



## **CJJ's Emerging Leader Committee (ELC)**

The Emerging Leaders Committee is a partnership between CJJ and young people in the field of juvenile justice, many of whom bring lived expertise to their work. This group consists of young people ages 16 to 27 years old from across the country. ELC Members may serve on their State Advisory Group, have previous or current juvenile justice involvement, and/or are interested in juvenile justice reform. Each member serves for one calendar year. CJJ supports the Emerging Leaders Committee to ensure that youth perspectives are represented in all aspects and functions of CJJ's work, as well as CJJ's communications with state and federal policymakers. Emerging Leaders Committee members help to shape the overall program and policy agenda for CJJ and perform several other important duties, including:

- Organizing the Youth Summit, a virtual and in-person gathering that allows young people to come together to explore how they can collaborate and lead in juvenile justice reform;
- Coordinating, reviewing, and selecting the recipient of the annual [CJJ Spirit of Youth Award](#);
- Developing and implementing educational training programs for youth and adult SAG members;
- Convening committee meetings and networking events for youth members at [CJJ conferences](#); and
- Orienting new youth members to the work of the SAGs and CJJ, through the publication of resources and ongoing information sharing.

Emerging Leaders Committee Members develop leadership and advocacy skills and learn about the juvenile justice system.

<b>2022 ELC Members</b>	
<b>Aaron Toleofoa (WA), Chair</b>	
<b>Hannah Krawczyk (AL)</b>	<b>Chris Ford (WA)</b>
<b>Gabrielle Henry (GA)</b>	<b>Myla Roundy (IL)</b>
<b>Jordyn Wilson (NJ)</b>	<b>Rodney Strickland (WA)</b>
<b>Edgar Calixto (WA)</b>	<b>Ron Ackerson (WA)</b>
<b>Kimberly Garcia (NJ)</b>	<b>Erin Elizabeth Condon (MA)</b>

### **Highlights from the 2022 Youth Summit**

Each year, CJJ's Youth Summit brings together young people from across the country who are interested in juvenile justice reform. The Summit aims to cultivate and empower the next generation

of leaders by providing them with the tools they need to leverage their lived expertise. Participants learn the basics of juvenile justice and have the opportunity to delve into more detail about key topics in the field of juvenile justice. The 2022 Youth Summit, [From the Past. Here in Our Present. Into the Future: Cultivating Youth and Legal System Change](#), was hosted in person and virtually by the ELC and explored issues such as Leadership & Advocacy, Self-Care, Youth Justice, Sentencing Reform, and Mentoring & Re-Entry.

### **Highlights through the Year**

In 2022 the ELC members had several opportunities to influence youth justice policy at the federal level. The ELC and youth from the National Juvenile Justice Network met with OJJDP Administrator, Elizabeth Ryan, to share policy recommendations to change youth justice on a national level. To learn more about the ELC's recommendations to the administration click [here](#).

ELC members also participated in a Virtual Diner with the Players Coalition, where ELC members had a chance to discuss youth justice issues with professional athletes, and other youth from Cafe Momentum and the National Juvenile Justice Network.