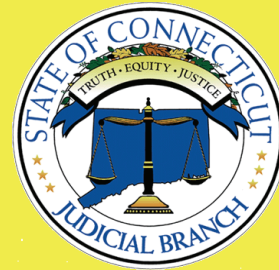
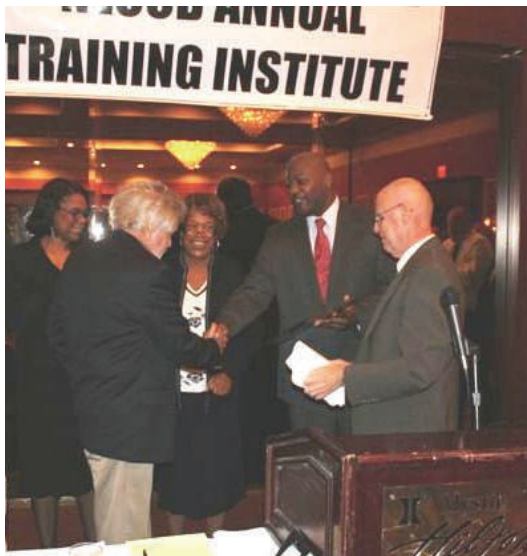


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## CSSD Deputy Director Jim Greene Receives the John R. Manson-Carl Robinson Award



(L to R) CSSD Deputy Director Jim Greene is presented the Manson-Robinson award by members of the Robinson family and DOC Commissioner Leo Arnone, at the 72nd NECCD Training Institute Conference.

In October, the New England Council on Crime and Delinquency (NECCD) held its 72nd Annual Training Institute Conference in Mystic, Connecticut. Over 70 active and retired CSSD employees are part of the 360 member organization, which is engaged in the practice, study, planning, and administration of all phases of crime and delinquency throughout the New England region.

During NECCD's annual award ceremony, CSSD's Jim Greene, Deputy Director of Program and Staff Development, was presented the John R. Manson-Carl Robinson Award. The award honors an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of Criminal Justice within the New England area, and is named for two outstanding New England professionals: John R. Manson, who served the State of Connecticut as Commissioner of Corrections until his untimely death in 1983 at the age of 46, and Carl Robinson, considered a pioneer in prison reform in the State of Connecticut where he served as Warden of Somers State Prison. Robinson, who also died in 1983, was Connecticut's first African-American warden.

In her letter to the NECCD to nominate Greene for the Manson-Robinson award, Chief Probation Officer Lorraine Rodrigues described Greene's long career in state service and his tireless work with adult criminal offenders, as well as court-

involved youth.

According to Rodrigues, Greene's involvement in federal lawsuits in the 1980s, that challenged prison and jail overcrowding, helped lay the foundation for Connecticut's development of community-based sanctions. Greene served as the Program Director of the Connecticut Prison Association in 1988, and initiated the first Alternative Incarceration Center (AIC) program at that time. In 1992, he became a consultant for the Judicial Branch, and assisted in expanding the AIC network statewide.

The goal of the AIC program is to monitor adult offenders referred by the criminal justice system to community supervision as an alternative to being in prison. Offenders attend self-help groups, informational workshops, perform community service, and work with staff to effect positive change. Rodrigues' nomination letter noted, "Jim's work in community-based sanctions, with a particular emphasis on community service, has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice as innovative and effective."

Greene is also credited with implementing special community service projects for juvenile offenders. He has exposed thousands of court-involved youth to unique "giving back" experiences that have enhanced the quality of life for Connecticut communities. Youth have logged thousands of volunteer hours to major

charities and non-profit groups that include the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Association, and the Connecticut Special Olympics.

In her closing comments, Rodrigues listed Greene's current responsibility of overseeing the operation of the CSSD Training Academy, which provides professional pre- and in-service training for all CSSD staff. Greene also teaches at Central Connecticut State University and has coached high school basketball for many years. In 2007, Greene was a recipient of the Liberty Bell Award, given annually on Law Day to individuals in Hartford County who demonstrate civic responsibility throughout the community.

CSSD Executive Director Bill Carbone, a past recipient of the Manson-Robinson award, had high praise for Greene. "Jim has been a pioneer in the development of community-based programming for offenders for decades, and he richly deserves this award named for two individuals who were also pioneers in the criminal justice field. Jim's track record of success with offenders, using community service, has built bridges to many charitable organizations. Several criminal justice agencies from other states—and countries—have come here to view the Connecticut model, and Jim has accepted many of their invitations as a consultant to help them replicate our program's success."



*CSSD's Jim Greene speaks to the audience after receiving NECCD's Manson-Robinson award.*

At the NECCD ceremony, Connecticut Department of Correction Commissioner Leo C. Arnone presented Greene with the Manson-Robinson award, after giving the audience some historical background on the criminal justice alternatives for adult offenders that were pioneered by Manson and Robinson, and noting the ways that Greene has built upon those advances to include court-involved youth. According to Arnone, "It is not an exaggeration to say that Jim personally has deterred tens of thousands of kids from ending up in my system." Also in attendance to present the award were members of Carl Robinson's family—his widow, Marion, his daughter Carla, and his son, John Manson Robinson.

When asked what it meant to receive the NECCD recognition, Greene said, "I am extremely honored to receive an award in memory of John Manson and Carl Robinson, two men who I greatly respected. Although we were adversaries in federal court concerning the prison overcrowding, I considered both of them friends and mentors."

For more information on the New England Council on Crime and Delinquency (NECCD), please contact Andrew Cannon, Pretrial Intervention Specialist for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation at [ACannon@MPTN.org](mailto:ACannon@MPTN.org). For information on CSSD's AIC program model (now called Alternative In the Community), contact Court Planner I Brian DeLude at [Brian.DeLude@jud.ct.gov](mailto:Brian.DeLude@jud.ct.gov).

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