



## 2022 CJJ Annual Conference

### 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

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

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4:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
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**CJJ Executive Board Meeting (closed meeting)**  
Facilitated by: *Michelle Diaz* (NY), National Chairwoman,  
Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**Thursday, May 19**

Conference Opening, Workshops, Awards Luncheon

8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
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**Registration Open**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
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**Exhibit Hall and Networking**

8:00 am – 9:00 am  
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**Breakfast**

8:00 am – 9:00 am  
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**Youth Networking and Breakfast Session**

9:00 am – 10:30 am  
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**Conference Welcome & General Session**  
CJJ Welcome by: *Michelle Diaz* (NY), National Chairwoman,  
Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Federal Update: *Chyrl Jones*, Acting 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.

**Presenters:**

*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

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

**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 solitary 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.

**Speakers:**

*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*

- 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*

- 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*

- 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*

12:15 pm – 12:30 pm

*Break*

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

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**CJJ 2022 Awards Luncheon**

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

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm

*Break*

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

**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., OJJDP*

*Andrew Monroe, LCSW*

*Sharon "Shel" Millington, M.A.*

*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

**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 & Youth Justice Strategist

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Break

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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### Concurrent Workshop Session #3

#### 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

#### 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, 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 communities 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 & Juvenile Justice Planning Division*

- 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, 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

5:40 pm – 6:40 pm  
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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

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7:45 am – 10:00 am  
Regency Foyer

**Breakfast**

8:15 am – 9:45 am

**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 Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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- **Northeast**

Facilitated by: *Janelle Ridley* (MA), Northeast Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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- **Southern**

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

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- **Western**

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

9:45 am – 10:00 am

*Break*

10:00 am – 12:30 am  
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**General Session**

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

**Keeping Communities Safe: Addressing Trauma During Ongoing Challenges**

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.

**Presenters:**

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

*Diane Moore*, Director of 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

*Andrea Dominguez*, Youth Expert, Utah

*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.

**Presenter:**

Clara Bluestein Gibbons, Principal Strategist, Frameworks Institute

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

#### **Lunch on Your Own**

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  
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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

12:45 pm – 1:15 pm  
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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

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

#### **Concurrent Workshop Session #4**

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##### **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.

**Presenters:**

*Scott Pestridge*, Senior Program Manager, OJJDP

*Aqeela Sherrills*, Community Violence Intervention

Collaborative Advisor

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

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

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**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

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

The purpose of the workshop will be to 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

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 pm – 4:45 pm

## Concurrent Workshop Session #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.

**Presenters:**

*Scott Pestrige*, 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.

**Presenters:**

*Gabrielle Dresner*, Policy Associate, Michigan Center for Youth Justice  
*Robert Burroughs*, Director for Justice Policy, Public Policy Associates, Inc.

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- 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 the State of 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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- D. A Recipe for Change: An In-Depth Look at a New Model for Juvenile Justice That Starts in the Kitchen-** Learn about a new model for juvenile justice that is revolutionizing the way we think about wraparound care and support, workforce development, mental health services, and education opportunities for justice-involved youth. Join this workshop to learn about the Momentum model, and how it is making an impact across the country.

**Speakers:**

*Chad Houser*, CEO and Founder, Momentum Advisory Collective and Café Momentum

*Stephanie Keene*, National Program Director, Momentum Advisory Collective

- 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

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm

*Break*

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
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**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

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
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**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**

8:00 am – 8:30 am

**Breakfast**

8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
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

12:30 pm

**Conference Closing**