the Board represented the diversity of APPA members in terms of experience, professional roles, and policies and practices.

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APPA Member of the Year



Ursula Lifofoi-Aldan
*Chief Probation Officer
CNMI Office of Adult Probation Superior
Court
Saipan, MP*

Ursula Lifofoi-Aldan has been a member of APPA since 1995 and has served on the Board of Directors since 2006. She currently holds a lifetime membership in the association. Ursula is a staunch advocate for APPA and consistently promotes membership and involvement in the association. She advocated for several years the importance of providing a unique voice on the Board of Directors to the Mariana Islands, Palau, American Samoa, the Philippines, and Guam, and her tireless efforts achieved success when the new Region 17 was instituted. Ursula travels thousands of miles and many hours to attend the APPA institutes and works tirelessly to ensure support for many of her colleagues, judges, and government officials to attend. This requires a significant commitment of time and financial support, but Ursula is committed to promoting support for community corrections and knows the importance of having the policy makers at the table and exposed to the latest research and information in our profession. Ursula's passion, commitment, and unyielding positivity is a model of unmatched professionalism.

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University of Cincinnati Award



James Tanner, Ph.D.
*President
KBSolutions, Inc.
Boulder, CO*

Dr. Tanner has been a community corrections professional since 1970. He earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Illinois with specialties in Cognitive Social Psychology, Sociology of Law, and Evaluation Research.

During his illustrious career, he has served as a professor at two universities, was a supervising probation officer, executive director of halfway houses, director of Boulder County Colorado's Community Corrections Division, vice president of Correctional Management Incorporated, cyber crime analyst for the 20th Judicial District of Colorado, and president of KBSolutions, Incorporated. Dr. Tanner's current work focuses on the adaptation of cognitive sciences in treatment of offender populations, cyber-crime analysis, and improving the efficacy of sex offender treatment. He is a nationally recognized authority on sex offender digital behavior, grooming strategies, and sex offender management.

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APPA President's Award

Nebraska Board of Parole, Research and Training Team

Lincoln, NE

In 2015, Nebraska passed justice reinvestment legislation that required the NE Division of Parole Supervision to incorporate evidence-based practices and ensure on-going staff training on the use of risk and needs assessments, cognitive behavioral interventions, and the proper use of a matrix to include sanctions and incentives. Throughout this process, the Research and Training team of the Division of Parole Supervision was instrumental in ensuring a smooth transition and implementation. At the same time this initiative was launched, the division was undergoing a transition from the Dept. of Correctional Services to the Board of Parole under new leadership. The Research and Training team's approach to implementation while undergoing substantial transition can serve as a model for other agencies faced with similar challenges in becoming more evidence-based.

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