

# Coalition for Juvenile Justice Youth Summit



August 2-3, 2016  
Washington, DC

# Tuesday, August 2

## Summit Opening and Plenaries

**7:30 am – 3:00 pm** Registration Table Open

**8:30 am – 9:00 am** Breakfast (provided)

**9:00 am – 10:00 am** **Summit Opening**

### **CJJ Welcome**

Marie Williams, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

### **CJJ National Youth Committee Welcome**

Hernan Carvente, Chair, National Youth Committee, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**10:00 am – 11:15 am** **Juvenile Justice 201**

This session will go beyond an introduction to juvenile justice; it will delve into the history and transition of juvenile justice systems from where they were to where they are now, and how they got there.

Presenters:

- Jason Szanyi, Director of Institutional Reform, the Center for Children’s Law and Policy
- Nadia Seeratan, Senior Staff Attorney and Policy Advocate, National Juvenile Defender Center

**11:15 am – 11:30 am** Break

**11:30 am – 12:45 am** **Grassroots and Grasstops: Pathways to Advocacy**

This session will explore the difference between activism and advocacy and how to affect change with both. It will help participants to identify key pressure points in the reform process.

Presenters:

- Liz Ryan, President and CEO, Youth First

**12:45 pm – 1:45 pm** Lunch (provided)

**1:45 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Reforming the System: An Insider’s Perspective**

This session will give an inside look into how to affect change from within, including the pathways and obstacles to reform. Participants will gain a greater understanding of potential allies to look for in systems, as well as the parameters within which systems function.

Presenters:

- Gladys Carrión, Commissioner, New York City Administration for Children’s Services

**3:00 pm – 3:15 pm**

Break (snack provided)

**3:15 pm – 4:45 pm**

**Using Your Voice: Advocacy in Action!**

Summit attendees will participate in a skill-building workshop conducted by Split This Rock, a diverse group of poets who strive to represent the great stylistic diversity of American poetry today, presenting poetry of all styles on a single stage. The session will focus on spoken word and poetry and how they can be used to advocate for reform.

Presenters:

- Joseph Green, Acting Youth Programs Coordinator, Split this Rock

**4:45 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Day 1 Wrap Up**

**5:00 pm – Evening**

Dinner on your own / free time

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee Meeting** (closed meeting)

# Wednesday, August 3

## Workshops and Town Hall Forum

**7:30 am – 3:00 pm** Registration Table Open

**8:00 am – 8:30 am** Breakfast (provided)

**8:30 am—10:00 am** **Thematic Working Groups** (breakfast provided)  
Conference attendees will break into the following working groups where they will learn more about these topics and develop a plan for how to harness the youth voice and perspective to enhance juvenile justice reform.

### School-to-Prison Pipeline

Facilitators:

- Dwanna Nicole, Senior Policy Advocate, Advancement Project
- Miguel Garcia, Counselor, Riverside County Juvenile Justice and Prevention Committee

### Aftercare and Reentry

Facilitator: Jenny Collier, Project Director, Robert F. Kennedy Juvenile Justice Collaborative

### Youth and Police Relations

Facilitators:

- Benjamin Saldana, Actor, Creative Youth Productions
- Evan Riddick, Commissioner, Philadelphia Police Advisory Commission

**10:00 am—10:15 am** Break (snack provided)

**10:15 am—11:45 am** **Thematic Working Groups**  
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### Mental Health and Trauma

Facilitators:

- Lisa Pilnik, Senior Advisor, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- Shadai Simmons, Youth Development Coordinator, Ready for Life

Status Offenses

Facilitator: Naomi Smoot, Senior Policy Associate, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Racial and Ethnic Disparities

Facilitator: Jessica Sandoval, Vice President and Deputy Director, Campaign for Youth Justice

**11:45 am—12:30 pm** Lunch (provided)

**12:30 pm—1:30 pm** **Working Groups Report Out/Town Hall Forum**

Chosen representatives of sessions from both days will briefly report out on the reflections and recommendation of their working groups. Participants will gain an understanding of how their work in these groups is the first step to continued engagement with the Coalition for Juvenile Justice on these issues.

Facilitators:

- Hernan Carvente, National Youth Committee Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- Audrey Eisemann, Project Associate, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**1:30 pm—1:35 pm** **Closing Remarks**

**1:45 pm** Bus Departs for Hill Activity

**2:45 pm** Bus Departs for Tour of Monuments

**3:00 pm—4:00 pm** **Juvenile Justice Hill Activity** (Optional)

**3:00 pm—5:15 pm** **Free Time to Explore DC Monuments** (Optional)

**4:15 pm** Bus Departs from Capitol Visitors Center

**5:30 pm** Bus Departs from DC Monuments