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JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

From the Director—Torri Lynn “Retirement “

Carol Stahl is retiring after 22 years with the Linn County Juvenile Department. Carol began her career in 1988 when there were only three juvenile counselors with caseloads of over 200 youth. The use of computers for any type of statistical tracking was fairly new and they were used very little by the juvenile counselors. This is a much different picture today as every person in the department has a computer at their desk and much of the work done in the department is based on computer programs like the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS). Carol has been on the JJIS data/evaluation and policy and procedures committees since the system was developed. Carol has also worked under four different juvenile directors, Ajax Moody, Tom Johnson, Steven Dye and current director Torri Lynn. Each of those directors have depended on Carol to provide accurate and key budget information, provide long range financial planning and keep the operations of the department functioning on a day to day basis. I don't believe any would dispute the fact that Carol has been the heart of the juvenile department. Carol has been here to welcome every current employee into the department and helped them navigate all the decisions new staff must make regarding benefit packages. She has been a role model for others demonstrating integrity, honesty, professionalism, dependability and an incredible work ethic. All of our jobs will get a little bit harder the day Carol walks out the door. Carol will always hold a special place in our hearts and we wish her the best in her retirement.



Community Partnerships “Work to Learn, Learn to Work”

Community Services Consortium of Albany wanted a way to help young adults learn how to obtain and maintain a job while learning job skills like customer service (how to greet customers, take orders and say thank-you), attendance, punctuality, time management, operation of equipment, inventory and making change, to name a few. Sue McGuire Thompson stated, “the agency received money to support this effort through Youth Workforce Investment dollars to start a youth enterprise because companies are not hiring many youth right now. It also gives youth an opportunity to learn soft skills and gain valuable work experience”. “River Java”, a coffee kiosk, was born and is housed at the Two Rivers Market in downtown Albany. Youth have all received their food handler permits. Hours of operation are from 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday, serving specialty coffee, tea and Italian sodas. The youth are working on marketing efforts to develop a regular customer base. An example of this is specialty promotions for companies or agencies to get a discounted coffee day. If you would like the opportunity to support River Java please contact Sue McGuire at 541-928-6335 or by email at smcguire@communityservices.us

Two Rivers Market – Downtown Albany

Hours of Operation: 7:30am- 3:30pm Monday-Friday





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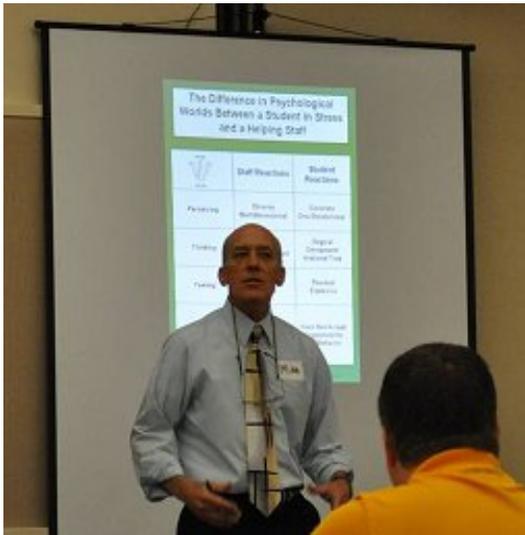
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Vision: To provide public safety by helping youth and families achieve positive change.

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



Linn County Juvenile Department “ A Common Vision “



As part of the Safe Schools Healthy Students grant, Linn County professionals came together for two different sessions of the Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI) training facilitated by Mike Perry. LSCI provides a framework and common language for adults to use when working with youth to help them problem solve crisis situations in their lives. The method does not relieve the youth of any responsibility or discipline they may be facing, it merely helps them process the problem so they will be more prepared to make better choices in the future. Gaining an accurate “timeline” is a core element in selecting which type of intervention to use with the youth. Then asking a series of questions becomes important to provide cognitive intervention. Like other problem solving processes a plan is then developed for the youth to try the next time. The goal is to have professionals in schools, social service agencies, youth clubs and other organizations using the same type of interventions with youth so the process is reinforced each time they have a problem regardless of the adult they are working with. The first training was

held on May 3-7th at the Linn Benton Lincoln ESD to teach this framework to 32 professionals. A second training was completed on June 21-24th once again at the LBL ESD with about 40 professionals.

Participant feedback about each training has been outstanding with professionals making comments such as “it has reminded me why I got into the business of working with youth” and “ it reinforced why listening is such an important skill in addressing youth behavior”.

While no single intervention is the answer to help all youth with their self defeating behavior, LSCI is a “must have” tool to put in your tool box.

