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## Final Federal Budget for FY17 Includes Modest Decrease for JJDPA

Federal lawmakers approved a budget earlier this month that will carry the government through the end of Fiscal Year 2017. Juvenile justice programs saw a slight decrease under this budget deal, which was released May 1. Funding for [Title II](#) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) decreased from \$58 million in FY16 to \$55 million in the final FY17 budget. Funding for JJDPA's [Title V](#) was cut from \$17.5 million to \$14.5 million.

Funds allocated under Title V were earmarked as follows:

- \$4,000,000 for gang and youth violence education, prevention and intervention, and related activities;
- \$500,000 for an Internet site providing information and resources on children of incarcerated parents;
- \$2,000,000 for competitive grants focusing on girls in the juvenile justice system; and
- \$8,000,000 for community- based violence prevention initiatives, including for public health approaches to reducing shootings and violence.



Mentoring funds decreased \$10 million in FY17, compared to the FY16 budget. Mentoring funds are currently \$80 million, the lowest they have been since FY12.

For the fourth year, funding was not included in the federal budget for the [Juvenile Accountability Block Grant](#) program. For additional details about program funding levels and how they have changed over time, please click [here](#).

Congress has already begun discussing the FY18 budget. Tell your lawmaker that federal investments in juvenile justice are essential! Contact your representative [here](#).

## CJJ Announcements

Join CJJ for the second webinar in our series on eliminating racial and ethnic disparities. We will host "[Racial and Ethnic Disparities: Communities in Action](#)," on May 25 at 2 p.m. Eastern. This session will allow viewers to understand how to work with their states to implement data-driven reforms that reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. Presenters include Jason Szanyi, Deputy Director of the Center for Children's Law and Policy, Shay Bilchik, Director of Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, and Valerie LaMotte, Juvenile Justice Specialist and DMC Coordinator from Connecticut.

In June, we will help members better understand restorative justice. Restorative justice is a rapidly expanding, inclusive approach that involves all members of the community affected by a crime. Register today for our "[Integrating Restorative Justice Principles and Practices Within Juvenile Justice](#)" webinar on June 5 at 3 p.m. Eastern to learn how to implement a practical framework to expand restorative justice practices in your community.

All CJJ webinars are free for members.

## Join us in for the 2017 Annual Conference!



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.

### Registration Extended to May 26!

[Register](#) by May 26th to attend our Annual Conference! All participants that register as non-members will receive a complimentary 2017 CJJ membership.

### Help Support Our Youth

Each year, CJJ recognizes an outstanding youth who has overcome great obstacles to become an advocate in the juvenile justice field. This year, we will again be recognizing a Spirit of Youth awardee and providing them with a scholarship. To contribute to the Spirit of Youth Award, please click [here](#).

### 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.

### Questions?

Please [click here](#) or email [info@juvjustice.org](mailto:info@juvjustice.org).

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## Member and Partner News

### Kentucky Seeks to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities

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

In February 2017, State Senator Whitney Westerfield filed Senate Bill 20, a bill aimed at improving data collection by establishing uniform race categories for all agencies and promoting the use of evidence-based training for juvenile justice staff. The bill focused on better tracking and consistent measurement of data to allow agencies to make informed decisions on how to address the harsher treatment some groups of youth experience. The bill will also require agencies to share efforts underway to address disparities in opportunity.

The bill made the rounds during the session and the Kentucky Juvenile Justice Advisory Board (JJAB) and Subcommittee for Equity and Justice for All Youth (SEJAY), rallied community support. If passed, the bill would attempt to impact DMC and provide better outcomes for youth.

Although the JJAB's attempt to pass this landmark legislation fell short, Pastor Edward Palmer reports that they did receive agreement from policy makers to fulfill the most critical functions of the proposed legislation. The Administration Office of the Courts (AOC) has committed to conduct racial equity assessments. The Department of Juvenile Justice is exploring the possibility of expanding staff training to include racial and ethnic disparities. Other agencies are evaluating the impact of policies and practices to assess their impact and efficacy with minority populations.

Pastor Palmer will share additional information about this initiative during his workshop at CJJ's Annual Conference.

## Other News and Announcements

### **Congratulations Graduates!**

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice would like to congratulate our members who are graduating this year!

South Carolina State Advisory Group youth member, Kerry Barrowclough, will be graduating from Fort Mill High School in Fort Mill, SC. Maryland State Advisory Group members Zachary Caplan and Zara Schwartz will both be graduating from Towson High School in Baltimore County, Maryland.

Congratulations as well to Ocie Hunter Jr., Arkansas' Grant Analyst, who will be graduating with his Master's Degree in Human Resources from Webster University.

We wish these, and our other graduates, all the best!

### **EVENTS AND TRAININGS**

#### **The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) Has Released Requests for Applications for Two Upcoming Certificate Program Trainings:**

The third annual [School-Justice Partnerships Certificate Program](#) will run from September 25-29, 2017 in partnership with the American Institutes for Research. The training will highlight the experiences of local youth and expert practitioners nationwide, as well as provide in-depth training on school-based and cross-system policies and practices, culture change and leadership, and family, youth and community engagement. Applications are due by June 23, 2017.

The inaugural [Supporting the Well-Being of System-Involved LGBTQ Youth Certificate Program](#) will run from October 17-20, 2017 at Georgetown in partnership with the National Center for Lesbian Rights and Impact Justice. The curriculum will focus on the challenges faced by LGBTQ youth in child-serving systems (including juvenile justice, child welfare, education and behavioral health) as well as strengths and protective factors common to the population, and will highlight effective policy and practice reforms that promote positive youth development and take a holistic approach to addressing their needs. Applications are due by July 7, 2017.

Both Certificate Programs will be held at Georgetown University, and leaders from juvenile justice, child welfare, education, behavioral health, community organizations and other child-serving partners are encouraged to apply. Join the movement and [apply today!](#)

### **Mentoring Sexually Exploited Youth**

Join OJJDP and MENTOR: The National Mentor Partnership for a webinar on May 18th at 1 p.m. Eastern, to discuss commercial sexual exploitation of youth and the value of mentoring services. This webinar will discuss distinct program considerations for mentoring youth victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Register [today](#) for "[The Restorative Power of Mentoring for Sexually Exploited Youth.](#)"

### NCJFCJ 80th Annual

Don't miss out on the Early Bird Deadline, May 31, for the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges \(NCJFCJ\) 80th Annual Conference](#) at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C. held on June 16-19. The four day conference will address family law, juvenile justice, and child welfare from various perspectives. Make sure to register for the conference [here](#).

### Gender-Responsive Care

Attend the National Covington Curriculum Conference, hosted by the Connecticut Women's Consortium, and choose between behavioral health, mental health, trauma treatment, and criminal justice topics and how to address gender-responsive care. The conference will take place on June 6-8 at the Mystic Marriott in Groton, CT. Learn more and register for the conference [here](#).

### Transforming School to Prison Pipeline

The 'School to Prison Pipeline' refers to the policies that push children out of school and into contact with the juvenile justice system, including zero tolerance policies and the failure to address behavioral issues through effective strategies. Attend "[Transforming the Special Education Pipeline to Prison Conference 2017.](#)" hosted by THINK+change Talks Training Tools, on June 20-21 at the Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows in Lone Tree, Colorado. Register for the 2017 conference [here](#).

### Ending Homelessness

The National Alliance welcomes you to attend the 2017 National Conference on [Ending Homelessness and Capitol Hill Day](#) on July 17-19 at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C. The Funder Institute's new extended format will allow for more funder-related content and networking opportunities.

### Housing Not Handcuffs

Sidley Austin, LLP is hosting the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty's "[Housing Not Handcuffs: National Forum on the Human Right to Housing.](#)" on June 6-7 at Washington, D.C. The event will address the criminalization of homelessness and the need for adequate housing. Speakers include Naomi Smoot, CJJ Executive Director.

### NEW PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES:

- The National Juvenile Defender Center released [Access Denied: A National Snapshot of States' Failure to Protect Children's Right to Counsel.](#)
- Georgetown Law's Center on Poverty and Inequality has released [Gender & Trauma-Somatic Interventions for Girls in Juvenile Justice: Implications for Policy and Practice.](#)

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

Contact the editor!

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