



Juvenile Programs Receive PbS' Barbara Allen-Hagen Award

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Braintree, MA: The [PbS Learning Institute](#) (PbS) recognizes winners of the 2020 PbS Barbara Allen-Hagen Award for improving conditions of confinement and the quality of life for youths in secure placements. Facilities volunteer to work with PbS and use its continuous improvement model to meet national standards with regularly reported data and development of improvement plans. The winners were selected for best use of the improvement planning process to guide culture changes and practices at the facility. They create safe, nurturing environments for youths and staff and provide skills and opportunities for youths to continue on a path to healthy adolescent development.

Two winners were selected, one correction facility and one detention center.

The 2020 PbS Barbara Allen-Hagen Award winners are:

- **Correction: McLaughlin Youth Center, Anchorage, AK**
- **Detention: Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center, Covington, LA**

“Congratulations to this year’s winners, finalists and all who applied - this year has been unlike any other and we commend the efforts of everyone. The winners took on major challenges by rethinking existing policies and practices to better support staff and the youths they serve,” said Kim Godfrey Lovett, PbS executive director. “Their dedication, compassion and positive outlook assures us all we will be well.”

Performance-based Standards (PbS) is a data-driven improvement model grounded in research that challenges youth correction, detention, assessment and community residential programs and agencies to treat all youths as one of our own. PbS was launched 25 years ago by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to address the safety, health and quality of life issues reported in the 1994 Conditions of Confinement Study. Over time, PbS uniquely has established national standards to guide operations and uniform performance outcome measures to continuously, accurately and comprehensively monitor daily practices and cultures in youth facilities.

For more information please visit the PbS website: <https://pbstandards.org/awards/barbara-allen-hagen-award/> or contact Executive Director Kim Godfrey Lovett at kim.godfrey@pbstandards.org.

