



Three Juvenile Programs Receive PbS' Barbara Allen-Hagen Award

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Braintree, MA: The [PbS Learning Institute](#) (PbS) honored the winners of the 2019 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 to create safe, nurturing environments for youths and staff and provide skills and opportunities for youths to continue on a path to healthy adolescent development.

Three winners were selected, one from each of the different types of facilities participating in PbS: correction facilities, detention/assessment centers and community residential programs.

The 2019 PbS Barbara Allen-Hagen Award winners are:

- **Correction: Green Hill School, Chehalis, WA**, for reducing the use of room confinement and the eventual closure of the facility's segregation unit.
- **Detention/Assessment: Stevenson House Detention Center, Milford, DE**, for effectively reducing confinement by modifying the behavior management system.
- **Community Residential: Luther Hall, Fargo, ND**, for improving youths' understanding of the rules and perceptions of fairness and safety in their program.

"Congratulations to this year's winners, finalists and all who applied - this was another year of outstanding applications and examples of how juvenile justice agencies work to help youths continue on the path to healthy development while in out-of-home placement," said Kim Godfrey, PbS executive director. "It's inspiring to know so many dedicated leaders and professionals and read their stories of creating culture change."

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 24 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 at 781-843-2663.

