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As a leader in supporting healthy youth development and advancing the CTC Social Development Strategy, PCCD would like to introduce you to a program that supports the creation of opportunities and bonds between your youth and law enforcement officers in your community.

The Pennsylvania DMC (Disproportionate Minority Contact) Youth/Law Enforcement Corporation focuses on eliminating racial disparities throughout the juvenile justice system by providing an opportunity for young people to have candid discussion with law enforcement about the issues they face in their communities. This discussion includes current events, issues between police and youth, and a number of other relevant topics. The full day curriculum teaches law enforcement about the impact of adolescent brain and youth trauma on interactions with law enforcement and provides strategies for officers to have more positive interactions with youth. Youth learn about police procedures, how to have safer encounters with police, and options to report police misconduct without escalating conflicts with officers on the street.

The PA DMC Corporation has several program options to suit the needs of the program or agency utilizing it including a full day curriculum, as well as half day forums for youth and officers. The full day program consists of a panel discussion between youth and officers, small group discussions, adolescent development lecture (for law enforcement officers), a Think About it First program for young people, role plays and lunch. It has now been integrated into the Pennsylvania State Police cadet training curriculum and you can let your police department know the program is accredited by PA MOPEC for 6 CLEE training hours. Please see the attached information sheet for greater detail.

The PA DMC Corporation has support from PCCD to provide training assistance and financial support for some of the costs of hosting these trainings, such as food, venue and materials. The model includes a train the trainer option, which allows local facilitators to teach the curriculum on an ongoing basis or Pennsylvania jurisdictions may have experienced trainers come to your county to facilitate the panels and trainings.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Rhonda McKitten, Director of the DMC Corporation at [rmckitten@penndmc.org](mailto:rmckitten@penndmc.org) or [info@penndmc.org](mailto:info@penndmc.org) with any further questions to learn how to apply. Also, here is a link to a video showing the interactions between youth and officers during the program: <https://youtu.be/4IB4CaWQAnw> that can give you a better idea of this program.

Sincerely,  
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