



CREATING A NEW NORMAL:

**DRAWING ON LESSONS FROM THE PANDEMIC TO
COMPREHENSIVELY ADDRESS YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEEDS**

MAY 18TH-21ST

WELCOME TO THE 2022 CJJ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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 2022 Annual Conference: "Creating a New Normal: Drawing on Lessons from the Pandemic to Comprehensively Address Young People's Needs." 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 latest research, developments, and challenges facing our field today. Specifically:

- What lessons have we learned from Covid-19, and how can we use those lessons to create a new normal that works better for our young people and communities?
- How can systems collaborate with one another to more holistically address young peoples' needs?
- How can states and communities serve as leaders in shaping a better juvenile justice system for our most vulnerable youth?
- How can we improve collaborations with young people with lived experiences in the systems we work with?
- What role does advocacy play as communities seek to improve services and provide for trauma-responsive care for children and youth?

We extend our deep appreciation to our thoughtful and hardworking staff, 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 four 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 Committees in selecting these worthy recipients of CJJ's highest honors.

The 2022 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 Pew Charitable Trusts, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Performance-based Standards, the Justice Resource Institute and Pastor Edward L. Palmer for their generous support. We are grateful also to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for their strong partnership at this year's conference. A full list of conference supporters is available on the back cover of this program.

Michelle Diaz, National Chairwoman,
Coalition for Juvenile Justice



Wednesday, May 18
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 support funding for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Participants are expected to schedule/arrange their own meetings in advance of the conference.

7:00 am – 1:00 pm
Lobby 1

Hill Day Packets available for pick-up

7:00 am – 7:30 am
Bryce

Skill Building: Hill Day Training

Discuss talking points on current state/federal issues, juvenile justice funding and JJDPa reauthorization with policy experts prior to your Hill Day visits. This training is being offered twice.

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Brock Landwehr, Government Relations Committee Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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5:00pm – 8:00pm
Olympic

Executive Board Meeting (closed meeting)

Facilitated by Michelle Diaz (NY), National Chairwoman, Coalition for Juvenile Justice



Thursday, May 19
Conference Opening, Workshops, Awards Luncheon

8:00am - 5:00pm
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Registration Open

8:00am - 5:00pm
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Networking

8:00am - 9:00am
Regency Foyer

Breakfast

8:00am - 9:00am
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Youth Networking and Breakfast Session

9:00am - 10:30am
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Conference Welcome & General Session

CJJ Welcome by: Michelle Diaz (NY), National Chairwoman,
Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Federal Update: Liz Ryan, Administrator, Office of Juvenile
Justice and Delinquency Prevention

**Off-Ramps and Alternatives to Traditional
Justice System Responses: Learning from the
District of Columbia About Local Diversion and
Prevention Programs**

Join members of the D.C. Juvenile Justice Advisory Group for a conversation about programs that serve as off-ramps within their system, and efforts to reduce justice-system involvement for youth and families through community-based responses. Participants will learn about the District’s Alternatives to the Court Experience (ACE) Program and other related alternative intervention programs that are focused on meeting the individualized needs of youth and families and are operated outside of the DC juvenile justice system. Additionally, participants will learn how the District’s SAG, called the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, supports the development or expansion of these efforts.



Speakers:
Melissa Milchman, Moderator, DC Juvenile Justice Specialist
Penelope Spain, DC SAG Member and CEO of Open City Advocates
Sheila Clark, DC SAG Member and Deputy Administrator of Department of Human Services, Youth Services Division
Aaron White, DC SAG Youth Member and Outreach Coordinator for Transition Age Youth

Lessons Learned from Changes to Juvenile Justice Policies and Practices During the Covid-19 Pandemic

This session will present findings and lessons learned based on quantitative and qualitative research, examining changes to juvenile justice policies and practices in jurisdictions around the country during the pandemic, with an emphasis on the impact on youth and families of color. The research and report is a joint project of the Center for Children’s Law and Policy (CCLP), Justice for Families (J4F), Justice Policy Institute (JPI), and the National Juvenile Justice Network (NJJN), and was funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Speakers:
Marc Schindler, Moderator, Executive Director, Justice Policy Institute
Jeannette Bocanegra, Executive Director, Justice for Families
Betsy Tolentino, MD Dept of Juvenile Services
Charles Rotramel, Chief Executive Officer, Houston reVision

10:30am-10:45am

Break

10:45am-12:15pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #1

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A. Juvenile Solitary Confinement: Implementing Safe and Appropriate Practices

Juvenile solitary confinement can result in short- and long-term effects such as cognitive, physical, social impairment, and death by self-harm. While in solitary confinement, youth often receive little or no educational, medical, or mental health services, which exacerbates any preexisting conditions. Facilities use different terms to define or describe juvenile



confinement, including the “bing,” room confinement, special management unit, seclusion, and time out. OJJDP’s forthcoming bulletin summarizes how youth respond to placement in solitary confinement based on adolescent brain development, its definition and utilization in facilities, and best practices.

Speaker:

Andrea Coleman, Ph.D., Senior Policy Advisor

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B. A Holistic Approach to Healing Homeless Youth

San Diego, California is the fifth largest homeless population in the nation, holding one of the top five spots in the nation for over a decade. Homelessness is the end result of systemic failures and the intersections of social justice issues are reflected in the disproportionate way historically marginalized populations are overrepresented in homelessness.

This presentation will utilize interactive activities that require participants to reflect on the web of systematic criminalization of homelessness and recognize why multi-disciplinary services are most needed. Moreover, we will discuss the power of holistic support in breaking the chains of poverty and how using an empowerment model can increase degrees of autonomy and self-determination for homeless youth.

Speaker:

Mitchelle Woodson, Esq., Executive Director, Managing Attorney, Think Dignity

Columbia C

C. Liberating the Voices of Students: Youth Leadership in the Removal of School Resource Officers

In the spring of 2021, two students from Iowa’s largest school district successfully led the charge to end their school district’s resource officer program and repurpose the program’s funding into a restorative justice model. Learn more about this youth-directed approach that involved robust data collection and collaboration with school district administrators and board members. Hear directly from student experts about strategies to meaningfully engage youth to create and implement anti-racist school environments where all students belong and thrive.



Speakers:

Jill Padgett, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Iowa Department of Human Rights

Lyric Sellers, Youth Action Squad Member, Iowa Department of Human Rights

Endi Montalvo-Martinez, Youth Action Squad Member, Iowa Department of Human Rights

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D. Juvenile Justice Success on the Prairie: Increasing Diversion and Decreasing Petitions

This presentation will highlight South Dakota's process in increasing successful diversions and decreasing formal court petitions. Through a partnership with the State Advisory Group and Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives (JDAI) efforts, positions were created in rural areas, including JDAI coordination and diversion case management. Additional resources and support have led to an increase in diverting youth from the formal court process and a decrease in court petitions. The state is currently working to expand this model to tribal jurisdictions.

Speakers:

Annie Brokenleg, State JDAI Coordinator, South Dakota Unified Judicial System

Bridget Coppersmith, Juvenile Justice Specialist, South Dakota Department of Corrections

Charles (Chuck) Frieberg, Director of Court Services, South Dakota Unified Judicial System

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E. How Can the Juvenile Justice System Provide Fair, Effective and Developmentally Appropriate Services and Opportunities to Older Youth?

Juvenile justice systems are serving an increasing proportion of older youths, as more jurisdictions are raising the age of juvenile supervision/corrections (e.g., OR and WA), raising the upper age of juvenile jurisdiction (VT) or considering such reforms (e.g., VA, NE, WA, and MA). Supported and guided by the Columbia University Justice Lab and the Annie E. Casey Foundation, researchers, practitioners, advocates, and young people have been creating a developmental framework to support these older youth as they make the critical transition from adolescence to healthy adulthood, while simultaneously navigating the justice system. We will highlight both the challenges and opportunities of serving this age group and share and provide information that can help State Advisory



Group members strategically plan and support the older youth in their systems now and in the future.

Speakers:

Naoka Carey, Moderator, Senior Advisor, Columbia Justice Lab

Lael Elizabeth Hiam Chester, Director of the Emerging Adult Justice Project, Columbia University Justice Lab

Marcy Mistrett, Senior Program Manager for Training and Technical Assistance for Restorative Justice, Impact Justice

12:15pm – 12:30pm

Break

12:30pm-2:00pm

CJJ 2022 Annual Awards Luncheon

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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.

Awardees:

- Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award, *Melissa Milchman*
- National Spirit of Youth Award, *Yusef Presley*
- A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award, *Lisa Garry*
- Marion Mattingly Lifetime Achievement Award, *Elizabeth “Betsy” Clarke*

Moderator:

Tracey Wells-Huggins, Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

2:00pm-2:15pm

Break

2:15pm-3:45pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #2

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A. The Importance of Youth Voice: Creating and Sustaining a Successful Youth Advisory Board for System Change

Over the past decade, youth voice has taken on a large role in improving the quality of therapeutic services. Despite young people having a seat at the table, many providers still face barriers at keeping them there and learning to share decision making power. Developing and sustaining youth voice is a



high-risk and high-reward process that many professionals do not know how to implement effectively. The National Center of the Sexual Behavior of Youth (NCSBY) that specializes in working with youth with problematic or illegal sexual behavior created the Youth Partnership Board (YPB). The YPB serves as the youth voice component of the center. This presentation will cover the traditional barriers that many youth advisory groups face to become sustainable, unforeseen barriers faced both inside and outside the program that resulted from the sensitive nature of the topic, and finally the personal and professional development of board members.

Speakers:

Leonora Fleming, M.S., Program Manager, Special Victims and Violent Offenders Division, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Andrew Monroe, LCSW, Psychological Clinician, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Sharon “Shel” Millington, M.A., Director of Behavioral Health, Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs

Clifford A. Sipes, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, National Center of the Sexual Behavior of Youth

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B. A Strategic Response to Truancy During COVID

This workshop presents an effective model of collective action taken by stakeholders to address the pressing phenomenon of student absenteeism during COVID. Particularly, limiting sanctions and targeting risk and protective factors at the individual, family, and school levels. This collaborative approach engaged multi-level intervention strategies, working at micro and macro levels to provide a strategic response to truancy during COVID-19.

Speaker:

Grady M. Paris, Associate Director, Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center

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C. No Throwaway Kids: #150YearsIsEnough

This workshop will explore New Jersey’s history of operating the country’s most racially disparate, antiquated, and wasteful youth justice system. Amid the pandemic, we saw the state release a budget that put the annual cost to incarcerate a single youth at \$445,504. However, the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, and partners, are pursuing youth prison closure, exploring and implementing avenues



for both a preventative and post-release community-based continuum of care that prioritizes keeping youth in their communities with meaningful investments in mental health and restorative and transformative justice.

Speaker:

Ashanti Jones, MSW, 150 Years Is Enough Campaign Manager, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

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D. Too Many Locked Doors: A New Look At the Data On Juvenile Incarceration

National snapshots of the number of youth in placement generally rely on an annual one-day count of the population of kids held in juvenile facilities. That count inherently understates the scope of incarceration and the likelihood of placement in the juvenile system. Given the well-known harms of any incarceration for youth, it is vital to understand its true scope.

Speaker:

Josh Rovner, Senior Advocacy Associate, The Sentencing Project

Nate Balis, Director, Juvenile Justice Strategy Group, Annie E. Casey Foundation

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E. Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) - A Catalyst for Juvenile Justice System Change

This session is for Youth Justice practitioners who are seeking to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for School & Main Institute's (SMI) Reimagining Juvenile Justice (RJJ) model and its impact on policy and practice in over 16 states and 35 jurisdictions around the country. RJJ is a workforce development initiative sponsored by Annie E. Casey Foundation and delivered through School & Main Institute. RJJ is designed for professionals working with youth involved in the juvenile justice system and their families. Its objective is to develop the capacity of professionals to support, divert and redirect youth to appropriate and fair justice options, including options that require a high degree of cross-system collaboration and coordination. It is based on research on adolescent development that shows youth thrive in a positive environment with the support of caring adults. RJJ's Positive Youth Development framework encourages youth justice professionals to focus on young people's protective factors and strengths, not just risk factors and problems. RJJ has a core curriculum of six course modules. This workshop will be



led by two of SMI's RJJ core team members, who both bring deep direct youth voice and leadership program experience and are key authors of the SMI on-line RJJ Course Module on Youth Voice and Leadership that will be shared and used to guide a discussion on RJJ's approach to this topic.

Speakers:

Naeemah Smith, Program Manager and RJJ faculty member, School & Main Institute

Aazia-Marie Ross, RJJ faculty Member and Youth Justice Strategist

3:45pm-4:00pm

Break

4:00pm-5:30pm

Concurrent Workshop #3

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A. The Ongoing Challenge of Family Engagement in Juvenile Justice Systems: The Need for a Culture Shift

Despite an increased emphasis on family engagement, many jurisdictions struggle to partner with families because they employ “add-on,” piecemeal approaches. This challenge has been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic as many jurisdictions have reduced family engagement or completely left families behind. This workshop will identify challenges with current approaches to family engagement, outline key elements of the culture shift needed from juvenile courts and probation/corrections agencies, and share best practice examples from leading jurisdictions.

Speakers:

Jacob Agus-Kleinman, Senior Policy Analyst, Corrections and Reentry, Center for State Governments

Jeanette Bocanegra, Executive Director, Justice for Families

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B. Shifting the Juvenile Justice System's Response to Family Conflict in the Wake of COVID-19

In response to lessons learned from COVID-19 about what is necessary, possible, and just, the Family Court Division of the New York City Law Department implemented a comprehensive new response to intrafamilial conflict. It shifts from adversarial litigation to an interdisciplinary team model, which avoids exposure of the youth to the juvenile legal system and supports the family and the person harmed through community resources and holistic healing. Presenters



will describe the early impact of the approach and offer insight for those interested in engaging in similar work.

Speakers:

Cecilia Williams, Director of Interagency and External Affairs, Family Court Division, New York City Law Department

Aylese Kanze, Director of Anti-Trafficking and Anti-CSEC Initiatives and Outcomes, Family Court Division, New York City Law Department

Brittney Sealy, Assistant Corporation Counsel, NYC Law Department, Family Court Division

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C. Beyond Self-Care: Supervisor, Manager, and Program Leader Strategies for Protecting our Staff (and Ourselves) From Secondary Traumatic Stress

Secondary traumatic stress (STS) is increasingly recognized as an occupational hazard for staff in JJ settings who interact with traumatized youth and carry out trauma-informed programming. Although most STS intervention trainings focus on individual self-care, effective recognition, prevention, and intervention with STS is better considered a professional skill. This workshop presents strategies for supervisors, managers, and program leaders to prevent, monitor, and respond to STS and foster a mutually-supportive, culturally responsive, and STS-aware social ecology in juvenile justice settings.

Speaker:

Patricia Kerig, Professor, University of Utah

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D. Sharing Power and Mobilizing Lived Expertise in Juvenile Justice System Transformation

Meaningful partnerships with individuals with lived experience, including youth, young adults and family members, are key to ensuring the systems we cultivate, policies we enact, and decisions we make result in the type of community that we all deserve--one in which each person succeeds. But what does meaningful partnership look like and how can it be mobilized in juvenile justice system transformation? During this session participants will hear from members of Iowa's Youth Justice Council, a subcommittee of the State Advisory Group, about effective strategies to partner and share power with youth and families in research, policy and practice decision making.



Speakers:

Ava Palmer, Chair, Iowa's Youth Justice Council

Adriana (Audi) Espinoza, Vice Chair, Iowa's Youth Justice Council

Kayla Powell, Youth Development Coordinator, Iowa Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division

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E. Diversion through Community Partnership and Community Power-Building

Diversion should be the option of choice for most youth who touch the juvenile justice system. Why? Because research has shown that most youth will grow out of delinquency. Because no matter how you measure success for young people—whether it's in terms of recidivism, school engagement, or connections with positive adults—the evidence shows very clearly that formal intervention by the justice system for most youth is more likely to do harm than good. But who designs and provides diversion programming is key. Today, it is still the default that diversion programming is overseen by probation departments across the country. This practice needs to end. Diversion should be handled by community-based organizations, particularly organizations located in, and trusted by, the communities most directly impacted by the justice system.

This workshop will explore why a far greater emphasis on diversion is necessary, why diversion should be community-led and what that looks like in practice (with site-specific examples offered), and what it means for the justice system to work in true and authentic partnership (and power-building) with directly impacted communities in this work. Specific recommendations will be provided for how State Advisory Groups can support these efforts.

Speakers:

Rubén Austria, Executive Director, Community Connections for Youth (NYC)

Jaquita Monroe, Senior Associate, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

5:30pm-6:30pm

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Compliance Monitors Meeting

Facilitated by: Danny Turek, National Compliance Monitor, Coalition for Juvenile Justice



Friday, May 20

Conference Plenary, Workshops, CJJ Business Meetings, Regional Meetings

7:45am - 10:00am
Regency Foyer

Breakfast

8:00am - 5:00pm
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Registration Open

7:45am - 5:00pm
Regency Foyer

Networking

8:15am - 9:45am

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. A list of states by region can be found at the back of your agenda.

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- Midwest
 - Facilitated by: Hon. Michael Mayer (MN), Midwest Regional Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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- Northeast
 - Facilitated by: Janelle Ridley (MA), Northeast Regional Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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- Southern
 - Facilitated by: Chief Tony Jones (FL), Southern Regional Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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- Western
 - Facilitated by: Stacie Nelson Colling (CO), Western Regional Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

9:45am-10:00am

Break



10:00am - 12:30pm
Regency ABC

General Session

Facilitated by: Pastor Edward Palmer, Immediate Past Chair,
Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Utah's Pivot in Juvenile Justice

For several years, Utah's juvenile justice leaders have been engaged in a path of reform, using data-driven and research-informed approaches to promote public safety while avoiding involving youth in the court system when other approaches might serve them more effectively. Recently, collaborations between child-serving agencies have expanded the range of approaches and options available to support youth and their families. In addition, systemic reforms have freed up time for juvenile justice agency workers to provide more services that prevent system involvement instead of intervening later in a youth's cycle of delinquency. During this panel, several stakeholders from Utah will discuss how these changes came about and how they are impacting youth, families and the juvenile justice system.

Speakers:

Brett Peterson, Moderator, Director, Division of Juvenile Justice Services, Utah

Diane Moore, Director, Division of Child and Family Services, Utah

Sonja Davidson, Director of Student Advocacy Services, Ogden School District, Utah

Donovan Bergstrom, Program Director, JJS Early Intervention

Erika Dominguez, Mother, Utah

Gilberto Dominguez Raigoza, Father, Utah

Changing the Narrative on Juvenile Justice

Storytelling has the power to increase support for effective juvenile justice policies, programs, and practices. Currently, however, many of the stories people see about juvenile justice are mired in harmful misconceptions. Principal Strategist, Clara Blustein Gibbons, will introduce research from the FrameWorks Institute on how to tell new stories about juvenile justice—stories that build the public's understanding of what all young people and communities need to thrive.



Speaker:
Clara Bluestein Gibbons, Principal Strategist, Frameworks
Institute

12:30pm-1:30pm

Lunch on Your Own

12:30pm – 1:30pm
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Juvenile Justice Specialists’ Meeting (closed meeting; lunch provided)

A forum for state Juvenile Justice Specialists to network,
share resources, and discuss emerging issues.

Facilitated by: Anya Sekino (OR), National Juvenile Justice
Specialist Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

12:45pm – 1:30pm
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CJJ Finance Committee Lunch Meeting (closed meeting; lunch provided)

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 general accounting practices and a system
of internal accounting controls.

Facilitated by: Mark Hutchinson (MA), Treasurer/Secretary,
Coalition for Juvenile Justice

1:30pm-3:00pm

Concurrent Workshop #4

Regency D

A. Community Violence Interventions: Integrating Lived Experience to Improve Outcomes for Youth

This session will explore Community Violence Interventions
(CVI) through Community Based Public Safety (CBPS), which
is a set of relationship-based, violence prevention and
intervention strategies in which community residents are
employed and trained as public safety professionals to create
safety in their neighborhood. Participants will be introduced
to this “boots on the ground” approach that is resident-
driven, victim-centered and led by those most impacted by



violence. CBPS creates safety in communities without an over-reliance on law enforcement, which traditionally offers one blunt instrument to reduce crime: arrest and incarceration. CBPS compliments traditional public safety without the collateral damage caused by the criminal justice system. In fact, the criminal justice system and CBPS are most effective when they operate as parallel strategies, leveraging the strengths of both, without insisting that they both be integrated. CBPS is a public health response to violence, and the community members doing the work on the ground are public health workers.

Speakers:

Scott Pestridge, Senior Program Manager, OJJDP

Aqeela Sherrills, Community Violence Intervention Collaborative Advisor

David Muhammad, Executive Director, National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform

Concord/Lexington

B. FOCUS: An Intermediate Care Coordination Model for Youth and Their Families

Youth with mental health needs are disproportionately represented within the juvenile justice system. Traditional supervision models do not support the delivery of appropriate mental health care to these youth and data shows it can ultimately lead to more negative outcomes for youth. A significant need exists for effective and evidence-based diversion strategies. FOCUS was designed to support decreased system involvement while working to build connections and supports for families through community-based resources. This session will explore how FOCUS care coordination can improve outcomes for the youth in your agency's care, and their families.

Speakers:

Lisa Spera, M.S., Training/Coaching Specialist, The Institute for Innovation and Implementation, School of Social Work, University of Maryland Baltimore

Kim Estep, M.A., Director, National Wraparound Implementation Center (NWIC) / Clinical Faculty and Director of Workforce Development & Implementation, The Institute for Innovation and Implementation

F. Tony Bonadio, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, The Institute for Innovation and Implementation, University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Social Work



C. Measuring the Impacts of COVID-19 in Juvenile Justice Facilities

Two years into the COVID-19 pandemic juvenile justice agencies, and especially residential placements, have been hit hard. Data collected by Performance-based Standards Learning Institute (PbS) shows some things changed for the better, such as fewer young people in custody, but racial disparity remains. Families responded positively to communicating via video, but does that adequately replace a hug? PbS will share national data describing what it was like for the young people, staff, and families.

Speakers:
Kim Godfrey Lovett, Executive Director, Performance-based Standards (PbS)
Akin Fadeyi, Deputy Executive Director, Performance-based Standards (PbS)
Tanya Banks, Superintendent, Ferris School for Boys

D. Meeting the Needs of Justice-Involved Youths and Their Communities During the COVID-19 Pandemic

This workshop will inform participants about the lessons reVision has learned during its work with justice-involved youth throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Workshop participants will learn about reVision’s work during COVID-19 and how it built strong relationships with youth even during the pandemic. We will share three unique features of reVision that have contributed to its success, and share findings from a recent implementation evaluation.

Speakers:
Charles Rotramel, CEO of Houston reVision
Tisha Wilson, Director of Youth Services of Houston reVision
Virginia Rangel, Assistant Professor, University of Houston

E. Empowering and Healing For Those Who Have Experienced the Impact of Violent Harm and Gang Involvement

This session will offer an illustration of the power of supportive relationships and healing conversations, and their impact on disrupting street and gang addictions and violent harm. Intensive circle conversations, unique experiences and



authentic and meaningful access to caring and responsive adults can rescript trauma and influence an end to the youth prison model. Coordinated system and community partnerships that value the involvement of individuals with lived experience and kinship with justice-involved young people can disrupt the cycle of violence and transform lives. Panelists will share their involvement with the Young Adult Empowerment program that was created during the pandemic to support young men recently paroled from New Jersey’s Juvenile Justice Commission after serving time for serious and violent offenses, as well as insights as to the impact of healing conversations on staff that work with gang-involved young people.

Speakers:
Zayre Eure, Young Adult Consultant, Inside Circle
Jalen Lewis, Young Adult Consultant Inside Circle
Felix Mickens, Community Engagement Strategist, Inside Circle
Tanya Washington, Senior Associate, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

3:00pm-3:15pm

Break

3:15pm-4:45pm

Concurrent Workshop #5

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A. Key Takeaways from Urban Institute’s Research-Based Practice Guide to Reduce Youth Gun and Gang/Group Violence

While extensive research exists, the field lacks a current and translational synthesis of what works to reduce group and gun violence among youths. In response, the Urban Institute developed a research-based practice guide to inform local government, law enforcement, and community-violence-intervention stakeholders as they implement new anti-violence interventions and refine existing ones. To inform the development of the guide, Urban researchers conducted a comprehensive literature synthesis of research on violence reduction interventions and conducted a scan of interventions representing well-known anti-violence models and other innovative strategies. Drawing on the findings from the literature synthesis and scan of practice, the practice guide presents recommendations around nine practice areas related to building an infrastructure to support a multi-faceted anti-violence strategy and implementing effective violence reduction programs. This session will highlight key



takeaways and offer an opportunity to discuss some of these strategies, including Community Violence Interventions (CVI), in greater detail.

Speakers:

Scott Pestridge, Senior Program Manager, OJJDP

Jesse Jannetta, Senior Policy Fellow, Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute

Lily Robin, Research Associate, Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute

Concord/Lexington

B. COVID-19 in the Michigan Youth Justice System: Crisis, Response, and Opportunity

In 2021, the Michigan Center for Youth Justice partnered with Public Policy Associates, Inc., to conduct research on the impact of COVID-19 on secure juvenile justice facilities in Michigan. This workshop will address the characteristics of the youth who were released or diverted from detention, those who remained, and what factors drove those decisions. We will also discuss the sustainability of changes driven by the pandemic.

Speakers:

Gabrielle Dresner, Policy Associate, Michigan Center for Youth Justice

Robert Burroughs, Director for Justice Policy, Public Policy Associates, Inc.

Columbia C

C. U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Federal Partners, and Pennsylvania Department of Education: FAPE, Child Find, Entry/Reentry, and Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic

Even in the best of times, it can be challenging for Correctional Facilities to align with and stay in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in areas such as Child Find, Entry/Reentry, and Ensuring Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Some States found that trying to be in compliance during a pandemic was almost impossible. Come hear what Pennsylvania has done to address these areas during a pandemic.

Speakers:

Curtis Kinnard, Correctional Education Lead, Office of Special Education Programs



Ryan C. Wilson, Senior Trial Attorney, Special Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Roni Russell, Regional Coordinator of Special Education, Cyclical Monitoring, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education

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Tisha Wilson, Director of Youth Services, Houston reVision

Virginia Rangel, Assistant Professor, University of Houston

Congressional B

E. Probation Case Planning that is Youth-Centered, Family-Focused and Strength-Based

Probation transformation is taking root across the country. More and more jurisdictions are moving away from a surveillance and compliance focus and toward a more targeted and effective orientation in which the primary aim of probation is to promote the long-term success of young people. This workshop focuses on one of the most important components of probation transformation—youth-centered, family-focused, and strength-based case planning. In this workshop, presenters will explore the rationale for probation transformation, the role that a new approach to case planning plays in that transformation, and what it actually means and looks like to be youth-centered, family-focused, and strength-based. Specific recommendations will be provided for how State Advisory Groups can support this work.

Speakers:

David Muhammad, Executive Director, National Institute of Criminal Justice Reform

Kevin Williams, Probation Manager, Pierce County Juvenile Court, Washington



4:45pm-5:00pm

Break

5:00pm-6:00pm
Congressional A

R/ED Coordinators and CJJ Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee - Joint Business Meeting

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 racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. The committee acts as an advisor to CJJ on all ethnic and cultural issues.

Facilitated by:
William Jernigan, National Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator, Coalition, Juvenile Justice
Barbara Wallace, Chair, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee, Coalition, Juvenile Justice

5:00pm-6:00pm
Regency D

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 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:
Brock Landwehr (KS), Chair, Government Relations Committee, Coalition for Juvenile Justice



Saturday, May 21

CJJ Business Meetings, Council of SAGs Meeting

8:00am - 8:30am

Breakfast

8:30am - 12:30pm
Regency A

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: Michelle Diaz, National Chairwoman, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

12:30pm

Conference Closing



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REGIONS OF STATE ADVISORY GROUPS

The composition of the JJDPAs State Advisory Groups (SAGs) regions is defined in the CJJ Bylaws. Each region's members are represented on the CJJ Executive Board by a Regional Chair and 1-to-2 Regional Representatives. Memberships in CJJ are granted to all SAG members, as well as the state staff that work on JJDPAs matters with the SAG (including the state Juvenile Justice Specialists, DMC Coordinators, and Compliance Monitors).

The Chair/Chair-designee of each CJJ member-SAG has a vote in all proceedings of the CJJ Council of SAGs. The Council is responsible for Bylaws, electing Officers to the Board, and approving major policy positions. The Council of SAGs shall meet at least once annually. The CJJ Executive Board convenes at least 4 times per year to act as the governing body for legal, fiscal and strategic decisions, reflecting the views of CJJ members and stakeholders.

<u>Midwest</u>	<u>Northeast</u>	<u>Southern</u>	<u>Western</u>
Illinois*	Connecticut	Alabama	Alaska*
Indiana*	Delaware*	Arkansas*	American Samoa
Iowa*	Maine*	Florida *	Arizona*
Michigan*	Maryland*	Georgia*	California*
Minnesota*	Massachusetts *	Kentucky*	Colorado*
Missouri*	New Hampshire*	Louisiana	Comm. No. Marianas
Nebraska	New Jersey	Mississippi*	Guam
North Dakota*	New York*	North Carolina*	Hawaii*
Ohio*	Pennsylvania*	Puerto Rico*	Idaho*
South Dakota	Rhode Island*	South Carolina*	Kansas*
Wisconsin*	Vermont*	Tennessee*	Montana
	Virgin Islands	Virginia*	Nevada*
	Washington, DC*	West Virginia	New Mexico*
			Oklahoma*
			Oregon*
			Texas
			Utah
			Washington*
			Wyoming

*CJJ member states (List last updated on April 7, 2022 and is subject to change.)

Questions? If you have any questions about the CJJ Council of SAGs, Executive Board, CJJ Regions, or CJJ Membership, please contact Naomi Smoot Evans, CJJ Executive Director, at evans@juvjustice.org.



Due to the varying requirements of different jurisdictions and disciplines, CJJ does not seek prior accreditation of educational programs for CLE/CEUs. Please consult the rules of your jurisdiction regarding procedures for receiving continuing education credits.

Sponsor: Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Activity Level: Annual Conference
Dates: May 18-21, 2022
Location: Hyatt Regency Washington
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Washington, D.C. 20001

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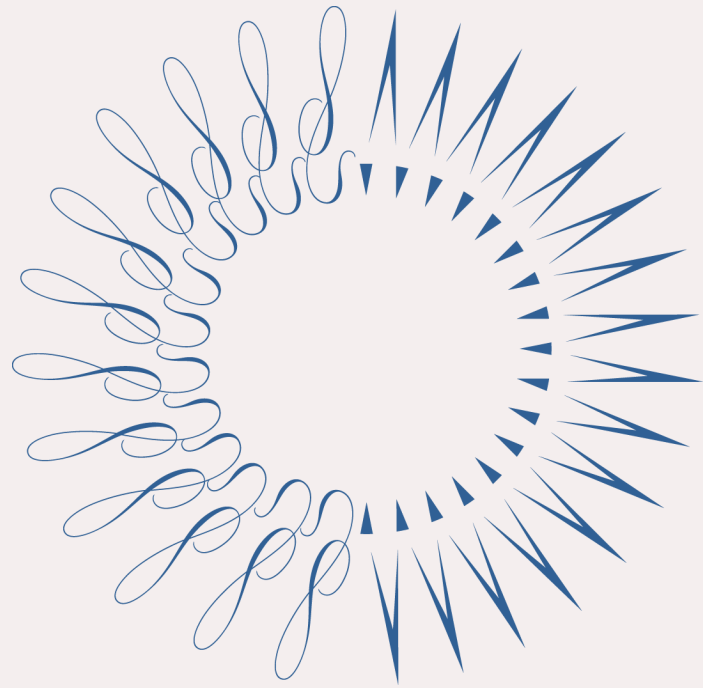
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