



## 2017 CJJ Annual Conference, Hill Day & Council of SAGs Meeting

### Access, Accountability, & Advocacy: Addressing Educational, Physical, and Mental Health Needs in the Juvenile Justice System

#### Wednesday, June 14

##### CJJ Hill Day, CJJ Executive Board Meeting

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 the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Participants are expected to schedule/arrange their own meetings in advance of the conference.

7:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Hill Day Packets available for pick-up**

7:00 am – 7:30 am  
Holmead

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4:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Northwest

**CJJ Executive Board Meeting (closed meeting)**

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

**Thursday, June 15**

Conference Opening, Workshops, CJJ Business Meetings, Awards Luncheon

7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Columbia West

**Registration Open**

7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Columbia West

**Exhibit Hall Open**

7:30 am – 9:00 am  
Columbia West

**Continental Breakfast**

8:00 am – 9:00 am  
Columbia 1

**JJ Specialists Breakfast Meeting (closed meeting)**

8:00 am – 9:00 am  
Columbia 2

**Youth Members (ages 16-24) Welcome Breakfast**  
Hosted by the Emerging Leaders Committee

9:00 am – 10:30 am  
Columbia 5-8

**Conference Welcome & General Session**

**Introduction by:** Naomi Smoot, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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

**Plenary – State Issues TBA**

**Plenary – Adding to Your Toolkit: The Important Role of Educational Advocacy in Juvenile Justice Reform**

During this session, participants will hear about the important role that educational advocacy can play in juvenile justice reform. How can we ensure that opportunity youth get the educational services they need early in life? What role does this play in cutting down on juvenile delinquency? What role can a child's educational needs play in their in-court defense, and how can systems ensure that children receive adequate educational services if they become system-involved or detained?

Presenters:

- Diane Smith Howard, Senior Staff Attorney, National Disability Rights Network
- Jamie Argento Rodriguez, Chief, Community Defender Division, DC Public Defender Service
- Joe Tulman

10:30 am – 10:45 am *Break*

10:45 am – 12:00 pm **Concurrent Workshop Session #1**

### **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Implications for the Juvenile Justice System**

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder [FASD] is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual prenatally exposed to alcohol. These effects, largely invisible, may include mental, behavioral, and or learning disabilities with lifelong implications. This session will highlight available resources on this disability and will offer a strong case for why those in the justice/legal system need to understand the disability and how it impacts the population who appear before them on a daily basis.

#### **Presenters:**

- Judge Susan Carlson, Retired, President and Founder of Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (MOFAS)
- Ruth Richardson, Director of Programs, MOFAS

### **An Evidence-Based, Treatment Oriented, and Developmental Approach for Youth with Substance Use Disorders in the Justice System**

Substance use disorders are both contributing factors and endemic to youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. In 2016 the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines offered a new resource for judges and professional court stakk to more effectively address the needs of youth with substance abuse disorders. This session will focus on how to apply the research base behind the guidelines and will emphasize screening and assessment, evidence-based treatment, court practices and equity of access.

#### **Presenters:**

- Moderator – Leanetta Jesse, Program Manager, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program
- Preeti Menon, Associate Director, American University, Justice Programs Office
- Jennifer Tyson, Research Coordinator, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Program

### **Autism Awareness Training for Law Enforcement and Court Personnel**

The goal of this training is for the law enforcement and court personnel to develop a working understanding of the autism spectrum, the ability to identify a person who may be on the spectrum of a “tool kit” of simple methods of calming and communication with someone with autism a sensitive approach that will guide them in making good choices and achieving the best possible income.

#### **Presenters:**

- Trish Ieraci, Vice President, Providing Relief for Autistic Youth, Inc.

### **Why Storytelling with Data is the Secret Ingredient**

The goal of the training encourage participate to do better, go deeper, and sustain reform through knowledge, skill, and ability building. Attendees will increase their knowledge of how stories and data visualization can be useful tools juvenile justice system improvement by learning specific skills, best practices, and blueprints for visualizing juvenile justice data in graphic and easy-to-understand ways. Attendees will be able to use data to engage stakeholders around system improvements, challenges opportunities, and success.

**Presenters:**

- Colleen Kerwin, Researcher, NCCD
- Erin Manske, Researcher, NCCD
- Moderator – Jesse Russell, Chief Program Officer, NCCD

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm

*Break*

12:15 pm – 2:00 pm  
Columbia 5-8

**CJJ 2017 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.

**Keynote:** Hasan Davis

**Awards:**

- Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award
- National Spirit of Youth Award
- A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award

**Moderator:** Hon. George Timberlake, Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm

*Break*

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

**Concurrent Workshop Session #2**

**Driving Accountability: Solitary Confinement and Juvenile Justice Facilities**

This workshop will cover the harms of solitary confinement for youth and approaches to reduce solitary confinement through the lens of accountability. These approaches include litigation against facilities for using solitary and approaches to reduce solitary using data and assessment. Participants will hear from attorneys regarding litigation over the use of solitary and explore resources to help facilities improve and end solitary confinement.

**Presenters:**

- Karen U. Lindell, Staff Attorney, Juvenile Law Center
- Jennifer Lutz, Attorney, Center for Children’s Law and Policy

**Diverting Girls from the Juvenile Justice System: Integrating Trauma-Informed Therapeutic Services With a Gender-Responsive Approach**

This presentation will introduce attendees to the PACE Peach Program, a unique diversion program that incorporates trauma-informed therapeutic services with a strength-based and gender-responsive approach currently serving six communities in Florida (Broward, Escambia, Hillsborough, Jacksonville, Pasco, and Pinellas). This program was created in response to identified preventative services gaps for girls and to support girls who may not be in contact with the juvenile justice system but are in need of girl-centric services.

**Presenters:**

- Lymari Benitez, Director of Program Evaluation, PACE Center for Girls, Inc.
- Renee Queen, Senior Director of Social Services Programs, PACE Center for Girls, Inc.

**Transforming Youth Justice in Probation, Dual Status Youth and Adolescent Development: Innovative Youth Training and Technical Assistance Available in Your Jurisdiction**

The goal of the workshop is for participants to obtain a clear understanding of the research-based tenets that are supporting current reform and transformational efforts toward best practice and policies that improve juvenile justice system performance and youth outcomes. Additionally, participants will leave the session with an understanding of the critical importance of multi-system and multi-discipline training (inclusive of education, behavioral health, community service providers, judges, prosecutors and public defense) to enhance the likelihood of achieving these important practice and policy advances. The session will also make clear connections for participants about how to access these training and technical assistance opportunities through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and/or directly through the RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice.

**Presenters:**

- John Tuell, Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center

**Raising the Age: Shifting to a Safer and More Effective Juvenile Justice System**

States that raised the age, or are considering a raise the age law change this year have used, or are using a variety of strategies to improve their juvenile justice approach: These approaches include efforts to divert youth from the justice system, make probation and aftercare approaches more effective, address young people's mental health needs outside the deep end of the system, reduce the use of pretrial detention and reducing reliance on facilities, and improving the juvenile justice systems' management of resources.

**Presenters:**

- Jeremy Kitteredge, Research and Policy Associate, Justice Policy Institute
- Marcy Mistrett, Chief Executive Officer, Campaign for Youth Justice
- Moderator, Marc Schindler, Executive Director, Justice Policy Institute

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

*Break*

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

**Concurrent Workshop Session #3**

**Addressing Trauma: Eliminating Strip Searches**

Many juvenile facilities impose strip searches on young people. Research suggests that these practices may traumatize young people, and undermine the rehabilitative goals of the juvenile justice system. Around country, states and facilities have begun to innovate with new the approaches to ensuring the safety of the facility without relying so heavily on strip searches. This workshop will focus on the harms of strip searches in youth facilities, give examples of policy alternatives, describe policy reform efforts, discuss legal challenges, and open a conversation about appropriate next steps to limit reliance on strip searches.

**Presenters:**

- Jessica Feierman, Associate Director, Juvenile Law Center
- Moderator, Karen Lindell, Staff Attorney, Juvenile Law Center
- Melanie Shapiro, Chief Attorney, Juvenile Division, Office of Public Defender, Baltimore City

**The Phoenix Project: Rebuilding Minority Males From the Ashes**

The Phoenix Project is an intervention that helps school districts address the needs of minority males with an Individual Education Plan (I.E.P) to re enter the school system after incarceration. The Phoenix Project assists the school systems with creating community partnerships and resources, life coach/ case manager training, assessments training, cultural awareness curriculum, credit recovery programs, job readiness curriculum, trauma/mental health counseling and job readiness skill development curriculum.

**Presenters:**

- Marella McMillon-Holmes, Child Study Team Social Worker, Trenton Public School

**Graduated Responses 2.0: New Resources and Insights to Help Youth Succeed on Probation**

Many juvenile justice agencies have implemented "graduated responses" for youth on probation. Yet in many jurisdictions, violations of court orders and probation terms still represent the leading reason for youth incarceration. This session will share the next generation of tools and strategies to promote skill-building and positive behavior of youth under juvenile justice supervision, including how to let family members and youth take a leadership role in crafting an effective supervision plan.

**Presenters:**

- Jason Szanyi, Deputy Director, Center for Children's Law and Policy

**The Role of Advocacy: Ensuring Girls and Young Women are a Priority on the Public Policy Agenda**

This workshop will outline the advocacy strategies that resulted in significant public policy and programming successes in Florida that addressed the needs and issues impacting girls and young women. Presenters will raise dialogue among participants about the call to action to ensure that public policies and decision-making not only take into consideration the research and voices and experiences of girls in local communities but create a culture that makes girls a priority.

**Presenters:**

- Vicky Basra, Senior Vice President, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center
- Lawanda Ravoira, President and CEO, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Columbia 1

**DMC Coordinators and CJJ Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee Joint Business Meeting**

All DMC Coordinators and Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee members are invited to attend this joint meeting. It will serve as a forum for those who work on reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact to network, share resources, and discuss emerging issues.

The Ethnic and Cultural Diversity committee ensures that the diversity of race, culture, and ethnicity of youth in the juvenile justice system remains foremost in the minds of CJJ members. Committee members develop juvenile justice system reforms that generate policies and services to resolve disproportionate minority contact (DMC) and racial/ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. The committee acts as an advisor to CJJ on all ethnic and cultural issues.

Facilitated by: Pastor Edward Palmer, Chair, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Columbia 2

### **CJJ Government Relations Committee Meeting**

This committee reviews federal policy issues and questions related to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention on behalf of CJJ and all of its members. It formulates educational documents, including position papers, to represent the views of the SAGs and CJJ members. The committee also organizes CJJ's annual Hill Day and other member training opportunities. They are also tasked with presenting policy recommendations to the CJJ Executive Board and the CJJ Council of SAGs. The committee also serves as a liaison to other national and state organizations working on federal policy.

Facilitated by: Jeff Butts, Chair, Government Relations Committee, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

## **Friday, June 16**

Conference Plenary, Workshops, CJJ Business Meetings, Regional Meetings

7:45 am – 5:00 pm  
Columbia West

### **Registration Open**

7:45 am – 5:00 pm  
Columbia West

### **Exhibit Hall Open**

7:45 am – 10:00 am  
Columbia West

### **Continental Breakfast**

8:15 am – 9:45 am

### **CJJ Regional Breakfast 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.

- **Midwest** – Columbia 1  
Facilitated by: Hon. Michael Mayer, Midwestern Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- **Northeast** – Columbia 2  
Facilitated by: Keith Warner, Northeastern Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- **Southern** – Columbia 3  
Facilitated by: Hon. Steve Teske, Southern Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- **Western** – Columbia 4  
Facilitated by: Stacie Colling, Western Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

9:45 am – 10:00 am

*Break*

10:00 am – 11:30 am  
Columbia 5-8

**General Session**  
**Welcome by: TBA**

**Federal Policy Update**

Eileen Garry, Acting Administrator, OJJDP

**Plenary – A Trauma-Informed Approach: Physical and Mental Health in the Juvenile Justice System**

Juvenile justice involvement can pose a number of physical and mental health obstacles for young people. During this session, participants will hear about ways jurisdictions are working to address unmet mental health needs without referral to the justice system, and how systems are working to better address physical and mental health of diverse populations once young people are involved with the courts.

Presenters:

- Jeannette Pai-Espinosa, President, The National Crittenton Foundation
- Justin Rush, Director of Public Policy, True Colors Fund
- Karli Keator, Director, National Center on Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

*Lunch On Your Own*

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

**Concurrent Workshop Session #4**

**Critical Elements of a Successful Restorative Justice Approach**

Whether used in place of traditional school discipline or in place of traditional juvenile justice adjudication or transition processes, the success of any Restorative Justice approach or model hinges on our attention to five critical components. Participants will gain an understanding of these components and of the developmental neuroscience that underlies them. Tools and strategies for developing a restorative approach or for improving an existing model will be shared.

**Presenters:**

- Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Brunswick School Department

- Page Nichols, Restorative Justice Specialist, The REAL School, Brunswick School Department

**Preventing Unintentional Harm: Understanding Implicit Bias in Juvenile Justice**

This workshop explores how implicit bias can influence decision-making and produce racial disparities within juvenile justice and education contexts. In addition, the workshop introduces a training developed by the Center for Policing Equity (CPE) that provides techniques to limit the impact of implicit bias on judgments and decisions. Overall, the workshop educates participants about how implicit bias can contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline, and introduces training and professional development tools that address this phenomenon.

**Presenters:**

- Nina Crane, Project Coordinator, Juvenile Justice and Education, The Center for Policing Equity
- Moderator, Nicole Johnson-Ahorlu, Director, Juvenile Justice and Education, The Center of Policing Equity
- Summer Robins, Associate Director, Juvenile Justice & Education, The Center for Policing Equity

**Education Access and Advocacy: A Prevention and Reentry Strategy**

School can be pipeline to prison or a path to prosperity, and advocacy can make the difference. This session will explore federal laws that protect students' rights to access, attend and succeed in school, with a focus on students in unstable housing, immigrants, parenting youth, and students with special needs. Through interactive lessons, participants will leave with new tools to advocate for access to school, services to succeed academically, and legislation to strengthen youths' rights.

**Presenters:**

- Patricia Julianelle, Director of Program Advancement and Legal Affairs, SchoolHouse Connection
- Brandy Sincyr, Policy Analyst, Columbia Legal Services

**Whole Child, Whole City: Innovative City Models to Improve Health and Education Outcomes and Keep Young People Of the Juvenile Justice System**

Many if not most young people involved in the juvenile justice system grow up in cities and towns. Juvenile justice agencies and cities that work together stand to reach new heights in supporting positive youth development and public safety. The National League of Cities (NLC) supports city leaders to build, align, and enhance health interventions, educational ecosystems, and law enforcement policies to ensure alignment among city systems that support young people.

**Presenters:**

- Laura Furr, Program Manager, Justice Reform and Youth Engagement, National League of Cities

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

*Break*

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

**Concurrent Workshop Session #5**

**A Toolkit for Legislative and System-Wide Engagement to Identify and Address DMC**

Research has shown time and time again that minority youth are overrepresented within the systems that re intended to serve them. The juvenile justice system is no exception to this trend.

This presentation will outline efforts made by the Administrative Office of the Courts Family and Juvenile Services (FJS) division to address disproportionality and disparity within the juvenile justice system through both agency system and legislative reform.

**Presenters:**

- Rachel Bingham, Executive Officer, Administrative Office of Courts
- Edward Palmer, Chair, Subcommittee for Equity and Justice for all Youth (SEJAY)

**Full Community Collaboration in Service of System-Involved Youth**

This session will explore the Family Partnerships Program in Larimer County, Colorado. The core purpose of this program is to work in partnership with the Court System to maintain delinquent youth with family, in their homes using a wide variety of creative community services to support their unique needs. This program is successful today because of the strong partnership between Juvenile Probation, The Department of Human Services, The District Attorney's Office and the Juvenile Magistrate.

**Presenters:**

- Hava Simmons, Social Casework Manager, Larimer County Department of Human Services
- Dixie Vogel, Juvenile Probation Supervisor, 8th Judicial District, Colorado

**ESSA and Accountability for Educating Students in Juvenile Justice Facilities: Key Considerations**

The new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) asks states to hold all institutions educating students accountable, including schools and programs within juvenile justice facilities. This session will discuss the accountability requirements of new law, highlight promising state examples, and present key considerations for states as they develop their accountability plans.

**Presenters:**

- Jenna Tomasello, Policy Associate, American Youth Policy Forum
- Emily Morgan, Senior Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments Justice Center
- Jennifer Brown Lerner, Deputy Director, American Youth Policy Forum

**“Three Strikes,” Yikes! - Affecting Culture Change in Juvenile Probation**

Across the country, hundreds of thousands of young people each year are placed on probation Supervision, and the outcomes have been inconsistent. There is no conclusive evidence that the traditional and still most prevalent approach to juvenile probation is an effective method for protecting public safety and improving outcomes for youth and families. Learn actionable ways to transform probation by: (1) developing a clear and convincing theory of change; (2) incorporating research and developmentally appropriate approaches to adolescent behavior modification; (3) focusing on incentives rather than sanctions; (4) eliminating racial inequities; and (5) empowering families and communities.

**Presenters:**

- Steve Bishop, Senior Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Erin Manske, Researcher, NCCD

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm

*Break*

4:30 pm – 5:15 pm  
Columbia 1

**CJJ Finance Committee Meeting (closed meeting)**

This committee serves as the financial advisor to the CJJ Executive Board and the CJJ Council of SAGs in all of the organization's financial

affairs, in concert with the Executive Director, including, but not limited to preparing an annual operating budget prior to presentation to the Executive Board; conducting periodic review of all financial reports; facilitating a periodic review of all financial policies; reviewing the work of the audit committee; and designing and ensuring compliance with a general accounting practices and a system of internal accounting controls.

## **Saturday, June 17**

### **Council of SAGs Meeting**

8:00 am – 8:30 am  
Columbia 6&8

#### **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Columbia 6&8

#### **Council of SAGs Meeting & Executive Board Elections**

All conference attendees are welcome to attend this annual meeting of CJJ's policy-setting body, comprising CJJ Member State Advisory Groups.

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

12:30 pm

#### **Conference Closing**