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IN ADVANCING YOUTH JUSTICE**

MAY 27TH - MAY 30TH
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CJJ'S EMERGING LEADERS COMMITTEE YOUTH SUMMIT

The 2026 Youth Summit Track theme is–

**FROM CONFLICT
TO CARE:**



**CREATING JUSTICE
FOR YOUTH, BY YOUTH**

This year's Youth Summit Track, facilitated by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice's Emerging Leaders Committee, empowers young individuals to share their insights with established juvenile justice professionals. The Youth Summit will explore how we move beyond systems that ask young people to merely survive and instead create pathways for them to truly thrive.

By uplifting the voices of young people who have experienced the system firsthand and positioning young people as co-creators – not just recipients – of justice, we reimagine what justice can mean when it is shaped by youth, for youth. Together, we will explore innovative approaches that prioritize people over titles, center culture in care, and create meaningful access to action and advocacy at every stage of youth development.

While some sessions are primarily reserved for youth attendees, more experienced professionals are strongly encouraged to attend open sessions to gain insights into youthful perspectives and take part in intergenerational collaboration.

Wednesday, May 27th

CJJ Hill Day, ELC Mixer, and Networking Event

Attendees are encouraged to visit their members of Congress to inform them of state and local needs, interests, and accomplishments in juvenile justice and to urge them to support reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP). Participants are expected to schedule/arrange their own meetings in advance of the conference.

Hill Day Packets available for pick-up

7:00 am – 1:00 pm Location: TBD

Skill Building: Hill Day Training (Session 1)

7:00 am – 7:30 am Location: TBD

Discuss talking points on current state/federal issues, juvenile justice funding, and JJDP reauthorization with CJJ Staff and Act4JJ representatives prior to your Hill Day visits. This training is being offered twice.

Presenters:

Lisette Burton, *D.C. Juvenile Justice Advisory Council Member and Co-Chair, Act4JJ Coalition*

Brock Landwehr, *Associate Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

Skill Building: Hill Day Training (Session 2)

10:00 am – 10:30 am Location: TBD

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Early Registration

12:30pm – 3:30 pm Location: TBA

Youth Summit Kick-Off:

YOUTH ONLY

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Location: TBD

The Youth Summit begins with a youth-only meet and greet session, which includes: introductions, icebreakers and games, casual freeform networking, and a preface of what's to come during the conference.

Facilitated by:

Welcome and Networking Mixer

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Location: TBD

Please join us at our welcome mixer to network with partners and experts from around the country. Small snacks and beverages will be provided.

Thursday, May 28th

Opening Plenary, Workshops, Awards Luncheon, Meetings

Registration and Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Location: TBD

After checking in at the registration table, be sure to check out our exhibitors located in the Bridge Rooms.

Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:00 am Location: TBD

Youth Networking and Breakfast

YOUTH ONLY

8:00 am – 9:00 am Location: TBD

A time for all young people, youth members, and students to introduce themselves and network before the conference kicks off.

Juvenile Justice Specialists' Meeting (Closed Meeting)

8:00 am – 9:00 am Location: TBD

A forum for state Juvenile Justice Specialists to network, share resources, and discuss emerging issues.

Facilitated by: **Kiley Komro (WI)**, *National Juvenile Justice Specialist, CJJ*

R/ED Coordinator/Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee Meeting and Breakfast (Closed Meeting)

8:00 am – 9:00 am Location: TBD

A forum for state R/ED Coordinators and Ethnic and Cultural Committee members to network, share resources, and discuss emerging issues.

Facilitated by: **Victoria Key-Walker** *National R/D Coordinator, CJJ* & **Barbara Wallace**, *ECD Committee Chair, CJJ*

SESSION CATEGORIES



YOUTH AND/OR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



MODEL PROGRAM



MODEL POLICY OR SYSTEM-LEVEL BEST PRACTICES



STORYTELLING, DATA, AND EVALUATION



EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND TECHNOLOGY

Conference Welcome & General Session
9:00 am – 10:30 am Location: Constitution Foyer

CJJ Welcome by: **Jack Martin**, *CJJ National Chair*

ELC Welcome by: **Rebekah Arnold (CO)**, *Emerging Leaders Committee Chair, CJJ*

Keynote: TBD

Presenters: TBD

Keynote: TBD

Presenter:

TBD

10:30 am – 10:40 am BREAK

Concurrent Workshop Session #1

10:40 am – 11:45 am

TBD

YOUTH SUMMIT TRACK

Location: TBD

Presenters:

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Location: TBD

Presenter:

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Location: TBD

Presenters:

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Location: TBD

Presenters:

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11:45 am – 12:00 pm BREAK

CJJ 2026 Awards Luncheon

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm Location: Constitution Foyer

CJJ recognizes the accomplishments of its national award recipients who have been nominated and selected by CJJ members.

Awards Moderator: **Jack Martin**, *CJJ National Chair*

Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award: **TBD**

- Presented by: TBD

Spirit of Youth Award: **TBD**

A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award: **TBD**

- Presented by: TBD

The Marion Mattingly Lifetime Achievement Award: **TBD**

- Presented by: TBD

1:15 pm – 1:25 pm BREAK (coffee available in TBD)

Concurrent Workshop Session #2
1:25 pm – 2:30 pm

TBD

YOUTH SUMMIT TRACK

Location: TBD

Presenters:

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Location: TBD

Presenters:

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Location: TBD

Presenter:

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DSA Staff Networking Session

Location: TBD

Presenters:

TBD

2:30 pm – 2:40 pm BREAK

Concurrent Workshop Session #3

2:40 pm – 3:45 pm

TBD

YOUTH SUMMIT TRACK

Location: TBD

Presenters:

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Location: TBD

Presenters:

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Location: TBD

Presenters:
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Location: TBD

Presenter:
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CJJ Regional Meetings

3:50 pm – 5:00 pm

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 on page 14 of this agenda.

Midwest

Location: TBD

Facilitated by: **TBD**

Northeast

Location: TBD

Facilitated by: **TBD**

Southern

Location: TBD

Facilitated by: **TBD**

Western

Location: TBD

Facilitated by: **TBD**

CJJ Executive Board Meeting (Closed Meeting)

5:15 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: TBD

Friday, May 29th

Conference Plenary, Workshops, CJJ Business Meetings

Registration and Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Location: TBD

After checking in at the registration table, be sure to check out our exhibitors located in Bridge Rooms!

Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:00 am Location: TBD

SAG Chair/SAG Member Networking and Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:00 am Location: TBD

A forum for SAG Chairs to network, share resources, and discuss emerging issues.

Facilitated by: **TBD**

Compliance Monitor Meeting and Breakfast (Closed Meeting)

8:00 am – 9:00 am Location: Declaration B

A forum for state Compliance Monitors to network, share resources, and discuss emerging issues.

Facilitated by: **Samantha Armendariz**, *National Compliance Monitor, CJJ*

Concurrent Workshop Session #4

9:00 am – 10:05 am

TBD

YOUTH SUMMIT TRACK

Location: TBD

Presenters:

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Presenter:
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10:05 am - 10:15 am BREAK

Concurrent Workshop Session #5
10:15 am - 11:20 am

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YOUTH SUMMIT TRACK

Location: TBD

Presenters:

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Presenters:
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11:20 am - 11:30 am BREAK

Concurrent Workshop Session #6
11:30 am - 12:35 pm

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YOUTH SUMMIT TRACK
Location: TBD

Presenters:
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Location: TBD

Presenters:
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12:35 pm – 2:00 pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

CJJ Government Relations Committee Meeting (Closed Meeting; Lunch Provided– Please pick up at Registration desk)

12:35 pm – 1:45 pm Location: TBD

Facilitated by: Monica Celli, *Government Relations Committee Chair, CJJ*

CJJ Finance Committee Meeting (Closed Meeting; Lunch Provided- Please pick up at Registration desk)
12:35 pm – 1:45 pm Location: TBD

Facilitated by: James Hollywood III, Treasurer, CJJ

Concurrent Workshop Session #7
2:00 pm – 3:05 pm

TBD
YOUTH ONLY
Location: TBD

Presenters:
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Location: TBD

Presenters:
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Plenary and Conference Closing

3:05 pm – 5:00 pm Location: Constitution Foyer

Introduction: **Jack Martin**, *CJJ National Chair*

Closing Plenary

Presenters: TBD

Youth Call-to-Action:

During the Youth Call-to-Action Planning Session, emerging leaders worked to address the issues and collaborate innovative solutions discussed at this year's Annual Conference. At this time, members of CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee will share findings from their collaborative discussion.

Presenters:

Conference Closing Remarks: **Melissa Milchman**, *CJJ Executive Director*

Saturday, May 30th

CJJ Council of SAGs

Continental Breakfast

7:45 am – 8:15 am Location: TBD

Council of SAGs Meeting & Executive Board Elections

8:15 am – 11:00 am Location: TBD

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: **Jack, Martin** *CJJ National Chair*

COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE (CJJ)
REGIONS OF STATE ADVISORY GROUPS

The composition of the JJDPAs State Advisory Groups (SAGs) regions is defined in the CJJ Bylaws. Each region’s members are represented on the CJJ Executive Board by a Regional Chair and 1-to-2 Regional Representatives. Memberships in CJJ are granted to all SAG members, as well as the state staff that work on JJDPAs matters with the SAG (including the state Juvenile Justice Specialists, DMC Coordinators, and Compliance Monitors).

The Chair/Chair-designee of each CJJ member-SAG has a vote in all proceedings of the CJJ Council of SAGs. The Council is responsible for Bylaws, electing Officers to the Board, and approving major policy positions. The Council of SAGs shall meet at least once annually. The CJJ Executive Board convenes at least 4 times per year to act as the governing body for legal, fiscal and strategic decisions, reflecting the views of CJJ members and stakeholders.

<u>Midwest</u>	<u>Northeast</u>	<u>Southern</u>	<u>Western</u>
Illinois*	Connecticut	Alabama	Alaska
Indiana*	Delaware	Arkansas*	American Samoa
Iowa	Maine*	Florida	Arizona
Michigan*	Maryland	Georgia*	California
Minnesota*	Massachusetts*	Kentucky*	Colorado*
Missouri*	New Hampshire*	Louisiana	Comm. No. Marianas
North Dakota*	New Jersey*	Mississippi*	Guam
Ohio	New York*	North Carolina*	Hawaii
South Dakota	Pennsylvania*	Puerto Rico	Idaho*
Wisconsin	Rhode Island	South Carolina*	Kansas*
	Vermont*	Tennessee	Montana
	Virgin Islands	Virginia	Nevada*
	Washington, DC	West Virginia	New Mexico*
			Oklahoma*
			Oregon*
			Texas
			Utah
			Washington
			Wyoming

*CJJ member states (List last updated on March, 2026 and is subject to change.)

Questions? If you have any questions about the CJJ Council of SAGs, Executive Board, CJJ Regions, or CJJ Membership, please contact Melissa Milchman CJJ Executive Director, at milchman@juvjustice.org.

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