2014 Annual Conference, Council of State Advisory Groups’ Meeting & Hill Day

Looking Back, Planning Ahead: A Vision for the Next 40 Years in Juvenile Justice
Welcome!

On behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Executive Board, Council of State Advisory Groups (SAGs), our members, staff and allies, we bid you a warm welcome to our 2014 Annual Conference: “Looking Back, Planning Ahead: A Vision for the Next 40 Years in Juvenile Justice.” Our goal for you is to leave this conference well-informed, motivated and connected with colleagues from across the country.

This year we are celebrating both the 30th anniversary of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, as well as the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act on September 7, 1974. The last 40 years have generated new and promising practices, policies, and research on what works in juvenile justice. With this focus in mind, CJJ has assembled exciting panels, speakers and workshops that will focus on the implications of lessons learned and the future of juvenile justice reform.

We extend our deep appreciation to the thoughtful and hardworking members and partners who helped to plan this conference. Our gratitude goes out to the CJJ Government Relations Committee for organizing CJJ’s Annual Hill Day and to the CJJ Executive Board and Nominating Committee for organizing the elections and Council of SAGs’ Meeting.

Please be sure to join colleagues and friends as we honor three exceptional individuals during Thursday evening’s CJJ 30th Anniversary Celebration Cocktail Reception and Awards Dinner. We will be joined by U.S. Representative Tony Cárdenas, from California’s 29th District, and CJJ Founder A.L. Carlisle.

The 2014 CJJ Annual Conference would not be possible without our dedicated sponsors. CJJ is grateful to these individuals and organizations for their generous contributions. Particularly, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention State Training & Technical Assistance Center (OJJDP STTAC). A full list of conference supporters is available on the back cover of this program.

Alfred Martin (MS)
CJJ National Chair

Cecely Reardon (MA)
CJJ National Vice Chair
Tuesday, June 17

**DMC Coordinators’ Business Meeting**

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm  
OJJDP Office

- **DMC Coordinators’ Business Meeting**
  A forum for all state DMC Coordinators and colleagues to network, share resources and discuss emerging issues.

  - **Facilitated by:** Shalinee Hunter, National DMC Coordinator, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
  - **Guest Speaker:** Andrea Coleman, Audit and Compliance Division, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Wednesday, June 18

**CJJ Hill Day, CJJ Executive Board Meeting**

**CJJ Hill Day**
Conference attendees are encouraged to visit their members of Congress to inform them of state and local needs, interests and accomplishments in juvenile justice and delinquency prevention and to urge them to act on the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) and other CJJ policy priorities.

- **Hill Day packets available for pick-up**
  7:00 am - 1:00 pm  
  Sales Conference Room

- **Hill Day Open House**
  7:00 am - 9:00 am  
  Sales Conference Room
  Stop by and discuss talking points on current state/federal issues, juvenile justice funding and JJDPA reauthorization with CJJ Staff prior to your Hill Day visits.

- **CJJ Executive Board Meeting (Closed Meeting)**
  4:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
  Private Dining Room  
  Robert’s Restaurant
Thursday, June 19

JJ Specialists’ Business Meeting, Regional Meetings, Council of SAGs Meeting, Awards Dinner & CJJ 30th Anniversary Celebration

7:30 am - 6:30 pm  
Registration Open  
West Registration Desk

8:00 am - 10:00 am  
Juvenile Justice Specialists’ Business Meeting  
A forum for all state Juvenile Justice Specialists and colleagues to network, share resources and discuss emerging issues.  

Facilitated by: Meg Williams, National Juvenile Justice Specialist, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

9:30 am - 4:00 pm  
OJJDP Walk-In Office Hours

9:30 am - 6:00 pm  
Exhibit Hall Open  
Light breakfast refreshments available

10:00 am - 10:15 am  
Break

10:15 am - 11:30 am  
CJJ Regional Business Meetings & Elections

Senate Room  
Midwest  
Facilitated by: Hon. Michael Mayer, Midwest Region Chair

Executive Room  
Northeast  
Facilitated by: David Kemper, Northeast Region Chair

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Southern  
Facilitated by: Jerry Walsh, Southern Region Chair

Congressional B  
Western  
Facilitated by: Hon. Melody McCray-Miller, Western Region Chair

11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Break - Lunch on your own

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Council of SAGs’ Meeting & Executive Board Elections  
All conference attendees are welcome to attend the annual meeting of CJJ’s policy-setting body, comprising member-State Advisory Group Chairs/Chair-designees.  

Facilitated by: Cecely Reardon, Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) Presentation and Discussion  
Presented by: Jim Moeser, Member, Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Break

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Birdcage Walk

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Ambassador Ballroom

CJJ 30th Anniversary Celebration Cocktail Reception

CJJ 2014 Awards Dinner

Each year, CJJ recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of its national award recipients. Nominated and selected by CJJ members, each recipient has made significant and inspiring contributions to the juvenile justice field.

Moderated by: Susan Kamp, Immediate Past Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Welcome by: U.S. Rep. Tony Cárdenas, California’s 29th District

Awardees:

- **2014 Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award** -  
  Reg Garff (UT), Juvenile Justice Specialist, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

- **2014 National CJJ Spirit of Youth Award** -  
  Marquis Parker (DC), Youth Leader, Mentoring Today/FREE Project

- **2014 CJJ A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award** -  
  David Schmidt (NM), Director, New Mexico Council on Crime and Delinquency

Special Recognition: A.L. Carlisle, Founder, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Friday, June 20

Conference Opening, Federal Update, Workshops

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
West Registration Desk
Registration Open

8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Birdcage Walk
Exhibit Hall Open
Breakfast provided
Break Sponsored by Pew Charitable Trust

9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Cabinet Room
OJJDP Walk-In Office Hours

9:30 am - 10:30 am
Ambassador Ballroom
General Session and Conference Welcome
Moderated by: Marie Williams, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Video Welcome by: Alfred Martin, Jr., National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Welcome from the DC SAG by: Carmen Daugherty, Chair, DC SAG

Federal Update & Keynote Address
Delivered by: Robert Listenbee, Jr., Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Comprehensive State Juvenile Justice Reform: Better Investments and Better Outcomes
State leaders are seeking better outcomes from their juvenile justice systems through data-driven and consensus-based policy development processes. In this session, hear public officials who have successfully championed comprehensive reforms discuss the motivation for reform, how state-specific data and national research guided the efforts, and the process of stakeholder engagement and consensus-building

Panelists:
- Senator Whitney Westerfield, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee and Vice-Chairman, Veterans/Military Affairs/Public Protection Committee, Kentucky
- Laurie Dudgeon, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, Kentucky

Moderated by: Sonja Hallum, Senior Associate, State Policy Public Safety Performance Project, The Pew Charitable Trusts

10:30 am - 10:45 am
Birdcage Walk
Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

10:30 am - 2:30 pm
Sales Conference Room
40 for the 40th Videotaping—Come share your stories!
A. **Family Comes First: Transforming the Justice System by Partnering with Families**

Through extensive research and interviews with families and juvenile justice stakeholders, we found that families can be supported and valued at every stage of the justice system. This presentation identifies the common ground that exists between family members and system professionals, and it provides a road map forward to making family-system partnerships a reality.

Presenters:
- Marcus Bullock, Founder and CEO, Flikshop
- Keela Hailes, Program Manager, Free Minds Book Club and Writing Workshop
- Liane Rozzell, Family Engagement Coordinator, DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services

Moderator: Jessica Sandoval, Deputy Director and Vice President, Campaign for Youth Justice

B. **Best Practices and Promising Policies for Meeting the Needs of Gender Non-Conforming Youth in Juvenile Justice Systems**

Transgender and gender-nonconforming (TGNC) youth are overrepresented in the juvenile justice system, but often their social, psychological, and medical needs are unmet. For professionals working with youth, and more specifically TGNC, cultural competency can only be achieved through understanding. What does it mean to be gender-nonconforming? Why are there so many TGNC youth involved with juvenile justice? In this workshop, participants will learn about the rights of TGNC youth and best practices to better serve these populations.

Presenters:
- Currey Cook, Director of Youth, Out-of-Home Care Project, Lambda Legal
- Christina Gilbert, Director, Equity Project

Moderator: Naomi Smoot, Policy and Government Relations Associate, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

C. **Build It So They Won’t Come: How to Realign Your Juvenile Justice System to Reduce Incarceration**

Many states and localities have used fiscal realignment to support youth in the community instead of incarcerating them. Workshop attendees will learn how to launch and maintain a successful realignment effort through a) a comparative study of six states that have attempted realignment; b) an in-depth look at Illinois’ successful realignment; c) four legislative mechanisms that can assuage county concerns about lack of on-going funding; and (d) reviewing tips on messaging realignment to bi-partisan audiences.
A New Look at Evidence-based Resources

This session will provide an analytical look at how to make the most of Department of Justice evidence-based resources and approaches. Panelists will start with a brief overview of what evidence-based program libraries offer and their limitations, with a focus on Model Programs Guide and CrimeSolutions.gov. The session will then broaden to examine how the Juvenile Justice Reform and Reinvestment Initiative (JJRRI) is creating an evidence-based platform for service delivery and system reform by using the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) and other tools.

Presenters:
- Marcia Cohen, Vice President, Research and Evaluation, Development Services Group, Inc.
- Carrie Williamson, Research Associate, Justice Research and Statistics Association
- Shay Bilchik, Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University

Moderator:
- Jennifer Tyson, Social Science Analyst, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Kristen Kracke, Social Science Analyst, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

12:15 pm - 2:00 pm
Break - Lunch on your own

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm
DSG Focus Group: OJJDP Model Programs Guide (Closed Session)
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  Concurrent Workshop Session 2

Executive Room  

A. Innovations in Community Engagement: Working Examples
This workshop will focus on community centered innovations with a focus on racial and ethnic disparities reduction. The Burns Institute will share successful strategies in Community Engagement from 5 sites across the U.S. Learn how SAGs and jurisdictions can better engage youth, parents, and community leadership in juvenile justice reform.

Presenters:
- Miguel Rodriguez, Board Member, IJJC Youth Advisory Board
- Tezeru Tashome, Researcher, Teaching Artist, Juvenile Justice Advocate, IJJC Youth Advisory Board

Moderator: Tracy Benson, Regional Manager, W. Haywood Burns Institute

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B. Planning and Implementing Status Offense System Change
Successful status offense reform depends on a sound vision that is well-designed and executed. This workshop will provide an overview of how to plan and implement system change that best meets local needs, highlighting the experiences of two jurisdictions—Connecticut and Campbell County, KY—as they tackled key questions to design their reform.

Presenters:
- Julie Revaz, Manager of Programs and Services, Connecticut Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division
- Vidhya Ananthakrishnan, Project Director, Center on Youth Justice, Vera Institute of Justice
- Judge Karen Thomas, Campbell District Court, Kentucky

Moderator: Lisa Pilnik, Deputy Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Senate Room  

C. Doing More with DMC Data to Support Efforts to Maximize Racial and Ethnic Fairness
This workshop will introduce innovative strategies for viewing, analyzing, and presenting DMC data. Participants will examine how jurisdictions can advance their current DMC data and increase its capacity to be used for diagnosis, assessment, and evaluative purposes.

Presenters:
- Chaz Puzzanchera, Senior Research Associate, National Center for Juvenile Justice
- Melissa Sickmund, Director, National Center for Juvenile Justice

Moderator: Teri Deal, Research Associate, National Center for Juvenile Justice
D. Working Together to Reduce Violence and Support Positive Outcomes for Youth
This session will explore how the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention, Defending Childhood, and the Community Based Violence Prevention Program reduce children’s exposure to violence, prevent youth gang violence, and provide ladders of opportunity to disenfranchised young people. Panelists will provide an overview of each initiative, highlight ongoing work and discuss how these efforts collectively help to address critical needs of states and communities.

Presenters:
• Kristie Brackens, State Program Manager, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, State and Community Development
• Karen Bachar, State Program Manager, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, State and Community Development
• Theron Pride, Policy Advisor, Office of Justice Programs, Office of the Associate Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Moderator: Geroma Void, State Program Manager, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, State and Community Development

3:30 pm - 3:45 pm Break

3:45 pm - 5:15 pm Concurrent Workshop Session 3

Executive Room
A. We Can Do Better: Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline
Across the country, zero-tolerance and other harsh school disciplinary policies and practices, along with an increased role of law enforcement in schools, have created an school-to-prison pipeline. Out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, school-based arrests, and referrals to court are increasingly used to address student misbehavior, especially for minor incidents, and huge numbers of children and youth are pushed out of school and into the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

Presenters:
• Kaitlin Banner, Staff Attorney, Advancement Project
• Chief Judge Chandlee Johnson Kuhn, Delaware Family Court

Moderator: Dwanna Nicole, Policy Advocate, Advancement Project

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B. Improving Outcomes for Crossover Youth: Spreading Lessons Learned From Implementation of the CYPM in Colorado and Across the Nation
This session will provide an overview and research about the Crossover Youth Practice Model developed by the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at the Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy. Participants in this workshop will also learn about work in Colorado across multiple counties to implement the model, as well as examples of other jurisdictions across the country. The workshop will highlight how a coordinated effort between agencies can lead to positive outcomes for youth and families involved in multiple systems.
Presenters:
- Shay Bilchik, Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University
- Will Hays, Senior Vice President of Operations, Hilltop Community Resources, Inc.

Moderator: Lisa Pilnik, Deputy Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Senate Room  

C. Solitary Confinement and Isolation of Youth: Successful Reforms and Next Steps
Across the United States, children are held in solitary confinement and other forms of isolation, locked alone in a cell for hours, days, weeks, or months. This workshop will investigate the impacts of youth isolation, which can do irreversible psychological harm and which, as an issue that has emerged post-JJDPA, must be reformed. Looking toward the future, participants will discuss the legal and policy implications of emerging administrative and legislative reforms in state systems.

Presenters:
- Amy Fettig, Senior Staff Counsel and Stop Solitary Campaign Director, National Prison Project, American Civil Liberties Union
- Andrea Weisman, Child Psychologist and Former Director of Health Services, Washington, D.C. Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services

Moderator: Mishi Faruqee, Juvenile Justice Policy Strategist, American Civil Liberties Union

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D. Reforming Juvenile Justice: A Developmental Approach
Recent findings from research on adolescent development, and particularly increasing knowledge about the adolescent brain, have led to deep and growing concerns about the treatment of juveniles in the nation's justice system. There have been a wide range of reforms in the administration of juvenile justice over the past fifteen years, some of which reflect the emerging knowledge about adolescent development. This session will explore the National Research Council of the National Academies 2013 report Reforming Juvenile Justice: A Developmental Approach.

Presenters:
- Edward Mulvey, Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Law and Psychiatry Program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
- Jeffrey Butts, Director of the Research & Evaluation Center at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
- Cherie Townsend, Professional Coach and Leadership Consultant, Side by Side, Inc.

Moderator: Brecht Donoghue, Deputy Associate Administrator, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Ghost Suite, Room 870  

Juvenile Justice Specialists’ Reception (Closed Meeting)
Saturday, June 21

**Conference Plenary and Closing, CJJ Committee Meetings**

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CJJ envisions a nation where fewer children are at risk of delinquency; and if they are at risk or involved with the justice system, they and their families receive every possible opportunity to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.

CJJ is a nationwide coalition of State Advisory Groups (SAGs) and allies dedicated to preventing children and youth from becoming involved in the courts and upholding the highest standards of care when youth are charged with wrongdoing and enter the justice system.