



2021 CJJ Youth Summit
***Curating Brighter Futures:
Paving the Way for the Next Generation***

August 9-10, 2021

August 9th

Summit Opening, Keynote, and Plenaries

9:00 am – 9:30 am

Summit Opening

CJJ Welcome

Naomi Smoot Evans, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee Welcome

Aaron Toleafoa, CJJ Emerging Leader Committee Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Spoken Word

Aaron Toleafoa, CJJ Emerging Leader Committee Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

9:30 am – 10:15 am

Juvenile Justice 101

This session will explore the youth legal system, as well as its history and transition of juvenile justice systems from where they were to where they are now, and how they got there.

Presenter: Naomi Smoot Evans, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

10:15 am – 11:00 am

Strategic Sharing 101

Emerging Leaders will examine and develop strategies to successfully share and message their stories as they work to improve systems.

*Presenters: Keeve Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Members, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Jordyn Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Members, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

11:00 am – 11:10 am

Break

11:10 am – 12:10 pm

Burning Down the House

Hear from author Nell Bernstein and members of CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee about the key themes in her book *Burning Down the House*, and how those issues play out in real life.

*Presenters: Nell Bernstein, Author
Aaron Toleafoa, CJJ Emerging Leader Committee Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

12:10 pm – 1:10 pm

Lunch Break

1:10 pm – 2:10 pm

Self-Care for Advocates

Poet, Audre Lorde famously noted that self-care is not an indulgence, it is its own act of resistance. Join us to learn more about ways to take care of yourself, and why self-care is essential for those working in advocacy.

*Presenters: Jordyn Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Hannah Krawzyk, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Courtney Maino, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

2:10 pm – 2:20 pm

Break

2:20 pm – 3:20 pm

What's Next? A Conversation with Nell

Over the past two decades, our country has seen dramatic decreases in the number of young people who are involved in the youth legal system. Youth prisons have started to close, and a growing number of communities have adopted healing-centered models to address young peoples' needs.

Join us for a conversation about what comes next. This conversation will help inform a new book that is being developed by Nell Bernstein.

Presenter: Nell Bernstein, Author

3:20- pm – 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Authentic Youth-Adult Partnerships

What does youth partnership mean, and how can we do it better? This conversation will feature leaders who have experienced both sides of the youth-adult partnership paradigm. They will share their expertise with youth leaders on what they've learned along the way.

*Presenters: Jordyn Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Hernán Carvente Martínez, National Youth Partnership Strategist, Youth First Initiative
Miguel Garcia, Advocacy Coordinator, Anti-Recidivism Coalition*

4:30 pm – 4:50 pm

Mindfulness and Art Break

Presenter: Courtney Maino, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

4:50 pm – 5:00 pm

Closing Remarks

Aaron Toleafoa, Emerging Leaders Committee Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

August 10th

Plenaries, Keynote, and Summit Closing

9:00 am – 9:10 am

Opening Remarks

Aaron Toleafoa, Emerging Leaders Committee Chair,
Coalition for Juvenile Justice

9:10 am – 9:15 am

Spoken Word

Keenan Adams Kenard, Young Leader, WA

9:15 am – 10:15 am

Addressing and Ending Racial and Ethnic Inequities in the Youth Legal System

Structural racism and implicit biases have created widespread inequities in the youth legal system. Across the country, youth of color are overrepresented at nearly every point of contact with the youth legal system as compared to their white peers who have engaged in similar behaviors. The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), requires states to address racial and ethnic disparities in the youth legal system. This conversation will focus on gaining a better understanding of the problems that exist, and ways we can work together to correct them.

*Presenters: Keeve Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Edgar Calixto, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Rodney Strickland, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Ron Ackerson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

10:15 am – 10:20 am

Self-Care Break

10:20 am – 11:20 am

The Role of Art in Advocacy

How can we harness the power of the arts in our work to change and improve the youth legal system? Join us to explore the ways art has been, and continues to be, used in advocacy.

*Presenters: Ridha Kapoor, Policy and Field Relations Associate, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Myraina DeHaven, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Nasheera Brown, Emerging Leaders Committee Members, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

11:20 am – 12:20 pm

Lunch Break

12:20 pm – 1:20 pm

Inside-Outside Alliances

Young people both behind the walls, and in the community, have an important role to play as we pave the way to a new, more just and equitable youth legal system. Learn from young people about what this has looked like in their communities.

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1:20 pm – 2:20 pm

Creating Change through Game Design

Using the tabletop game, The Run Around, designed by youth experts in the juvenile justice system, we will present a field-tested game design method for engaging teens in social justice. Teens give voice to their lived experience and design for the changes they want to see, while also supporting their social-emotional skill development and wellness. The Run Around invites players to understand and develop compassion for youth of color at the intersection of oppressive policies, practices, and systems. At the youth summit, engaging in game design through lived experience will allow other youth to tell their story and use it for change.

*Presenters: Janelle Ridley, Founder, Transition HOPE
Bernardo Semis, Game Designer, Transition HOPE and IThrive Games
Michael Pearson, Game Designer, Transition HOPE and IThrive Games
Jourdan Henderson, Game Designer, Transition HOPE and IThrive Games*

Justin Martin Game Designer, Transition HOPE and IThrive Games

Kaleya Casterlow, Game Designer, Transition HOPE and IThrive Games

2:20 pm – 2:30 pm

Musical Performance/ Break

Ron Ackerson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Re-entry and Rehabilitation

Returning to the community can present an array of challenges for young people. Housing, education, employment, and reconnecting with family (in its many forms) are all important pieces of this puzzle. Together, we explore ways that young people and facilities can help plan for safe and successful returns for young people who are exiting the legal system.

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Rodney Strickland, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Ron Ackerson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Keeve Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Myraina Dehaven, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Closing Remarks and Reflection Activity

Aaron Toleafoa, Emerging Leaders Committee Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Jordyn Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Emerging Leaders Committee meeting:

ELC vision casting and planning session.

(Closed session for ELC members, ELC Chair, and CJJ Staff)