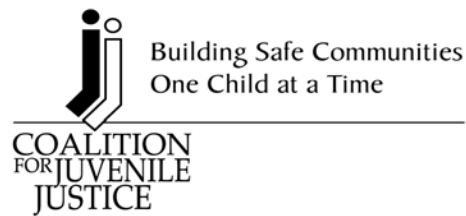


# *Call for Presentations*



## *Fundamental Fairness: Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice, October 23-25, Jersey City, NJ*

On October 23-25, 2010, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) will host a national conference on Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) at the Hyatt Regency on the Hudson in Jersey City, New Jersey, directly across from New York City. CJJ is pleased to host this national conference with two state partners, the New Jersey Association of County Youth Services Commissions and the New Jersey Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (the New Jersey SAG). The conference will be preceded by a one day training on October 22, offered by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), State Relations and Assistance Division (SRAD).

The conference is aimed at practical and proven solutions for reducing and eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in juvenile justice, utilizing approaches developed and evaluated for their effectiveness from the private and public sectors – bringing together foundation funded initiatives, as well as innovations from government entities at the local, state and federal levels.

It is expected that more than 200 juvenile justice practitioners and advocates from across the U.S. and its territories will attend. For more information about recent CJJ conferences, please visit: [www.juvjustice.org](http://www.juvjustice.org).

### **Location**

Hyatt Regency on the Hudson Jersey City, Two Exchange Place, Jersey City, NJ 07302, (201) 469-4755, [www.jerseycity.hyatt.com](http://www.jerseycity.hyatt.com). CJJ will open a room block in July 2010.

### **Content Breakout Sessions**

We are presently requesting proposals for 75 minute concurrent workshops to be held on October 24-25, 2010. CJJ will select **no more than 12** proposals. In order to be selected, your workshop must be designed to support the overall conference objectives, which include:

- Highlighting best practices, policies and innovations in reducing racial and ethnic disparities, disparate treatment of youth of color, unnecessary entry of youth of color into the system, unnecessary progression of youth of color to deeper points in the juvenile and criminal justice systems and disproportionate representation of youth of color in the juvenile justice system.
- Addressing how schools and other child serving systems can proactively prevent youth of color from entering the juvenile justice system through the provision of supportive services and/or the institution of supportive policies.
- DMC “fundamentals” describing how a particular jurisdiction, state, territory, or tribal organization got started, developed a reform effort, built momentum and evaluated results.

- Demonstrating the importance of using data as well as how to effectively use data to: 1) inform disparity reduction efforts; 2) measure results and/or 3) overcome resistance to change.
- Showcasing partnerships with law enforcement, community leaders, service providers and/or juvenile justice professionals to reduce referrals to the juvenile court or to impact racial and ethnic disparities at other stages of the juvenile justice system.
- Presenting successful and culturally competent re-connection/re-entry (to home, school and community) following placement in juvenile detention or other out-of-home settings.
- Showcasing specific approaches to ensure that status offending youth of color are not detained.
- Presenting efforts by legislators, elected officials and juvenile justice practitioners and advocates to enact and implement policy changes to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities.
- Demonstrating ways to successfully engage youth, family members, community leaders, faith partners and others in local or state-wide efforts to resolve DMC.
- Highlighting programs or practices designed to reduce the entry and/or the deepening involvement of girls of color in the juvenile justice system.

## Guidelines for Submission

Please provide no later than July 22, 2010, at 5:00 pm EDT:

- A 50-75 words abstract of your session/workshop.
- A 500-1,500 word description, including a suggested workshop title, which includes: (a) up to three learning objectives; (b) why your ideas have promise—including any evaluation results and data; (c) how such an approach could be supported by public stakeholders such as the governor-appointed JJDP State Advisory Groups (SAGs) and other juvenile justice practitioners and advocates; and (d) any other unique features or impacts.
- Please list your specific audio-visual needs or set-up requirements, including room arrangements that differ from “classroom style.”
- Please list each proposed presenter (no more than three in total), with title and agency affiliation. **Include a brief biographical summary of no more than 200 words for each person.** Be sure to include all contact information, including telephone numbers and email addresses.
- Please list strategies you and the other presenters will employ to ensure audience understanding and participation. The audience will be principally composed of state and local juvenile justice professionals, practitioners, policy experts, youth and family members, and advocates.

## Selection Criteria

Presentations will be selected based on:

1. Overall relevance to the conference theme and focus.

2. The degree to which the proposed presentation adds value to the conference as a whole, so that a range of approaches are presented.
3. Whether the program, practice, policy or system innovation presented has the potential to be replicated through other state and/or local efforts.
4. The degree to which the presentation promotes interaction and resources for attendees to take home.
5. Whether the presenter and presentation bring new/fresh content to the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) audience.

**Deadline for submission of presentation proposals: July 22, 2010, 5 pm EDT**

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**Notice of selection:**

Presenters/workshop leaders selected to present at the CJJ national DMC conference will be notified by **July 30, 2010**, via telephone and email.

**Support for presenters/reimbursements:**

- CJJ will cover the expenses related to conference registration and 1-2 nights of hotel accommodations (room and tax only) for selected presenters.
- CJJ regrets that we cannot provide travel support or honoraria. Travel and per diem costs must be borne by the presenter(s).

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**About the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ)** Visit us on the Web: [www.juvjustice.org](http://www.juvjustice.org)

CJJ's principal mission is to build safe communities - one child at a time - ensuring that all children, youth and families are treated fairly and given the resources and support to be positive and productive contributors to society. For more than 25 years, CJJ has been honored to serve our nation's youth, communities and its members as the nationwide association of state juvenile justice advisory groups chartered under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP). CJJ is based in Washington, D.C., yet reaches every U.S. state and territory. More than 1,800 state advisory group members participate in CJJ, representing the public and private sectors, including juvenile court and youth-serving professionals, concerned citizens, youth, and advocates for children and families, alongside our individual and organizational allies.

CJJ was among the first national juvenile justice organizations to oppose the juvenile death penalty, to oppose prosecutorial waiver and other policies that automatically send youth to adult court, and to seek to resolve disproportionate minority contact and disparate treatment of youth of color. CJJ is a prominent champion for preventive, developmentally appropriate and racially-just services and supports in all federal grants that flow to the states and localities for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. CJJ is also the proud host and sponsor of the National Juvenile Justice Network (NJJN), and a system reform partner with the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) and Models for Change (MfC).

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