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Braintree, MA: The PbS Learning Institute is proud to announce the winners of the 2013 PbS Barbara Allen-Hagen Award, honored last night at a ceremony in Chicago. The award recognizes facilities for young offenders that best exemplify the core principal of the Performance-based Standards (PbS) program: all youths in custody are treated as one of our own. Three winners were selected representing three different types of residential facilities: correction, detention and community-based.

“The 2013 winners created reforms that resulted in culture changes and implementation of research-based practices,” said PbS Learning Institute Executive Director Kim Godfrey. “They offer models for the rest of the country on ways to integrate families into youths’ rehabilitation and reentry planning and strategies to decrease practices that do not serve youths, staff, families and communities.”

The 2013 PbS Barbara Allen-Hagen Award winners are:

**Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility, Pendleton, IN**

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility was selected as the correction facility winner for increasing family involvement and visits. According to Indiana Division of Juvenile Services Executive Director Mike Dempsey: “PbS has provided Pendleton with the tools to target specific areas of improvement, which has ultimately led to better long-term outcomes for youths and their families. “

**Sacramento County Youth Detention Facility, Sacramento, CA**

Sacramento County Youth Detention Facility was selected as the detention center winner for changing its culture and significantly reducing the number of times and how long youths were put in room confinement. With the hard work that staff brings each day, Assistant Chief Probation Officer Mike Shores said, “The Barbara Allen-Hagen Award is one of the highest honors a detention facility can achieve.”

**Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village, Vincennes, IN**

Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village was selected as the community-based program winner for making the program safer and decreasing injuries to staff. Administrator Lynne Rump said, “CbS is the first comprehensive tool we’ve employed that broadly measures our environment of care.”

PbS is a self-improvement program used in 30 states and DC to ensure the highest quality of life for young offenders in residential facilities. PbS gives agencies the tools to gather data and analyze the results to make improvements in facilities. The program was launched by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in 1995 and is operated by the PbS Learning Institute (PbS Li).

For more information, you may go to [www.pbstandards.org](http://www.pbstandards.org).



Chicago, Illinois

Performance-Based Standards, a nationwide program created in 1994 by the Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, has selected Sacramento County Probation as the recipient of its highest nationwide honor: the 2013 Barbara Allen-Hagen Award. This annual award goes to one long-term correction facility, one community-based residential center and one short-term detention center in the United States. Sacramento County Probation's juvenile hall received the award in the short-term detention center category.

Mike Shores, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, was in Chicago, Illinois to accept the award. "We're pleased to be honored for years of hard work by our excellent staff," he said.

Performance-Based Standard uses standardized data definitions and outcome measures to provide correctional administrators across the country with comparative information to guide facility improvements. Hundreds of juvenile correctional agencies across the United States participate in Performance-Based Standards.

Sacramento County Probation was selected as the winner of the Barbara Allen-Hagen award for "significantly reducing both the uses and duration of isolation/room confinement and changing its self-described punitive culture by collecting and reviewing data, establishing better, more open communications with staff and providing behavior management training," according to information released at the awards ceremony in Chicago. Sacramento County Probation "has worked since 2009 to drop the number of uses of isolation/room confinement from 587 during the month of October 2009 to 481 in April 2013 [and has] cut its average duration of time youths spend in isolation/room confinement by more than 76 percent."

"The detention center truly utilized and encouraged their staff to be part of the solution," says Simon Gonsoulin, a Principal Research Analyst for the American Institute for Research. "They opened the lines of communication between administration/supervisors and front line staff in a non-threatening manner that was established as a true partnership."

Russ Jennings, an expert consultant with Performance-Based Standards agrees. "Sacramento County Probation is a national model in its use of data to continuously improve outcomes for the youths in its custody."

Sacramento County Probation's juvenile hall, known as the Youth Detention Facility, is a 444-bed facility that serves youths, both before and after arraignment. The youths are between the ages of 9 and 19 years of age. The average length of stay is approximately 25 days.

"We're excited to win this award. We will continue to work every day to increase programming opportunities for our youths," says Ray Lozada, a senior deputy probation officer working inside the Youth Detention Facility.