

**JUVENILE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
AND  
PROJECT LIFE LINE**

JUVENILE COURT OF COOK COUNTY  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

**DEPUTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER  
STEVE EISEMAN**

“If we treat children as though they are what they could be and ought to be, they will become what they could be and ought to be.”

Johann Goethe

**WHAT AND WHY – J.A.C.?**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>WHAT?</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Partnership Between Court Staff and Court Clients</li><li>□ Takes a Fresh Look at Probation From a Client's Perspective</li><li>□ Concerted Effort to Improve the Probation Experience</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>WHY?</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Allows Us To Consider A Youth Viewpoint</li><li>□ Treats Clients As A Resource</li><li>□ Keeps Probation "Close to the Customer"</li></ul></li></ul> |
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Cook County's Juvenile Advisory Council is to create a forum for youth to assist the Probation Department in:

- Assessing the Effectiveness of Its Present Supervision and Services
- Better Understanding the Needs of Its Clients, and
- Enhancing Its Programming to Meet Those Needs

**JAC'S EARLY HISTORY**

- Began in Late 2002
- Six Original Youth Representatives
  - All Former Wards
  - Considered Equal Partners on JAC
  - Conducted Court-Wide "Probation Focus Group Project"

**FOCUS GROUP PROJECT  
OUTCOMES**

- J.A.C. Probation Orientation Program
- J.A.C. Exit Interview Program

## J.A.C. PROBATION ORIENTATION PROGRAM

### ■ What Is It?

□ An interactive, multiple-impact introduction to probation for new clients (and their parents), designed and presented by JAC Youth Reps

### ■ Goals

- Clarify Probation's Rules and Expectations
- Explain Consequences For Non-compliance
- Describe Services and Opportunities

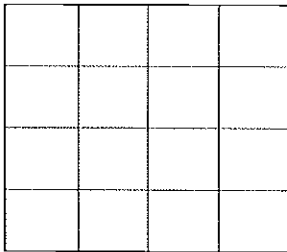
## PROBATION ORIENTATION PROGRAM (POP)

### Components

- Ice Breaker Exercise
- Pre-Test (Probation Survey)
- Role Play Sketch
- "Jeopardy" Style 'POP Quiz Show'
- Q & A (at any time)
- Post Test

## ICE BREAKER EXERCISE

HOW MANY SQUARES CAN YOU SEE?



## PRE-POST TEST SAMPLE QUESTION

### True False

- All the Conditions of Probation I Have to Follow  
· Will Be Marked on the Probation Order
- The Judge Can Order Me to Pay for Any Damage My Crime May Have Caused
- I Am Required to Participate in Any Program That My PO Feels Will Help Me

## SKETCH/ROLE PLAY

- New Probationers Play Roles of Judge and P.O
- Youth Reps. Ask Follow-up Questions And Lead Discussion
- Participants Gain Clearer Picture of Probation's Rules

## SKETCH/ROLE PLAY

### Typical Script Statements

**PO:** I'm going to set up an appointment for you with the TASC program...I'm also going to refer you for counseling and sign you up for an after-school program.

(Discussion led by Youth Reps)

**JUDGE:** I'm placing you on one year's probation. I expect you to follow all of the conditions I have marked on your probation order. First and most important, you must obey all laws.

(Discussion led by Youth Reps)

