

*THE COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE'S
EMERGING LEADERS COMMITTEE PRESENTS*

Empowering, Enriching, and Inspiring Youth: Making Policy Personal

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CJJ YOUTH SUMMIT



Welcome

On behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Executive board, Council of State Advisory Groups (SAGs), and the Emerging Leaders Committee (ELC) we welcome you to our 2023 Youth Summit, "Empowering, Enriching, and Inspiring Youth: Making Policy Personal." Our goal is for you to leave this conference empowered, informed, motivated, and connected with other emerging leaders from across the country.

This year's summit will focus on ways that we can equip young leaders with the tools they need to improve our juvenile justice systems, including self-care, leadership, and advocacy skills to help as they engage in this important work. Youth bring passion, valuable perspective, and in many instances lived expertise, to this work. It is our goal that this summit will enable attendees to use these and other tools to help shape a better and more equitable juvenile justice system.

Over the next two days, we will learn about juvenile justice reform and hear from emerging leaders in the field. We will hear about ways to share personal stories effectively, and ways to collaborate with policymakers. More than anything though, we hope that you walk away from this conference with a network of fellow emerging leaders who can help support your advocacy efforts moving forward.

The 2023 CJJ Youth Summit would not be possible without our Emerging Leaders Committee (ELC). We are grateful to these individuals, who worked tirelessly to create an engaging and informative agenda. During the summit, you will hear presentations from many of these committee members. We thank our ELC, and all of our presenters and attendees for helping us create our best Youth Summit yet. A special thank you to our 2023 ELC for their hard work and dedication and to all of you for being here with us.

Sincerely,
Isidro Marino
Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Emerging Leaders Committee Chair

Monday, July 31st

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration Table Open

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast (provided)

9:00 am – 9:45 am
UWY Building
Room 304

Summit Opening

ELC Welcome, Aaron Toleafoa, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
CJJ Welcome, Naomi Smoot Evans, Executive Director

9:45 am – 10:45 am
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Room 304

Increasing Resources to Meet the Needs of Youth:

This session will explore the impact that existing resource gaps have on youth, and how young people from across the country can help address these current challenges.

Presenters

Aaron Toleafoa, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Edgar Calixto, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Hannah Krawczyk, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Emilio Carranza-Davis, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Mike O'Key, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Chris Ford, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Isidro Marino, Emerging Leaders Committee Chair

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The Role of Education:

Presenters will discuss various opportunities for higher education and the pathway to success. During this session attendees will learn about alternatives to college, resources to write applications, and how to go about financing education.

Presenters

Emilio Carranza-Davis, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Ron Ackerson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Mike O'Key, Emerging Leaders Committee Member

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State and Federal Legislation: Changes in Youth Justice Policy

Join us for a conversation about ways young people are educating lawmakers on ways they can create more just and equitable outcomes for youth.

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Presenters

Hannah Krawczyk, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Jordyn Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Gabby Henry, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Ali Smith, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Edgar Calixto, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Chris Ford, Emerging Leaders Committee Member

What a Coach Can Teach a Mentor:

Mentoring has become a word and ability that has been tossed around often and can lead to relationships that lack consistency and relevant guidance. Join us in this transformative session where Brother Rashad will guide participants through an engaging exercise aimed at showcasing coaching techniques and identifying our personal skill sets. These skills are essential for teaching and guiding young people, and enabling us to witness their continuous progress. Through collaborative group activities, participants will have the opportunity to openly discuss their unique abilities and identify coachable qualities that significantly enhance the effectiveness of mentoring sessions.

Presenters

Rashad Norris, Executive Director, Relevant Engagement Consulting, LLC

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Lunch (provided)

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
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Life Skills:

Participants in this session will learn different skills through a series of hands on stations where they can try their hand at: resume building, advocacy, and interviewing skills. Attendees who wish to show their skills, can participate in a challenge station to learn how to tie a tie, and then compete to see who can tie one the fastest.

Presenters

Audi Espinoza-Wodrazka, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Myla Roundy, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Gabby Henry, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Mike O'Key, Emerging Leaders Committee Member

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Noah McQueen, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Ron Ackerson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member

**National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judge's
Listening Session:**

Participants are invited to share their perspectives on existing gaps and current best practices to respond to the needs of justice-involved LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit youth. Through this conversation, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and project partners will develop training and technical assistance to increase awareness in the juvenile justice system of the unique strengths and needs of justice-involved LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit youth.

Presenters

Lauren Beal, Senior Program Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
Erin Condon, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Hannah Krawczyk, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Emilio Carranza-Davis, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Isidro Marino, Emerging Leaders Committee Chair

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm
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Day 1 Wrap Up

Presenters

Isidro Marino, Emerging Leaders Committee Chair

Tuesday, August 1st

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration Table Open

8:30 am – 9:00 am
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Breakfast (provided)

9:00 am – 9:45 am
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Writing your Own Story:

This session will explore personal story development and its role in advocacy. Participants will learn how to share their stories for more effective advocacy, networking, and career building.

Presenters

Ron Ackerson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Gabby Henry, Emerging Leaders Committee Member



Myla Roundy, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Emilio Carranza-Davis, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Aaron Toleafoa, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Jordyn Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Audi Espinoza-Wodrazka, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Ali Smith, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
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Reentry and Rehabilitation:

Returning home is a critical moment for a young person. The majority of people who are incarcerated or in out of home placement will return to their communities. It is imperative that we work with young people on a personal and individualized level to develop life skills identified by young people. Join us for a conversation about ways young people can take ownership of reentry programming and policy to help build bridges within the community to ensure a successful transition home.

Presenters

Ron Ackerson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Edgar Calixto, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Aaron Toleafoa, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Jordyn Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Audi Espinoza-Wodrazka, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Chris Ford, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Mike O'Key, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Erin Condon, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Gabby Henry, Emerging Leaders Committee Member

10:30 am – 11:15 am
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Self-Care and Emotional Building:

In order to be effective in advocacy and create effective systemic change, we have to take care of ourselves. Between everyday life stressors, and the perceptions that young people face, it is imperative that we balance self-care and emotional building to ensure we can continue with the work that needs to be done. Join us to learn about the important role of self care and emotional building, and ways that young people can become responsive instead of reactive.



Presenters

Gabby Henry, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Jordyn Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Ron Ackerson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Myla Roundy, Emerging Leaders Committee Member

11:15 am – 11:20 am

Break

11:20 am – 12:05 pm
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Stemming the Tide of the School-to-Prison Pipeline:

Data shows that school discipline disproportionately impacts BIPOC students and can lead to involvement in the youth justice system. Presenters in this session will explore current practices and ways that restorative justice can be used as an alternative.

Presenters

Chris Ford, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Edgar Calixto, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Ron Ackerson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Audi Espinoza-Wodrazka, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Aaron Toleafoa, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Erin Condon, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Jordyn Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Mike O'Key, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
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12:05 pm – 1:05 pm

Lunch (provided)

1:05 pm – 1:50 pm
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Women and Girls in the Carceral System:

Young people who identify as female encounter unique obstacles when they come into contact with the youth legal system. Systems struggle to meet these needs and often merely adapt programs that were created with the needs of males in mind. Join us for a conversation about ways to address the needs of girls and women in the legal system and how young people can change the way our systems interact with female identifying young people.

Presenters

Hannah Krawczyk, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Erin Condon, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Gabby Henry, Emerging Leaders Committee Member
Jordyn Wilson, Emerging Leaders Committee Member

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A Conversation with Administrator Ryan

Join us for a discussion with Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Administrator, Elizabeth Ryan about her vision for Youth Justice. Administrator Ryan will discuss what her office is doing to enhance youth justice reform, and successful models of youth engagement from across the country. This presentation will be followed by questions from ELC members and attendees.

Moderator

Mike O'Key, Emerging Leaders Committee Member

Presenter

Elizabeth Ryan, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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Summit Closing

Presenter

Isidro Marino, Emerging Leaders Committee Chair

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