

### **COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE**

### Annual Awards Luncheon

May 25th, 2023











Each year, Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) leaders, members, and allies gather to recognize and celebrate individuals who exemplify excellence, dedication, and commitment to CJJ's core mission to reform the juvenile justice system and improve the lives of children, families, and communities nationwide.

CJJ hopes these outstanding individuals inspire others to serve their communities with the same distinction.

## SPIRIT OF YOUTH AWARD



AIDE "SAM" MOORE

The 2023 Spirit of Youth Award is presented to Aide (I-TH-eh) "Sam" Moore of Idaho for her compassion, spirit, and dedication to fellow young people.

The Spirit of Youth Award is given annually by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) to recognize and celebrate a young adult under the age of 28, who has made great strides after involvement with the juvenile justice system, has overcome personal obstacles, and is now making significant contributions to society. The award is given by CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee.

Aide is a youth member of Idaho's State Advisory Group (Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission) and serves as the current chair of the Family Engagement Subcommittee. Aide is a system-impacted young person and advocates for creating more opportunities for young people in Idaho and nationally. Aide was tried as an adult at the age of 16 and was committed to the Department of Juvenile Corrections Center in Nampa, Idaho at 17. Aide was able to successfully transition to life post-incarceration. Her passion to transform the way systems operate and interact with young people has helped to shape state and national efforts on youth engagement, independent living programs, and youth advocacy.

Aide is a positive source of change. She has a passion for serving youth and driving juvenile justice reform. Despite the adversities she was subjected to, she continues to use her experiences to help improve systems so they are more responsive to youth and families. Through her work as the Coalition for Juvenile Justice's Training and Youth Partnership Associate, she sees trends and initiatives that have meaningful impacts. She is using that knowledge to encourage, motivate, and lead others to be active agents for change as well. She challenges systems, and her passion and advocacy for system improvements is undeniable. She sets the bar for the Youth Committee as well as the Commission and helps identify projects to help youth gain meaningful opportunities to learn, participate, and engage. She has taken her collective experiences and parlayed them into an advocacy career in which she uses her voice and experiences to benefit others.

# A.L. CARLISLE CHILD ADVOCACY AWARD



The 2023 A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award is presented to Jason Stone of Idaho. We honor Jason for his dedication to justice reform.

This award is presented annually by CJJ to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to youth, the improvement of juvenile justice, and the broader area of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. It is named in honor of CJJ's founder, A.L. Carlisle, who created the Coalition for Juvenile Justice from her kitchen table in Maine in 1984.

This year's award is given to Jason Stone. Jason is the Community Operations Program and Services (COPS) Administrator for the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC). Jason has been with the department for over 10 years and has dedicated the past 25 years to working with youth and families. Jason's primary role with the department is to manage and coordinate the community operations units which includes IDJC Training Coordinators, Behavioral Health, Planning and Compliance, and the District Liaisons. Prior to working at IDJC, he supervised the Programs Division for Ada County, helping establish Ada County as an Annie E. Casey JDAI Replication Site. He has worked as a child protection risk assessment supervisor and as a grant writer. During Jason's career he exemplified excellence in his service to all system stake-

holders to include law enforcement, juvenile probation detention, judiciary, Commissions and Councils, and most importantly, youth and families. Jason's professionalism commitment to exceptional service may be his strongest attribute. Through his leadership and service excellence, he successfully led various stakeholder groups to address Idaho's non-compliance with the deinstitutionalization of status offenders (DSO) core protection. Idaho had been out of compliance with the DSO requirement since 2017. Jason collaborated with the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission, and the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council to align state statute and juvenile court rules, develop and implement resources, and provide training related to core protections and best practices. These efforts ultimately Idaho regaining full compliance with all JJDPA resulted in provisions.

Jason has a long career in the field of juvenile justice and throughout his career he has always been an advocate for youth, youth voice, and positive system change. Examples of this include working on legislation to reduce detention of youth charged with status offenses, and helping secure funding for the statewide implementation of youth assessment and youth crisis centers in Idaho. Jason has used his knowledge, experience, and passion to support system reform and improvements. He focuses on collaboration, empowering youth, empowering juvenile justice professionals, and empowering communities overall.

#### A.L. CARLISLE CHILD ADVOCACY AWARD

# TONY GOBAR OUTSTANDING JUVENILE JUSTICE SPECIALIST AWARD



### **CHELSEA NEWTON**

The 2023 Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award is presented to Chelsea Newton of Idaho for her constant compassion and support of all youth, especially those who have experienced challenges and barriers throughout their lives.

The Tony Gobar Award recognizes an individual that has served as a State Juvenile Justice Specialist within the last five years, who exemplifies excellence in service to others, is dedicated to improving the juvenile justice system, and demonstrates compassion and concern. This award is named after Tony Gobar, a longtime Juvenile Justice Specialist from Mississippi. He was honored posthumously by CJJ in 2004 for his exemplary service in the field of juvenile justice reform. He was known for his selflessness, his dedication to his community, and his unceasing compassion for youth.

Chelsea Newton's commitment to system improvement, her drive, and her passion for improving youth outcomes makes her the essence of the Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award.

Chelsea joined the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections as Compliance Monitor in 2016. She was promoted to the Juvenile Justice Specialist in 2019. During Chelsea's career, she exemplified excellence in her service to all system stakeholders including juvenile probation and detention workers, members of the judiciary, the agency's various commissions and councils, and most importantly to youth and families. Regardless of audience or circumstance, Chelsea is always willing to serve others. Through her leadership, and excellence in service, she was successful in leading various stakeholder groups to address Idaho's non-compliance with the deinstitutionalization of status offender (DSO) core protection.

Throughout Chelsea's tenure as juvenile justice specialist, every activity or assignment was geared toward a much larger cause: improving Idaho's Juvenile Justice System. With each circumstance, obstacle, or opportunity she sought the path that led to long-term system improvements that benefitted youth and families. Chelsea was instrumental in changing several state statutes, and accompanying juvenile court rules, and created targeted bench cards for juvenile magistrates related to status offender placement considerations, the valid court order exception, juvenile waiver provisions, and best practices surrounding the commitment of youth to state custody.

Chelsea always makes sure youth are heard and supported. She emphasizes the importance of having youth voices in the room and building youth leadership opportunities. Chelsea's role as the Juvenile Justice Specialist helped propel Idaho to become a leader in the field of juvenile justice. With her support, Idaho has been able to pass legislation that directly affects and promotes the tenets to improve outcomes for youth.

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### MARION MATTINGLY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



#### **MARCIA HAZELHORST**

The 2023 Marion Mattingly Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to Marcia Hazelhorst of Missouri for her tireless devotion to juvenile justice reform and youth advocacy.

The Marion Mattingly Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to the reform of the juvenile justice system and advocacy on behalf of system-involved youth. The award is given to an individual, regardless of profession or vocation, who has given a life of service through dedication and achievement in the field of juvenile justice, as an agent for change, and a person who challenges the conventionality of the system. The award is named in honor of Marion Mattingly, CJJ's first Executive Director, who passed away in 2021.

Marcia works endlessly and selflessly to promote justice for youth and families. She has worked from the bottom as a Deputy Juvenile Officer, to Superintendent of Detention, to Chief Juvenile Officer, and finally to Executive Director of the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association. Marcia's entire professional career has revolved around improving the lives of youth.

Marcia contributes not just to her own community, but to all of the communities across Missouri. Whenever someone has a question they know the best person to reach out to is Marcia. Marcia coauthored the Missouri Juvenile Office Performance Standards which was a game changer for Missouri. The Juvenile Officer Performance Standards were the first document to outline the role and duties of the Juvenile Officer. It helped change practices across the state to be more equitable and just.

She has worked tirelessly to educate and get legislation passed. Marcia played a major role in raising the state age to 18 which took several years to achieve. Marcia's work didn't stop there, as she is busy every legislative session tracking bills and stepping in to promote or stop bills that do not align with MJJA's mission of promoting justice for youth and families.

In her own community, she has touched and helped hundreds of families and youth as they have worked with her during her time as a Deputy Juvenile Officer, Detention Superintendent, or Chief Juvenile Officer. Marcia's passion for keeping kids out of the system and at home with their loved ones, has shaped her community and the current practices of the juvenile office. Marcia is involved with numerous local committees and does all she can to give back to her community.

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### Spirit of Youth Award

Past award winners of the Spirit of Youth Award include:

DERRICK BEDFORD (CA), COREY KEAN (PA), SHELLEY ATKINS (NV), T. NICOLE WRIGHT (IL), RITA NARANJO (CA), **JEREMY ESTRADA (CA).** ANTOINE PERRY (CA), MARVIN GUMBA (VA), KEANALU CHARTRAND (HI), LANCE GARNER (HI), MICHAEL M. COX (NC), BRANDON MCMILLIAN (DC), ANDREW PETERMAN (ID), JABRIERA HANDY (MD), HERNAN CARVENTE (NY), MARQUIS PARKER (DC), RAUL BARETTO (CA), SANG DAO (OR), DALTON GORDON (KY), RAUL BARRETO (CA), AMANDA CLIFFORD (CA), THE YOUTH ADVOCATES AT GREEN HILL SCHOOL (WA), EZEQUIEL VASQUEZ (OR), KYLA WOODS (DC), AND YUSEF PRESLEY (KS).



### A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award

Past award winners of the A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award include:

DOREITHA MADDEN (NJ), ROBERT M. HUNTER (CO), BIRCH BAYH (IN), TERRY EDWARDS (NJ), BERNARDINE (HALL) ADAMS (LA), GEORGE B. RASIN, JR. (MD), FRANK A. ORLANDO (FL), ALLISON FLEMING (IA), STACEY F. ATKINSON (SC), IRENE ABERNETHY (NE), ROBERT MARDIS (IN), LINDA W. HAYES (NC), ROBERT E. SHEPHERD, JR. (VA), SHARON HARRIGFELD (ID), B. THOMAS LEAHY (NJ), JOHN DEWESE (SC), WILLIAM R. BYARS, JR. (SC), LINDA O'NEAL (TN). VINCENT N. SCHIRALDI (DC), ROBERT G. SCHWARTZ (PA), CHRISTOPHER MURPHY (CT). RICHARD J. GARDELL (MN), ROBIN JENKINS (NC), DAVID SCHMIDT (NM), HON. MICHAEL MAYER (MN), LAURIE GARDUQUE (IL), HON. GEORGE W. TIMBERLAKE (IL), SEN. CHARLES GRASSLEY (IA), CECELY REARDON (MA). KEN SCHATZ (VT), MARCY MISTRETT (DC), AND LISA GARRY (MD).



### Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award

Past award winners of the Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award include:

EDWARD CHARGUALAF (HI), SUZANNE TOGUCHI (HI), PAT CERVERA (CO), LARRY CARTER (NV), RICHARD LINDAHL (NM), SANDY REMPE (MO), CHRISTIAN KERVICK (DE), JOSEPH B. VIGNATI (GA), ALAN MILLER (ID), VALERIE LAMOTTE (CT), REG GARFF (UT), EDWARD CHARGUALAF (HI), ROBERT VICKERY (IL), MEG WILLIAMS (CO), JENNIFER G. WITHROW (KY), MICHAEL D. PENNINGTON (PA), JESSICA WHEELER (MD), CALLIE HARGETT (MN), AND MELISSA MILCHMAN (DC).



### Marion Mattingly Lifetime Achievement Award

Past award winners of the Marion Mattingly Lifetime Achievement Award include:

ELIZABETH (BETSY) CLARKE (IL).







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