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PARTNER INFORMATION

Name of nominee **Rodger Ollis and Waleska Gonzalez- "Officer in the Hot Seat"**
Title of nominee **Sergeant and PA State Trooper**

NARRATIVE

Enter narrative that explains the following:

Contributions – Discuss the contributions the nominee has made to improving county corrections or juvenile justice at the local, regional, or state level

Sgt. Ollis of Coatesville Police and Tpr. Gonzalez from the Embreeville State Police Barracks, provide invaluable educational programming for the youth at our center in Detention and our Shelter programs. Establishing relationships with Chester County officers is key for when our residents return home. This unconventional program has done wonders to break down stereotypes and misconceptions about police officers in Chester County. Hard questions and thought provoking discussion; questions about the officers involved in their cases, it speaks to Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) as many kids ask why cops only lock up "black kids," and lastly, when Sgt. Ollis or Trooper Gonzalez have been involved in "locking up" our residents family members and friends as the arresting officer. Genuine answers are given from a police prospective but also since both officers are parents; they allow some vulnerability to explain their positions as a parent as well and living in a safe community. Our youth now have a formed relationship and ally in their home community upon release, which is the greatest benefit of this program.

Promotion of best practices – Explain how the nominee has knowingly or unknowingly promoted the goals of the best practices program

Roger often says, “They don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.” The theme of the “hot seat” sessions is that Education is important, make quality decisions, care about your community and stay safe. Both officers give their time without asking for anything in return and make themselves available to all of our youth even at the programs conclusion to speak in private. Their mentoring roles and relationships formed at the center with residents and staffs are irreplaceable.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Please include any supporting documentation to demonstrate the impact of the project in cost or population outcomes, or other data to demonstrate the considerations utilized in determining the scope or design of the project. Scoring will be based on factors including the entrant’s description of the problem, the soundness of the approach, and success in meeting goals and objectives. Award submissions will receive consideration for outcomes or best practices supported by data. **SUPPORTING INFORMATION SHOULD BE COPIED AND PASTED DIRECTLY INTO THE FORM USING THE BOX BELOW.**

While residents feel a bit intimidated at first glance of police officers in a detention center, by the close of the program, they continually ask when are the “cops” are coming again? The outcomes are the relationships that are built with these officers, and the ripple effect of knowing/trusting a police officer in their home community.



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Gary Blair
Director

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