## **CJJ 2018 DMC Conference**

## Claiming The Future: Uniting To End Disparities



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#### Welcome to the National DMC Conference!

On behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Executive Board, Council of State Advisory Groups (SAGs), our members, staff, and allies, we welcome you to our 2018 DMC Conference: "Claiming The Future: Uniting To End Disparities." This year's conference brings together stakeholders working to fight disparities at the local, state, and national levels, as well as the larger juvenile justice community.

This year's conference will focus on ways that young people and their communities, as well as law enforcement, court officials, advocacy groups, and State Advisory Groups can work together to combat racial and ethnic disparities (RED). Specifically we will be addressing the following:

- What changes can be made at the system's front end to reduce DMC?
- How can youth advocates, law enforcement, attorneys, the judiciary, and community leaders work together to combat the crisis?
- What role does data collection play in eliminating RED, and how can collection be improved?

The primary goal of CJJ's 2018 National DMC Conference is to help system stakeholders-including policymakers and state DMC Coordinators--combat DMC through peer-to-peer learning, and expert training. Workshop sessions will provide participants a hands-on opportunity to explore solutions that have been shown to work in other jurisdictions.

This conference would not be possible without our sponsors, the Maryland State Advisory Group and the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University. We are grateful to these organizations, who have worked tirelessly to help create an engaging and informative agenda.

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## 2018 CJJ National DMC Conference Claiming the Future: Uniting to End Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System

#### **•TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27•**

Executive Board Meeting, Conference Registration

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Executive Board Meeting (Closed Meeting)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Harbor Registration A **Registration Open** 

#### •WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28•

Conference Opening, Plenaries, Workshops

7:30 am - 5:00 pm Harbor Registration A **Registration Open** 

7:30 am - 5:00 pm Harbor D Foyer

**Exhibit Hall Open** 

7:30 am - 9:00 am Harbor D Foyer **Continental Breakfast** 

7:30 am - 8:30 am

**DMC Coordinators Pre-Conference Breakfast Meeting** 

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- 10:30 am Conference Welcome & General Session

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Introduction and Conference Welcome: Hon. Steve Teske, National

Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Maryland Welcome: Sam Abed, Secretary, Maryland Department of

Juvenile Services

**Federal Policy Update:** *Caren Harp,* Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

#### Leading the Way: State Advisory Groups and Their Work to End Disparities

- Addressing disproportionate minority contact within our juvenile justice systems is a key part of the work that Juvenile Justice State Advisory Groups are called upon to do. Learn from states about their challenges and successes as they take on this essential work.

#### Speakers:

- Craig Hargrow, National DMC Coordinator, Coalition for Juvenile Justice;
   DMC Coordinator, Tennessee
- William Jernigan, DMC Coordinator, Maryland
- Lt. Carlos Camacho, Nashua Police Department, New Hampshire
- Lenore Wyant, DMC Coordinator, Pennsylvania

10:30 am - 10:45 am Break

10:45 am - 11:45 am Concurrent Workshop Session #1

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A. "Ain't I A Child?" Addressing the Adultification of Black Youth in the Justice System - Black youth are disproportionately represented in the adult criminal justice system. Research and data suggest that even when they are charged with the same types of offenses as their white peers, they are still more likely to be waived to the adult criminal justice system, and receive harsher and longer sentences. This workshop will discuss the historical context for present day adultification of black youth, as well as state and local efforts to address historical system bias through legislative change, policy review, and practical reforms.

#### **Speakers:**

- Jeree Thomas, Policy Director, Campaign for Youth Justice
- Tracey Tucker, Consultant, Campaign for Youth Justice

#### Galena

#### B. Issues of Race and Ethnicity in Juvenile Defense Representation

- Data shows that minority youth experience disparate rates of trauma. While the impact trauma can have on brain development is widely accepted in clinical and legal dialogues, we have not yet included how the variable of 'race' impacts trauma, care, intervention, habilitation, and legal representation of ethnic minority youth. This session will provide data on how racism affects adolescent development and cognitive maturity. This session will also provide strategies to help ensure lawyers and other advocates are able to best serve their clients.

**Speaker:** *Dr. Michael Lindsey,* Adjunct Professor, Southern Methodist University

#### **Kent AB**

C. Law Enforcement Leadership for Equity: The Role of Police in Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities - Even as the overall number of incarcerated youth has dramatically declined, racial and ethnic disparities have persisted and even worsened, particularly at the front end of the juvenile justice system. The most recent national data reported by OJJDP demonstrates that arrest is the point of greatest disparity within the juvenile justice system for youth of color. This workshop highlights the new Law Enforcement Leadership for Equity Initiative, which works with four police departments committed to reducing disparities at the point of arrest.

#### **Speakers:**

- Tiana Davis, Policy Director for Equity and Justice, Center for Children's Law and Policy
- Kevin Bethel, Philadelphia Deputy Police Commissioner (Ret.); Fellow, Stoneleigh Foundation

#### **Harbor DE**

D. Supporting Students and Families in an Early Warning System - This workshop will explore United Way of Central Maryland's On Track 4 Success and Family Stability programs, highlighting ways that data is used to inform interventions within schools and to support struggling students and their families. Participants in the workshop will learn practical ways to engage school communities to prevent high school dropout and incarceration.

#### Speakers:

- Thomas Acampora, Education Program Manager, United Way of Central Maryland
- Angie McAllister, Vice President and Senior Program Officer, United Way of Central Maryland
- Lizzie Devereux, Education Program Manager, United Way of Central Maryland

11:45 am - 1:30 pm

**Lunch On Your Own** 

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

**Concurrent Workshop Session #2** 

**Essex** 

A. Alaska Tribal Partnership - The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services is committed to partnership and collaboration with the 229 Tribes throughout the state to better meet the needs of Alaska Native citizens through culturally appropriate responses. The Division of Juvenile Justice is engaged in partnership with local tribes to improve communication, increase use of Tribal Courts for diversion, improve transitions for youth returning to rural communities, and support cultural programs as meaningful diversion and prevention activities.

#### Speakers:

- Kelly Manning, Social Services Program Officer, Alaska, Division of Juvenile Justice
- Ellen Hackenmueller, Program Coordinator II, Alaska, Division of Juvenile Justice
- Lorita Clough, Rural Specialist, Alaska, Division of Juvenile Justice

#### Galena

**B.** Best Practices in Supporting LGBTQQ Youth Through Quality Based Mentoring - This workshop will evaluate how mentors and caring adults can support LGBTQQ youth in the juvenile justice system. It will identify the challenges and implications for implementing mentoring practices for LGBTQQ youth as a prevention and intervention strategy.

#### **Speakers:**

- Melissa English, Program Manager, MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership
- Dr. Christian Rummell, Research Board Member, National Mentoring Resource Center

#### **Kent AB**

C. Building a Movement for Youth Development and Diversion –
Participants in this workshop will learn how to organize broad-based
coalitions and legislative champions in order to increase state funding
for alternatives to arrest and incarceration for youth disproportionately
impacted by the juvenile justice system.

#### Speakers:

- Frankie Guzman, Esq., Director, California Youth Justice Initiative, National Center for Youth Law
- David Brown, Senior Associate, Juvenile Justice Strategy Group, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Moderator
- Jasmine Amons, Program Associate, National Center for Youth Law

#### Harbor DE

**D.** Using Community Conferencing As a Restorative Justice Diversion Program – Restorative Response is a Baltimore community conferencing program that engages children and community members in response to crime and conflict. The program uses restorative justice practices to better support youth and to provide an alternative to suspension and the juvenile court system. This session will explore community conferencing and how it works in Baltimore City.

- Matthew Zernhelt, Executive Director, Restorative Response Baltimore
- Jenny Egan, Chief of the Juvenile Division, Office of the Public Defender, Baltimore, Maryland
- Bilphena Yahwon, Outreach Coordinator, Restorative Response Baltimore

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

**Break** 

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

**Concurrent Workshop Session #3** 

Essex

A. Reducing Disparities and Disproportionality Through Culturally Responsive Diversion Programming - This workshop will examine the disparate treatment of minority youth as compared to white youth in the juvenile justice system. It will further explore strategies to reduce racial and ethnic disparities and disproportionality through diversion programming. The presenters will share culturally responsive practices, diversionary services and supports, referral and eligibility criteria, and family engagement strategies by highlighting work underway in Multnomah County, Oregon. Furthermore, the workshop will include discussions on Multnomah County's approach to program evaluation.

#### Speakers:

- Shay Bilchik, Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University
- Deena Corso, Director, Multnomah County Juvenile Services Division

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B. Implementation Matters: Embedding Prevention and Implementation Best Practices to Ensure Equity in Programming – Join us to learn why it is critically important to develop SAG capacity and resources to embed research-supported evidence and active implementation supports in efforts to achieve racial and social equity. By applying prevention science and active implementation best practices into SAG policies and programs, potential biases in systems can be significantly reduced.

**Speaker:** Robin Jenkins, Associate Director and Advanced Implementation Specialist, The Impact Center at Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Kent AB** 

C. Collaborating for Change: Addressing Disparities Across Systems

– Racial and ethnic disparities are pervasive in both the juvenile justice system and among youth experiencing homelessness. Learn how systems can work together to help ensure that young people are not criminalized for lack of stable housing, and ways to ensure that young people who do come into contact with the justice system exit to safe, stable, and secure homes.

Speaker: Lisa Pilnik JD, MS, Senior Policy Consultant, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**Harbor DE** 

D. Getting Youth to the Table: Equipping Youth to be Advocates in Juvenile Justice Reform – Learn from Baltimore's Community Law in Action (CLIA) about a 'promising practice' for state-based advocacy work. This

session will demonstrate CLIA's role in amplifying directly-impacted voices to achieve reform. It will also emphasize the importance of empowering formerly system-involved youth through advocacy. CLIA's work seeks to uplift youth and give them a greater stake in reform efforts that will impact their own lives, and the lives of young people who come after them.

#### **Speakers:**

- Sarah Wall, Government Relations Manager, Community Law in Action
- Rashad Hawkins, Youth Organizer, Community Law in Action

#### 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

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

#### Essex

A. Enhancing Collaboration Between Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Systems - The National Governors Association's Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) will share state approaches to improving outcomes for "crossover youth." This conversation will focus on efforts to strengthen multi-systems integration and collaboration. It will also explore how state officials have sought to combat racial and ethnic disparities and strengthen multi-systems integration and collaboration to better serve young people.

#### Speakers:

- Kalyn Hill, Policy Analyst, Homeland Security and Public Safety Division, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices
- Shay Bilchik, Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University

#### Galena

B. Girlz in the Hood - For the past two years, the Community Connections for Youth, Participatory Action Research (PAR) team explored how girls and young women of color in the Bronx experience the justice system and how their relationships with other women either helped or hurt their efforts to live free from justice-system involvement. This session will explore the key findings of their research.

#### **Speakers:**

- Shaniqua West, PAR Project Manager, Community Connections for Youth
- Crystalie Romero-Smith, PAR Lead Researcher, Community Connections for Youth
- Amelia Frank, Director of Youth Development, Community Connections for Youth
- DeVante Lewis, Data Analyst, Community Connections for Youth

#### **Kent AB**

C. Promoting Equity in Time on Probation and the Importance of Incorporating Youth Voice - Probation is the most common disposition for youth in the justice system. In order to promote equity in probation,

jurisdictions should include youth perspective in policy reform, collect data and examine how long youth of color are spending on probation. Workshop participants will learn about Santa Clara County's policy reform to limit the time that youth spend on probation, the County's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and the important role YAC plays in policy reform.

#### **Speakers:**

- Laura Ridolfi, Director of Policy, W. Haywood Burns Institute
- Nallely Gopar, Santa Clara County Youth Advisory Council member
- Miracle Te'o, Youth Advisory Council member
- Alex Villa, Santa Clara County Probation

#### **Harbor DE**

## D. From Foster Care to Juvenile Justice Involvement: Reducing Disproportionate Crossover Youth Contact via Trauma-Informed Practices

- Crossover youth are vulnerable due to dual involvement in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. This workshop will include interactive case-based discussions about ways to employ trauma-informed practices to reduce disproportionality in crossover youth contact within the foster-care-to-juvenile-justice pipeline.

Speaker: Dr. Camille Robinson, Adolescent Medicine Physician, Johns Hopkins University

#### **•THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29•**

Plenaries, Regional Meetings, Keynote Luncheon, Workshops

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration Open

**Harbor Registration A** 

7:45 am – 5:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open

**Harbor Foyer D** 

7:45 am – 10:00 am Continental Breakfast

**Harbor Foyer D** 

8:15 am - 9:45 am

Regional Breakfast Meetings - Conference attendees are invited to attend and participate in a regional networking breakfast. 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.

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Midwest

**Facilitated by**: *Hon. Michael Mayer*, Midwest Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Harbor A Northeast

Facilitated by: Robert Sheil, Northeast Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile

**Justice** 

Kent AB Southern

Facilitated by: Hon. John Dewese, Southern Region Chair, Coalition for

Juvenile Justice

Harbor DE Western

Facilitated by: Stacie Nelson Colling, Western Region Chair, Coalition for

Juvenile Justice

Information about the states included in each region is contained in the

conference folder.

9:45 am - 10:00 am Break

10:00 am – 12:10 pm General Session

Harbor DE Introduction: Pastor Edward Palmer, National Vice Chair, Coalition for

Juvenile Justice

Welcome Address: Heather Chapman, Chair, Maryland State Advisory

Group

Leveraging Multidisciplinary Collaboration to Promote Evidence-Driven
Policy Reform - Youth of color are overrepresented in the juvenile justice
system in the United States. They are more likely to be arrested and charged
than their white counterparts, even for the same behaviors. Panelists from
Fairfax County, Virginia will discuss how leaders from multiple youth-serving
systems collaborated to address racial and ethnic disproportionality and
disparity issues at the point of referral through a data-driven approach.

- Shay Bilchik, Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University
- Elizabeth Jones, Assistant Director of Juvenile Intake, Fairfax County Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court
- Vickie Shoap, Restorative Justice Specialist, Fairfax County Public Schools
- Solomon Melson, Probation Officer, Fairfax County Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court
- Erin Schaible, Deputy Chief, Fairfax County Police Department

Across Systems: How Healthcare Impacts Justice System Disparities - Mental and physical healthcare are major challenges facing our juvenile justice system. Learn more about how these issues also interplay with disparities that exist within our justice system.

#### **Speakers:**

- Dr. Jeanette Callahan, Medical Director, Department of Youth Services
   Northeast Regional Health Services
- Sonia Almonte, Community Outreach Supervisor, Johns Hopkins HealthCare LLC
- Dr. Alison Evans Cuellar, Health Administration and Policy Professor, George Mason University
- Karen V. Lindell, Esq., Staff Attorney, Juvenile Law Center
- Naomi Smoot, Esq., Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice, Moderator

12:10 pm - 12:20 pm Break

12:20 pm – 1:30 pm CJJ Keynote Luncheon

Harbor DE

Introduction: Naomi Smoot, Esq., Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Reynote Address: The War on Kids - Progress and the Path Forward
Professor Cara Drinan's keynote will address the central claim of her book that the United States has waged a war on kids in the last 50 years. She will
explain how that war unfolded, the ways in which reformers have improved
juvenile justice in the last few decades, and the work that remains to be
done.

**Speaker:** Cara Drinan, Author, Law Professor, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Concurrent Workshop Session #5

Essex

A. Rethinking Advocacy: Equity in Engagement - The practice of charging youth as adults in King County, Washington has resulted in a disproportionate number of youth of color being housed and treated as adult inmates. Due to a law in Washington State called Exclusive Adult Jurisdiction, youth who are charged with certain violent offenses are automatically charged as adults. This session explores how to ensure that communities are engaged in reform efforts and how advocates apply a race equity lens in their approach.

**Speaker:** *Travis Andrews*, Juvenile Justice Policy Analyst, Columbia Legal Services

#### Galena

B. A Holistic Approach to Working With Youth Experiencing Homelessness - Think Dignity has recently begun an innovative program to provide a holistic approach to helping youth experiencing homelessness in San Diego, California. *The Homeless Youth Legal and Advocacy Project* (HYLAP) provides young people ages 14-27 with direct legal representation and an advocate to support them through the process and connect them to appropriate social services.

#### **Speakers:**

- Anne Rios, Esq. Executive Director, Think Dignity
- Mitchelle Woodson, Staff Attorney, Think Dignity

#### **Kent AB**

C. Mastering Information Management: Using Data to Address
Racial and Ethnic Disparities and DMC Within Juvenile Systems - This
presentation will demonstrate how facilities and diversion programs can
use technology to understand and effectively address their disproportionate
minority contact. The session will also explain how to analyze and translate
data to promote action within a community. Participants will look at
real world examples from communities across the country that have
implemented data management systems to reduce their DMC.

Speaker: Steve Koenig, Juvenile Market, Handel Information Technologies Inc.

#### **Harbor DE**

**D.** Network for Victim Recovery of DC: Creating Survivor Defined Justice - This presentation will examine the Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC)'s work to serve survivors of crime, as well as the organization's partnership with two local restorative justice practitioners. Attendees will learn what is meant by "survivor-defined justice," and what crime victims themselves have reported about their interactions with the legal system. Participants will learn about NVRDC's Restorative Justice Referral Pilot Project.

- Bridgette Stumpf, Esq., Executive Director, Network for Victim Recovery of DC
- Mali Parke, Certified Professional Coach, International Coaching Federation

#### 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

#### **Concurrent Workshop Session #6**

#### **Essex**

A. Family Centered Treatment Programs: Implementation Science and an Evidence-Based Alternative for Diversion or Early Reintegration

- This workshop will present and discuss The Family Centered Treatment Foundation (FCTF)'s comprehensive evidence-based model that diverts youth from out-of-home services. FCTF has successfully implemented their practice in diverse environments with a wide range of offenders and their families. This workshop will also review the outcomes of FCTF's recent research project with the University of Maryland and its research plan with the Duke Endowment.

#### **Speakers:**

- *Garry Talbert*, Program Consultation Director, Family Centered Treatment Foundation, Inc.
- Dr. John Sullivan, Founder and President, Family Centered Treatment Foundation, Inc.

#### Galena

B. Practical Approaches to Achieving Racial and Ethnic Equity in the Youth Justice System - This interactive session will provide participants with practical knowledge that can be applied in states and local jurisdictions interested in engaging in equity reform. Participants will learn the fundamentals of building a racial and ethnic equity collaborative and how to use data to reduce disparities. Participants will also gain deeper understanding of how to meaningfully engage community stakeholders in achieving equity.

Speaker: Christopher James, Site Manager, W. Haywood Burns Institute

#### **Kent AB**

C. Fighting the Superpredator Narrative and Protecting Immigrant
Youth – This workshop will discuss ways to combat the superpredator
narrative that is once again being used against youth of color. It will also
help advocates understand the impact and ramifications of immigration law,
and will explore ways to combat harmful policies and legislation.

#### **Speakers:**

- Sameera Hafiz, Senior Policy Strategist, Immigrant Legal Resource Center
- Dawnya Underwood, Director for Children's Services, Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services
- Rachel Marshall, Esq., Federal Policy Counsel, Campaign for Youth Justice

#### **Harbor DE**

D. Family Peer Support in Maryland - The Maryland Department of Juvenile Service, Office of Family Engagement is launching a new program for families that come in contact with the juvenile justice system. During this session participants will learn how the department is rolling out this program and how its results will be tracked.

#### Speakers:

- Heidi Rochon, Program Director, Family Peer Support, Maryland Coalition of Families
- Kara Aanenson, Director of Family Engagement, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services

#### 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

#### **Concurrent Workshop Session #7**

#### Essex

A. Reclaiming the Future by Reframing the Dialogue – This experiential workshop reframes the way participants think and talk about racial and ethnic disparities (RED). Instead of asking "does racial bias exist" the session encourages participants to consider "what are we going to do about it?" Participants are empowered to own the problem and have a stake in its resolution.

Speaker: Nina Joyner, Owner, Nina Joyner Consulting and Training

#### Galena

B. Reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact through Professional Development Training of School Resource Officers & School Administrators - Utah has developed a training curriculum for school-based law enforcement programs to address disproportionate minority contact (DMC). The training focuses on distinguishing the roles between school resource officers (SROs) and school administrators in order to reduce inappropriate court referrals. The training was piloted in several school districts statewide and has led to state-level policy changes.

Speakers: Dr. Moisés Próspero, Executive Director, iCHAMPS
Steve Anjewierden, Training Director, iCHAMPS
Cuong Nguyen, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Utah Board of Juvenile Justice

#### **Kent AB**

C. United for Ben: Reclaiming a Baltimore City High School and its Future - Ben Franklin High School in Baltimore, Maryland was slated for closure in 2010. Learn how the United Way of Central Maryland worked to transform the school into a national model of student, family, and community engagement, and the ways that this effort has helped other neighborhoods in their work to end disparities.

**Speakers:** Dante de Tablan, Vice-President, United Way of Central Maryland Chris Battaglia, Principal, Ben Franklin High School

#### **Harbor DE**

D. Healing Through the Arts – The arts can be a restorative and healing force for youth in the justice system. Baltimore Youth Arts is an artist-run, afterschool program that serves youth between the ages of 12 and 22. It serves as a safe place for all youth, including those who are currently system-involved. Youth participants learn art, receive mentoring, obtain

job readiness skills, learn entrepreneurial skills, and participate in a host of community engagement activities.

Speaker: Gianna Rodriguez, Executive Director, Baltimore Youth Arts

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

**DMC Coordinators Check-In Session** 

Galena

#### •FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30•

Plenaries, Workshops

7:45 am - 12:00 pm

**Registration Open** 

**Harbor Registration A** 

7:45 am - 12:00 pm

**Exhibit Hall Open** 

**Harbor Foyer D** 

7:45 am - 10:00 am

**Continental Breakfast** 

**Harbor Foyer D** 

9:00 am - 10:45 am

**General Session** 

**Harbor DE** 

Introduction: Cecely Reardon, Immediate Past Chair, Coalition for Juvenile

Justice

Welcome Address: V. Glenn Fueston, Jr., Executive Director, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, Maryland

**Youth Voice: Leading the Movement** - Young people share their perspective on what works and where improvement is still needed in juvenile justice and related systems. Learn about how we can work together across systems to end racial and ethnic disparities once and for all.

- Grayson McNew, Maryland State Advisory Group, Moderator
- Corey Bowden Jr., Maryland Youth Advocate
- Shaianna Ireson, Maryland Youth Advocate
- Shawn Mallet, Maryland Youth Advocate
- Kelsey Johnson, Juvenile Justice Strategy Group Youth Advisory Council Coordinator

Addressing the Needs of Youth and Families: Multi-Generational Challenges Facing Latinx and Chicanx Youth - Latinx and Chicanx youth face unique obstacles as they and their parents navigate cultural and linguistic barriers to access education and other services. This session will explore ways that the legal system, schools, communities, and allies, can work together to address these needs and avoid the school-to-prison pipeline.

#### **Speakers:**

- Sameera Hafiz, Senior Policy Strategist, Immigrant Legal Resource Center
- Elizabeth Rorick, Deputy Director of Government Relations, National Parent Teacher Association
- Marcia Rincon-Gallardo, Founder and Executive Director, Noxtin
- Laura Armstrong, Policy Associate, Coalition for Juvenile Justice, Moderator

10:45 am - 11:00 am Break

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Concurrent Workshop Session #8

Essex

A. Hardin County: A Community Effort - School Justice Partnership members work together to provide a system of care for youth that provides intervention services and resources to help all youth be successful and minimize or eliminate contact with the juvenile justice system. Participants will learn about key programs and services that are included in the system of care and how each piece helps get young people back on track.

#### **Speakers:**

- Hon. Kimberly Shumate, District Court Judge, 9th Judicial District Court, Hardin County, Kentucky
- Donielle Lovell, Associate Professor of Sociology, Western Kentucky University
- Peggy Fink, BRIDGES Project Coordinator, BRIDGES Council

Galena

B. The Racial Justice Improvement Project: The Future of Diversion, Youth Development, and Youth Decision-Making - How can multidisciplinary approaches to systems change create innovative action plans that can be replicated in other communities? The simple answer is to connect the dots between diversion, positive youth development, and restorative practices by engaging communities and building relationships to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in juvenile justice. This session will highlight the work of the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Racial Justice Improvement Project and the Joint Task Force for Youth Diver

#### **Speakers:**

- Angela Bell, Esq., Community Mobilizer, Family Services of Montgomery County
- Leslie Faith Jones, Esq., Policy & Advocacy Director, Montgomery County
   Office of the Public Defender
- Hon. Christopher Cerski, Magisterial District Judge, Montgomery County 38-1-03 Magisterial District Court

# C. Tackling Disparities at the Front Door: Promoting Diversion Through Race Equity Lens - The highest levels of overrepresentation exist at the front end of Iowa's juvenile justice system. Well-intended state and local DMC diversion efforts have fallen short of designs to reduce minority overrepresentation. Iowa is developing a standardized diversion model, based on research, to be promoted for replication across the state. Participants will learn how Iowa's protocol for implementation, policy and procedure templates, and data collection efforts can inform efforts to reduce DMC at arrest and referral.

#### Speakers:

- Angela Bell, Esq., Community Mobilizer, Family Services of Montgomery County
- Leslie Faith Jones, Esq., Policy & Advocacy Director, Montgomery County
   Office of the Public Defender
- Hon. Christopher Cerski, Magisterial District Judge, Montgomery County 38-1-03 Magisterial District Court
- D. Partners in Reduction and Prevention Anne Arundel County's DMC Committee will share information about their community and the unique barriers and progress they have made in creating team approaches to addressing disparities. The committee will discuss how they have been able to create meaningful partnerships across sectors in order to reach a common goal for their community.

- Ariane Swann Odom, Child and Adolescent Aftercare Specialist, Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency, Inc.
- Twila D. Mohammed, Program Director, Annapolis Collaborative for Change
- TyJuan Thompson, DMC and Youth Coordinator, Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families











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