2019 CJJ Annual Conference,
Hill Day & Council of SAGs Meeting

Bridging the Gap:
Improving Outcomes for All Youth

Wednesday, June 19
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. 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 – 8:00 am
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Regency Foyer
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1:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
**CJJ Executive Board Meeting (closed meeting)**  
*Facilitated by:* Hon. Steve Teske, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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**Thursday, June 20**  
**Conference Opening, Workshops, CJJ Business Meetings**

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7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
**Registration Open**  
*Regency Foyer  
Ballroom Level*

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7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
**Exhibit Hall Open**  
*Regency Foyer  
Ballroom Level*

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7:30 am – 9:00 am  
**Buffet Breakfast (In Exhibit Hall)**  
*Regency Foyer  
Ballroom Level*

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7:45 am – 9:00 am  
**JJ Specialists Breakfast Meeting (closed meeting)**  
*A forum for state Juvenile Justice Specialists to network, share resources, and discuss emerging issues.*  
*Facilitated by:* Jessica Wheeler, National Juvenile Justice Specialist, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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9:00 am – 10:30 am  
**Conference Welcome & General Session**  
*CJJ Welcome and Moderator:* Hon. Steve Teske, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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**A New Vision for Youth Justice: A Call for Community Over Incarceration**  
Across the country, a growing movement is afoot to close detention facilities. Learn from communities that have successfully shut down their youth prisons & redirected investments in community-based alternatives to incarceration about what’s worked, and what challenges they have experienced.

*Presenters:*  
*Hernan Carvente Martinez*, National Youth Partnership Strategist, Youth First Initiative  
*Clinton Lacey*, Director, DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services
A Public Health Approach: Applying a Therapeutic Service Model - Young people around the country are facing an array of health challenges that both lead them into the juvenile justice system, and that result from their involvement in the juvenile justice system.

**Presenter:** Dr. Jeanette Callahan, Medical Director, Department of Youth Services Northeast Regional Health Services

10:30 am – 10:35 am  
*Break*

10:35 am – 11:35 pm  
**Concurrent Workshop Session #1**

A. Born to Lose, Built to Win: Female Crossover Youth of Color - This workshop will offer a glimpse into the lives of female crossover youth of color. From their entrance into the "system," their criminal activity patterns, and the constant struggle with the intersectionality of sexism and racism. Participants will be encouraged to discuss their current knowledge related to minority female crossover youth, experiences in working with the population, trends in collaborative system work, and their efforts of being an agent of change to build a winning strategy.

**Presenters:** Latoya Hogg, Research Assistant/PhD Student, Howard University

B. Transforming Justice Systems - This workshop describes two community-based programs for justice-involved youth developed as collaborations between NYC Department of Probation and community partners. Both employ credible messengers, people from communities with concentrated needs, who serve as mentors for youth. Together with CBOs throughout the City, Arches serves 16 to 24 year old probationers, and AIM serves 13 to 18 year olds who would otherwise live in residential settings. Both programs illustrate how communityagency partnerships promote positive outcomes for youth.

**Presenters:** Kevin Quiroz, Liaison, Community Connections for Youth  
*Tiffany Branch,* Community/Program Coordinator, Department of Probation
D. Professional Development: Session #1 Finance 101
Participants in this session will learn about the basics of non-profit finance, including how to read a budget, balance sheet, and other key financial reporting documents. Learn more about what it means to be part of a Finance Committee, and how to navigate essential accounting functions.

Presenters: Steve Hope, CJJ Finance Committee
Caprice Hover, CJJ Finance Committee and Northeastern Regional Representative
Mark Hutchinson, CJJ Treasurer

11:35 am – 11:40 pm  
Break

11:40 am – 1:40 pm  
CJJ 2019 Awards Luncheon

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

Concurrent Workshop Session #2
A. City Partnerships to Improve Outcomes for Deep-End Youth - The workshop will highlight cities as leaders and partners to improve services, such as housing, for youth involved in the juvenile justice system. We will highlight emerging policies and practices proposed in an upcoming National League of Cities white paper, share locally-focused recommendations within the Principles for Change on youth homelessness and juvenile justice, and incorporate a local example of a state and local partnership improved services for youth.
Presenters: Laura Furr, Program Manager, National League of Cities and Chair, Washington DC SAG
David Brown, Senior Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation
TBA

B. Community Passageways/Family Integrated Treatment—An Intensive Intervention for Justice Involved Minority Youth
Community Passageways/Family Integrated Treatment combines the cultural and community expertise of credible messengers and the components of three adapted evidence-based practices: Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST), Dialectic Behavior Therapy (DBT) and Motivational Interviewing (MI). Over the course of 18 months, 45 system-involved youth with behavioral health challenges are being provided this intensive community-based intervention. Presenters will describe the development and implementation of this intervention and the current youth and family outcomes. Participants in the workshop will be able to take part in a simulated training that has been developed for credible messengers.

Presenters: Dr. Eric Trupin, Professor, University of Washington Medical School
Dominique Davis, Founder and CEO, Community Passageways
Keith Hedgepeth, Credible Messenger Mentor and Community Ambassador, Community Passageways
Fay Hartje, Program Evaluation Coordinator, Community Passageways

C. Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FDJJ): Celebrating Families, Creating Safer Communities and Enhancing Positive Relationships - This workshop will describe how the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FDJJ) celebrates families, shapes communities and enhances relationships to promote safer neighborhoods. Presenters will explain how the department provides services for youth who are having behavior or family issues and may be at risk of being arrested or re arrested. The presentation will explain how the department stresses the importance of prevention and its support of innovative processes, addresses the overrepresentation of minority youth in the system and funds effective programs. The learning objectives include: 1) learn how your state can use solutions that Florida has employed to assist youth and families in need, 2) determine the best
methods to reduce DMC activity in your jurisdiction, and 3) learn how and why collaboration matters.

**Presenters:** Eugene Morris, State/Federal Director, Office of Prevention & Victim Services, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Yvonne Woodard, Operations and Training Director, Office of Prevention & Victim Services, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Dionne Anderson, Federal Grants Manager, Office of Prevention & Victim Services, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

**Capitol Room A**
**Lobby Level**

**D. Professional Development Session #2**
**Building Strong SAG Working Relationships Through Various Contexts – Developing Skills to Overcome Situational Challenges Involving Staff, Members or Other Key Partners** – During this session participants will explore how to navigate and achieve positive outcomes when conflicts arise as part of their work with the State Advisory Group, and in other contexts.

**Presenter:** Robin Jenkins, Associate Director and Advanced Implementation Specialist, The Impact Center at Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**2:40 pm – 2:45 pm**

*Break*

**2:45 pm – 3:45 pm**
**Concord**
**Ballroom Level**

**Concurrent Workshop Session #3**
**A. From the Halls to the Streets: How to Wholly Support Youth's Behavior** - The school to prison pipeline exists in part because our bridge from the halls to the streets is broken. There is an urgent need for educators to understand the realities of students' lives beyond the walls of schools, and for family members and representatives of law enforcement to understand the science of behavior, referred to as Positive Behavior Supports (PBS). This session will focus on the use of evidence-based PBS to steer productive collaboration.

**Presenters:** Meghan Mulvenna, Behavioral Specialist, DC Special Education Cooperative
Dakota Crews, Student and Parent
TBA
B. Handle with Care Maryland - If a law enforcement officer encounters a child during a call, that child's name and three words, HANDLE WITH CARE, are forwarded to the school before the start of the next day. The school implements individual, class and whole school trauma-sensitive curricula so traumatized children are "Handled With Care" and set up for success in the classroom. The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is implementing Handle with Care throughout the state of Maryland.

**Presenters:** Kelly Gorman, Handle With Care Coordinator, Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Jessica Wheeler, Chief of Juvenile Justice and Prevention Services, Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Shaianne Ireson, Student and Youth Advocate, Harford County Community College

C. Using Data to Safely Reduce and Eliminate Restraints and Isolation in Juvenile Facilities - Facilities struggle to safely reduce restraints and isolation. This workshop will present data on restraint and isolation use in facilities participating in the national Performance-based Standards program, explore strategies towards reduction and discuss ways to use this data to advocate for effective programming at the local, state and national levels.

**Presenters:** Akin Fadeyi, Deputy Executive Director, Performance-Based Standards

D. Professional Development: Session #3 Overcoming Implicit Bias (Part 1 of 2) Participants will gain a basic understanding of Implicit Bias and how it affects their decision making at work and when serving minority families. This session will also give participants an overview of the inadvertent consequences that result from these unintentional biases and how they can reflect on their own personal beliefs.

**Presenter:** Pastor Edward Palmer, Kentucky Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group, CJJ National Vice Chair
**Lives Through the Power of Choice** - Participants will engage in an interactive, transformative process and by doing so learn how partnering with institutional leaders, building intentional connections with community, and empowering young people with choice has allowed for over 2,500 youth and young adults to be diverted through this program since 2011.

**Presenters:** Sean Goode, Executive Director, Choose 180
Durell Green, Outreach and Intake Specialist, Choose 180
Arielle Lane, Volunteer, Choose 180

**B. Hip Hop: A Bridge To The Future For Our Youth** – This workshop will be impactful for those who desire a better comprehension of the influence that pop culture, music, and media have on children. During the session we will explore some of the content and images in popular culture that can have a negative impact on children, but also shed light on how to use positive elements from pop culture to reach goals at home and in the classroom.

**Presenters:** Dion Chavis, Owner, The Glad Dad, LLC

**C. Reducing Disparities: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in Juvenile Justice Special Education** - Youth face obstacles before entering juvenile detention and many of those obstacles will also be there when they leave. These barriers include a lack of special education services and implicit biases that result in racial and ethnic disparities (RED) and an over representation of LGBTQ+ youth. Youth must have access to education while in the justice system and remain enrolled and engaged in the most appropriate settings.

**Presenters:** Scott Ryan, Teacher, Multnomah ESD - Helensview School

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4:50 pm – 4:55 pm

Break

4:55 pm – 5:55 pm
Mindfulness, Meditation and Sensory Integration in Juvenile Detention Settings

Concord Ballroom Level

Mindfulness, Meditation and Sensory Integration in Juvenile Detention Settings - Trauma can change the wiring of the brain and affect our physiology, social behavior and capacity for self-analysis. Isn't it ironic, then, that much of the evidence-based treatment for youth in the justice system—more than 75% of who have experienced trauma—is reliant on the rational brain? Join us to experience the mindfulness, meditation and relaxation modalities being used at a Bay Area juvenile detention facility. Leave with resources and programming ideas.

Presenters: Christine Gerchow, Psychologist
Sefanit Mekuria, Pediatrician

4:55 pm – 5:55 pm

DMC Coordinators and CJJ Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee Joint Business Meeting

Capitol Room B Lobby Level

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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 (DMC) 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 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
Tracey Huggins, CJJ Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee Chair

4:55 pm – 5:55 pm
CJJ Government Relations Committee Meeting

Capitol Room A Lobby Level

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, CJJ Government Relations Committee Chair

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Columbia Foyer
Ballroom Level

**Youth Members (Ages 16-24) Welcome and Networking**
Hosted by the Emerging Leaders Committee

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**Friday, June 21**
Conference Plenary, Workshops, CJJ Business Meetings, Regional Meetings

7:45 am – 5:00 pm
Regency Foyer
Ballroom Level

**Registration Open**

7:45 am – 5:00 pm
Regency Foyer
Ballroom Level

**Exhibit Hall Open**

7:45 am – 9:30 am
Regency Foyer
Ballroom Level

**Continental Breakfast**

8:00 am – 9:45 am
Regency Foyer
Ballroom Level

**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
  **Capitol Room A**

- **Northeast** – Facilitated by: Bob Sheil, Northeastern Region Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
  **Capitol Room B**
Southern – Facilitated by: Hon. John Dewese, Southern Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice  
Concord

Western – Facilitated by: Stacie Nelson Colling, Western Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice  
Capitol Room A

9:45 am – 10:00 am  
Break

10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
General Session  
Regency A  
Welcome by: Cecely Reardon, Immediate Past Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

The JJDPA: Reauthorization and Its Impact on the States –  
After nearly 16 years, Congress has unanimously agreed to update the key federal legislation related to juvenile justice. Join us for a conversation about the Act's revisions will impact work in the states, and ways that State Advisory Groups have successfully navigated similar revisions in the past.

Presenters: Michael Finley, Chief of Strategy and Implementation, W. Haywood Burns Institute  
Robin Jenkins, Associate Director and Advanced Implementation Specialist, The Impact Center at Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Marcy Mistrett, CEO, Campaign for Youth Justice  
Naomi Smoot, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

State Policy Update

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Lunch On Your Own

12:15 pm – 1:00 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.

Concurrent Workshop Session #5
A. Centering the lives of San Francisco’s System-Involved CIS and Trans Girls: A Participatory and Decolonizing Model -
The Young Women’s Freedom Center’s intergenerational research team conducted a participatory action research project to collect comprehensive life course narratives on cis and trans system involved women in San Francisco. The team will share findings, implications for policies and practices for engaging in ethical research.

Presenters: Alezandra Melendrez, Research Director, Young Women’s Freedom Center
Jocelyn Mati, Lead YPAR Researcher, Young Women’s Freedom Center

B. TBA

C. What happens next? Advancing Juvenile Justice Reform –
In this interactive workshop, participants will get a close look at transformational change while it’s happening. Using Vermont’s recent raise the age to 20 victory as an example, the presentation will focus on the necessary ingredients for juvenile justice reform: strong collaboration, robust diversion, supervision that is appropriate and continuity in practice.

Presenters: Leslie Wisdom, General Counsel for the Department for Children and Families, State of Vermont, Department for Children & Families
Lael Chester, Director, Emerging Adult Justice Project, Columbia University Justice Lab
Karen Vastine, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, State of Vermont, Department for Children & Families

D. JJDPA Session #1 Jail Removal: What it Means for Youth Charged as Adults – Revisions made to the JJDPA in December 2018 prohibit youth awaiting trial in criminal court from being placed in adult facilities. This requirement will be phased in over the next three years. Join this session to learn more about what this requirement means, and how states have successfully navigated similar transitions.
3:00 pm – 3:10 pm
Break

3:10 pm – 4:10 pm
Concurrent Workshop Session #6
A. Florida's Response to the Needs of Dual Status/Crossover Youth - This interactive, group discussion will focus on how Florida has responded to the need for leveraging partnerships to improve physical and mental health services, and better address youths' needs for education and housing for dually served/crossover youth. Florida has an Interagency Agreement in place that coordinates services for children served by more than one agency, and has started formally collecting systems outcome data over the past year that informs state agency decisions.

Presenters: Joy Bennink, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Coordinator, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Health Services
Zackary Gibson, Chief Child Advocate and Director of the Office of Adoption and Child Protection, State of Florida, Executive Office of the Governor
Tracy Shelby, Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Health Services

B. If Not Us, Then Who? The Role of Frontline Diversion in Community Policing - During FY17, Anne Arundel County Police processed 2,576 juvenile citations; nearly 1 in 5 was referred to one of the Department's three diversion programs. Approximately 12% of participants who completed one of these programs reoffended. This presentation highlights the relationship between Community Policing, Restorative Justice and Youth Diversion. Participants will discuss ways to gain support for these programs. Moving beyond a referral-based system to a universal case-screening process will also be considered.

Presenters: Timmeka Perkins, Juvenile/Victim Assistance Program Director, Anne Arundel County Police Department
Steven Thomas, Lieutenant, Anne Arundel County Police Department

C. Infrastructure Development to Front-Line Experiences: How Multi-System Collaboration Improves Processes Experiences – Youth involved with multiple systems of care are a
high needs population. This workshop will provide an overview of the challenges youth and families face when their needs require navigation of multiple systems. The presenters will discuss how two communities are working to build sound infrastructure to better understand the needs of multi-system youth, improving how multiple systems function in providing services to families, and how one community is offering integrated walk-in services to youth and families at risk for delinquency and/or dependency. Participants will learn how to best structure collaborative partnerships that will assess the needs of their own community.

Presenters: Macon Stewart, Deputy Director of Multi-System Operations Center for Juvenile Justice Reform Georgetown University
Mary Rumbaugh, Director Clackamas County Behavioral Health Courtney Shritter, Senior Policy, Performance & Research Analyst, Clackamas County Juvenile Department
Adam Kennedy, Court Administrator, Chatham County Juvenile Court

Concord
Ballroom Level

D. JJDPA Session #2 Racial and Ethnic Disparities:
Addressing Inequities Within the System – Across the country, young people of color are consistently overrepresented at nearly every major point of contact with the justice system. For the first time, the JJDPA has shifted the former Disproportionate Minority Contact requirement to address Racial and Ethnic Disparities. Learn what this change means and how this transition can best be accomplished.

Presenters: TBA

4:10 pm – 4:20 pm
Break

4:20 pm – 5:20 pm
Capitol Room B
Lobby Level

Concurrent Workshop Session #7
A. Immigrant Youth Caught in the Crosshairs of our Justice System: What you Need to Know - Participants in this workshop will learn about the special vulnerabilities faced by immigrant youth when caught up in the justice system and how to protect them both through policies and programs. This session will delve into the immigration consequences of delinquency, collaboration with ICE, state confidentiality laws, gang databases, school disciplinary policies, and how to craft appropriate programs for this vulnerable population.

Presenters: Sarah Bryer, Executive Director, National Juvenile Justice Network
Samera Hafiz, Policy Director, Immigrant Legal Resource Center
B. Thoughtful and Responsive Juvenile Justice Case Planning - NYC’s Close to Home Initiative was launched in 2012 with a flurry of activity and mixed results. Through a methodical implementation of core strategies (Risk/Needs/Responsivity Framework, Positive Youth Development, Community Engagement and Collaboration, and Family Team Conferencing) all indicators are dramatically trending in a positive direction in a relatively short period of time. This workshop will use a Family Team Conference to engage participants and facilitate learning about the components driving CTH.

Presenters: John Dixon, President and CEO, Bridges Healthcare, Inc.
Johan Peguero, Assistant Commissioner, NYC Administration for Children’s Services
Tara Simpson, Executive Director NYC Administration for Children’s Services

C. Building Resiliency for Girls in the Juvenile Justice System by Disrupting the Abuse to Prison Pipeline - This interactive presentation will examine how experiences of childhood sexual abuse and family violence create pathways for girls into the juvenile justice system. Participants will explore racial disparities and identify strategies to develop survivor-centered, culturally-competent, trauma-informed approaches to address the needs of vulnerable girls and prevent them from experiencing the Abuse to Prison Pipeline.

Presenters: Cherice Hopkins, Staff Attorney, Rights4Girls

D. JJDPA Session #3 Conditions of Confinement: Ensuring Safety for Youth in the Justice System – Changes made to the JJDPA require states to describe how they are training staff to end unnecessarily dangerous restraints and other conditions of confinement. Join this session to learn more about conditions of confinement and how to end the use of dangerous practices.

Presenters: TBA
8:00 am – 8:30 am  Continental Breakfast
Regency Foyer
Ballroom Level

8:30 am – 12:30 pm  Council of SAGs Meeting & Executive Board Elections
Regency A
Ballroom Level
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