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Former CJJ Executive Board Member, Meg Williams, Speaks at Congressional Hearing on JJDPA

Meg Williams, who serves as Colorado's Juvenile Justice Specialist and is a former CJJ Executive Board Member, recently spoke before the House Education and Workforce Committee's Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

During her Feb. 15 remarks, Meg outlined the JJDPA's core requirements and noted that the Act remains critical to our youth and communities.



"So far, I have painted for you a picture showing that, at least in Colorado, we have been doing fairly well, or at least making positive strides in many areas, and you are likely wondering, 'well, do you still need the JJDPA? Do you still need support from the federal government?' I am here to say that the answer is vehemently yes," Williams said.

Last week's hearing was held to help educate new committee members on the JJDPA. A similar hearing is scheduled to take place Feb. 28 in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

In 2016, the House passed a bill that would have reauthorized the JJDPA. Similar legislation did not make it through the Senate. It is anticipated that the JJDPA will be considered for reauthorization in the 115th Congress. Stay tuned for updates!

CJJ Announcements

Calling All Youth: Apply Today for Police-Youth Engagement Institute

CJJ encourages young people ages 16-23 to apply to participate in our upcoming institute on police-youth engagement. The event is being held in early May and will take place in Charlotte, NC. This two-day institute will bring together youth and law enforcement from across the country to share their stories and improve police-youth dialogues.

This project is funded through the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#), and is being undertaken in partnership with the [International Association of Police](#).

[Click here](#) to learn more.

"Collaborating for Change: Addressing Youth Homelessness and Juvenile Justice"

Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 3 PM Eastern to learn how community collaborations between service providers, cities, government agencies, schools, and other key stakeholders can help ensure youth are not criminalized because they experience homelessness, or that they do not become homeless as a result of their involvement with the juvenile justice system. This webinar will highlight key policy recommendations from an upcoming report from the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, in partnership with the [National Network for Youth](#) and the [National League of Cities' Institute for Youth, Education, and Families](#). The project was

made possible through funding from the [Raikes Foundation](#), the [Tow Foundation](#), and the [Melville Charitable Trust](#).

To learn more, or register, please [click here](#).

2017 Annual Conference: Registration is Open!

The 2017 Annual Conference, "[Access, Accountability, & Advocacy: Addressing Educational, Physical, and Mental Health Needs in the Juvenile Justice System](#)" will take place June 14-17, 2017 at the

Washington Hilton Hotel, in Washington, D.C. This conference will bring together stakeholders from across the country to talk about ways to better address children's needs before they become involved in the

system and to make sure that children receive quality care if they do become involved with the juvenile justice system.



Register in February to Receive the Early Bird Discount: SAVE \$60!

[Register](#) between now and Feb. 28th to receive the Early Bird Registration Rate! All participants that register as non-members will receive a complimentary 2017 CJJ membership.

Become a Sponsor

CJJ invites all individuals and organizations to [sponsor](#) the Annual Conference. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; therefore, sponsorship may be partly or wholly tax-deductible. Sponsors will be acknowledged in the conference program and on CJJ's website, and eligible to receive a complimentary or discounted CJJ membership.

Exhibit at the Conference

This year, CJJ also has a limited number of [exhibitor spaces](#) available. Exhibiting at CJJ's Annual Conference allows your organization an even greater opportunity to reach CJJ's members, partners, and other juvenile justice stakeholders. Exhibitors receive exhibit space, waived conference registration(s), acknowledgement in the conference program and on CJJ's website, a complimentary or discounted CJJ membership, and additional benefits depending on their support level.

Hotel Accommodations

A conference room block is available at the [Washington Hilton Hotel](#). The group rate is \$242/night, the federal per diem lodging rate for Washington, DC.

Nominate a Leader in Juvenile Justice for Our 2017 Awards!

CJJ is currently accepting nominations for the [2017 Spirit of Youth Award](#), as well as our [2017 Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award](#), and our [2017 A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award](#). Nominations for all awards are due by Friday, Feb. 24. Consider nominating a leader in juvenile justice today!

Questions?

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Missouri Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

Each issue, CJJ is pleased to highlight the latest news and innovations of its members!

[Missouri's Juvenile Justice Advisory Group](#) is making strides to fulfill the philosophical commitments of their three year plan. As part of this effort, the group is supporting a series of Implicit Bias statewide trainings. Throughout 2017 the [Missouri Juvenile Justice Association](#) will partner with Northwest Missouri State University's [Dr. Juanita Simmons](#).

Dr. Simmons' presentations will focus on the design and purpose of the Implicit Bias training. Topics will include how perceptions can influence organizational and institutional climate, and discretionary decisions that directly impact the welfare of others. A discussion of Institutional Inequity, Discretionary Decision Making, and Juvenile Incarceration and the Prison Pipeline are among the topics for each presentation.

Dr. Simmons is Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Northwest Missouri State University. Her research agenda focuses on race, gender, class, and equity in organizations and institutions. She is the author of numerous publications and is currently under contract for her upcoming book, *Emancipatory Leadership* (2017) with Information Age Publishers. She is a former public school teacher and administrator.

Federal Policy Updates

OJJDP's new partial final rule will take effect on March 21, 2017. The Rule was originally scheduled to become effective on February 16, 2017. However, in accordance with an order from President Donald Trump's administration implementation of this and other rules was temporarily delayed.

The regulation establishes a new methodology for determining compliance with the JJDP's core requirements related to jail removal, sight and sound separation, and deinstitutionalization of status offenders. The rule also clarifies that for purpose of the sight and sound separation and jail removal requirements, a child is considered detained whenever he or she is not free to leave. An exception to this rule exists in instances where the child is being held temporarily while waiting for their parents or a social services agency to pick them up.

OJJDP Announces Acting Administrator

Eileen Garry has been named Acting Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Ms. Garry has more than 20 years of service with OJJDP. She will serve as head of the agency until the new Administration appoints a permanent Director of OJJDP.

Other News and Announcements

CONFERENCE: The [National Crittenton Foundation](#) invites you to attend "In Solidarity We Rise: Healing, Opportunity and Justice for Girls," on October 11-13, 2017 in Washington, DC. Attendees from across the country will have the opportunity to learn how to better support girls and young women, forge new alliances, and strengthen the movement in support of girls and young women.

Central to the "In Solidarity" conference is the leadership and engagement of girls and young women, alongside learning, strategizing, and connecting opportunities that are creative, intersectional, and multigenerational. There will be pre-conference intensives, workshops, and more - all full of surprises!

[Click here](#) for more information.

ABA LEGAL NETWORK ON HOMELESSNESS: The [American Bar Association](#) (ABA) is creating a Homeless Youth Legal Network to increase legal services for youth and young

adults experiencing homelessness. This Network will provide information and foster collaboration in order to help attorneys and other advocates address existing gaps in legal services, and improve outcomes for homeless youth and young adults-including those transitioning from the child welfare system and exiting the juvenile justice system.

The ABA is currently looking to connect with attorneys, as well as legal and youth-serving organizations, to identify professionals who may wish to participate in the Network and to determine the current scope of legal services provided to homeless youth across the country. (This includes civil legal matters, juvenile and criminal defense, and policy work/impact litigation for minors as well as young adults through at least age 25.)

The ABA invites attorneys/legal offices representing homeless youth, those who work on policy advocacy on behalf of homeless youth, and homeless youth-serving organizations that partner with legal providers or are interested in partnering with legal providers, to complete a brief survey at <http://bit.ly/2jwUWme> and sign up to be part of our listserv by emailing hyn@americanbar.org.

NEW PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCE:

- [Impact Justice](#) and the [National Center for Lesbian Rights](#) have created a new guide that provides information on how to best serve LGBTQ and gender nonconforming youth in the juvenile justice system. [Click here](#) to download a copy of the guide.
- The [Vera Institute of Justice](#) recently released a report on the New York City Housing Authority's use of exclusions for people with criminal records. To learn more about the report [click here](#).
- The [CSG Justice Center](#) has published a new [Juvenile Justice Research-to-Practice Implementation Resources](#), with support from OJJDP. These online resources provide juvenile justice agency managers, staff, and other practitioners with concrete strategies, tools, examples, and best-practice models to help them implement research-based policies and practices and improve outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system.
- A new poll released by [Youth First](#) shows that 78 percent of Americans favor keeping young people out of prisons and instead prefer community-based alternatives that are proven to lead to better outcomes. To learn more [click here](#).

CJJ invites you to share news from your SAG, organization, state, or region! Inclusion and editing of submissions are subject to CJJ editorial guidelines.

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