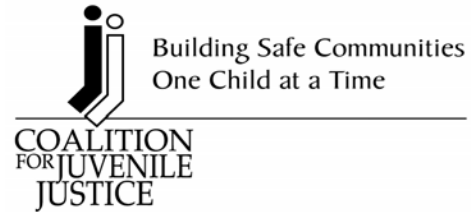


# *Preliminary Draft Agenda*

Coalition for Juvenile Justice  
Annual Spring Conference  
April 25-29, 2008, Washington, DC



## *Investing in Our Children: Emerging Reform Efforts in Juvenile Justice*

April 25-29, 2008, in Washington, D.C., the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) will host a conference designed to showcase juvenile justice and delinquency prevention reform efforts at the local, state and national levels which effectively demonstrate that investing in prevention, early intervention and a full continuum of community-based services yields positive results for children, families and communities.

The conference is designed to:

- Highlight the work of the State Advisory Groups (SAGs) in leading and/or sustaining juvenile justice reform efforts;
- Increase understanding of what it takes to initiate, lead and sustain reform efforts at all levels of government and through public/private partnerships;
- Demonstrate the cost effectiveness of investments in family and community-based services to reduce over-reliance on incarceration and/or reduce/eliminate racial/ethnic disparities and DMC in the juvenile justice system;
- Explore ways to deepen reform efforts within jurisdictions by re-deploying resources and/or creatively engaging multiple funding sources.

**To Register:** Visit [www.cvent.com](http://www.cvent.com), click on the "RSVP for Event" tab, and enter event code 4VNUJ9Y8DQH. You may also contact CJJ at [info@juvjustice.org](mailto:info@juvjustice.org) or 202-467-0864, ext. 122, for off-line registration.

**Location:** Renaissance M Street Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20037, [www.renaissancemstreethotel.com](http://www.renaissancemstreethotel.com), Tel: 202-775-0800 or 1-888-803-1298

When making your hotel reservations, please ask for the "Coalition for Juvenile Justice Room Block" rate of \$195 per night for a single/double. Reservation is open through April 4, 2008.

## Agenda:

Friday, April 25

### PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS, WORKSHOPS AND LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

2:00 - 3:30 pm: Concurrent Sessions: Special Topics in Juvenile Justice

- A. Transforming Services for Girls: How One Small State is Making a Big Difference - Denise Bray, President, Bray Associates, L.L.C.; Allison L. Cassidy, Coordinator, Delaware Girls Initiative; Chandlee Johnson Kuhn, Chief Judge, Family Court
- B. Youth in the Adult Criminal Justice System: Successful Strategies for State-Level Reform - Abby Anderson, Executive Director, Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance; Wendy Paget Henderson, Wisconsin Council on Children and Families; Elizabeth Kooy, Illinois Juvenile Justice Initiative; Liz Ryan, President/CEO, Campaign for Youth Justice
- C. The Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth Involved in Juvenile Justice Systems - Flor Bermudez, Attorney, Youth in Out of Home Care Project; Jeff Rakover, Legal Assistant, Youth in Out of Home Care Project

3:45 - 5:15 pm: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Forum: JJDP A Reauthorization Discussion hosted by the CJJ Government Relations Committee

Saturday, April 26

8:00 - 10:00 am: DMC Coordinators Business Meeting

8:00 - 10:00 am: Government Relations Committee and Liaisons Meeting

10:15 am - 12:30 pm: Juvenile Justice Specialists Business Meeting

10:15 am - 12:30 pm: Leadership Training for New and Continuing SAG Members

12:30 - 2:00 pm: Lunch on your own/Training and TA Committee Meeting

2:00 - 3:15 pm: Hill Day Training (with Congressional Staff)

2:00 - 3:15 pm: Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee/Finance Committee

3:30 - 5:00 pm: Regional Business Meetings for the CJJ Regional Coalitions Representing the Midwest, Northeast, South and West

6:00 pm on: A Night at Nationals Park - Come watch the Washington Nationals play the Chicago Cubs in their brand new stadium (7:10 pm game time). Tickets and transportation available at a group rate via CJJ.

Sunday, April 27

CJJ COUNCIL OF THE SAGS' ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OPENING

7:30 am: Continental Breakfast

8:00 - 11:00 am: CJJ Council of the SAGs' Annual Meeting

11:30 am - 1:30 pm: Luncheon, Opening Plenary - Long Term Investments in Juvenile Justice Reform - Robert "Barney" Barnowski, Washington State Institute for Public Policy; Sheila Bedi, Justice Policy Institute; and Robert Schwartz, Juvenile Law Center. Also includes presentation of the CJJ 2008 A. L. Carlisle Award.

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm: Concurrent Sessions

- A. **Pennsylvania's Evidence-Based Programs Initiative:** Geoff Kolchin, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; Michael Pennington, Director, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
- B. **Creating a Coordinated and Integrated Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice System to Improve Outcomes for Our Most Disadvantaged Juvenile Offenders** - Kimberley Gomez, U.S. Virgin Islands; John A. Tuell, Child Welfare-Juvenile Justice Systems Integration Initiative, CWLA
- C. **Stop Hitting a Brick Wall: Youth Housing Models to Prevent Homelessness Upon Re-entry for Juveniles** - LaKeshia Pope, Youth Policy and Program Analyst, National Alliance to End Homelessness; Richard Hooks Wayman, Senior Youth Policy Analyst, National Alliance to End Homelessness

3:45 to 5:15 pm: Concurrent Sessions

- A. **Utilizing Family Strengthening Strategies to Foster Advancements in Prevention** - Dr. James Fulmore, Asst. Superintendent, Paterson Public School District; Dr. Robert Reid, Montclair State University; Kathy Wright,

- Executive Director, New Jersey Parents Caucus
- B. **Redeploy Illinois: Positive Outcomes for Delinquent Youth through Community Interventions versus Prison Commitments** - Lori Long, Deputy Director, Macon County Probation and Court Services, Decatur, Illinois; Pamela F. Rodriguez, Executive Director, TASC, Inc. of Illinois; Karrie Rueter, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Illinois Department of Human Services; Honorable George Timberlake, Retired, Illinois 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit
- C. **Demonstrating Accountability and Effectiveness using national Performance-Based Standards (PbS) and Outcomes** - Kim Godfrey, Director, Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators; Lois Jenkins, PbS State Coordinator, South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice

6:00 to 7:30 pm: CJJ Executive Board Awards Reception, including the Presentation of CJJ 2008 Spirit of Youth Award and the Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award

Monday, April 28  
CONFERENCE CONTINUES

8:30 - 10:00 am: Plenary Session: **Creative Approaches to Using Medicaid in Juvenile Justice Systems** - Erin Espinosa, Program Specialist, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission; Bruce Kamradt, Wraparound Milwaukee; Neva Kaye, National Academy for State Health Policy

10:15 - 11:45 am: Concurrent Sessions

- A. **Project Zero: Reducing the Use of Out of Home Placements in Delinquency Cases - The New York City Story** - Patricia Brennan, NYC Department of Probation Deputy Commissioner; Casey Eiseman, Project Manager, Esperanza NY  
**Investing with a Purpose: South Carolina's Community Connections Campaign** - Susan Alford, Director, Girls Center, Clemson University Youth Learning Center; Stacey Atkinson, Director, Community Behind the Fence; Honorable William Byars, Director, South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice
- B. **SAG Leadership in Detention Reform** - Panel to be determined.

12:00 - 1:45 pm: Lunch on your own

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm: Concurrent Sessions

- A. **SAG Leadership in Reclaiming Futures: Working to Help Teens in Trouble with Drugs, Alcohol and Crime** – Thomas S. Begich, Project Director, Reclaiming Futures Anchorage; Robin Jenkins, Ph.D., Executive Director, Cumberland County Communicare; Laura Burney Nissen, National Program Director, Reclaiming Futures; Honorable John Varin, Senior Judge, State of Idaho
- B. **Comprehensive Systems Change Initiative (CSCI): Improving Responses to Youth with Mental Health Needs in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System** – Barbara Chayt, Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Specialist, CJCA; Mary Gaspari, Mental Health Coordinator, Chester County (PA) Juvenile Probation Department; Kim Godfrey, Deputy Director, CJCA
- C. **Using Outcome Management and Evidence-Based Strategies to Sustain Delinquency Treatment Reform: Project Empower** – Darin Carver, Program Administrator, Weber (UT) Human Services

3:45 – 5:00 pm: Closing General Session – Congressional Policy Forum featuring congressional staff, to be announced.

Dinner With Friends and Colleagues, On Your Own

**Tuesday, April 29**

8:00 – 9:00 am: Hill Day Training Refresher

9:00 am – 5 pm: Hill Visits

9:00 am – 5 pm: Training of Trainers (ToT) for SAG Leaders in Detention Reform (by invitation).

Questions? Contact: Mark Ferrante: [ferrante@juvjustice.org](mailto:ferrante@juvjustice.org) or 202-467-0864, ext. 102

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**About the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ)**

In 1984, citizen volunteers appointed by Governors and charged to fulfill the purposes and spirit of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act formed a representative national nonprofit organization, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ):

- To give voice to state-identified concerns and needs in juvenile justice;
- To advise state and federal policy makers and the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; and
- To generate ongoing collegial support and information exchange.

For nearly 25 years, CJJ has served as the national association of Governor-appointed State Advisory Groups and included members from many walks of life and professional disciplines who, together with allied individuals and organizations, seek to improve the circumstances of vulnerable and troubled children, youth and families involved with the courts, and to build safe communities. Today, CJJ members span the U.S. states and territories, providing a forum for sharing best practices, innovations, policy recommendations and peer support. *Visit us on the Web:* [www.juvjustice.org](http://www.juvjustice.org)