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JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

From the Director—Torri Lynn "Welcome"



It is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to introduce the newest member of our management team, Tracy Gravette. Tracy has taken over for our previous Office Manager, Carol Stahl, who retired from the department last May after serving 22 years.

Tracy came to Linn County after gaining experience in the private sector and then working with the Lane County Board of Commissioners. Although she has some experience working within a county government she has found there are many differences from one county to the next. Tracy has the primary responsibility for the management of our department's budget and grant funding, JJIS security and the day to day operations of the office. She is learning quickly about the juvenile system and all of the different factors

taken into consideration for the youth and families we work with. She has provided a fresh set of eyes on our business practices and has implemented changes which will make our efforts to provide services more efficient. Tracy relocated to Albany in early summer to be closer to work. She enjoys taking her two boys to the local parks, refinishing furniture, craft painting, and horse back riding. If you have any questions about our office or billing procedures please feel free to contact Tracy at tgravette@co.linn.or.us or call 541-967-3853. We are happy to have Tracy here and look forward to her many years of service.

Linn-Benton Juvenile Detention "Time for Change"

The Linn-Benton Detention Center continues to move forward in providing a balanced approach for the youth we serve. In January, the Detention Center will begin implementing an extended detention program "Time for Change". The Time for Change program will address crime producing needs of moderate to high risk youth, provide public safety and offer alternatives to youth who would otherwise be candidates for out of home placement at residential treatment centers and youth correctional facilities. The program will use an evidence based cognitive behavioral restructuring model that has proven to reduce juvenile recidivism. One of the core principles of the Time for Change program is to help youth form the connection between their thoughts, attitudes, and emotions to their behaviors. The program aims to increase pro-social thinking and skills through coaching, modeling, role play and practice. An individualized case plan will be developed by the probation officer, detention staff and their parents/guardians to focus on specific risk areas as identified by a validated risk assessment to include: attitudes, values, beliefs, substance use, family functioning, behavior issues, peers and school issues.





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Vision: To provide public safety by helping youth and families achieve positive change.

Mission: To increase public safety by coaching youth and families to make positive choices through education, skill building and community partnerships.



Community Partnerships Submitted by Zach Bayer, Jackson Street Youth Shelter

Hidden away on the streets of our communities are people groups that are often times unnoticed. Teen homelessness is an issue that must be brought into the light if we are to respond to it appropriately. Our eyes can no longer be shut to the harsh realities that many of these youth and their families live on a daily basis. There is a war being waged, a war called Poverty. Where do we begin to fight this war? Where do we enter this battlefield and how do we enter it in order to stand in the gap for those who are being destroyed by the devastating blows they are receiving. At Jackson Street Youth Shelter, we want to enter this battlefield with the agencies and individuals who are standing up and giving their lives to ensure that our youth and their families flourish. Awareness is a key to engaging in this plight. Without the knowledge of what is happening in our city, we are defenseless to do anything about it.

How do we serve the youth and families in this community? We serve them in four primary areas. The first area is: 1. Emergency Shelter: Most of the youth we serve need a place to stay for less than two weeks. 2. Transitional Housing: Some youth do not have a stable home to return to. Our goal is to allow these youth to stay as long as they need to, and to help them locate and transition to a new, healthy, permanent living situation. 3. Aftercare Services we stay connected to past residents and continue to work with them in order to prevent future family disruption, providing continued access to our programs, activities, and referral services. 4. Outreach Program: Youth do not have to be staying at the shelter to receive services.

We offer day-time supervision after school and on weekends for kids who need a structured environment. Jackson Street Youth Shelter Inc. is branching out to replicate these services by opening a shelter in Albany. This project has been underway for a few years now. Our hope is that we can raise awareness and support over the next few months to ensure that we can open the Albany House in the fall of 2011. Our goal is to raise our first year's budget. We want to do that by raising \$200,000 in community support, and \$200,000 in grants. We believe that this is a reasonable goal. We know that the people of Linn County care deeply for their community and the youth who live in it. We ask for your participation in this fight to prevent homelessness, and to ensure that our community shines, and our youth flourish.

For more information you can browse our website at www.jsysi.org.