



2017 CJJ Annual Conference

Call for Presentations

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) invites proposals for concurrent workshop sessions to be held **Thursday-Friday, June 15-16, 2017** at its annual conference. Workshop sessions will provide participants a hands-on opportunity to explore the newest research and methods for preventing delinquency, ensuring fairness through all stages of involvement with the justice system, and establishing the best possible outcomes for children and families who do become involved with the juvenile justice system. The Review Committee will select a maximum of 20 proposals for workshops.

CONFERENCE TITLE

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

DATES

Hill Day – June 14

Conference Dates – June 15-16

Council of SAGs Meeting – June 17

LOCATION

[Washington Hilton Hotel](#)

1919 Connecticut Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20009

DESCRIPTION

Each year, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) hosts a national conference uniquely focused on improving juvenile justice and delinquency prevention systems, services, practices, and policies. More than 350 juvenile justice practitioners, policymakers, and advocates from across the U.S. and its territories are expected to attend. For more information about CJJ, please visit www.juvjustice.org.

CJJ's 2017 Annual Conference will focus on the latest research, developments, and challenges facing our field today. Specifically:

- What can be done to help ensure access to educational, physical, and mental health services **before youth come into contact with the juvenile justice system**?
- How can we use what we know about **youth development to improve educational and health services** for young people who are involved with the system?
- What can be done to **ensure systems remain accountable** for providing youth with adequate services?
- What role does **advocacy** play as communities seek to improve services and provide for trauma-informed care for children and youth?

CONTENT

Interactive workshops should be designed to last **75 minutes**. We are particularly interested in proposals that focus on one or more the following topics:

Adolescent Brain Science	Diversion
Special Education Services and Behavioral Interventions	Girls
Gender-Nonconforming Youth	LGBT Youth
Disproportionate Minority Contact/ Racial and Ethnic Disparities	Mental Health
Physical Health	Physical Accommodations (Both in justice facilities and throughout the juvenile justice system.)
Trauma	Reasonable Accommodations
Probation	System Responses for Youth With Special Needs
Status Offenses	School-to-Prison Pipeline (School Engagement)
Dual Status/Crossover Youth	Family and Youth Partnerships/Engagement
Aftercare/Reentry	Prevention
Positive Youth Development	Leadership Development
Juvenile Justice Reinvestment	Special Populations (e.g., trafficked youth)
Tribal Youth	Non-native/Non-fluent English Speakers
Restorative Justice	Conditions of Confinement

Workshops will be slotted into one of four categories:

- **Early Intervention-** workshops in this track will focus on programs that have shown promise in addressing the educational and mental and physical health needs of youth at the earliest stage possible, such as pre-court diversion programs or programs focused on addressing the needs of at-risk youth before they come into contact with law enforcement. *For example, a successful workshop proposal might look at voluntary nurse family partnerships that help at-risk families monitor whether their children are reaching important developmental milestones early in life.*
- **System Reform and Accountability-** workshops in this track will focus on ways that states and local entities are working to better address young people's educational needs as well as their mental and physical health once they come into contact with the system. *For example, a successful workshop proposal might examine how a facility is working with detained youth who are deaf or hard of hearing to ensure they are able to communicate with their peers and staff.*
- **The Role of Youth and Community** – workshops in this track will focus on ways to ensure that youth and communities are given a voice in creating programs and projects that aim to improve access and accountability. *For example, a successful workshop proposal might explain how young people are teaching their peers as part of a "know your rights" program.*
- **Policy and Advocacy** – workshops in this track will focus on providing participants with information or tools that they need to further key change efforts, or how to induce policymakers and others to implement change in juvenile justice practice or systems related to educational services, and youths' mental and physical health needs. *For example, a successful workshop proposal might provide an overview of ways that attorneys or other advocates are working to ensure that clients have access to programs to help address their needs.*

Successful workshop proposals will include the following elements:

- Overview of the issue and its current status supported by data and/or evaluation results
- Learning objectives and tools/resources that will be provided/referenced during the session (e.g., sample memorandum of agreement, agency regulation, legislation, practice toolkit)
- Current and future implications for policy, practice, and/or opportunities for advocacy
- Explanation of the role of key juvenile justice stakeholders or call to action
- Outline of how the content will be presented and use interactive methods

GUIDELINES FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS

All proposals must be submitted [online](#). Please be sure to have the following information ready at the time of submission:

- Suggested title
- 50-75 word abstract
- 500–1,000 word expanded description, which includes:
 - Overview of the issue supported by data and/or evaluation results
 - Learning objectives and take away tools and resources
 - Current and future implications for policy and/or practice
 - Explanation of the role of key juvenile justice stakeholders or call to action
 - Outline of how the content will be presented and use interactive methods
- List of proposed presenters for workshops:
 - Note who will serve as the **Lead Contact** for CJJ correspondence and communications regarding the conference. **NOTE: It is important to provide a backup contact and to notify CJJ staff as soon as possible if a change arises in relation to your presenter lineup.**
 - There is a limit of 2 presenters, plus a moderator. CJJ will assign a moderator if you do not have someone to fill that role.
 - If any presenter is younger than 18, a signed consent form must be provided from their parent or guardian.
- **The following information is required for each proposed presenter and moderator:**
 - Name
 - Title
 - Organization
 - Email
 - Biographical summary (200 words max)

GUIDELINES FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

CJJ is strongly encouraging presenters avoiding using PowerPoint as part of their presentation. Preference will be given to proposals that elect to be AV-free and that highlight hands-on activities to engage audiences. If AV is required, you will be asked for a list of specific audio-visual needs and/or set-up requirements. For suggestions and ideas about going AV-free: <http://bit.ly/2j6PEPY>

If utilizing AV, presenters are responsible for bringing their own laptop to the session. Each session will likely be set-up in rounds, but may switch to theater or classroom-style (depending on the best use of each meeting room), and will be equipped with a head table, projector, and screen. Podiums and microphones will not be available. Presenters may request any of the following AV equipment:

- Flipchart
- Apple VGA adapter, to connect to the projector
- PowerPoint Clicker, to advance slides

- Speakers

CJJ strongly encourages presenters provide/reference resources for replicating efforts system-wide (e.g., sample memorandum of agreement, agency regulation, legislation, practice toolkit, etc.). Presenters can either provide their own handouts (please plan to bring 60 copies). Presenters should arrive 30 minutes prior to their session for set-up.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals will be selected based on:

- Overall relevance to conference theme/tracks
- Added value to the conference as a whole, so that a variety of topics/viewpoints/approaches are represented
- Whether the presentation topic has the potential to be replicated through other state and/or local efforts
- To what extent the proposal provides for active discussion and interactions with the participants (avoiding lecture style information sharing)
- Whether the presentation bring new/fresh content to the CJJ audience

Preference will be given to proposals that:

- Highlight State Advisory Group (SAG) programs, policy work, or engagement strategies
- Involve efforts to meaningfully partner and engage with young people.
- Do not rely on AV

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

To submit, please visit: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2663102/Workshop-RFP>

Proposals must be received by **Friday, February 17, 2017**.

NOTICE OF SELECTION

The Lead Contact will be notified of the Workshop Review Committee's final decision the **week of March 6** via email and/or telephone.

SUPPORT FOR PRESENTERS/REIMBURSEMENTS

CJJ will waive the conference registration for a maximum of two (2) presenters per workshop. All travel, hotel, and per diem costs must be borne by the workshop presenter(s). CJJ is unable to waive registrations for moderators.

CJJ regrets that we cannot provide travel support or honoraria.

QUESTIONS

Contact Jessica Russell Murphy at murphy@juvjustice.org or 202-467-0864, ext. 102.

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.

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