



2018 CJJ Annual Conference, Hill Day & Council of SAGs Meeting

At the Intersections: How Federal, State, and Local Partners Can Work Together to Improve Juvenile Justice

Wednesday, June 27

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

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4:00 pm – 8:30 pm

CJJ Executive Board Meeting (closed meeting)

Facilitated by: Hon. Steve Teske, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Thursday, June 28

Conference Opening, Workshops, CJJ Business Meetings, Awards Luncheon

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Registration Open

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Open

7:30 am – 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

7:45 am – 9:00 am

JJ Specialists Breakfast Meeting (closed meeting)

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Youth Members (ages 16-24) Welcome Breakfast

Hosted by the Emerging Leaders Committee

9:00 am – 10:15 am

Conference Welcome & Awards Recognition

CJJ Welcome and Moderator: Hon. Steve Teske, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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.

Awardees:

- **Sen. Judiciary Chairman Charles Grassley (R-IA)**, Lifetime Child Advocacy Achievement Award
- Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award
- National Spirit of Youth Award
- A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award

10:15 am – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am – 11:45 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #1 (4 workshops)

A. Does Your Policy Promote Racial and Ethnic Equity

How can you ensure that policies are furthering racial and ethnic equity? In this highly interactive workshop, participants will learn what the research on implicit bias teaches us about how to craft racially-equitable policy proposals and what questions to ask as we conduct an assessment of whether a policy is furthering race equity or not.

Participants will engage in large and small group exercises to analyze state policy proposals to determine whether they further race equity.

Presenters:

Liane Rozzell, Senior Policy Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation
Melissa Goemann, Senior Policy Counsel, National Juvenile Justice Network

B. Improving Housing Stability for Justice Involved Youth

This workshop will review efforts in Washington State to improve identification and services for housing needs for youth involved in the justice system. This includes a review of an early warning/risk tool for future housing instability as well as lessons learned from two juvenile jurisdictions about opportunities for improving systems.

Presenters:

Sarah Walker, Research Associate Professor, University of Washington
Carl McCurley, Manager, Washington Center for State Court Research

C. From At-Risk to At-Hope: Youth Led Strategies to Channel Tragedy Into Change

The EVAC Movement is co-led by teacher Amy Donofrio and her students, who are each intimately impacted by Jacksonville, Florida's extreme violence and judicial racial disparity. After a year of inviting officials to their leadership class for in-school collaborations, their label transformed from "at-risk youth" to "at-hope youth leaders" who've spoken at the White House, met President Obama, been in The New York Times, and won Harvard's KIND Schools Challenge. This workshop presents their story and methods for institutions to authentically engage youth voice.

Presenters:

Amy Donofrio, EVAC Teacher and Founder, EVAC Movement
TBA
Moderator, Jay Harris, Pastor of The Ville Church and Co-Founder of EVAC

11:45 pm – 1:00 pm

Boxed lunch: networking and free time

11:45 pm – 1:00 pm

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: Craig Hargrow, CJJ National DMC Coordinator, and Andrew Smith, CJJ Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee Chair

11:45-1:00 pm

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

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #2 (4 workshops)

A. The Criminalization of Students With Special Needs In Schools: How Can We Prevent It

This workshop will examine the criminalization of students with disabilities and special needs. It will explore the case law in which children with disabilities and special needs have been either restrained, detained, and or arrested by police officers while in school. It will also provide school districts with forms of diversion that can be utilized to prevent the arrest of students with disabilities and special needs, especially for students who are arrested for actions that are manifestations of their disability.

Presenters:

Michelle Mbekeani-Wiley, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

Quinn Rallins, Program Director of the Illinois Justice Project

B. Rethinking Our Roots: Public Health as a Foundation for Youth Justice

This session will provide information on how public health can serve as a foundation for building a better youth justice system. The session will cover research on the health impacts of the justice system and strategies for building partnerships and collaborative efforts with county public

health officials and other public health practitioners to address this public health crisis.

Presenters:

Alyson Clements, Director of Advocacy and Membership, National Juvenile Justice Network

Kim Gilhuly, Program Director Health Instead of Punishment, Oakland, Ca.

C. Colorado’s Data-Driven, Evidence-Based Process and Toolkit for Improved Community-Level Outcomes in Juvenile Justice

This session will present a multi-phase Evidenced Based Programs and Practices (EBPP) process and toolkit that provides training and capacity building step by step instructions, templates, and resources to assist community/state partnerships and collaboratives to locate and analyze relevant needs assessment data; interpret and prioritize data for strategic planning; determine the best fit evidenced-based strategy/program that matches prioritized data needs for better outcomes; and finally how to initially track and evaluate your efforts to ensure continuous quality improvement.

Presenters:

Meg Williams, Manager of the Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance, Colorado’s Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Public Safety

Ailala Key, Director of Learning and Development, OMNI Institute

Moderator, Al Estrada, Associate Director for the Colorado Division of Youth Services (DYS)

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #3 (4 workshops)

A. Education, Juvenile Detention, and Intersectionality - The Overlap of Racial Disparities, LGBTQ + (SOGIE) and Special Education Projects

Educating detained youth and ensuring successful transition into community schools is an equity issue. To improve educational outcomes in Juvenile Justice facilities, we must develop the capacity to recognize obstacles embedded within the overlap of racial and ethnic disparities, LGBTQ+ (SOGIE), and special education. This workshop will address promising practices used to address these intersectionalities when providing wraparound services to re-enroll and re-engage students in the most appropriate educational environment.

Presenters:

Scott Ryan, Student Services Coordinator, Multnomah Education Service District

Joseph O'Neil, Transition Specialist, Multnomah Education Service District

B. Framing A Positive Youth Development Approach to Juvenile Crime Prevention

This session will build skill in planning juvenile crime prevention and juvenile justice programs through a positive youth development (PYD) approach. This approach is based on developing a program theory of action that connects youth criminogenic factors with corresponding resiliency factors identified in youth development literature. A special emphasis is placed on creating an effective development context for youth. The workshop will be presented in an interactive format, with an ultimate focus on practical implications.

Presenters:

Mary Elizabeth Arnold, Professor and Youth Development Specialist, Oregon State University

Elizabeth Thorne, VP of Policy and Programs, Cairn Guidance

Moderator, Anya Sekino, Juvenile Crime Prevention Manager, Youth Development Council - Oregon Department of Education

C. If Your Community Puts Cops in Schools, How Do You Do It Right?

Communities around the U.S. are trying to figure out, "If we have a School Resource Officer in our schools, how do we do it right?" This session—presented by a national leader on school-law enforcement partnerships—tackles the tough issues using hands-on exercises and a checklist approach. This interactive session will include the proper roles of SROs, stronger MOUs, and how to select and train SROs so that they can divert youth from justice involvement.

Presenters:

John Rosiak, Principle, Prevention Partnerships

3:45 pm - 5:30 pm

General Session

Welcome: Pastor Edward Palmer, National Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Equitable Outcomes: How Implicit Bias Shapes the Juvenile Justice System

Across the country, youth of color are overrepresented at nearly every point of contact with the justice system. Learn more about the role implicit bias plays in creating these disparities, and how our perception of age, race, gender, and ethnicity, can shape the outcomes young people experience. What is and can be done to address these disparities?

Presenters:

- *Pastor Edward Palmer*, Kentucky State Advisory Group
- *Facilitator, Shay Bilchik*, Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University, McCourt School of Public Policy

Youth Collaboration: Working Together For Meaningful Change

Youth have an important role in improving our juvenile justice system. Their lived expertise has been recognized as essential to State Advisory Groups since the first passage of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Often, however, meaningful collaboration with young people can be a challenge. Learn from youth about what states are doing right, and ways that others can replicate positive youth collaboration.

Presenters:

- *Evelyn Maddox*, Youth Liaison, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services
- *Nicholas Turco*, Emerging Leaders Committee, Colorado State Advisory Group
- Crystal Murillo, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council Member
- *Facilitator, Michelle Diaz*, Emerging Leaders Committee Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Closing Remarks: Naomi Smoot, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Friday, June 29

Conference Plenary, Workshops, CJJ Business Meetings, Regional Meetings

7:45 am – 5:00 pm

Registration Open

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Exhibit Hall Open

7:45 am – 10:00 am

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** – Facilitated by: Hon. Michael Mayer, Midwestern Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- **Northeast** –Facilitated by: Antonia Thompson, Northeastern Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

- **Southern** –Facilitated by: Hon. John Dewese, Southern Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- **Western** – Facilitated by: Stacie Nelson Colling, Western Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

9:45 am – 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am – 11:45 am

General Session

Welcome by: Cecely Reardon, Immediate Past Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Federal Policy Update: Caren Harp, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

State Policy Update: Closing Youth Facilities and Reinvesting in What Works

Kansas and South Dakota have engaged in comprehensive juvenile justice systems improvement in recent years. South Dakota passed legislation in 2015, and Kansas in 2016—both with overwhelming bipartisan support in both legislative bodies. As their out-of-home placement populations have declined, both states have closed a secure facility and reinvested taxpayer resources saved, making evidence-based practices and programs in the community available to youth in every jurisdiction in the states, including rural and other underserved areas. Kansas also discontinued use of most nonsecure group homes after determining that their outcomes were unsatisfactory and that those resources would be better spent on local, community-based programs shown to reduce recidivism. Presenters will share details about how they reached the point of closure and made reinvestment possible, how implementation of their many reforms has been progressing, how data and cross-systems collaboration have contributed to oversight of the reforms, and successes and challenges as the process has unfolded.

Presenters:

- *Moderator: Dana Shoenberg*, Senior Manager, Juvenile Justice, Pew Charitable Trusts, Public Safety Performance Project
- *Greg Smith*, Executive Director, Kelsey Smith Foundation, Inc.
- *TBD*, Kansas Department of Corrections
- *Greg Sattizahn*, State Court Administrator, South Dakota

11:45 am – 1:30 pm

Lunch On Your Own

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

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.

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Optional: Table Talks

Sign up in advance to join us for a new “Table Talk” session. Participants will join in small group discussions about critical issues in juvenile justice, learn more about the issue, and share their personal experiences and challenges as part of a series of guided conversations. Bring your lunch and take part in this facilitated exchange. *Space is limited.*

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #4 (4 workshops)

A. Legislative and Higher Education Partnership for Policy, Education, and Advocacy

This workshop will provide attendees with a framework for how reform in Connecticut has been achieved. Representatives from the state's Legislative and Judicial Branches as well as Juvenile Justice and Child Advocates and State Agency heads demonstrate leadership in policymaking and practice by addressing the intersection of juvenile justice with behavioral health, education, racial and ethnic disparities, youth homelessness, and youth and family engagement in reform efforts. Presenters will share strategies, goals, collaborations, and partnerships that demonstrate CT as a leader in juvenile justice reform. This workshop is a standalone workshop but can be paired with a workshop being proposed and submitted by the Connecticut State Department of Education and the Youth Service Bureaus focused on building a community-based diversion system, which was one of reform efforts that born out of the Juvenile Justice Policy Oversight Committee legislative work.

Presenters:

Erika Nowakowski, Director, Tow Youth Justice Institute

Brian Hill, Director of Administration State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division

B. Improving Outcomes For Young Adults: Do's and Don'ts Based on Cross-Discipline Research Findings

Advances in brain science have led to a growing recognition that young adults are developmentally distinct and require a unique set of responses to achieve improved outcomes. However, there is little evidence from the justice system to guide jurisdiction reforms. This workshop will identify research and lessons learned from multiple disciplines and leading jurisdictions that agencies and practitioners can use to guide reforms

directed at improving outcomes for young adults in the juvenile justice system.

Presenters:

Emily Morgan, Director of Content Development, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Jacob Angus-Kleinman, Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments Justice Center

C. Girls In the Juvenile Justice System

Over the last decade, successful reforms have reduced the number of youth in juvenile custody by 50 percent nationwide — largely by sharply reducing confinement for low - risk offenses. Despite this decrease, girls' incarceration is still declining at a slower rate than boys', with a vast majority of girls' incarcerations resulting from behavior that poses no public safety risk. The juvenile justice field systematically lacks alternatives to incarceration that would support girls in their communities and keep girls out of custody for non-violent, low-risk offenses. Addressing these disparities is a particularly urgent need for girls of color and LGBT/gender nonconforming (GNC) youth who disproportionately bear the burdens of Incarceration.

Presenters:

Michelle Diaz, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee National Chair

Alyssa Beck, Advocacy Specialist, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center

Moderator, Kate Sanchez, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center and Coalition for Juvenile Justice Emerging Leaders Committee

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #5 (4 workshops)

A. The Florida Network: A Coordinated Response to the Needs of Youth Charged With Status Offenses

The Florida Network has been successful in connecting federal, state, and local partnerships and resources to achieve a statewide coordinated response to status offenders. The Florida legislature annually appropriates nearly \$40 million to these services which are overseen by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice but managed by the Florida Network. Key to the success has been the over 40-year history the Network has in meeting challenges and overcoming obstacles.

Presenters:

John Roberts, Program Services Director, Florida Network of Youth and Family Services, Florida Network of Youth and Family Services

Jennifer Abdullah, Data Analyst, Florida Network of Youth and Family Services

Moderator, Stacy Gromatski, President and CEO, Florida Network of Youth and Family Services

B. Integrating Adolescent Brain Science and Positive Youth Development Principles: An Overview of “Opportunity Based Supervision”

Opportunity Based Probation (OBP) is a probation model that integrates adolescent-development science into day-to-day supervision practices. This workshop presents an overview of the development and implementation of OBP in Pierce County, WA, and to-date pilot evaluation data. Panelists discuss how OBP employs goal setting, rewards systems, and structured parental engagement to scaffold positive collective growth among youth and families. They will also review successes of current practices, and lessons for future model development.

Presenters:

Kate Pearson, Juvenile Probation Officer, Pierce County Juvenile Court
Esteban Valencia, Research Analyst, University of Washington School of Medicine

Moderator, Angie Thompson, Field Probation Supervisor, Pierce County Juvenile Court

C. A Kentucky Response to Addressing Disproportionality and Disparity

The state of Kentucky has identified Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) across its child serving agencies. Black youth are overrepresented in charges, arrests, school discipline, child protective reporting, out of home care placements, DJJ commitments and emancipation. They are simultaneously underrepresented in mental and behavioral treatment as well as successful diversion outcomes.

Presenters:

Rachel Bingham, Executive Director, Administrative Office of the Courts
The Rev. Edward Palmer, Chair for the Kentucky Subcommittee on Equity and Justice for All Youth (SEJAY)

Saturday, June 30

Council of SAGs Meeting

8:00 am – 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

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: Hon. Steve Teske, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

12:30 pm

Conference Closing