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MASCA'S Message

Happy New Year!

MASCA wishes each of you a prosperous new year! As mentioned in our previous edition, the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) and the New Jersey Chapter of the American Correctional Association (NJACA) are planning the MASCA\NJACA's 2015 Conference and Annual Training Institute. The event will be held at the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, Huron & Brigantine Boulevard in Atlantic City, NJ from June 16, 2015 through June 19, 2015. Our conference theme is "Collaborating for Success in Criminal Justice", Corrections, Probation, Parole, Community Programs. For more detailed information, please visit our website at www.masca.us.



If you are interested in submitting a workshop proposal, visit: <u>Call For Presenter</u>. Workshop proposals must be submitted by March 1, 2015.

To register for our 2015 conference visit: MASCA 2015 Conference Registration.

To register as an exhibitor visit: MASCA 2015 Vendor Registration.

To submit a scholarship nomination visit: <u>2015 Scholarship Nomination</u>.

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Get Involved—MASCA Committees



The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) is looking for talented members to share their knowledge, skills, and abilities by volunteering to participate on one or more of our committees. For more information, please contact the committee chairperson for the committee of interest. The MASCA

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MASCA Who We Are

Visit us on the web at www.masca.us MASCA is the leading regional interdisciplinary organization for professionals in the related fields of institutional corrections, community corrections, and juvenile services. We are your regional affiliate for both the American Correc-

tional Association and the American Probation and Parole Association.

Our membership includes professionals at the state, county, and federal levels, primarily in the seven member jurisdictions, but we welcome criminal justice professionals and students from anywhere in North America. We are committed to providing the best training opportunities in our region and are looking for other ways to serve our membership as well.

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For more information, visit us on the web at http://masca.corrections.com/For membership, visit us at:

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MASCA Membership





Connecticut

OP-ED: Young People's Brain Development Gives Us Window for Change

Dec 18, 2014, Marc Schindler, Juvenile Justice Information Exchange



During the Models for Change powerful closing keynote presentation from Dr. Laurence Steinberg,

juvenile justice leaders and practitioners were rightly charged with this challenge: All facets of justice policies and practices need to account for the critical window of opportunity and vulnerability - of adolescent brain development. Dr. Steinberg, who led the MacArthur Research Network for more than a decade and recently published "Age of Opportunity: Lessons from the New Science of Adolescence," reminds us that adolescence, the last developmental moment of brain plasticity, is our best chance to help shape positive outcomes for youth.

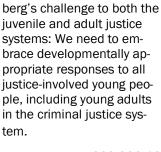
The research tells us what parents of young adults have long known: that an early-20-something is more like a 15-year-old than a 35-year-old. Since the brain is developmentally malleable and more open to

change until about 24, I would extend Dr. Stein-

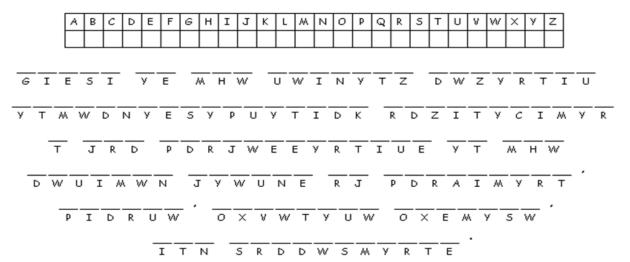
With more than 200,000 18 - to 24-year-olds serving a sentence of a year or more in state and federal prisons, and another 100,000 or more likely incarcerated in local jails, imagine the widespread implications that more developmentally appropriate practices would have for young adults in the criminal justice system.

View the full text of this arti-

(Story from: http:// www.modelsforchange.net/ newsroom/895)



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Delaware

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES

Downstate detox center, increase in individualized treatment services, and informational website part of Statewide efforts

Wilmington, DE - Building on ongoing efforts to address the addiction epidemic in Delaware and the growing need of drug treatment services statewide, Governor Markell today unveiled efforts to expand addiction treatment services and support for Delawareans impacted by addiction.

"Across our state, too many of our neighbors and their family members are impacted by their loved one's addiction to heroin, prescription drugs, alcohol or other substances," said Governor Markell. "We must remain committed to opening the doors to addiction treatment because people deserve the opportunity to reach their full potential, free from the pain that addiction brings."

Part of the efforts unveiled includes establishing a new withdrawal management

treatment center in Sussex County to serve individuals who live downstate. Currently, the State operates one detox center, NET Kirkwood Detoxification Center, in New Castle County. In addition, the State plans to offer more individualized treatment services at both locations through variable lengths of stay and increased supervision for those who require intense monitoring.

Funding for the new facility, which totals \$950,000, is part of the \$1 million that was approved by the General Assembly for FY15 to address gaps in the State's drug treatment services after the Governor called for additional resources in his State of the State address. The other \$50.000 of those funds will allow the Delaware Division of Public Health to work closely with Delaware school nurses to expand the "Smart Moves, Smart Choices" prescription drug abuse education and prevention campaign statewide.

"Above all else, we will achieve our greatest success if we can educate and prevent substance use among our young people," said Governor Markell.

Recognizing the importance of education and prevention in addressing the addiction epidemic, the State also launched www.helpisherede.com/, an information website that

puts an emphasis on prevention, treatment and recovery; and announced the launch of a public awareness campaign that will support the website and focus on reducing the stigma associated with addiction.

The Governor also expressed his gratitude to Members of the General Assembly, including Senators Margaret Rose Henry and Bethany Hall-Long, as well as Representatives Mike Barbieri, Helene Kelley and Michael Mulrooney, who have worked with the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), advocates, health care providers and other community leaders to help shape the state's priorities to address addiction.

Delaware Health and Social Services is committed to improving the quality of the lives of Delaware's citizens by promoting health and well-being, fostering self-sufficiency, and protecting vulnerable populations.

(Story from: http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/pressreleases/2014/treatmentservices-102814_.html)

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MASCA Connection Schedule

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We invite you to share your stories. If you have a story you are interested including in our publication,

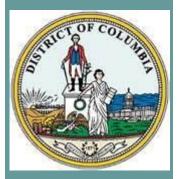
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Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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Please see MASCA's schedule for specific dates regarding newsletter submissions.

Month of Newsletter	Content Due Date
April	03/01/15
July	06/01/15
October	09/01/15
January	12/01/15



District of Columbia

D.C. JAIL
RECEIVES
CERTIFICATION
OF PRISON RAPE
ELIMINATION
ACT (PREA)
COMPLIANCE

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Thursday, December 18, 2014

Washington, DC - Tom Faust, Director of the D.C. Department of Corrections (DCDOC) announced today that the D.C. Jail has been officially certified through the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) as compliant with standards of the Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). The PREA standards, released in June 2012, set forth strict requirements to address sexual abuse in all correctional institutions throughout the country--both public and private institutions that house adult and/ or juvenile offenders. "This is a significant accomplishment which demonstrates our total commitment to ensuring that those in our custody are protected from sexual abuse throughout their terms of confinement," said Director Faust. The District of Columbia and Arlington County are the only two jurisdictions in the Metropolitan Washington region to have achieved PREA certification by USDOJ.

In October 2012, DCDOC, in partnership with the D.C. Office of Justice Grants Administration and Victim, received a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration to establish a "zero tolerance" culture for sexual assault. DCDOC collaborated with The Moss Group, Inc. (TMG), a D.C. based PREA national expert in moving forward aggressively with implementation of operational and programmatic reforms focused on staff training, inmate education, policy development, screening methodology, investigative practices, and data collection.

A critical component of the certification process involved a system wide audit of the facility conducted in July 2014 by an auditor (certified by USDOJ) who spent three (3) days at the facility interviewing staff and inmates, and reviewing documents, policies and procedures in order to confirm the alignment of practice with policy. The auditor also spent several days off-site performing indepth document reviews and telephone interviews prior to and after the audit to further evaluate PREA related practices. On December 10. 2014, DCDOC was notified of its 100% compliance rating.

According to Director Faust, "this historic milestone resulted from the collective efforts of the agency's PREA Coordinator, along with the

hard work and dedication of our PREA workgroup, which included more than 30 staff, guidance and support from TMG. More important was the willingness of the entire DCDOC staff to embrace this opportunity to enhance sexual safety at all levels and make the jail a national model for PREA compliance. DOC set the bar high and maximized resources to achieve PREA compliance, and we are fully committed to maintaining prevention as a top priority for the Department."

(Story from: http://doc.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doc/release_content/attachments/DC%20Jail%20Receives%20Certification%20of%20PREA%20Act%20Compliance.pdf)



Maryland

Waynesboro man retires as corrections secretary

Gregg Hershberger of Waynesboro retired as secretary of public safety and correctional services for the State of Maryland after 32 years with the department.

By Record Herald staff Posted Dec. 5, 2014 @ 8:30 am

Gregg Hershberger Waynesboro retired today as secretary of public safety and correctional services for the State of Maryland after 32 years with the department.

Hershberger said the most rewarding part of his job was the variety of people that he dealt with and he hopes he made a difference in their lives.

**** Led correctional facilities ****

Hershberger, 60, served for a year in the cabinetlevel position, where he was responsible for the oversight of all state correctional facilities and community supervision.

He was directly responsible to Gov. Martin O'Malley for the overall operation of all departments and institutions within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

"I made decisions on promotions, policy changes, fiscal issues, capital construction and testified before the Maryland Legislature regarding the needs of the department and budget requests," he said. served on the boards of several task forces including the Governors Workforce initiative, Homeland Security and ensured the resources entrusted to the department were being utilized efficiently."

**** A local start ****

Hershberger began his career with what is now the Franklin County Jail as a correctional officer after graduating from Elizabethtown College with a bachelor's degree in sociology in

He worked with his family at Lynn Chevrolet Waynesboro prior to his employment with the Maryland Department of Public Safety in 1982, first as a correctional officer. In October 1983, he became a case manager; in October 2001, case management supervisor; in December 2005, facility administrator: in December 2006. assistant warden; and in July 2009, warden.

In 2013, he was promoted from warden at Roxbury Correctional Institution in Hagerstown to regional executive director for the north region, then to deputy secretary of operations for the State of Maryland.

two children, Scott and Jan, and two grandchildren.

(Story from: http:// www.therecordherald.com/ article/20141205/ News/141209933)







The 2015 MSP Polar Bear Plunge!

The 19th Annual Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge - an event that has been keeping Maryland COOL since 1997! Let the fun begin and be a part of all the chills and thrills of PlungeFest 2015 on January 24th at Sandy Point State Park.

It's not just an event - it's an experience that has become a winter-time tradition for thousands of warmhearted Plungers! And it all benefits Maryland's children and adults with intellectual disabilities, as they enjoy the life-changing benefits of participating

with Special Olympics Maryland.

(Story is from http:// www.kintera.org/faf/ home/default.asp? ievent=1113288)

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McGreevey, Fishman and Arleo sound off on improving criminal justice reform in New Jersey at Montclair State forum

DECEMBER 11, 2014 LAST UPDATED: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014, 12:31 AM

BY LINDSEY KELLEHER STAFF WRITER | PASSAIC VALLEY TODAY

LITTLE FALLS — Panelists spoke about ways to help convicted criminals transition back into mainstream society after they are released from prison during a forum at Montclair State University Dec. 4.

But in light of the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner, students and other members of the public who attended had questions about racism in the state's criminal justice system and police forces.

The forum was moderated by Jessica Henry, a professor at Montclair State University and chair of the school's Department of Justice Studies. Panelists included former New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey, U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, Paul J. Fishman, and U.S. Magistrate Judge for

the District of New Jersey, Madeline Cox Arleo.

A big question the panelists focused on was how the process of sending people to prison and releasing them once their terms are up can be improved.

"It's important to understand the depth of the challenge," said McGreevey.

McGreevey oversees a prisoner re-entry program in Jersey City, which is headed by the city's Employment Training Program. The program helps unemployed citizens in the city as well as those who are exprisoners shift into everyday life habits.

Helping these individuals begins with treating the problem(s) they have, such as drug addiction. Next, McGreevey told the audience at Montclair State, housing is found for these ex-prisoners followed by helping them get a job.

"We have the opportunity to help these people regain their lives," said Arleo, who runs a program in Newark federal court that helps exprisoners adjust to life outside of their former jail cells.

"We see folks wanting to turn their lives around and change," Arleo noted, "They're so happy to tell us when they've succeeded, like with getting a job or a raise." But those who attended the forum had questions focusing more on how police officers treat members of the community rather than about what is being done to help convicted criminals once they are released from prison.

Referring to recent events like the shooting death of Michael Brown by Officer Darren Wilson this past summer in Ferguson, Mo., a criminal justice student at Montclair State asked, "Should there be a nationally-funded program to oversee police activity?"

Fishman explained that that would be an extraordinary proposition in terms of scope and funding it would require.

Police officers must do their jobs consistently and follow the confines within the U.S. Constitution. As an example, the state district of the courts is looking at how the Newark Police Department operates, and has found certain practices they have are not consistent with the constitution. They are working with the department to help it change its inconsistent practices.

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Story from: http://www.northjersey.com/news/education/officials-sound-off-on-improving-the-criminal-justice-system-1.1150267)



New Jersey

McGreevey,
Fishman and
Arleo sound off
on improving
criminal justice
reform in New
Jersey at
Montclair State
forum

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Fishman explained to the audience that citizens must

trust law enforcement officials so they are not perceived as military forces.

In the 60s, he said, police officers knew the name of every juvenile in a neighborhood. Now times have changed and neighborhoods are larger.

"People in law enforcement have to have the trust of the people. Otherwise they are perceived as military forces." he said.

Fishman said the courts are trying to look at the fairness of the criminal justice system.

"How are people getting into the criminal justice system in the first place? Should something be done in the beginning?" are other questions that need to be answered to improve the system.

(Story from: http://www.northjersey.com/news/education/officials-sound-off-on-improving-the-criminal-justice-system-1.1150267)

More New Jersey News:

Delegation from Pennsylvania Visits New Jersey to Examine Juvenile Detention Reform

NJ Parole Board Opens
Newark Residential Program



Maryland News (continued)

Larry Hogan appoints Stephen Moyer secretary of MD DPSCS

TOWSON, Md. (WUSA 9) – Governor-elect Larry Hogan has appointed 24-year veteran of the Maryland State Police Department, Stephen Moyer as the next Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), according to a statement released Tuesday by DPSCS.

Prior to his current position as deputy chief of the Sarasota Police Department in Florida, Moyer served as a Lieutenant Colonel and Deputy Secretary with the state police and Deputy Secretary with the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services. In 2013, he was security director for the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

"It feels great to come back and be a part of the Hogan team," Moyer said in the DPSCS statement. "Governor Hogan has a great vision for the state."

Moyer, 54, is from Edgewood and married with two sons. His father, Theodore S. Moyer was

a retired police major and former sheriff of Hartford County.

In his new role as DPSCS Secretary, Moyer will be responsible for one of Maryland's largest agencies with 12,000 employees and a \$1.3 billion annual budget.

(Story from: http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/local/maryland/2014/12/30/larry-hogan-appoints-stephen-moyer-secretary-md-dpscs/21064735/)

Stephen Moyer has been appointed the next Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services by Governor-elect Larry Hogan.

(Photo: DPSCS Communications Office)

New York

Vera Institute Names Krista Larson Director of Center on Youth Justice

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NEW YORK – The Vera Institute of Justice has named Krista Larson as its new director for the Center on Youth Justice (CYJ). Larson, who joined Vera in 2001 and served as the director of its Adolescent Portable Therapy (APT) demonstration project since 2012, brings 20 years of experience in the social work and juvenile justice fields to her new position.

As director, Larson will lead Vera's efforts to achieve a juvenile justice system that is rooted in the community, more effective, and smaller in scale so that it touches the lives of fewer children. Launched in 2001, CYJ has worked intensively in New York City, New York State, and throughout the country.

"Krista has dedicated her life to improving the lives of vulnerable children and their families, and her work at Vera for the past 13 years has embodied the very best of Vera's values and aspirations," Vera President Nicholas Turner said. "I am confident that

her leadership and passion for this work will continue CYJ's strong legacy of achieving safe and positive outcomes for children and their communities."

CYJ's efforts touch nearly every aspect of the juvenile justice system, as it aims to reduce the number of young people who become entangled in the system through its Status Offense Reform Center and its research study on stop, question, and frisk policies in New York City. CYJ also helps jurisdictions design and implement alternativeto-incarceration programs and reentry supports for youth returning home from incarceration, and has participated in the redesign of secure care facilities so they foster meaningful change among the youth housed there.

Larson joined APT—a program that has provided home-based substance abuse and mental health treatment to more than 1,500 at-risk and justice system-involved New York City youth—as a therapist for children and their families in 2001 and was named project director in December 2012. When APT transitioned from Vera to The Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services in July, Larson joined CYJ as project director and has been its interim director since October.

"The number of children

living in locked facilities across the U.S. has dropped from 100,000 in 1995 to 70,000 in 2010, yet too many juvenile justice systems continue to subject youth to inhumane conditions that are unsuitable to their healthy development, and disproportionately subject youth of color to these injustices," Larson said. "Young people who enter the system do so at a critical moment in their development, and I am excited to lead CYJ's efforts to ensure that every child has the opportunity to fulfill his or her potential."

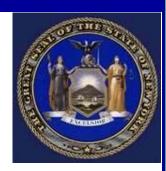
Prior to her time at Vera, Larson worked as a social worker and supervisor for the Brooklyn-based St. Joseph Services for Children and Families and as an English as a Second Language instructor in Puerto Rico.

Larson earned a BA in psychology from the University of Richmond and a MSW from Virginia Commonwealth University.

(Story from: http:// www.vera.org/news/verainstitute-names-kristalarson-director-centeryouth-justice)

More news:

Return Rate for Parolees
Committing New Felony
Crimes Hits Historic Low



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MASCA/NJACA PREA Survey

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) and the New Jersey Chapter of the American Correctional Association (NJACA) have joined forces and together are currently planning for MASCA's 77th annual conference. The theme for 2015 is "Collaborating for Success in Criminal Justice". The conference will be held on June 16-19, 2015 at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The Conference Planning Committee is working to identify relevant workshop topics to meet the needs of the attendees. They are requesting a few moments of your time to take the following short survey (5 questions) put forth by the PREA Resource Center. This will allow the conference committee to present PREA Workshops that address the questions and concerns of correctional staff.

Please click on this link: MASCA/NJACA PREA Survey

Your participation in completing this survey would be greatly appreciated.

MASCA and NJACA also invite you to submit workshop proposals for consideration on subjects that will help juvenile and adult correctional practitioners deal more effectively with the challenges of today's workplace. Please visit our website, select the 2015 conference page, and select Presenter's to submit a proposal.

National PREA Resource Center

The PRC's aim is to provide assistance to those responsible for state and local adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, community corrections, lockups, tribal organizations, and inmates and their families in their efforts to eliminate sexual abuse in confinement.

The PRC serves as a central repository for the best research in the field on trends, prevention, and response strategies, and best practices in corrections. Technical assistance and resources are available through the PRC's coordinated efforts with its federal partners, and the PRC will take the lead in helping the corrections field to implement the Department of Justice's national PREA standards.

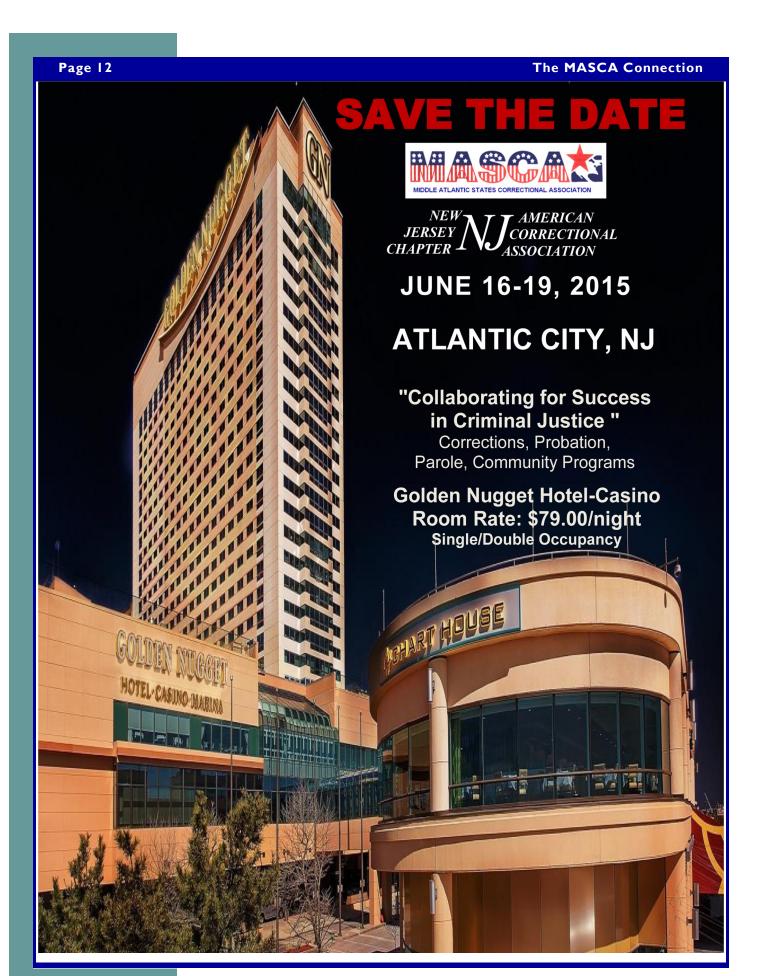
(From: http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/about)

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Pennsylvania

State parole board chairman, Mercer Co. native dead at age 58

By <u>Jason Cato</u> Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, 4:39 p.m.



Lloyd White, chairman of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, died at age 58 over the weekend, the governor's office announced Monday, Dec. 29, 2014.

A Mercer County native whom Gov. Tom Corbett recently tapped to head the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole passed away over the weekend, authorities said Monday. Lloyd White, 58, of Harrisburg died of natural causes,

said Sherry Tate, a spokeswoman for the board. Officials with the Dauphin County Coroner's Office could not be reached.

"We're still trying to deal with it," a tearful Tate said. "He was a wonderful person. A good, kind, decent person," In September, Corbett appointed White as chairman of the board. White joined the board in 2001 and served as acting chairman from June 2011 to January 2012. He formerly served as a police sergeant at Moravian College in Bethlehem and worked in the Bucks County Adult Probation and Parole Department. "Lloyd White was a dedicated public servant who embodied the law enforcement principle of duty before self and epitomized the professionalism and commitment we expect of public servants." Corbett said in a statement. "He touched many lives in his work with the offender community throughout his career and most recently with his work at the Board of Probation and Parole. Lloyd will be greatly missed." White graduated from Sharon

White graduated from Sharon High School and continued to refer to Sharon as his hometown, Tate said. "That is how he identified himself," she said.
He later graduated from
Clarion University of Pennsylvania, where he obtained his municipal police
officer certification and
served as a campus police
officer.

"He said when he became a parole officer that he found his calling," Tate said. "He wanted to help make people's lives better."

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(Story from: http:// triblive.com/news/ adminpage/7465339-74/ board-parolepolice#axzz305xHLyK1)

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