Coalition for Juvenile Justice Presents

June 10-13, 2015
Omni Shoreham Hotel Washington, DC

2015 Annual Conference,
Council of State Advisory Groups
Meeting & Hill Day

At the Forefront:
Emerging Challenges and Solutions to Reforming 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 welcome you to our 2015 Annual Conference: “At the Forefront: Emerging Challenges and Solutions to Reforming Juvenile Justice.” Our goal for you is to leave this conference well-informed, motivated, and connected with colleagues from across the country.

This year’s conference, co-hosted by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, will focus on the latest research, developments, opportunities, and challenges facing our field today. CJJ has assembled exciting panels, speakers, and workshops that will delve into key emerging issues, how practitioners and stakeholders can use new research to improve outcomes for youth, and how emerging trends will impact the core work of juvenile justice agencies and stakeholders.

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

Please be sure to join colleagues and friends as we honor three exceptional individuals during Thursday’s Awards Luncheon. Each year, CJJ receives an abundance of superb nominees and we appreciate the careful and difficult decisions made by the Awards Committee in selecting these worthy recipients of CJJ’s highest honors.

The 2015 CJJ Annual Conference would not be possible without our dedicated sponsors. CJJ is grateful to these individuals and organizations for their generous contributions. We would particularly like to thank the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the Pew Charitable Trusts for their generous support. A full list of conference supporters is available on the back cover of this program.

Most of all, we thank you for joining us.

Alfred Martin (MS)   Cecely Reardon (MA)
CJJ National Chair   CJJ National Vice Chair
Wednesday, June 10

CJJ Hill Day, CJJ Executive Board Meeting

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.

6:45 am—7:30 am
Cabinet Room
Continental Breakfast

7:00 am—1:00 pm
West Lobby
Hill Day Packets available for pick-up

7:00 am—7:30 am
Cabinet Room
Skill Building: Hill Day Training
Discuss talking points on current state/federal issues, juvenile justice funding, and JJDPA reauthorization with CJJ staff prior to your Hill Day visits. This training is being offered twice.

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4:00 pm—8:00 pm
Cabinet Room
CJJ Executive Board Meeting (closed meeting)
Facilitated by: Alfred Martin, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Thursday, June 11

Conference Opening, Workshops, Awards Luncheon

8:00 am—5:00 pm
Birdcage Walk
Registration Open/Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 am—9:00 am
Birdcage Walk
Continental Breakfast

9:00 am—5:00 pm
Senate Room
Pre-Scheduled DMC Appointments with OJJDP
9:00 am—10:30 am  Conference Welcome & General Session
Empire Ballroom

Introduction by: Marie Williams, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

CJJ Welcome by: Alfred Martin, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

OJP Welcome by: Karol V. Mason, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs

Federal Update by: Robert Listenbee, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Reinvesting in Young People’s Futures: Using Data-Driven Practices to Improve Outcomes While Reducing Costs
The Pew Charitable Trusts’ Public Safety Performance Project uses data-driven practices to help states advance data-driven, fiscally sound policies and practices in both the criminal and juvenile justice systems. This session will feature speakers from various states, highlight challenges they faced, and discuss how they were able to overcome them.

Panelists:
- Representative Brian Gosch, Speaker of the House, South Dakota Legislature
- David Hipp, Executive Director, Office of Youth Services, Hawaii
- Joe Vignati, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
- Robin Olsen, Manager, The Pew Charitable Trusts (Moderator)

Increasing Positive Relations between Police and Youth
Recent events have highlighted the importance of positive relations between police and young people. This session will feature local efforts in Connecticut that bring law enforcement and youth together around jointly planned projects as well as the national "Effective Police Interactions with Youth" training.

Panelists:
- Martin Lane, Police Officer, Town of Old Lyme Police Department
- Julia Strycharz, Youth Community Member, Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut
- Thaddeus Burrus, Youth Community Member, Norwalk, Connecticut
- Marie Williams, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Moderator)

10:30 am—10:45 am  Break
Concurrent Workshop Session #1

A. Stickup Kid: Keeping Kids Under Juvenile Court Jurisdiction
Using the PBS Frontline documentary *Stickup Kid* as a case study, this workshop will discuss the reasons that all kids, even those committing violent crimes, should remain under juvenile court jurisdiction where they have access to developmentally appropriate services. As juvenile crime continues to decline and more youth are treated in their communities, there is an opportunity to return nearly 200,000 youth prosecuted in the criminal court back to the juvenile court.

Presenters:
- Caitlin McNally, Producer, *Stickup Kid*
- Carmen Daugherty, Policy Director, Campaign for Youth Justice
- Marla Wyche-Hall, Program Manager, District of Columbia Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services
- Marcy Mistrett, CEO, Campaign for Youth Justice (Moderator)

B. New Approaches Toward the Elimination of Structural Racial Barriers to Child Wellbeing in Youth Justice Systems
Youth of color often experience a different starting point when they enter the system. This workshop will shine a light on the ways in which structural racism has contributed to disparities in the juvenile justice system. Participants will examine lessons from case studies of collaborative, data-driven approaches, as well as consider the future policy implications of the deconstruction of structural barriers to opportunity and wellbeing for system-involved youth of color.

Presenters:
- Angie Junck, Supervising Attorney, Immigrant Legal Resource Center
- Kyung-Ji Kate Rhee, Juvenile Justice Policy Director, Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions
- Julia Beatty, Director of Grants Development, Evaluation, and Communication, The W. Haywood Burns Institute (Moderator)

C. The Untapped Resource: Models for Youth Voice & Engagement from Across the States
In recent years, the call for youth voice has become stronger than ever, with young people across the country expressing their desire for justice system reforms. Many State Advisory Groups (SAGs) struggle to engage youth in a meaningful manner. This session will highlight successful, replicable, and cost-effective youth voice models from across the country and support participants in developing strategies to overcome barriers to youth engagement in their state.

Presenters:
- Hernan Carvente, Youth Member, New York Juvenile Justice Advisory Group
- Haley Reimbold, Northeast Regional Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- Jonathan Litt, Policy and Field Relations Associate, Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Moderator)
**D. Partnering for Results: Understanding How OJJDP & States Work Together**

This workshop will provide an overview of the respective roles and responsibilities of the states’ Juvenile Justice Specialists, OJJDP’s State Program Managers, and OJJDP’s Compliance Analysts, as well as provide a forum for participants to connect with each other and with staff of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Participants will discuss common concerns and solutions related to grants management, including the new 3-year plan solicitation, increase awareness of related federal grant projects in their communities, and learn about resources to address compliance with the four core protections of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

**Presenters:**
- Robin Delany-Shabazz, Associate Administrator, State and Community Development, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Jennifer Yeh, Deputy Associate Administrator, State and Community Development, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- LeToya Johnson, Acting Associate Administrator, Core Protections Division, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Meg Williams, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Colorado
- Carol Neylan, State Program Manager, State and Community Development, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Moderator)

**Break**

**CJJ 2015 Awards Luncheon**

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.

Welcome Address by: Bob Schwartz, Executive Director, Juvenile Law Center

**Awardees:**
- Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award – Edward B. Chargualaf
- National Spirit of Youth Award – Raul Antonio Barreto
- A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award – Judge Michel J. Mayer

Moderator: Cecely Reardon, Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**Break**
Concurrent Workshop Session #2

A. Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline Through a Continuum of Supports

Collaborative leadership, community engagement, and focused interventions are crucial to dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline. Participants will learn how the Sedgwick County, Kansas Department of Corrections developed a continuum of educational supports for youth who are, or are at risk to be, involved in the juvenile justice system.

Presenters:
- Lanora Franck, Juvenile Justice Education Liaison, Sedgwick County, Kansas Department of Corrections
- Mark Masterson, Director, Sedgwick County, Kansas Department of Corrections
- Martha Doyle, Western Regional Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Moderator)

B. Building Trauma Informed Systems of Care

To effectively divert, intervene, and reduce contact with the juvenile justice system, the compelling behavioral health and trauma-related conditions of these youth must be addressed. This workshop will provide an overview of the key research regarding trauma and adolescent behavioral health development in the juvenile justice system, as well as lessons learned from a number of Ohio initiatives addressing these issues at the clinical, systems, and policy levels.

Presenters:
- Hon. Linda Tucci Teodosio, Judge, Summit County Juvenile Court, Akron, Ohio
- Kim Kehl, Trauma Informed Care Coordinator, Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services
- Patrick Kanary, Director, Center for Innovative Practices, The Begun Center, Case Western Reserve University (Moderator)

C. Eliminating the Consequences of a Juvenile Record

Young people experience collateral consequences for their involvement in the juvenile justice system. This workshop will provide an overview of these collateral consequences and the accessibility of expungement and deregistration. Participants will learn about the process for expungement and deregistration, and how to assist youth in eliminating the consequences of their juvenile records. Participants will also discuss policy changes that can make expungement and deregistration more widely available and effective.

Presenters:
- Dafna Gozani, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Colorado Juvenile Defender Center
- Riya Saha Shah, Staff Attorney, Juvenile Law Center
- Elise Logemann, Staff Attorney, Colorado Juvenile Defender Center (Moderator)
D. Smart on Juvenile Justice: A Comprehensive Strategy for Juvenile Justice Reform

OJJDP’s Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative promotes system-wide juvenile justice reform and bolsters efforts to end racial and ethnic disparities. In this workshop, participants will learn about statewide training and technical assistance designed to increase the capacity of the states to sustain juvenile justice reforms, implement objective decision making structures, and reinvest cost savings into early intervention, diversion, and community-based programming, particularly to those aimed at eliminating racial and ethnic disparities.

Presenters:
- Kristin Bechtel, Community Resources for Justice, Managing Associate, Crime and Justice Institute
- Rachel Bingham, Executive Officer, Family & Juvenile Services, Kentucky Court of Justice
- David Hipp, Executive Director, Office of Youth Services, Hawaii
- Samantha Wolf, Program Director, Juvenile Justice Unit, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Georgia
- Cynthia Pappas, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Moderator)

3:45 pm—4:00 pm
Break – Coffee and Snacks Available in the Exhibit Hall

Concurrent Workshop Session #3

A. Ending Solitary Confinement & Indiscriminate Shackling of Youth: Strategies for Successful Reforms

Solitary confinement and indiscriminate shackling are frequently used in many juvenile justice systems and have a devastating impact on young people. This workshop will demonstrate how to eliminate solitary confinement in juvenile facilities and indiscriminate shackling in juvenile courts. Participants will discuss how some jurisdictions have successfully eliminated or reduced these practices and learn how they can affect change in their communities.

Presenters:
- Dana Shoenberg, Deputy Director, Center for Children’s Law & Policy
- Andrea Weisman, Independent Consultant
- David Shapiro, Campaign Manager, Campaign Against Indiscriminate Juvenile Shackling, National Juvenile Defender Center
- Mark Soler, Executive Director, Center for Children’s Law & Policy (Moderator)
B. Developing and Implementing Structured Decision Making Tools
National Council on Crime & Delinquency and the Annie E. Casey Foundation are working with juvenile justice organizations to develop and implement structured decision making strategies and tools. Participants will learn strategies to establish a stakeholder group, review relevant policies and procedures for juvenile justice-involved youth, identify data sources and conduct data analysis, and keys for successful implementation. Participants will also discuss goal setting along with practice and policy implications.

Presenters:
- Erin Manske, Researcher, National Council on Crime & Delinquency
- Nel Andrews, Program Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Jesse Russell, Director of Research, National Council on Crime & Delinquency (Moderator)

C. Serving LGBTQI Youth in the Juvenile Justice System
The unique needs and experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and intersex (LGBTQI) youth are often misunderstood, overlooked, and stigmatized in the juvenile justice system. This workshop will provide an overview of issues impacting LGBTQI youth in the justice system and explore some strategies to ensure LGBTQI youth are treated fairly and with respect. Participants will learn how collaboration and openness can be developed and utilized in efforts to build an equitable system for all LGBTQI youth.

Presenters:
- Christina Gilbert, Director, The Equity Project
- Alex Karydi, LGBTQI Youth Coordinator, South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice
- Joe Thome, Midwest Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Moderator)

D. Youth & Law Enforcement Engagement: A Listening Session
Engaging youth is key to law enforcement’s efforts to build positive relationships with citizens in the communities they serve. This workshop will provide a forum to discuss strategies to improve law enforcement and youth interactions, the need for ongoing communication between youth and law enforcement to address grievances and misconceptions, and the importance of policies and programs that address the needs of youth who are most at risk for crime and violence. Panelists will share their personal experiences on how to improve relationships and increase trust between communities and law enforcement.

Presenters:
- Kevin Bethel, Deputy Commissioner for Patrol Operations, Philadelphia Police Department, Pennsylvania
- Amy Callaghan, Solicitation Peer Review Coordinator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Scott Pestridge, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Moderator)
Friday, June 12

Conference Plenary, Workshops, CJJ Business Meetings, Regional Meetings

8:00 am—5:00 pm Registration Open / Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 am—10:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:15 am—9:45 am CJJ Regional Meetings
The challenges states and territories face can vary greatly based on geographical region. This meeting time is dedicated to information sharing, problem-solving, and networking for those looking to share concerns, recent innovations, and successes with juvenile justice professionals confronting similar issues. All are invited to attend.

Congressional A
- Midwest
  Facilitated by: Hon. Michael Mayer, Midwest Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Congressional B
- Northeast
  Facilitated by: David Kemper, Northeast Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Cabinet Room
- Southern
  Facilitated by: Ben Deaton, Southern Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Forum Room
- Western
  Facilitated by: Joe Thome, Western Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

9:45 am—10:00 am Break

10:00 am—11:30 am General Session
CJJ Welcome by: Lisa Pilnik, Deputy Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Miller Revisited
Participants will examine Montgomery v. Louisiana, an upcoming Supreme Court case that will determine whether the Miller v. Alabama ruling is retroactive to youth already serving juvenile life without parole.

Presented by: Heather Renwick, Litigation Counsel, Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth

Being a Victim Is Not A Crime: Improving Community Responses to Trafficked Youth
Attendees will hear from survivors of trafficking, advocates, and members of the judiciary about their experiences and ways communities can improve their responses to this vulnerable population.
Panelists:
- Hon. John Romero, Jr., Presiding Judge, Children’s Court Division, New Mexico’s Second Judicial District Court
- James Dold, Advocacy Director, Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth
- Tina Frundt, Founder and Executive Director, Courtney’s House
- Naomi Smoot, Senior Policy Associate, Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Moderator)

11:30 am—1:30 pm  
**Lunch On Your Own**

12:00 pm—1:15 pm  
**CJJ Finance Committee Business Meeting**  
(closed meeting; lunch provided)

Facilitated by: Caprice Hover, Treasurer/Secretary, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

12:00 pm—1:15 pm  
**Juvenile Justice Specialists Meeting**  
(closed meeting; lunch provided)

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

12:00 pm—1:15 pm  
**CJJ National Youth Committee Meeting**  
(lunch provided)

Facilitated by: Symone Sanders, National Youth Committee Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

1:30 pm—3:00 pm  
**Concurrent Workshop Session #4**

A. **Tackling Truancy: National Perspectives & Promising Models**

Among status offenses, truancy brings the highest number of young people in contact with formal court systems. Both research and practice demonstrate that juvenile justice systems are often ill-equipped to provide the services these youth need, and that community-based approaches to truancy are far more effective. This workshop will set the national context for out-of-court responses to status offenses, share what we know from the research literature about truancy, and shed light on two unique community-based responses to truancy.

Presenters:
- Jodi Martin, Project Coordinator, Juvenile Court, Clark County, Washington
- Michael Bane, Probation Supervisor, Maricopa County, Arizona Juvenile Court
- Insiyah Mohammad, Program Analyst, Vera Institute of Justice (Moderator)
B. Connecting the Dots from Maltreatment to Delinquency through Research, Practice, and Policy

Research has played a starring role in Missouri’s Crossover Youth Initiative. With technical assistance from the Georgetown University Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Missouri is tackling juvenile justice and child welfare system integration. Workshop participants will learn strategies to implement crossover youth reform efforts at both the local and state level, and how research can be used to improve outcomes for crossover youth.

Presenters:
- Natalie Allen, Crossover Youth Program Coordinator, Missouri Department of Social Services, Children’s Division
- Macon Stewart, Program Manager, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University
- Anne Dannerbeck Janku, Research Manager, Missouri Office of State Courts Administration (Moderator)

C. Youth & Family Leadership: The Necessary Next Step

The lasting transformation of juvenile justice requires youth and families to become leaders, not just participants. They are the linchpins of successful reform efforts. This workshop examines the steps, challenges, and benefits of youth and family leadership. The content is drawn from the five-year experience of the National Juvenile Justice Network’s Youth Justice Leadership Institute, a development program for new leaders.

Presenters:
- Rashad Hawkins, Youth Organizer, Just Kids Partnership
- Sabrina Leshore, Lead Attorney, Leshore Legal Services
- Diana Onley-Campbell, Institute Coordinator, National Juvenile Justice Network (Moderator)

D. Tools for Providing Quality Education to Youth in Juvenile Justice Facilities

Access to quality education for youth in out-of-home residential placement is critical to their academic success, social development, reentry into the community, and future career opportunities. This workshop provides an overview of the correctional education guidance package, “Guiding Principles for Providing High Quality Education in Secure Juvenile Facilities,” released jointly by the Departments of Justice and Education. Panelists will highlight practical applications and technical assistance resources available to practitioners.

Presenters:
- Kristen Harper, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, US Department of Education
- Nina Salomon, Senior Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments Justice Center
- Emily Morgan, Senior Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments Justice Center
- Sanzanna Dean, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Moderator)
Concurrent Workshop Session #5

A. Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs as Partners with Juvenile Justice Systems: Prevention, Diversion & Reentry

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) provides funding for youth-appropriate housing and services to America’s runaway and homeless youth. Participants will learn about how these programs partner with local juvenile justice systems to help young people access housing, create stability, and thrive.

Presenters:
- Deborah Shore, Founder & Executive Director, Sasha Bruce Youthwork
- Darla Bardine, Executive Director, National Network for Youth
- Lisa Pilnik, Deputy Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Moderator)

B. Surviving (and Thriving!) in your Evidence-Based Practices

With most evidence-based practices, implementation stops at staff training. Managers often expect staff to immediately start using their skills to improve client outcomes. Drawing from experiences supporting implementations in Colorado criminal justice agencies, participants will learn three things to bolster training efforts: create and support a learning culture, value and achieve innovation fidelity, and align your organization’s infrastructure to support new ways of doing business.

Presenters:
- William Cash, Evidence-Based Practice Implementation Specialist, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Evidence-Based Practices for Implementation Capacity
- Shelley Siman, Evidence-Based Practice Implementation Specialist, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Evidence-Based Practices for Implementation Capacity
- Mark Ferrante, Senior Policy Analyst, The Council of State Governments Justice Center (Moderator)

C. Family Involvement Efforts in Washington State: Innovations in Court Support and Probation

Families are far too often viewed as part of the problem, not an important partner in decision-making. This workshop will present research findings from court- and probation-based efforts to support, engage, and involve families more fully in juvenile justice processes. Specifically, this workshop will review the program model and outcomes of Juvenile Justice 101, a court-based model of family support, in addition to the early efforts to integrate family-driven care in probation practices.

Racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system are complex. This workshop will highlight current disproportionate minority contact (DMC) data trends, discuss new and expanded ways of using the DMC-reduction model, provide examples of DMC-reduction success stories, and help states understand the new standards for compliance with the DMC core requirement. This workshop will provide an overview of OJJDP’s new training and technical assistance center, answering questions about the center and the resources it offers.

Presenters:
- Michael Finley, Project Director, The W. Haywood Burns Institute
- Elizabeth Spinney, Project Director, Development Services Group
- Tina Borner, Compliance Analyst, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Moderator)
Saturday, June 13

Council of SAGs Meeting

8:00 am—8:30 am
Empire Ballroom
Continental Breakfast

8:30 am—12:30 pm
Empire Ballroom
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: Alfred Martin, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

12:30 pm
Conference Closing