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## Pennsylvania Program for Juveniles Featured at *Criminal Justice 2036: A 25-Year Vision for Reform*

**Washington, D.C**. --For its 25 anniversary, The Sentencing Project, a national organization working to reform the criminal justice system, looks at alternatives to incarceration, including a Multisystemic Therapy (MST) program run by Hempfield Behavioral Health in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

“It’s exciting to see Pennsylvania’s efforts recognized in the area of delinquency prevention.” Dr. Howard S. Rosen, president of Hempfield Behavioral Health.

MST, which is featured in The Sentencing Project video, “Unlocking Justice,” is a family and community-based therapy for juveniles that has been effective in reducing anti-social behavior among serious and chronic juvenile offenders.

“We’ve been through a 25-year experiment with mass incarceration as a means of crime control. Now we need a different kind of experiment for the next 25 years, one based on expanding opportunity,” said Marc Mauer, Executive Director of The Sentencing Project.

The Sentencing Project is hosting a forum of national experts and advocates to discuss strategies for moving beyond today’s bloated criminal justice system

• **What:** *Criminal Justice 2036: A 25-Year Vision for Reform forum*
• **Where:** The National Press Club
• **When:** October 11, 2011, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Nearly 300 participants representing criminal justice practitioners, legislators, reform advocates, prosecutors and law enforcement officials are expected to engage in this visionary agenda—an agenda built on the momentum for sentencing reform, budgetary pressures and a shifting national political climate that has led to changes in sentencing and parole policy in recent years.