

Coalition for Juvenile Justice Presents

2016 CJJ National DMC Conference

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Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor
Baltimore, MD

Co-hosted by: Maryland State Advisory Group
and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency

Confronting the Crisis:
Creating Pathways to a More
Equitable Juvenile Justice System

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 2016 CJJ National DMC Conference, "Confronting the Crisis: Creating Pathways to a More Equitable Juvenile Justice System." Our goal for you is to leave this conference well-informed, motivated, and connected with colleagues from across the country.

This year's event is co-hosted by the Maryland State Advisory Group and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. Our conference will focus on the latest research, developments, opportunities, and challenges facing our field today as we attempt to address and remedy disproportionate minority contact within our juvenile justice systems. CJJ has assembled exciting panels, speakers, and workshops that will delve into key emerging issues and how practitioners and stakeholders can use new research to combat racial and ethnic disparities.

We extend our deepest appreciation to the thoughtful and hardworking members and partners who helped plan and make this conference a reality. Our gratitude goes out to the Workshop Review Committee for their thoughtful consideration in selecting dynamic, informative sessions for conference attendees.

The 2016 CJJ National DMC 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 Maryland State Advisory Group and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, as well as Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Open Society Institute - Baltimore, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation for their generous support. A full list of conference supporters is available on the last page of this program.

We thank you for your attendance and may you find the CJJ DMC Conference insightful, informative, and an educational opportunity that assists you with creating more equitable juvenile justice system in your community .



Cecely Reardon (MA)
CJJ National Chair



Hon. George Timberlake (IL)
CJJ National Vice Chair



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Sunday, December 4

Registration, Welcome Reception

4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Constellation Foyer

Registration Open

6:00 pm—7:15 pm
Pisces Room

CJJ Welcome Reception

Conference attendees are encouraged to attend the CJJ Welcome Reception to network and engage with those working to improve the juvenile justice system for the youth in our nation. Discuss local needs, interests, and accomplishments in juvenile justice— or just mingle and have fun!

Co-Host Highlight!

National Council on Crime & Delinquency (NCCD)

Since 1907, NCCD has been applying research to policy and practice in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and child welfare. By formulating innovative approaches to public safety and advising hundreds of agencies on effective and cost-efficient policies, strategies, and programs, our studies and policy recommendations continue to revolutionize the field.

Today NCCD's expertise extends to the fields of criminal justice, juvenile justice, child welfare, adult protective services, and education. NCCD has worked with agencies and organizations across the United States as well as in Australia, Canada, Bermuda, Taiwan, and Singapore.

NCCD staff have diverse expertise in social service systems and research approaches, giving the organization a unique perspective on how to effectively use research to improve systems for better outcomes. Chief executive officer Kathy Park, a career advocate for child welfare and adult protection, directs the work of staff across three national offices.



Monday, December 5

Conference Opening, Plenaries, Workshops

7:30 am—5:00 pm
Constellation Foyer

Registration Open

7:45 am—9:00 am
Constellation Foyer

Continental Breakfast

8:00 am—9:00 am
Annapolis

JJ Specialist's Pre-Conference Breakfast Meeting (*closed meeting*)

9:00 am—10:30 am
Constellation A&B

Conference Welcome & General Session

CJJ Welcome: Cecely Reardon, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Maryland Welcome: Sam Abed, Secretary, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services

Fixing the Front End: The Role of Law Enforcement, Attorneys, and the Judiciary in Confronting the Crisis

Participants will hear from law enforcement, prosecuting attorneys, public defenders, and community leaders about the importance of addressing racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system, and how this issue can be addressed in communities.

Speakers:

- Gavin Patashnick, Assistant State's Attorney, Baltimore City State's Attorney Office
- Melanie Shapiro, Chief Attorney, Office of Public Defender, Baltimore City Juvenile Division
- Hon. Sylvester Cox, Judge, Juvenile Division, Circuit Court for Baltimore City
- Lisa Garry, Director, Office of Equity and Reform, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services

Building Bridges: Police, Youth Roundtable

Conversations are beginning to take place in communities across the country about ways that young people and law enforcement can better communicate and improve their relationships. Hear about ways that communities are making these conversations happen, and how your community can do the same.

Speakers:

- Kevin Bethel, Senior Policy Advisor, Stoneleigh Foundation Fellow
- Lt. Colonel Melvin Russell, Chief, Community Partnership Division, Baltimore Police Department
- Tarique Conquest, Corps Member, PowerCorpsPHL

10:30 am—10:45 am

Break

10:45 am—12:15 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #1

Annapolis

Say What? The Power of Youth Voice to Improve Police-Youth Relationships
Tension and mistrust between youth and police are endemic problems in many communities, and specifically in minority communities. This interactive workshop will focus on two community-based programs that actively engage young people to develop solutions which can enhance the communication between youth, police and their communities. By giving youth a voice in the process and, in turn, allowing police to hear directly from the youth, racial and ethnic disparities can be reduced.

Presenters:

- Leticia Lucero, Coordinator, Youth Restorative Justice Initiatives, Staten Island Youth Justice Center, Center for Court Innovation
- Felicia Henry, Restorative Justice Social Worker, Brownsville Community Justice Center, Center for Court Innovation
- Dory Hack, Director of Youth Justice Capacity Building, Center for Court Innovation

Baltimore

Native American Youth in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems: Their Status and Promising Tribal Programs to Support Them
The Center for Native American Youth and Casey Family Programs will provide an overview of the status of Native American youth in the United States, highlighting disparities and difficulties that youth face, in addition to promising practices that support youth in child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Presenters:

- Erik Stegman, Executive Director, Center for Native American Youth, The Aspen Institute
- Ryan Ward, Senior Program Associate, Center for Native American Youth, The Aspen Institute
- Anita Fineday, Director, Indian Child Welfare Programs, Casey Family Programs

Columbia

Leveraging Community Expertise and Culturally Competent Engagement to Reduce/Eliminate DMC

Young people of color are disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system at alarming rates. Systems, young people, families and communities, must be supported to reduce institutional placements; a young person and his or her families' needs must be met in the context of their own homes and communities. This session will provide a case study, including culturally competent approaches and youth outcomes (data), of one such successful program in Baltimore City.

Presenters:

- Shaena Fazal, National Policy Director, Youth Advocate Programs
- Craig Jernigan, Program Director, Baltimore Youth Advocate Programs
- Gary Ivory, Deputy CEO & National Director of Program Development, Youth Advocate Programs

Frederick

Policing the Halls: Pushing Back on the Criminalization of Young People and DSC Recommendations for Police in Schools

The presence of police in schools has escalated in the last several decades and the figures on arrests and referrals to law-enforcement show disproportionate targeting of Black and Latino students. Participants will learn about the increasing problem of police in schools and their contribution to the school-to-prison pipeline, strategize how juvenile justice and education advocates can work together, and gain a clear understanding of the policies and practices contributing to its impact in communities of color.

Presenters:

- Fernando Martinez, National Field Organizer, Dignity in Schools
- Harold Jordan, Senior Policy Advocate, American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania

12:15 pm—2:00 pm

Lunch on your own

12:30 pm—1:30 pm

Annapolis

CJJR Informational Session (*lunch provided*)

This informal luncheon will provide information about the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform's (CJJR) Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities Certificate Program, held annually at Georgetown University in partnership with the Center for Children's Law and Policy. This session will be capped at 45 participants and RSVP is required.

2:00 pm—3:30 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #2

Annapolis

At the Corner of Engagement and Enforcement: A Civil Rights Approach

Crime prevention and reduction in racial and ethnic disparities occur when enforcement and engagement intersect, but how do we get there? By promoting procedural justice and community engagement, police and communities can work together to prevent violence and address DMC-related issues. This session will explore the connection between procedural justice, community engagement, and civil rights enforcement.

Presenters:

- Denise Viera, Senior Advisor, Office for Civil Rights for the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
- Sharon Tucker, Attorney-Advisor, Office for Civil Rights for the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Baltimore

Hip-Hop Critical Consciousness Circles and Hip-Hop Therapy 2.0: Innovations in Youth Mental Health Intervention

Young, African and Hispanic Americans continue to be involved in the juvenile systems at alarming rates and the related trauma waged on these youth and their families remains a critical social problem. This workshop examines two innovative, juvenile justice-focused interventions called Hip Hop Critical Consciousness Circles and Hip Hop Therapy 2.0. Participants will experience a sample session involving law enforcement, learn how this model can be used by agencies, and hear first-hand experiences with the programs.

Presenters:

- Edgar Tyson, Associate Professor, Fordham University
- John Hall, Program Social Worker, Mott Haven Community High School
- Jahleel Montero, Alumni, Mott Haven Community High School

Columbia

Reducing Racial Disparities for Girls of Color in Juvenile Justice by Disrupting the Abuse-to-Prison Pipeline

This interactive workshop will examine racial/ethnic disparities of girls in the system with a focus on African-American, Latina and Native American girls. Participants will learn about current rates of DMC for girls and gender non-conforming youth and the offenses for which these girls are most commonly arrested. Presenters will use findings from **Right4Girls' report, *The Sexual Abuse to Prison Pipeline: The Girls' Story***, which details how girls of color are often criminalized for their victimization.

Presenters:

- Yasmin Vafa, Executive Director, Rights4Girls
- Maheen Kaleem, Staff Attorney, Rights4Girls

Frederick

Growing up in the System: From Juvenile to Aging Prisoners

This workshop evolves from ethnographic research conducted over the last five years in interviews and fieldwork with formerly incarcerated African American women and men. The anthropological approach analyses the American impact of racial policies and laws that have constructed and informed African American identities through the use of imprisonment, confinement, and containment of black life through the life cycle of human development. The panelists will give a critique of the juvenile to aging prisoner within the punishment paradigm from lived and field experiences. Moving from this critique they will also give suggestions that will help local and national society redefine and implement a more humane paradigm based on justice.

Presenters:

- William Gardner, Founder, M.E.N. FOR LIFE; and Vice President, In/Out-Reach
- Earl Nelson, Organizer, Maryland Release Aging People in Prison
- Jennifer Laskin, Educational Consultant to the Maryland Office of the Public Defender

3:30 pm—3:45 pm

Break

3:45 pm—5:15 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #3

Annapolis

Keeping Black and Brown Children Out of Maryland's Adult System: How Community Law in Action's Core Alliance of Youth Leaders is Leading the Fight for Change

This workshop will expose participants to the work, underlying principles, messages, and accomplishments of CLIA's Just Kids Campaign and its Core Alliance of Youth Leaders (CAYL), a program that works with youth formerly involved in the adult criminal justice system to become advocacy leaders. The workshop will provide examples of the written, video, and artistic materials CAYL members have produced, share the values that inform their work, and explore barriers and solutions for effective youth and community engagement.

Presenters:

- Dana Shoenberg, Visiting Professor, University of Baltimore Family Law Clinic
- Raine Brandon, Manager, Just Kids Campaign, Community Law in Action
- Tyrone Friedman, Youth Organizer, Community Law in Action

Baltimore

Changing Systems to Address the Needs of LGBTQ Youth

LGBTQ youth are overrepresented within the juvenile justice system, and are often left without the supports and services they need to help them successfully re-enter community. Over the past two years, the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice has worked across disciplines to build comprehensive supports and services to ensure supportive treatment, care and case planning for LGBTQ youth within the IDJJ system, keeping them safe in facilities, and helping them successfully return to their communities.

Presenters:

- David Fischer, Director, Court Involved Youth Project, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
- Marna Goodman, Chief of Professional Development and Training for the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice
- Judy Davis, Superintendent of the Illinois Youth Center

Columbia

How State DMC Work Can Disrupt School-Justice Pathways

This workshop will provide an overview of the connection between DMC and school-justice pathways, detail an effective model for school-based diversion that addresses DMC by identifying and addressing behavioral health needs through connection to community-based services, and highlight the concrete roles that DMC Coordinators and SAGs can play in facilitating the spread of these program models.

Presenters:

- Jacqui Greene, Senior Project Associate, National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice
- Trista Deame, DMC Coordinator, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services

Frederick

Unchained: The Fight to End Indiscriminate Shackling

The panel will introduce the work of the Office of the Public Defender and the strategies, tools, and policy initiatives to change the culture of indiscriminate shackling of youth in Maryland courts. Through telling Maryland's story, with a particular focus on Baltimore City, providing a national landscape, and exploring the current scientific research and status of laws around the country, we will provide conference participants with an understanding of the negative consequences of the indiscriminate shackling of children in court, how it disproportionately impacts black children and a framework for ending the practice in their own states.

Presenters:

- Melanie Shapiro, Chief Attorney, Office of the Public Defender
- Christine Burke, Supervising Attorney, Office of the Public Defender
- Christopher Kim, Attorney, Office of the Public Defender

Tuesday, December 6

Conference Plenaries, Regional Meetings, Keynote Luncheon, Workshops

7:45 am—4:00 pm
Constellation Foyer

Registration Open

8:00 am—8:30 am
Constellation Foyer

Continental Breakfast

8:30 am—10:00 am
Constellation A&B

General Session

Introduction: Hon. George Timberlake, Ret., National Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Welcome Address: Kathy Park, CEO, National Council on Crime & Delinquency

Equity Across Systems: The Shared Challenges of Behavioral Health, Education, Child Welfare, Law Enforcement, and Juvenile Justice

Racial and ethnic disparities are not limited to the juvenile justice field, but cut across multiple systems of care such as behavioral health, education, and child welfare. It is therefore imperative that leaders from these systems take steps to collaborate and utilize a multi-disciplinary approach to serving youth who are known across systems. Presenters will discuss how inequities across systems compound racial and ethnic disparities and highlight a promising local reform effort in Lancaster County, Nebraska that focuses on reducing disproportionality through a multidisciplinary model.

Speakers:

- Shay Bilchik, Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University
- Jeff Bliemeister, Chief of Police, Lincoln Police Department, Nebraska

Extreme Sentencing: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Shackling, Juvenile Life Without Parole and other Extreme Sentences

The DMC crisis within our juvenile justice system continues to become even more pronounced as young people penetrate deeper into the system. During this session, panelists will talk about extreme sentencing and practices such as courtroom shackling.

Speakers:

- **Jason Szanyi, Director of Institutional Reform, Center for Children's Law and Policy**
- Christina Gilbert, Staff Attorney and Policy Counsel, National Juvenile Defender Center
- Nikola Nable-Juris, Policy Counsel, Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth

10:00 am—10:15 am

Break

10:15 am—11:30 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.

Annapolis Midwest
Facilitated by: Hon. George Timberlake, Ret., National Vice Chair, CJJ

Baltimore Northeast
Facilitated by: Keith Warner, Northeast Region Chair, CJJ

Columbia Southern
Facilitated by: Hon. Steve Teske, Southern Region Chair, CJJ

Frederick Western
Facilitated by: Stacie Colling, Western Region Chair, CJJ

11:30 am—11:45 am *Break*

11:45 am—1:15 pm Keynote Luncheon
Constellation A&B Introduction: Alfred Martin, Immediate Past National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Keynote Address: Monique Morris, Author of “Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools” and President/Co-Founder of the National Black Women’s Justice Institute

Closing Remarks: Ron Rivlin, Chair, Maryland State Advisory Group

Co-Host Appreciation!

Maryland State Advisory Group

CJJ would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the Maryland SAG for their commitment to the 2016 National DMC Conference. Your financial and programmatic support throughout the planning process was invaluable in producing a high-quality training for your peers. We appreciate your commitment to improving the lives of youth not just in your own state, but across the nation. Thank you!



1:15 pm—1:30 pm

Break

1:30 pm—3:00 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #4

Annapolis

Opportunity Youth and Juvenile Justice: Maryland as a Case Study in Reconnection to Education and Work

This workshop will demonstrate how Maryland is reconnecting youth to education and work, beginning with a general overview of statewide alignment around Opportunity Youth and drilling down into specific strategies for youth involved with juvenile services.

Presenters:

- Christina Church, Policy Analyst, Disconnected/Opportunity Youth, **Governor's Office for Children**
- Jay Cleary, Chief of Staff, Department of Juvenile Services

Baltimore

An Ecological Approach to Risk of DMC

What are the system- and environmental-level factors that may influence risk of DMC and/or juvenile justice system involvement for youth? How can we use data to better understand how to prioritize and target resources to improve outcomes for youth in geographic areas at higher risk for DMC? This session will explore an ecological approach to risk of DMC and juvenile justice involvement by examining societal, organizational, and neighborhood-level determinants of risk, as well as opportunities for prevention. We will present an approach to mapping risk as an ecological factor, rather than as a trait of youth themselves.

Presenters:

- Julie Halverson, Associate Director of Research and Analysis, National Council on Crime & Delinquency

Columbia

Bringing It All Together: How Cross-system Collaboration Can Impact Racial and Ethnic Disparities

This workshop will examine the disparate treatment of youth of color as compared to white youth and the resulting overrepresentation of these youth in the juvenile justice system. The workshop will also examine the relationship between disproportionality in the juvenile justice system and disparate treatment in other youth-serving systems, such as child welfare, education, behavioral health, and law enforcement. Highlighting work underway in two Iowa counties, participants will take away key concepts, values, and foundational elements necessary to begin planning for and implementing reforms.

Presenters:

- Shay Bilchik, Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University
- Hon. Deborah Minot, Judge, Iowa District Six Court
- Shawn Roth, Detective Sergeant, Davenport Police Department, Iowa
- David Tristan, Juvenile Court Officer, Iowa Juvenile Court Services

Frederick

Realizing Youth Justice: Advancing Education, Employment, and Youth Empowerment

This session will explore the role smart public policy and investments can play as an anti-incarceration strategy for young people of color. We will explore how advocates and policymakers at all levels of government can use workforce development, education, training, social-emotional supports, and mental health services to help youth of color connect and reconnect to opportunity before, during, and after contact with the criminal justice system.

Presenters:

- Nia West-Bey, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Law and Social Policy
- Clarence Okoh, Research Assistant, Center for Law and Social Policy

3:00 pm—3:15 pm

Break

3:15 pm—4:45 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #5

Annapolis

The Cost of Justice: Court Costs, Fines, Fees and Restitution and Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System

This workshop will provide a national statutory overview of juvenile justice system costs, fines, fees, and restitution, introduce new research linking such costs with racial disparities, and provide an overview to constitutional requirements and best practices. The workshop will also introduce participants to new resources including a database with state-by-state data, and a report by Juvenile Law Center highlighting key issues.

Presenters:

- Jessica Feierman, Associate Director, Juvenile Law Center
- Whiquitta Tobar, Zubrow Fellow, Juvenile Law Center

Baltimore

Graduated Responses 2.0: New Insights to Support Youth of Color on Probation

Although many states have seen sharp reductions in youth incarceration, reform efforts have not benefitted youth of color to the same degree as white youth. One of the leading reasons for incarceration of youth of color continues to be technical violations of probation or court orders. In this session, participants will learn about new tools and insights that can reduce bias in probation and court practices and promote the success of youth of color in their own communities.

Presenters:

- Roxana Matiella, Director of Alternatives to Incarceration, Center for Children's Law and Policy
- Jennifer Lutz, Staff Attorney, Center for Children's Law and Policy

Columbia

What We Talk About When We Talk About Risk

Today, most systems use risk assessments to inform decisions throughout the progress of a case. **Information describing a person's prior system involvement, social attachments, and relationships** is often used in the risk assessment process. These data are chosen because research has repeatedly shown they are effective measures for estimating a **person's likelihood of a future arrest or adjudication. It is true that these data are often** markers and derivatives of established inequities in our systems and communities, so it is both conscientious and necessary to question how a risk assessment can be used appropriately. Like any other tool, risk assessment instruments are dependent on their users, and they can be misused—as when a **"high risk" score is taken as an individualized** prediction of future behavior or used to automatically justify placement. When used to identify prevention opportunities, however, good risk assessment instruments can be powerful tools to illuminate the structural biases that contribute to racial and ethnic disproportionalities. In this session, participants will learn how to maximize the value of risk assessment as a powerful tool for juvenile justice system improvement.

Presenters:

- Erin Manske, Researcher, National Council on Crime & Delinquency
- Joel Lewis, Senior Researcher/Program Specialist, National Council on Crime & Delinquency

Frederick

Strengthening Relationships Between Law Enforcement and LGBTQ Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Everyone has a role to play in addressing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) youth homelessness. This session will give a comprehensive overview of LGBT homeless youth and their experiences with law enforcement and the juvenile justice system. We will include case examples of how two communities are partnering with local police departments and conclude with an action planning breakout session ensuring that participants walk away with concrete next steps to better serve the LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness.

Presenters:

- Justin Rush, Director of Public Policy, True Colors Fund
- Michael Santos, Attorney, National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty
- Lisa Pilnik, Senior Advisor, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

4:45 pm

Conference Ends

Notes:



Uniform Certificate of Attendance

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About the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ):

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.