



Agenda: 2020 CJJ Virtual Annual Conference & Council of SAGs Meeting

Wednesday, November 18

Conference Opening and Workshops

9:00 am - 10:30 am

General Session and Conference Welcome

Welcoming Remarks: *Pastor Edward Palmer*, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Turning Points: Covid-19 and its Impact on Justice Reform

2020 has been a year filled with unexpected challenges. Yet in the midst of those challenges we have seen unprecedented opportunities to reduce youth incarceration, to address racial and ethnic disparities in our justice system and beyond, and to chart a new path forward using the lessons we've learned from this moment.

Speakers:

Lt. Carlos Camacho, Nashua Police Department, and Northeast Regional Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Pastor Edward Palmer, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Hon. Steve Teske, Chief Judge, Clayton County Juvenile Court, and Immediate Past Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Naomi Smoot Evans, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Moderator)

The Sky's the Limit: Building on the Momentum of Earlier Reforms

In 2016, Vermont became the first state in the country to include 18- and 19-year-olds in their juvenile justice system. Hear from local leaders on the lessons they have learned through that process and what's on the horizon for the state's continuing reforms.

Speakers:

Karen Vastine, Former Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, Vermont Department of Children and Families

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Children and Families (retired)

Lael E. H. Chester, Director, Emerging Adult Justice Project, Columbia University Justice Lab

Kreig Pinkham, Chair, Vermont State Advisory Group and Executive Director, Washington County Youth Services Bureau

10:30 am - 10:35 am

Break (Don't forget to visit our exhibits)

10:35 am - 12:05 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #1

A. The Promise of Racial Impact Statements: Findings from a Case Study of Minority Impact Statements in Iowa

Last year, through the National Juvenile Justice Network's (NJJN) Racial Justice Working Group, NJJN began exploring racial impact statements as a potential advocacy tool in ending racial disparities. Partnering with the Community Empowerment Law Project of the University of Iowa College of Law (CELP) on a case study of Iowa's implementation of minority impact statements, NJJN endeavored to learn about the following: the effort to pass the minority impact legislation, the methodology of creating minority impact statements, the effort to implement the statements over the years, and the requirements led to reductions in racial disparities over the last decade. Join Tracey Tucker with the NJJN to learn more about the results of the study and the key takeaways for first steps to unpacking the efficacy of racial impact statements for dismantling racial disparities and their usefulness as a tool for youth justice policy.

Presenter:

Tracey Tucker (JD, MSW), Youth Justice Leadership Institute Coordinator, National Juvenile Justice Network

B. Power in Partnership: Authentic Inclusion of Youth Voice in Juvenile Justice System Reform

Santa Clara County's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a collaborative effort between the Santa Clara County Probation Department and the Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY) program, to produce positive system change through the inclusion of youth voices. Workshop participants will hear from members of the YAC and learn about Santa Clara County's efforts to engage youth voices in policy reform work in a way that is meaningful and trauma-informed.

Presenters:

Jasmine Davis, Deputy Probation Officer/Youth Advisory Council Coordinator, Santa Clara County Probation Department

Julia Cuevas, Youth Advisory Council Manager, Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc.

Angel Ramos, Youth Justice Consultant, Santa Clara County Youth Advisory Council

Nallely Navarro, Youth Justice Consultant, Santa Clara County Youth Advisory Council

Susie Rivera, Executive Director, Santa Clara County (Moderator)

C. Resilience for Trauma-Informed Justice Professionals: Protecting Ourselves and Our Staff from Secondary Traumatic Stress and Vicarious Trauma

The call to create trauma-informed juvenile justice systems has been clear. However, little attention has been paid to the need to provide justice professionals with the tools to carry out trauma-informed practices in ways that protect them from the potential risks of secondary traumatic stress and vicarious trauma. This workshop will introduce attendees to techniques to bolster resilience, specifically in the context of working with traumatized youth in the justice system.

Presenter:

Patricia Kerig, Professor, University of Utah

D. Dreaming Big: Redefining Education, Opportunities and Access

The school-to-prison-pipeline and criminal justice system labyrinth contribute to reduced student graduation rates, reduced lifetime earnings, and subsequently, increased income inequality and disparity gaps. In recent years, Massachusetts has implemented juvenile justice and criminal justice reform. These efforts have encouraged diversion programs, including The Summer of Hope diversionary program which coordinated high education institutions with at-risk systems involved individuals. Workshop participants will learn about the Massachusetts juvenile justice pipeline, methods of convening diversionary programs, and the outcomes from multi-organizational partnerships.

Presenters:

Maria Madison, Assistant Dean of Equity, Inclusion and Diversity, Brandeis University

Janelle Ridley, Director of Strategic Initiatives, City of Boston

Max Brodsky, Program Manager, Brandeis University

Beverley Evans, Associate Professor, Lesley University

E. Developing, Implementing, and Evaluating a Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool

This workshop will focus on how to develop, implement, and evaluate a Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) identification tool in a Probation Department. This presentation will focus on the need for a validated CSE screening tool, the barriers to implementation, how data is collected, and the importance of continuous improvement to ensure response protocols to youth who are at risk of being commercially sexually exploited.

Presenters:

Brittney Carnahan, Research and Evaluation Specialist I, Santa Clara County Probation Department
Elisa Carias, Probation Division Manager, Santa Clara County Probation Department
Jennifer Anguiano, Deputy Probation Officer III, Santa Clara County Probation Department

12:05 pm - 12:10 pm **Break (Don't forget to visit our exhibits)**

12:10 pm - 12:35 pm **Aloha Spirit: Mindfulness, Forgiveness, and Restorative Approaches to Youth Justice**

In 2014, Hawaii overhauled its juvenile justice system. At that time, Native Hawaiians were overrepresented in the justice system, along with other youth of color. Among the state's reforms was a focus on restorative justice and embracing the Aloha Spirit that had long been central to local culture.

Speaker:

JoYi Rhyss, Mindful Forgiveness Facilitator

12:35 pm - 1:30 pm **Optional Lunch and Learn Book Club**

Join us for a discussion on selected titles. Participants should plan to read the book in advance of the conference and join other attendees for a guided conversation.

Book Club A: *Burning Down the House: The End of Juvenile Prison* by Nell Bernstein

This book humanizes and shares stories of youth who have suffered at the hands of the juvenile justice system and calls for the closure of America's harmful and counterproductive juvenile justice system.

Facilitator: *Tracey Wells-Huggins*, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

Book Club B: *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander

This book presents the history of race in America and examines mass incarceration not as a modern problem, but rather as the latest evolutionary form of systemic American racism.

Facilitators: *Lt. Carlos Camacho*, Northeast Regional Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Steven Brooks, Western Regional Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Book Club C: *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique W. Morris

This book chronicles the negative experiences and criminalization of Black girls in schools across the country, explores the policies and practices that push them out of school and into unhealthy and unstable futures, and seeks to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline.

Facilitator: *Brock Landwehr*, Government Relations Committee Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Book Club D: So You Want to Talk About Race by *Ijeoma Oluo*

This book aims to make conversations about race accessible to everyone despite the complex and emotionally-charged nature of the topic and aims to make readers aware of their own unwitting perpetuation of America's pervasive systemic racism.

Facilitator: *Gordon McHenry, Jr.*, Western Regional Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

General Session

The Provision of Educational and Related Services to Students with Disabilities in Juvenile Justice Facilities and COVID-19 Guidance

The U.S. Department of Education mandates educational and related services for all students, including students with disabilities. This presentation will review the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for students in juvenile justice facilities and share COVID-19 Guidance. Federal partners such as Title I Part D, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, and Rehabilitation Services Administration will review additional services, and respective COVID-19 guidance.

Speakers:

Marion Morton Crayton, M.S., M.Div., Ed.D., Office Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)/ Monitoring and State Improvement Planning Division (MSIP), Implementation Science Lead and Correctional Education Co/Lead

Curtis Kinnard, M.Ed., Ed.S., Ed.D., Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), Monitoring and State Improvement Planning Division (MSIP), Correctional Education Lead

Tara Jordan, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), Grant Management Specialist
Sean Addie, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE), Office of Correctional Education

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #2

A. Youth-Led Strategies to Support Youth Experiencing Homelessness

This workshop will provide an opportunity for workshop participants to hear directly from youth with lived experience of homelessness and juvenile justice system involvement. The workshop will provide specific ways in which the justice system can support youth experiencing homelessness and help prevent homelessness among youth, rather than sending them into a deeper trajectory of hardship and trauma.

Presenters:

Annika Olson, RILE Youth Advisory Committee Member, The Link

Beth Holger, CEO, The Link

B. SAG Leadership to Remove Status Offenses from the Juvenile Justice System

The Washington, DC SAG, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, is leading a local reform effort to remove all status offenses from the juvenile justice system and create a community-based, holistic, culturally- and trauma-responsive system of services to meet the needs of youth and families. This workshop will highlight the SAG's process and the opportunity to lead the District toward this model.

Presenters:

Laura Furr, Chair, Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

Melissa Milchman, Grants Management Specialist, Juvenile Justice, Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants

LaShelle Richmond, Youth Empowerment Program Manager Sasha Bruce, Youth Work

C. Behind the Masquerade: A Youth Led Dialogue on Grasstop and Grassroots Organizing to Create Solutions for Dual Status Youth

Residential treatment centers house the largest population of dual status youth in Harris County, Texas. Records show state investigators confirmed hundreds of violations, at least 250 of them involving abuse, neglect, and mistreatment. All of those centers remain in operation today. Our workshop will focus on new and emerging information that we are discovering from youth residing in RTC's, curriculum created to better support system-involved youth and elevate their voice, and strategies to engage and activate community members into action to better help support these youth.

Presenters:

Dieter Cantu, Program Manager, Harris County Youth Collective

Quintavin McGraw, Youth and Community Specialist, Harris County Youth Collective

Annie Anthony, Youth and Community Specialist, Harris County Youth Collective

D. Teen Dating Violence: A Pathway to Domestic Child Sex Trafficking

This session seeks to address one of the underexplored entry points into domestic child sex trafficking (DCST): through teen dating relationships. DCST involves similar power and control patterns and tactics present in intimate partner violence and dating violence. For justice system professionals, the first step in working with potential DCST victims is to recognize the complexity of their situation, which may include being trafficked by a dating partner.

Presenters:

Jessica Pearce, Senior Site Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Rebekah Tucci, Program Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo, Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

E. Probation Transformation: A Vision for Getting it Right

Annie E. Casey's 2018 report, *Transforming Juvenile Probation: A Vision for Getting it Right*, highlighted ways in which jurisdictions can—and are—fundamentally shifting their approach to juvenile probation. The paper was grounded in on-the-ground efforts across the country to move away from a surveillance and compliance focus and toward an orientation in which the primary aim of probation is to promote young people's long-term success. This workshop will take you through that vision from inception, to the components, and implementation.

Probation is the most frequently issued disposition for young people and is most heavily passed down to youth of color. We will discuss how if the system is not careful, probation can be a gateway to the deep end of the system.

Transforming probation is centered around leveling the playing field for youth of color, using probation as a liaison between the system and the community instead of a barrier, and forming relationships that will set up youth for success within their community. Transforming probation is rooted in two pillars: diversion and refashioning probation. This workshop will discuss how redesigning those two pillars is essential to transformation. From why this is needed, to what is needed, we will discuss what have been the barriers to using probation as it was originally designed.

Presenters:

Steve Bishop, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Senior Associate

Opal West, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Program Associate

John M. Cookus, AECF JJSG Consultant and Assistant Professor, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

3:30 pm - 3:35 pm

Break (Don't forget to visit our exhibits)

3:35 pm - 4:35 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #3

A. "But We Already Divert a Lot of Youth!": Revisiting Diversion with an Intentional Focus on Race, Equity, and Inclusion

Overrepresentation of youth of color begins at the earliest stages of the youth justice system and almost always worsens as youth move deeper into the system. To achieve significant reductions in racial and ethnic disparities, we must focus efforts on the front end of the system. Take away practical (and proven) approaches for using diversion as an intentional strategy for reducing racial and ethnic disparities at the state and local level in this interactive session.

Presenters:

Tiana Davis, Policy Director for Equity and Justice, Center for Children's Law and Policy

Jason Szanyi, Deputy Director, Center for Children's Law and Policy

B. How to Respond to the Opioid Crisis in Your Jurisdiction: Engaging Youth & Families with Lived Experiences

As juvenile and family justice professionals, we develop policies and procedures and make decisions about system improvements. All of these affect the youth and families being served. However, these policies and decisions are often made without the input of people who have to navigate the systems we create. This can be especially true for youth and families impacted by the current opioid crisis. This session will highlight several strategies to engage people with lived experiences.

Presenters:

Wendy Schiller, Senior Program Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Andrew Wachter, Site Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Mark Funkhouser, Site Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

C. The End of Bricks and Mortar: Embracing Therapeutic Foster Care at the Dawn of Family First

If therapeutic foster care (TFC) had a song it would be "I can do anything you (congregate care) can do better." In Kentucky, TFC has been used by the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice to deal with some of the most challenging situations. This includes helping youth with mental health needs by providing services in rural areas, and meeting the needs of young people in challenging cases. Learn how TFC can work as a solution to a board range of youths' needs.

Presenters:

Vicki Reed, Executive Director, Kentucky Juvenile Justice Initiative
Rob Goodwin, Chief People Officer, NECCO (TFC Agency)

D. State and Local Leaders: Working with DOJ's Civil Rights Division to Protect the Rights of Justice System-Involved Youth

State and local leaders will develop an understanding of DOJ's juvenile justice civil rights enforcement work. Using case studies, participants will identify and propose remedies for civil rights violations, review DOJ's resolution of these violations, and consider the leadership role that stakeholders can play in achieving lasting reform. The case studies will address young peoples' right to counsel and protection from harm in secure juvenile justice facilities.

Presenters:

Deena Fox, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division
Richard Goemann, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division
Winsome Gayle, Special Litigation Counsel, United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

E. Building Women: Using Mentor and Civic Engagement to Heal and Empower Girls in the Juvenile Justice Context

The Osborne Association, from its offices in Harlem, Brooklyn, and the Bronx, operates interventions for youth who have incarcerated parents and/or justice system involvement of their own. These programs employ complementary approaches: (1) transformative mentoring and (2) civic engagement. Using exercises, role-plays, and stories, a direct-service staff member will present strategies for using these approaches to support girls and young women within a justice system chiefly designed for males.

Presenter:

Chantla Stokes, Youth Development Specialist, The Osborne Association

Thursday, November 19**Conference Plenary, Workshops, and Awards Luncheon**

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Plenary Session

Opening Remarks: *Naomi Smoot Evans*, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Pre-Court Diversion: What We Can Learn from New Research and State Experience

Juvenile justice decision makers want to adopt policies and programs that protect public safety, use juvenile justice funds effectively, and promote strong outcomes for youth, communities and families. For many youths, research shows that avoiding formal court processing can often lead to better outcomes and avoid the life consequences associated with system involvement. This panel will discuss recent research completed by the Urban Institute assessing the impact of Kentucky's enhanced diversion practices adopted in 2014 as part of the state's juvenile justice reforms, as well as the state's broader experiences developing and implementing new approaches to diversion and the racial and ethnic disparities that persist even as fewer youth enter. The panel will also discuss the experience of Davidson County, Tennessee, about local-level efforts to reduce the number of youths unnecessarily referred to the system.

Speakers:

Elizabeth Compa, Officer, The Pew Charitable Trusts (Moderator)
Rachel Bingham, Executive Officer, Department of Family and Juvenile Services
Pastor Edward Palmer, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Samantha Harvell, Principal Policy Associate, The Urban Institute
Stacy Miller, Assistant District Attorney, Davidson County Tennessee
Dominic Garcia, Youth Panelist

Building Change: How Youth Leaders are Shaping Reform

Youth are essential partners in the work to improve the systems that serve them, bringing unique lived expertise and fresh perspectives with them. Join us to hear from the next generation of youth leaders on ways to improve systems and partner with youth.

Speakers:

Ali Abdulkadir, Youth Organizer, Maine Youth Justice Campaign
Sharday Hamilton, Youth Leader, National Network for Youth,
Amanda Clifford, Founding 8, A Way Home America
Michelle Diaz, National Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile (Moderator)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #4

A. Reducing Populations and Impacts on Jurisdictions Long Term

Juvenile and family court judges play a critical role in the lives of youth and families who come into contact with the courts. Judge Steven Teske will share how he has significantly reduced the juvenile detention population in Clayton County, Georgia over the past decade, including during the Covid-19 pandemic. This workshop will provide strategic steps states and counties can take to reduce their use of detention and incorporate a youth-centered,

collaborative approach to juvenile justice. This presentation will build off of Judge Teske's recorded workshop released to conference registrants in June.

Presenter:

Hon. Steven Teske, Chief Presiding Judge, Clayton County Family Court, Georgia and Immediate Past National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

B. On Track: How can Juvenile Justice Systems Improve Employment Outcomes for Youth and Young Adults

As juvenile justice systems have moved to raise the age of jurisdiction and transition to an older average population, the needs of youth in the system are shifting. In response, the Council of State Governments Justice Center partnered with the Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators to conduct a 50-state survey on workforce development services provided to youth in juvenile justice systems. Join us as we dive into the key trends identified from the survey and discuss strategies for improving outcomes.

Presenters:

Jacob Agus-Kleinman, Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Nina Salomon, Deputy Director, Juvenile Justice Program, Council of State Governments Justice Center

C. Reel Talk – Group Cinematherapy for Adolescent Black Males

Males and African Americans represent two groups that traditionally shy away from counseling as a means of problem solving. Therefore, it was imperative to develop a method of intervention that is both effective and engaging for these populations. Black adolescent males, particularly those living in an urban environment, represent a group that is vulnerable to a high degree of mental health problems. With few interventions found to be successful with Black males, it was necessary to develop an effective therapeutic tool that can be used in treatment. The literature indicates that both cinematherapy and group therapy are effective separately. Join us to explore whether these interventions would be effective collectively.

Presenter:

Jamaal Scott, Staff Psychologist, North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice

D. Collaboration for Change: How Cincinnati & Connecticut Uniquely Approach Coordinating Juvenile Justice and Homeless Services

Interactions with the juvenile justice system on any level put youth at greater risk for homelessness. With the additional wisdom of youth advisory council members, this session will examine how two communities, Stamford, Connecticut and Cincinnati, Ohio, have sought to utilize data to build coalitions and effectuate policy change.

Presenters:

Sarah Henry, Attorney, Children's Law Center

Alicia Woodsby, Senior Policy Advisor, Partnership for Strong Communities

Stacey Violante Cote, Director of Operations, Center for Children's Advocacy

Sasha Roach, Youth Advocate Council Lead, Lighthouse Youth and Family Services

Erica Bromley, Juvenile Justice Liaison, CT Youth Services Association

Ryan Hall, Youth Program Coordinator, Strategies to End Homelessness

E. Unveiling of the Juvenile Probation Policy Scan

Join the Annie E. Casey Foundation in partnership with the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) for the national unveiling of a first of its kind juvenile probation policy scan. The criminal justice field will now have access to comprehensive nationwide web-based information on state policies on juvenile probation. The scan details every state's policy on juvenile probation, including eligibility requirements, probation conditions, sanctions for non-compliance, fees, data collection schemes, structure and financing, and probation officer requirements throughout all 50 states.

Presenters:

Anne Teigen, Program Director, Criminal Justice Program, National Conference of State Legislators

Michael Hartman, Research Analyst, Criminal Justice Program, National Conference of State Legislators

Steve Bishop, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Senior Associate

12:30 pm - 12:40 pm

Break (Don't forget to visit our exhibits)

12:40 pm - 2:00 pm

CJJ 2020 Awards Luncheon

CJJ Welcome and Moderator: *Michelle Diaz*, National Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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:

- Ken Schatz (VT), A.L Carlisle Child Advocacy Award
- Jessica Wheeler (MD), Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award
- Ezequiel Vasquez (OR), National Spirit of Youth Award
- Anna Lopez (CO), Andrew Smith Award Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator Award

Keynote Presenter: *TBA*

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #5

A. Youth Leadership... More Than Services

This workshop will explore ways to build up youth that have touched the Behavioral Health System and other cross system services. Learn about how one youth expert uses their lived experience in the system to mentor and promote leadership. Participants will also learn about exciting ways Washington State is incorporating youth peer support and youth voices in behavioral health treatment models, committees, councils, and conferences. These are the leaders that are making it happen. Attendees will be inspired by their stories, their faith, and their dedication to youth leadership. Youth are our future—let's build them up for it!

Presenters:

Evelyn Clark, Youth Liaison, Washington State Health Care Authority
Tyus Reed, Juvenile Justice Advocate, Washington State SAG Behavioral Health Committee Youth Member

B. Listen Up! How Creative Partnerships and a Heightened Focus on System Dynamics Are Shaping Teen Pregnancy Prevention for Youth in Juvenile Justice

The Office of Population Affairs (OPA) is increasingly leveraging innovative methods, including systems thinking and youth-centered design, for addressing complex public health issues like STD/STI and pregnancy rate disparities for youth in juvenile justice. This workshop will highlight how OPA has applied such methods to unique partnerships with grantees, including through a Youth Listening Session with Urban Strategies and a Pop-Up Workshop, and explore how these opportunities have advanced local and federal public health efforts.

Presenters:

Elizabeth Laferriere, Public Health Analyst, Office of Population Affairs, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Nicole Bennett, Innovation and Demonstration Team Lead, Office of Population Affairs, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
John Lewis, Southern California Director, Urban Strategies
Adam Zaragoza, Community Invention Worker, Homies Unidos
Johnny "John" Torres, Gang Interventionist, Homies Unidos

C. Unpopular: Ways to Support and Rehabilitate Youth Charged with Violent Offenses

Although only five percent of youth in the system are accused of violent crimes, there is little literature or tangible action plans discussing how best to serve these youth, who are still being sent to outdated and ineffective youth prisons, or being automatically transferred to the adult system. Participants will hear recommendations on how to limit and restructure secure confinement so it benefits both children and the society to which they will return.

Presenters:

Jessica “Jesse” Kelley, Government Affairs Manager / Criminal Justice, R Street Institute

Marcy Mistrett, CEO, Campaign for Youth Justice

Ashley DeV Vaughn, Youth Justice Policy Director, Advocates for Children and Youth

D. Relational Aggression in Teenage Girls-Quieting the “Mean Girl”

Relational aggression is a type of bullying that focuses more on sociometric status. This type of bullying is challenging for people to understand because of the concealed methods used by its perpetrators and the victim’s hesitancy to report or address the issue. Often it is difficult for victims to identify that they are victims. This presentation will teach methods to help identify victims and lead them to a path of empowerment in their communities.

Presenter:

Jodie Fairbank, Assistant Professor, Husson University

E. Family-Engaged Case Planning: A Critical Component of Probation Transformation

Annie E. Casey’s 2018 report, *Transforming Juvenile Probation: A Vision for Getting it Right*, highlighted ways in which jurisdictions can—and are—fundamentally shifting their approach to juvenile probation. The paper was grounded in on-the-ground efforts across the country to move away from a surveillance and compliance focus and toward an orientation in which the primary aim of probation is to promote young people’s long-term success.

This workshop focuses on one of the most important of these on-the-ground efforts—reinventing the initial stage of the probation process, case planning, to be one that places family engagement and partnership front and center.

Presenters:

Annie Salsich, Senior Fellow, Case Commons, The Annie E. Casey Foundation
Stuart “Stu” Berry, Consultant and Technical Assistance Advisor, Case Commons, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Ana Bermudez, Commissioner of New York City, Department of Probation

Jeanette Bocanegra, Executive Director, Justice for Families

3:00 pm - 3:05 pm

Break (Don’t forget to visit our exhibits)

3:05 pm - 4:05 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #6

A. It was all a Dream: The Journey from Negative to Positive –Volumes I and II

“It was all a dream...” the unforgettable introduction to “Juicy” – a classic and gripping hip-hop song by The Notorious B.I.G. – sets the landscape

for the journey that two Oregon Youth Development Council members will take you on. Maricela Ortega-Guzman have unfortunately lived the life juvenile justice practitioners strive to prevent. This is her raw, unfiltered account. She—along with the Oregon Youth Development Division – will challenge you to ACT.

Presenters:

Sonji Moore, Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator, Oregon Department of Education Youth Development Division

Maricela Ortega-Guzman, Grants Coordinator, Verde

B. Challenging Municipal Fines for Youth: Unburdening Youth and Families

In Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and jurisdictions across the country, young people under 18 face municipal fines stemming from court involvement. Although youth do not face jail time for summary offenses, municipal fines cause emotional and financial stress for youth and families, heighten racial and economic disparities in the justice systems, and increase recidivism rates. By relying on Supreme Court jurisprudence and recent legislative reforms, advocates for youth can create protections for youth facing municipal fines.

Presenters:

Michael Joseph, Economic Justice Fellow, Juvenile Law Center

Adrienne Kosinski, Assistant Public Defender, Juvenile Delinquency Unit
Montgomery County Public Defender

Leslie Paik, Associate Sociology Professor, Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership, City College of the City University of New York

C. Rising Tides: Working with Tribal Nations to Support Tribal Youth Success

This workshop will explore the historic background of tribal nations and juvenile justice in Indian Country. We will look at current roadblocks that American Indian and Alaska Native youth face in juvenile justice systems today, innovative tribal juvenile justice programs, and how states can partner with tribal nations to forge better outcomes for tribal youth.

Presenter:

Kelbie Kennedy, Policy Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

D. Break the Pipeline

In this workshop, attendees will learn how fighting for restorative- justice-based school discipline and advocating for special education services can promote better outcomes in juvenile defense. Additionally, participants will learn how a juvenile defense that integrates educational advocacy into a holistic approach can promote better and lasting educational outcomes that set up clients for more successful futures.

Presenters:

Stacie Nelson Colling, Juvenile Defense Coordinator, Colorado Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel

Elie Zwiebel, Juvenile Civil Rights Attorney, Elie Zwiebel, LLC & Colorado Juvenile Defender Center

E. Diversion Reimagined: Not Every Kid That Breaks the Law Needs a Probation Officer

In Casey's publication, *Transforming Juvenile Probation*, diversion receives as much attention as probation. Why? Nationally, diversion continues to be under-used despite research that most youth will naturally age out of problematic behaviors and that formal system involvement can harm youth who might otherwise be diverted. Presenters will walk you through Casey's vision for community-led diversion and why it is necessary.

Diversion is not only under-used, but is often overly formal in practice. For hundreds of thousands of legally diverted youth, their experience has looked and felt like traditional probation. This session will explore the untapped opportunities and benefits of significantly increasing pre-adjudication diversion and shifting responsibility for diversion to community-based organizations. With clear guidelines and dedicated resources, diversion can be an opportunity to counter disparities and reduce deeper system involvement for youth of color, while helping the entire system function more effectively.

Hear the specifics of how L.A. County has put this in place, their results, their dedication to race equity, and how they have sustained this work for over 40 years.

The learning objectives for this workshop will include: 1) overview of the issue and its current status, 2) learning principles, 3) current and future practice implications, and 4) skills or tools to take away from the session.

Presenters:

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

Jessica Ellis, Centinela Youth Services, Los Angeles County

Taylor Schooley, Department of Human Services, Los Angeles County

4:05 pm - 4:10 pm

Break (Don't forget to visit our exhibits)

4:10 pm - 5:10 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #7

A. We Care About Our Education: How our Involvement in Institutional Placements and Group Settings Impacted our Educational Experiences and How Adults Can Support Us in Leading Change

This interactive workshop will highlight the Youth Advocates' policy recommendations and courtroom practice recommendations to end

barriers to successful educational reentry, especially credit transfer, for youth exiting juvenile justice facilities. It will also highlight new national data and recommended legislative solutions. After hearing from a panel of Youth Advocates and staff presenters, participants will break into small groups facilitated by Youth Advocates to create action plans for practice, courtroom, or policy reform to improve educational reentry.

Presenters:

Kate Burdick, Senior Attorney, Juvenile Law Center

Marcía Hopkins, Senior Manager, Youth Advocacy Programs and Policy, Juvenile Law Center

Alexandria Rivera, Youth Advocate, Juvenile Law Center

I-Sha-Le Watson, Youth Advocate, Juvenile Law Center

B. Making It Count: How Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) Data Collection Can Transform Youth Justice

This session guides participants in a learning journey about the pathways into and out of the juvenile justice system for LGBTQ/Gender Non-Conforming and Transgender youth, particularly those of color. Participants will explore new data from our national Whole Youth Project, be guided through a research quiz that highlights opportunities for systems to improve practices, and use their expertise to develop strategies to redirect this population away from the system.

Presenters:

Dr. Angela Irvine, Principal Investigator, Ceres Policy Research

Aisha Canfield, Director, Ceres Policy Research

C. A Court System Response to Racial & Ethnic Disparities

In 2014, Kentucky experienced sweeping reforms to the Kentucky Juvenile Code which expanded access to diversion in an attempt to prevent youth from progressing deeper into the juvenile justice system and focus the most intensive resources on the most serious offenders. The results have been incredible with youth access to diversion increasing by 36% and youth detention rates dropping by 10% since enactment. Although highly successful, the reforms have made apparent the disproportionate and disparate outcomes for youth of color that have contact with Kentucky's Juvenile Justice System.

Presenters:

Rachel Bingham, Executive Officer for the Department of Family & Juvenile Services, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts

Pastor Edward Palmer, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

D. Building State and Local Capacity to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities: The New York State Equity and Youth Justice Policy Academy

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Youth Justice and the Center for Children’s Law and Policy partnered to create a new training, technical assistance, and skill-building opportunity for youth justice professionals throughout the state. It is designed to support local officials in their efforts to implement policies and reforms that target areas of significant racial and ethnic disparity in the youth justice system.

Presenters:

Trista Deame, Chief of Criminal Justice Program Planning and Development, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services

Tiana Davis, Policy Director for Equity and Justice, Center for Children’s Law and Policy

Jason Szanyi, Deputy Director, Center for Children’s Law and Policy

E. Connecting Vision to Reality: One Jurisdiction’s Story of Bringing Equity to Probation and in Organizational Culture

This workshop will highlight the need for probation reform and expand on the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s vision for transformation. Real life examples will be shared of Opportunity-Based Probation (based on research), community connections, and partnerships with families and youth that support court-involved youth. Learn from Pierce County, Washington about their probation transformation, including where they started, where they are now, and where they are going with their reform work. Pierce will also share their journey to bring equity to their own department.

Presenters:

Scott MacDonald, Consultant, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

TJ Bohl, Juvenile Court Administrator, Pierce County Juvenile Court

Friday, November 20

Council of State Advisory Groups, Conference Closing

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Council of SAGs Meeting

All conference attendees are welcome to attend this annual meeting of CJJ’s policy-setting body, comprising CJJ Member State Advisory Groups. Designated voting members will receive instructions on electronic voting procedures.

Facilitated by: *Pastor Edward Palmer*, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice