PbS E-Newsletter

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TIMELINE:

Mar. 31
Kids Got Talent
Submissions Due

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Barbara Allen-Hagen
Applications Due

Apr. 1
Data Collection Begins

Apr. 15
Progress Notes on Facility
Improvement Plans Due

BLOGS & RESOURCES:

Barbara Allen-Hagen Award Application Available

Kids Got Talent Submissions Open

Pre-Data Collection DLW Presentations and Videos Available

REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS: Send your recommendations of reentry services, practices and tools to include in PbS' field scan! Submit your recommendation

Send us your stories, articles and news for publication! Submit your news

NBA Star Dwight Howard Visits PbS Sites



The call from Dwight Howard's D12 Foundation came "completely out of the blue," described Jerry Fry of the Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC). The foundation representative told the COJC that Howard wanted to visit juvenile justice facilities, but not just any facilities—facilities that are known to treat kids with respect and offer progressive programming. COJC's name showed up as a 2015 PbS Barbara Allen-Hagen Award finalist while the foundation was researching sites. It was selected for shifting from the old correctional approach—where staff focused on control and minimally engaging youths following a riot more than three years ago—to a place where staff and youths work together to help the youths succeed and share experiences like Howard's visit. Later that month Howard also visited the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center where he remarked that visiting "hopefully will go a long way with these kids and that's the only thing that I want. It's not about me... It's all about their lives."

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PbS Scholarship Fund Launches

Performance-based Standards (PbS) is pleased to announce the launch of the PbS Scholarship Fund, created to inspire, encourage and guide select college students and correctional staff in paying for their post-secondary education. The winner will be selected by a committee of Fund members, based on the applicant's eligibility and the essay's ability to tell the story of how the money will help the individual use the new skills or education to help others in the future. This year's scholarship fund has \$6,000 available for youths and staff in PbS facilities. Applications will be accepted until May 1, 2016.

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