Coalition for Juvenile Justice Presents

June 14-17, 2017
Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC

2017 Annual Conference, Council of State Advisory Groups
Meeting & Hill Day

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

On behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Executive Board, Council of State Advisory Groups (SAGs), our members, staff, and allies, we welcome you to our 2017 Annual Conference: “Access, Accountability, & Advocacy: Addressing Educational, Physical, and Mental Health Needs in the Juvenile Justice System.” Our goal for you is to leave this conference well-informed, motivated, and connected with colleagues from across the country.

This year’s conference will focus on the ways we can work together across sectors to ensure that young people who come in contact with the justice system, or who are at risk of coming in contact with the justice system, receive the services they need to lead safe and productive lives. CJJ has assembled exciting panels, speakers, and workshops that will delve into key issues related to health and education, how practitioners and stakeholders can use new research to improve outcomes for youth, and how intersections in these areas impact the core work of juvenile justice agencies and stakeholders.

We extend our deep appreciation to the thoughtful and hardworking members and partners who helped plan this conference. Our gratitude goes out to the CJJ Government Relations Committee for organizing CJJ’s Annual Hill Day, to the CJJ Executive Board and Nominating Committee for organizing the elections and Council of SAGs Meeting, and to the Workshop Review Committee for selecting dynamic sessions for conference attendees.

Please be sure to join colleagues and friends as we honor three exceptional individuals during Thursday’s Awards Luncheon. Each year, CJJ receives an abundance of superb nominees and we appreciate the careful and difficult decisions made by the Awards Committee in selecting these worthy recipients of CJJ’s highest honors.

The 2017 CJJ Annual Conference would not be possible without our generous sponsors. CJJ is grateful to these individuals and organizations for their contributions. We would particularly like to thank the Justice Resource Institute, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Pew Charitable Trusts Public Safety Performance Project for their generous support. A full list of conference supporters is available on the back cover of this program.

Most of all, we thank you for joining us.

Cecely Reardon (MA)
CJJ National Chair

Naomi Smoot
Executive Director
Wednesday, June 14

CJJ Hill Day, CJJ Executive Board Meeting

Conference 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 to urge them to act on the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) and other CJJ policy priorities.

7:00 am—1:00 pm  
Holmead  
**Hill Day Packets available for pick-up**

7:00 am—7:30 am  
Holmead  
**Skill Building: Hill Day Training**  
Discuss talking points on current state/federal issues, juvenile justice funding, and JJDPA reauthorization with CJJ staff prior to your Hill Day visits. This training is being offered twice.

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4:00 pm—8:00 pm  
Morgan  
**CJJ Executive Board Meeting (closed meeting)**  
Facilitated by: Cecely Reardon, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Thursday, June 15

Conference Opening, Workshops, Awards Luncheon

8:00 am—5:00 pm  
Columbia West  
**Registration Open/Exhibit Hall Open**

7:30 am—9:00 am  
Columbia West  
**Continental Breakfast**

7:45 am—9:00 am  
Columbia 1  
**JJ Specialists Breakfast Meeting (closed meeting)**

8:00 am—9:00 am  
Columbia 2  
**Youth Members (ages 16-24) Welcome Breakfast**  
Hosted by the Emerging Leaders Committee
Conference Welcome & General Session

Introduction by: Cecely Reardon, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Implementation Successes: Achieving Better Outcomes from Juvenile Justice Reforms

In recent years, a number of states have adopted comprehensive, data-driven juvenile justice reform legislation designed to improve outcomes for youth and reinvest resources into more effective interventions. Ensuring these reforms achieve their intended objectives, however, requires effective and data-driven implementation. Leaders from Georgia and Kentucky will speak about the implementation successes and challenges they have experienced over the last few years. We will also hear about Utah’s recent reforms to reduce the number of youth who are removed from their homes, and keep certain youth, like truants, out of the juvenile justice system altogether. Each state has received technical assistance from the Pew Charitable Trusts Public Safety Performance Project and the Crime and Justice Institute at CRJ in partnership with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Presenters:
- Rachel Bingham, Executive Officer, Kentucky Department of Family and Juvenile Services
- Pamela Vickrey, Executive Director, Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys
- Joe Vignati, Deputy Commissioner, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
- Moderator — Pamela Lachman, Senior Associate, Crime and Justice Institute at CRJ

Plenary – Adding to Your Toolkit: The Important Role of Educational Advocacy in Juvenile Justice Reform

During this session, participants will hear about the important role that educational advocacy can play in juvenile justice reform. How can we ensure that opportunity youth get the educational services they need early in life? What role does this play in cutting down on juvenile delinquency? What role can a child’s educational needs play in their in-court defense, and how can systems ensure that children receive adequate educational services if they become system-involved or detained?

Presenters:
- Maura McInerney, Esq., Senior Attorney, Education Law Center
- Jamie Argento Rodriguez, Chief, Community Defender Division, DC Public Defender Service
- Hon. Mary Grace Rook, Magistrate Judge, D.C. Superior Court
- Joe Tulman, Professor of Law and Director, Took Crowell Institute for At-Risk Youth
- Moderator — Naomi Smoot, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

10:30 am—10:45 am

Break

10:45 am—12:00 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #1

Columbia 1

A. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Implications for the Juvenile Justice System

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder [FASD] is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual prenatally exposed to alcohol. These effects, largely invisible, may include mental, behavioral, and or learning disabilities with lifelong implications. This session will highlight available resources on this disability and will offer a strong case for why those in the justice/legal system need to understand the disability and how it impacts the population who appear before them on a daily basis.
B. An Evidence-Based, Treatment Oriented, and Developmental Approach for Youth with Substance Use Disorders in the Justice System

Substance use disorders are both contributing factors and endemic to youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. In 2016 the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines offered a new resource for judges and professional court staff to more effectively address the needs of youth with substance abuse disorders. This session will focus on how to apply the research base behind the guidelines and will emphasize screening and assessment, evidence-based treatment, court practices and equity of access.

Presenters:
- Moderator – Leanetta Jessie, Program Manager, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program
- Zoe Root, Senior Policy Counsel, American University, Justice Programs Office
- Jennifer Tyson, Research Coordinator, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Program

C. Autism Awareness Training for Law Enforcement and Court Personnel

The goal of this training is for law enforcement and court personnel to develop a working understanding of the autism spectrum, the ability to identify a person who may be on the spectrum. Participants will receive a “tool kit” of simple methods of calming and communication with someone with autism, a sensitive approach that will guide them in making good choices and achieving the best possible income.

Presenters:
- Trish Ieraci, Vice President, Providing Relief for Autistic Youth, Inc.

D. Runaway and Homeless Youth: How RHYA Can Help Support Young People Who Are Justice Involved

Each year between 1.6 and 2.8 million young people run away from home. Many of these youth will come into contact with the justice system. Join us to learn how the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act can help justice-involved youth, and to better understand ways to ensure youth experiencing homelessness receive the educational and health supports they need to thrive.

Presenters:
- Darla Bardine, Executive Director, NN4Y
- Eric Masten, Director of Public Policy, NN4Y

Break
CJJ 2017 Awards Luncheon

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. The full awards program is available online at: http://bit.ly/2sj4Crc.

Keynote: Hasan Davis

Awards:
- Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award
- National Spirit of Youth Award
- A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award

Moderator: Alfred Martin, Immediate Past Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Break

Concurrent Workshop Session #2

A. Driving Accountability: Solitary Confinement and Juvenile Justice Facilities

This workshop will cover the harms of solitary confinement for youth and approaches to reduce solitary confinement through the lens of accountability. These approaches include litigation against facilities for using solitary and approaches to reduce solitary using data and assessment. Participants will hear from attorneys regarding litigation over the use of solitary and explore resources to help facilities improve and end solitary confinement.

Presenters:
- Karen U. Lindell, Staff Attorney, Juvenile Law Center
- Jennifer Lutz, Attorney, Center for Children’s Law and Policy

B. Diverting Girls from the Juvenile Justice System: Integrating Trauma-Informed Therapeutic Services With a Gender-Responsive Approach

This presentation will introduce attendees to the PACE Peach Program, a unique diversion program that incorporates trauma-informed therapeutic services with a strength-based and gender-responsive approach currently serving six communities in Florida (Broward, Escambia, Hillsborough, Jacksonville, Pasco, and Pinellas). This program was created in response to identified preventative spaces gaps for girls and to support girls who may not be in contact with the juvenile justice system but are in need of girl-centric services.

Presenters:
- Lymari Benitez, Director of Program Evaluation, PACE Center for Girls, Inc.
- Renee McQueen, Senior Director of Social Services Programs, PACE Center for Girls, Inc.

C. Transforming Youth Justice in Probation, Dual Status Youth and Adolescent Development: Innovative Youth Training and Technical Assistance Available in Your Jurisdiction

The goal of this workshop is for participants to obtain a clear understanding of the research-based tenets that are supporting current reform and transformational efforts toward best practice and policies that improve juvenile justice system performance and youth outcomes. Additionally, participants will leave the session...
with an understanding of the critical importance of multi-system and multi-discipline training (inclusive of education, behavioral health, community service providers, judges, prosecutors and public defense) to enhance the likelihood of achieving these important practice and policy advances. The session will also make clear connections for participants about how to access these training and technical assistance opportunities through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and/or directly through the RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice.

**Presenters:**
- John Tuell, Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center

**Columbia 4**

**D. Raising the Age: Shifting to a Safer and More Effective Juvenile Justice System**
States that raised the age, or are considering a raise the age law change this year have used, or are using a variety of strategies to improve their juvenile justice approach: These approaches include efforts to divert youth from the justice system, make probation and aftercare approaches more effective, address young people’s mental health needs outside the deep end of the system, reduce the use of pretrial detention and reducing reliance on facilities, and improving the juvenile justice systems’ management of resources.

**Presenters:**
- Jeremy Kitteredge, Research and Policy Associate, Justice Policy Institute
- Marcy Mistrett, Chief Executive Officer, Campaign for Youth Justice
- Moderator—Marc Schindler, Executive Director, Justice Policy Institute

3:30 pm—3:45 pm  
**Break**

3:45 pm—5:00 pm  
**Concurrent Workshop Session #3**

**Columbia 1**

**A. Addressing Trauma: Eliminating Strip Searches**
Many juvenile facilities impose strip searches on young people. Research suggests that these practices may traumatize young people, and undermine the rehabilitative goals of the juvenile justice system. Around the country, states and facilities have begun to innovate with new approaches to ensure the safety of the facility without relying so heavily on strip searches. This workshop will focus on the harms of strip searches in youth facilities, give examples of policy alternatives, describe policy reform efforts, discuss legal challenges, and open a conversation about appropriate next steps to limit reliance on strip searches.

**Presenters:**
- Jessica Feierman, Associate Director, Juvenile Law Center
- Moderator, Karen Lindell, Staff Attorney, Juvenile Law Center
- Melanie Shapiro, Chief Attorney, Juvenile Division, Office of Public Defender, Baltimore City

**Columbia 2**

**B. Ensuring Justice Involvement Does Not Increase Youth Homelessness**
Educational disruption, the long-term impact of a juvenile record on employment prospects, as well as the fines and fees youth may incur related to juvenile justice involvement can all make it difficult for youth to transition from justice involvement to successful self-sufficiency. Recent interviews with youth experiencing homelessness in 11 cities across the country revealed that nearly 62% had been arrested, and nearly 44% had been in a juvenile detention center, jail or prison. This
workshop will explore the ways juvenile justice stakeholders can prevent future homelessness among the youth in their jurisdiction, including the importance of alternatives to justice involvement, effective transition planning, and high quality legal representation in delinquency and related civil legal matters. Efforts to address these issues underway in the state of Minnesota will also be shared.

Presenters:
- Lisa Pilnik, Senior Advisor to CJJ and Consultant to the ABA Homeless Youth Legal Network
- Callie Aguilar, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Minnesota
- Serena Holthe, Project Manager, National Juvenile Defender Center

C. Graduated Responses 2.0: New Resources and Insights to Help Youth Succeed on Probation

Many juvenile justice agencies have implemented “graduated responses” for youth on probation. Yet in many jurisdictions, violations of court orders and probation terms still represent the leading reason for youth incarceration. This session will share the next generation of tools and strategies to promote skill-building and positive behavior of youth under juvenile justice supervision, including how to let family members and youth take a leadership role in crafting an effective supervision plan.

Presenters:
- Jason Szanyi, Deputy Director, Center for Children’s Law and Policy

D. Juvenile Justice System: How to Recognize and Respond to Human Trafficking

This workshop teaches judges, lawyers, policy makers, and law enforcement agents how they can use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Blue Campaign resources and trainings to help recognize human trafficking, as well as how to protect survivors. Presenters will discuss the state of human trafficking in the U.S., especially the myths that only women from disadvantaged backgrounds are trafficked and that sex trafficking is the only type of trafficking that occurs. They will also discuss how to help prevent human trafficking – particularly for at-risk youth in the juvenile justice system.

Presenters:
- Carlos Ortiz, Homeland Security Investigations Agent

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
Facilitated by: Pastor Edward Palmer, Chair, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**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

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**Friday, June 16**

**Conference Plenary, Workshops, CJJ Business Meetings, Regional Meetings**

- **7:45 am—5:00 pm**
  - **Columbia West**
  - **Registration Open**

- **7:45 am—5:00 pm**
  - **Columbia West**
  - **Exhibit Hall Open**

- **7:45 am—10:00 am**
  - **Columbia West**
  - **Continental Breakfast**

**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.*

- **Columbia 1**
  - **Midwest** – Facilitated by: Hon. Michael Mayer, Midwestern Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

- **Columbia 2**
  - **Northeast** – Facilitated by: Jeff Butts, Government Relations Committee Chair, and Jessica Wheeler, National JJ Specialist, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

- **Columbia 3**
  - **Southern** – Facilitated by: Hon. John Dewese, Southern Region Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

- **Columbia 4**
  - **Western** – Facilitated by: Meg Williams, Former National JJ Specialist, and Will Hays, Western Region SAG Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

- **9:45 am—10 am**
  - **Break**
General Session
Welcome by: Judge Steve Teske, National Vice Chair

Federal Policy Update
Eileen Garry, Acting Administrator, OJJDP

Plenary – A Trauma-Informed Approach: Physical and Mental Health in the Juvenile Justice System
Juvenile justice involvement can pose a number of physical and mental health obstacles for young people. During this session, participants will hear about ways jurisdictions are working to address unmet mental health needs without referral to the justice system, and how systems are working to better address the physical and mental health of diverse populations once young people are involved with the courts.

Presenters:
• Jeannette Pai-Espinosa, President, The National Crittenton Foundation
• Justin Rush, Director of Public Policy, True Colors Fund
• Karli Keator, Director, National Center on Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

Lunch On Your Own

Concurrent Workshop Session #4

Columbia 1

A. Critical Elements of a Successful Restorative Justice Approach
Whether used in place of traditional school discipline or in place of traditional juvenile justice adjudication or transition processes, the success of any Restorative Justice approach or model hinges on our attention to five critical components. Participants will gain an understanding of these components and of the developmental neuroscience that underlies them. Tools and strategies for developing a restorative approach or for improving an existing model will be shared.

Presenters:
• Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Brunswick School Department
• Page Nichols, Restorative Justice Specialist, The REAL School, Brunswick School Department

Columbia 2

B. Preventing Unintentional Harm: Understanding Implicit Bias in Juvenile Justice
This workshop explores how implicit bias can influence decision-making and produce racial disparities in juvenile justice and education contexts. In addition, the workshop introduces a training developed by the Center for Policing Equity (CPE) that provides techniques to limit the impact of implicit bias on judgments and decisions. Overall, the workshop educates participants about how implicit bias can contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline, and introduces training and professional development tools that address this phenomenon.

Presenters:
• Nina Crane, Project Coordinator, Juvenile Justice and Education, The Center for Policing Equity
• Moderator— Nicole Johnson-Ahorlu, Director, Juvenile Justice and Education, The Center of Policing Equity
• Summer Robins, Associate Director, Juvenile Justice & Education, The Center
C. **Education Access and Advocacy: A Prevention and Reentry Strategy**

School can be a pipeline to prison or a path to prosperity, and advocacy can make the difference. This session will explore federal laws that protect students’ rights to access, attend and succeed in school, with a focus on students in unstable housing, immigrants, parenting youth, and students with special needs. Through interactive lessons, participants will leave with new tools to advocate for access to school, services to succeed academically, and legislation to strengthen youths’ rights.

**Presenters:**
- Patricia Julianelle, Director of Program Advancement and Legal Affairs, SchoolHouse Connection
- Brandy Sincyr, Policy Analyst, Columbia Legal Services

D. **Whole Child, Whole City: Innovative City Models to Improve Health and Education Outcomes and Keep Young People out of the Juvenile Justice System**

Many if not most young people involved in the juvenile justice system grow up in cities and towns. Juvenile justice agencies and cities that work together stand to reach new heights in supporting positive youth development and public safety. The National League of Cities (NLC) supports city leaders to build, align, and enhance health interventions, educational ecosystems, and law enforcement policies to ensure alignment among city systems that support young people.

**Presenters:**
- Laura Furr, Program Manager, Justice Reform and Youth Engagement, National League of Cities

### Break

2:45 pm—3:00 pm

3:00 pm—4:15 pm **Concurrent Workshop Session #5**

Columbia 1

A. **A Toolkit for Legislative and System-Wide Engagement: Identifying and Addressing DMC**

Research has shown time and time again that minority youth are overrepresented within the systems that are intended to serve them. The juvenile justice system is no exception. This presentation will outline efforts made by the Administrative Office of the Courts Family and Juvenile Services (FJS) division to address disproportionality and disparity within Kentucky’s juvenile justice system, through both agency system and legislative reform.

**Presenters:**
- Rachel Bingham, Executive Officer, Administrative Office of Courts, Kentucky
- Edward Palmer, Chair, Subcommittee for Equity and Justice for all Youth (SEJAY), Kentucky

Columbia 2

B. **Full Community Collaboration in Service of System-Involved Youth**

This session will explore the Family Partnerships Program in Larimer County, Colorado. The core purpose of this program is to work in partnership with the Court System to maintain delinquent youth with family, in their homes using a wide variety of creative community services to support their unique needs. This program is successful today because of the strong partnership between Juvenile Probation, The Department of Human Services, The District Attorney’s Office and the Juvenile
C. ESSA and Accountability for Educating Students in Juvenile Justice Facilities: Key Considerations
The new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) asks states to hold all institutions educating students accountable, including schools and programs within juvenile justice facilities. This session will discuss the accountability requirements of new laws, highlight promising state examples, and present key considerations for states as they develop their accountability plans.

Presenters:
- Jenna Tomasello, Policy Associate, American Youth Policy Forum
- Emily Morgan, Senior Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments Justice Center
- Jennifer Brown Lerner, Deputy Director, American Youth Policy Forum

D. Interrupting the Abuse to Prison Pipeline for Girls in the Juvenile Justice System
This interactive workshop will examine the primary drivers for girls, especially marginalized girls, into the juvenile justice system and examine ways to address girls’ mental and physical health needs. Participants will identify existing research and research gaps, and specific challenges to addressing the needs of justice-involved girls, and promising practices and intervention strategies. The workshop will leverage the expertise present in the room to identify opportunities for collaboration and information-sharing.

Presenters:
- Maheen Kaleem, Staff Attorney, Rights4Girls
- Cherice Hopkins, Staff Attorney, Rights4Girls

4:15 pm—4:30 pm
Break

4:30 pm—5:15 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.

Facilitated by: Caprice Hover, Treasurer/Secretary, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Saturday, June 17

Council of SAGs Meeting

8:00 am—8:30 am  Continental Breakfast
Columbia 5-8

8:30 am—12:30 pm  Council of SAGs Meeting & Executive Board Elections
All conference attendees are welcome to attend the annual meeting of CJJ’s policy-setting body, comprising member-State Advisory Group Chairs/Chair-designees.

Facilitated by: Cecely Reardon, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

12:30 pm  Conference Closing
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**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.