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For Immediate Release:

Braintree, MA: The [PbS Learning Institute](#) (PbS) honored the winners of the 2018 PbS Barbara Allen-Hagen Award at the 2018 CJCA and PbS Awards Night in Minneapolis. The winners were recognized for best exemplifying PbS' commitment to treating all youths in custody as one of our own. Three winners were selected, one from each of the different types of residential facilities participating in PbS: correction facilities, detention/assessment centers and community residential programs. Twenty-nine facilities from across the country competed for the awards.

The 2018 PbS Barbara Allen-Hagen Award winners are:

- **Correction: Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex- West Female, Topeka, KS**
- **Detention/Assessment: Sacramento County Youth Detention Facility, Sacramento, CA**
- **Community Residential: White's Residential and Family Services, Wabash, IN**

The winners were selected for using the Facility Improvement Plan (FIP) process to guide culture changes and practices at the facility to improve conditions for youths and staff and treat youths as developing adolescents with limitless potential.

“This year’s winners and finalists dared greatly to overcome challenges,” noted PbS Executive Director Kim Godfrey. “They have taken on the difficult work to change cultures from harsh to healthy and find innovative and effective responses to youths’ multidimensional needs. We admire the hard work and dedication of each of our winners, finalists and honorable mentions.”

PbS is a data-driven improvement model grounded in research that challenges youth correction, detention, assessment and community residential facilities and agencies to treat all youths in custody as one of our own. PbS was launched 23 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.

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