

# PbS E-Newsletter

December 2018





## ANNOUNCEMENTS:


Entries for Barbara Allen-Hagen and Kids Got Talent will be open Feb. 1: [More Information](#)


PbS Dashboard - Now Seeking Beta Testers: [Email the Help Desk to sign up](#)


## TIMELINE:

 **Jan. 15**  
Updated and New FIPs Due

 **Feb. 15**  
Improvement Plan Progress Notes are Due

 **Mar. 20**  
PbS Pre-Data Collection DLW

 **Mar. 27**  
Community Pre-Data Collection DLW

 **Apr. 1**  
Data Collection Begins

## BLOGS & RESOURCES:

Congress Passes JJDP

PbS Awarded 2018 OJJDP Reentry Grant

Implementing Trauma-Informed Principles and Practices

## REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Seeking Feedback to Revisions on Community Standards

[Read the Revised Standards and Give Feedback \(must be logged in to PbS site\)](#)

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## PbS Year in Review: 2018



Dear PbS family,

One of my favorite traditions at the end of each year is to take a look back through my calendar to remember the highlights and make sure I've learned something from the challenges. During the year I tend to move quickly through the many successes to get to the next task and in doing so, I fail to fully appreciate all that has gone into the achievements. Similarly, I spend too much time dissecting things that go awry and miss the lessons and wisdom they offer. This year, sitting down to reflect on 2018, I thought I'd like to share my reflections with and invite you to reciprocate.

January, February, March – The year begins with the annual PbS coaches retreat. We gather the coaches to tackle recommendations and challenges you have shared with them and brainstorm and debate strategies to improve PbS. We also identified ways to improve the Performance Profile report, collect all isolation and room confinement time and how to promote and support PbS regional groups and meetings. The coaches will meet again in January 2019 so let them know if you have ideas or questions. In February, I'm getting pretty tired of the snow. Saved by Valentine's Day parties, chocolate and champagne. Wonder how can we work that into PbS? March meant travels to Arkansas for the second reentry standards project field testing visit. The Arkansas Division of Youth Services team had high energy and goals, limited to little data depending where we visited and in many places, even more limited resources. PbS could really help and we're hoping for ways to expand there in the future.

April, May, June – The season for reviewing applications for PbS' award competitions: 29 applications for the Barbara Allen-Hagen award for facility improvement; 86 entries for the Kids Got Talent Contest for youths; 62 applications for the Scholarship Fund for youths and staff and 12 essays for the Reentry Award

for youths. It was awesome. Felt a little badly thinking about everyone else collecting data. May is busy with Mother's Day, my birthday, Memorial Day and signs of spring – and beginning of crunch time for reentry standards project: all field testing and feedback needs to be completed by end of summer so travel heating up. Two more field testing visits for the reentry standards project: Sacramento County Juvenile Detention Center (SCJDC), its Reentry Unit; and visit to Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Services (JJS). Sacramento, a three-time PbS Barbara Allen-Hagen Award winner is even better in person – everyone is engaged in helping youths, including the youths. The reentry unit is a model and provided PbS' reentry standards project with an example of providing reentry liaisons for education and community services. Utah's youth-level data encouraged us to continue to push for support for electronic data collection, reporting and analysis.

July, August, September – Plan, work, plan, work for August PbS Agency Coordinators Training (ACT) and Awards Night. One of the busiest months for PbS team. While others are vacationing and relaxing into a slower pace of summer, our team is pulling together ideas and materials, coordinating with attendees – especially the Kids Got Talent performer – and continually improving and revising agendas and presentations until the last minute to make it the best it can be. (They knocked it out of the park!) The 2018 ACT and Awards Night was awesome, loved by all approximately 175 in attendance. Performance by Kaitlyn C. of Echo Glen Children's Center in Washington singing a song for her parents left few eyes dry. Note to self: Figure out how to support more awards because there is so much good going on in juvenile justice across the country and providing opportunities to see and hear from folks who've succeeded doing the hard work is incredibly inspiring. We followed it up in September with the PbS Community Standards Review. The panelists provided valuable insight and ideas and helped us think about ways to engage more community residential providers to monitor the quality of life and quality of services provided especially as more and more youths are placed in the community. Announcement that PbS was selected by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to continue our reentry standards' development project with a three-year grant to improve reentry programs' data collection, analysis and reporting capacity. Big news!

October, November, December – The PbS Board of Directors (BOD) meets quarterly by phone and once annually to provide guidance and support. They revised the bylaws to reflect current practices and adopted a new resolution to participate in a joint Partnership Advisory Board with representatives of the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA), PbS' partner organization, to ensure the nearly 25-year-old mutually-beneficial relationship sustains beyond changes in leadership and continues to thrive. The BOD also worked on the strategic plan guiding PbS through 2020. I am very grateful to BOD President Barry Stoodley for his leadership, clarity and dedication to PbS. November included my vacation to Bolivia and Peru – you can ask me individually if you want to know more. Meanwhile the fabulous Help Desk team supported sites in performing many data quality tasks and wrapping up the October 2018 data collection period. Thank you all for that work - I know it's a lot and it's worth it. Maybe these words from an analytics CEO will help: "Most of the world will make decisions by either guessing or using their gut. They will be either lucky or wrong." Good PbS data means your decisions will be both intentional and accurate. Finally, December is PbS' month to do our own internal analysis and improvement planning. Perhaps my favorite month of the year. I really enjoy the team reflections on the year and setting our goals for the next. I am very grateful for the many amazing and committed professionals I've had the opportunity to work with and get to know.

As always, thank you for your work, time, dedication and commitment to treating all youths in custody as one of our own. Please let us know how we can help, if there's a great story to share or an idea to make our work better. I look forward to our work together in 2019.

With gratitude,

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