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**Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Annual Conference
& Board of Directors' Meeting**

**“JJDP TODAY: CJJ’S SUMMIT ON REAUTHORIZATION OF
THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT”**

Friday, June 8
- Arrivals -

Saturday, June 9
- Pre-Conference Sessions - and Arrivals

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **Registration Open**
“Take One” Tables Open

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **CJJ Leadership Committee Meetings**

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Government Relations, Linda Hayes, Chair (NC)
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Membership and Governance, Sue Kamp, Chair (VT)
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Youth, Seth Church, Chair (AK)
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ethnic & Cultural Diversity, Fernando Serrano, Chair (NV)
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Finance, Cindy Durham, Chair (TN)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Juvenile Justice Specialists’ Meeting**

This meeting provides a forum for all state Juvenile Justice Specialists and their state colleagues to network, share information and craft a common agenda. All are welcome.

Topics include:

- Review and discussion of recommendations from Specialists and others related to JJDP reauthorization, gathered by CJJ and its national partners over the course of the past year.
- Ideas for voting representation on the CJJ Board and other CJJ activities with specialists, for discussion.
- An update of current and upcoming activities from the OJJDP State Relations and Assistance Division.

Presenters: Greg Thompson, Associate Administrator, OJJDP, Washington, DC, and Robin Jenkins, CJJ National Chair, North Carolina.

Facilitator(s): Mark Ferrante, National Juvenile Justice Specialist Representative, New Jersey; Greg Thompson, Associate Administrator, OJJDP, Washington, DC; Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CJJ, Washington, DC.

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Leadership Training for New SAG Members**

This leadership training session is for all new State Advisory Group (SAG) members, as well as those who would like a refresher on the roles and responsibilities of SAG members, and anyone else interested in learning more about the work of the SAGs. Opportunities for SAG leadership and best practices related to SAG responsibilities under the JJDP will be addressed.

Presenters: Sue Kamp, Vermont; Vicki Blankenship, Alaska; Scott Pestridge, Program Manager, OJJDP, Washington, DC.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. DMC Coordinators'/Committees' Meeting

This session is designed for state and local DMC Coordinators, DMC Committee members and Juvenile Justice Specialists. Included will be:

- Presentation of the DMC reduction work done through Models for Change and an overview of the four-site DMC Action Network that will be conducted through the Center for Children's Law and Policy.
- Discussion of the active recommendations for elevating and strengthening the DMC core protection.
- Highlights will be provided regarding prospective work of CJJ and its Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee.

Presenters: Sandi Boyd, Lisa Garry, Tina Dixon and Mark Soler, Center for Children's Law and Policy, Washington, DC; Cassandra Villanueva, National Council of La Raza, Washington, DC (invited).

Faciliator(s): Fernando Serrano, Chair, CJJ Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee, Nevada; Ron King, DMC Coordinator and Compliance Monitor, Tennessee (invited); Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CJJ, Washington, DC.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Hill Training "101" JJDPAs Basics!

Representatives of the CJJ Government Relations Committee and staff will present core concepts, fact sheets and information to all who are interested in educating themselves and preparing for visits with members of Congress, regarding the basics of JJDPAs reauthorization—what's in the JJDPAs; how to talk about the work of the SAGs; what is most important to convey about resources and incentives; why a federal-state/local partnership for juvenile justice enhances community life; key concepts and principles.

Presenters: CJJ Government Relations Committee Members: Linda O'Neal, Tennessee; Blake Taylor, South Carolina; Judge Michael Mayer, Minnesota; and Linda Hayes, Chair (North Carolina) with Tara Andrews, CJJ, Washington, DC.

Sunday, June 10

- Board of Directors' Meeting, Conference Opening Sessions, Networking Dinner -

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration/"Take One" Tables Open

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. CJJ Board of Directors' Meeting

This meeting, open to everyone, is the business meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. All are welcome to attend. Topics to be addressed at this meeting include decision-making related to proposed changes in CJJ's membership and governance based on the work of the CJJ Board in March 2007, designed to increase the organization's reach and impact. In addition, the Board will brainstorm and make recommendations in response to input from the recent CJJ "Member Involvement and Member Services Survey."

Presiding: Robin Jenkins, CJJ 2007 National Chair, North Carolina, and members of the National Steering Committee and CJJ Leadership Committee Chairs.

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

CJJ Regional Business Meetings/Discussion Forums
Midwest - Judge Michael Mayer, Midwest Region Chair
Northeast - Rev. James Kirk, Northeast Region Chair
Southern - LaLita Ashley, Southern Region Chair
Western - Rodney Cook, Western Region Chair

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2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Panel Presentation
Greetings from Robin Jenkins, CJJ 2007 National Chair, North Carolina

Opening Presentation: Past, Present & Future of the JJDP

Information from surveys and discussions convened by CJJ and its national partners will be presented to frame the conversation about the history, progress and need for change in the federal partnership for improving juvenile justice and delinquency prevention through a concerted federal partnership with the states.

The intents of national reform in juvenile justice as cast in 1974 and how they are effectuated today will be reflected upon; suggestions for incorporating new understandings and emergent concerns, as well as staying the course with seemingly intractable issues, will also be addressed. Ample time will be given for questions and answers.

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (Pick one of three: I-III)

I. Changing the Status Quo for Status Offenders

The Vera Institute, through a research and technical assistance project, has been working for several years with New York State jurisdictions to improve services for status offenders (in support of compliance with the DSO core protection). The reforms developed and implemented are helping non-delinquent, albeit disobedient youth to make positive gains—with decreased reliance on the courts and out-of-home placements—and yielding significant cost-savings. This panel will focus on Onondaga County (Syracuse) and New York City.

Presenters:

- Annie Salsich, Senior Program Officer, Vera Center on Youth Justice, New York
- Michael Lens, Research Associate, Vera Center on Youth Justice, New York
- Mary C. Winter, Commissioner, Onondaga Cty. Probation Department, New York

II. Juvenile Defense 40 Years After *In re Gault*

The evolution and importance of juvenile defense in the 40 years since the United States Supreme Court extended the right to counsel to children in *In re Gault* will be addressed. The presentation will include an overview of the origins of the juvenile justice system, discussion of the present state of juvenile defense including systemic barriers to zealous defense advocacy, and a review of national reform efforts with suggested strategies for State Advisory Groups and others to promote excellence in juvenile defense at the local level.

Presenters:

- Robin Walker, Special Counsel, National Juvenile Defender Center
- Rashida A. Edmondson, Staff Attorney, National Juvenile Defender Center

III. Adolescent Brain Development: Implications for Juvenile Justice Policy

Research on adolescent brain development demonstrates that young people’s brains are not fully developed until into their 20s to allow for adult-level reasoning and weighing of consequences. This presentation will cover the science and explore how the medical developmental perspective has advanced thinking about juvenile justice policy—both state and federal—and how it can be used to inform decisions about policies regarding the treatment of youth in their late teens and early 20s.

Presenters:

- Alan Ravitz, MD, MS, Assoc. Professor, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, New York University, New York
- Michelle Ayesh, LCSW, Health and Justice for Youth Coordinator, Physicians for Human Rights, Massachusetts

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Networking Dinner**

Bus transportation will be provided to “Indigo Landing” on the Potomac for a special dinner experience to allow conferees to gather and network informally. Separate RSVP and fee required (see registration materials).

Monday, June 11

- Conference Sessions and Awards Luncheon -

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **Registration/“Take One” Tables Open**

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions (Pick one of three: IV-VI)**

IV. Effective Family-Community-Court Partnership for Truancy Prevention

Truancy is a status offending behavior that often leads to further court involvement and delinquency. It is also an area where jurisdictions too frequently use detention (in violation of JJDP) to try to resolve the problem. This session will provide an overview of the complexities of truancy and outline an effective community-based approach to its resolution. Highlighted will be an OJJDP-supported “National Truancy Demonstration Project” that has resulted in an approach which engages families and community partners in a continuum of support.

Presenters:

- Krystina A. Finlay, Ph.D., Senior Research and Policy Analyst, National Center for School Engagement, Colorado
- Judith A. Martinez, Director, National Center for School Engagement

V. DMC Evaluation Strategies in Iowa and Virginia

SAGs and Specialists in Iowa and Virginia are working with the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) under a grant contract from OJJDP to evaluate strategies to reduce DMC (disproportionate minority contact). The work in these states will be presented, highlighting challenges and benefits of partnerships with outside resources such as statistical analysis centers, universities, and DMC experts from national, non-governmental organizations. Participants will learn how to determine if a site is ready for DMC evaluation and how to prepare a site for evaluation.

Presenters:

- Ashley Nellis, Project Manager, Justice Research and Statistics Association, Wash., DC
- Mary Poulin, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, Justice Research and Statistics Association, Washington, DC

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- Dave Kuker, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Iowa
- Virginia representative tbd

VI. Using Performance-based Standards to Increase Accountability and Effectiveness

The Performance-based Standards (PbS) Program developed by the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators with support from OJJDP ensures that youth in juvenile justice facilities are placed in programs that are safe, hold youth accountable and provide effective rehabilitative services. PbS asks facilities to report data twice a year on 106 outcomes. This presentation will focus on ways for states to set and meet the highest standards for conditions of confinement.

Presenters:

- Kim Godfrey, Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators, Massachusetts
- Akin Fadeyi, Performance Based Standards Specialist, Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators, Massachusetts

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. General Session: MacArthur Research Network

Leaders from the MacArthur Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice Research Network will present their findings as related to juvenile competence, culpability, desistance, mental health, DMC and proactive approaches to prevention of youth involvement in gangs. They will tie their research themes to reauthorization of the JJDP and an effective federal role in juvenile justice. The panel is co-hosted by the National Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Coalition—a collaboration of more than 80 national organizations. Panelists include:

- Laurence Steinberg, Ph.D., Temple University; Director, MacArthur Adolescent Development-Juvenile Justice Research Network
- Elizabeth E. Cauffman, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine; former member of the Girls Study Group
- Alex Picquero, Ph.D., Center for Studies in Criminology and the Law, University of Florida
- The Honorable Michael A. Corriero, Presiding Judge, Manhattan Youth Part; Judge, New York State Court of Claims; Judge, New York City Supreme Court

Moderator: Judge Paul Lawrence, CJJ Immediate Past Chair, New Hampshire

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (Pick one of three: VII-IX)

VII. School Leadership for Improving the Lives of Youth and Preventing Placements in Juvenile Justice

Nationwide, there is a disproportionately high number of children with disabilities in the juvenile justice system. This presentation will provide information about a joint initiative of the National Association of State Directors of Special Education and the National Disability Rights Network to pursue a shared program to help educators to safely and successfully address social, emotional and behavioral issues that emerge in school settings without having to resort to law enforcement and juvenile justice referrals. A guidebook and compendium of best practices will be shared.

Presenters:

- Nancy Reder, Deputy Executive Director, National Association of State Directors of Special Education, Virginia
- Judie Storandt, Senior Staff Attorney, National Disability Rights Network, Washington, DC

VIII. How Changes to the JJDP (2002) Are Negatively Impacting States' Sight and Sound Separation Compliance

Many states—including those highlighted here, Missouri and Oregon—have had long histories of complying with the core protections of the JJDP and have provided for appropriate treatment of children and youth in secure custody. Yet, these states, and others, are now at risk for non-compliance with the core protection regarding Separation. This presentation will document and describe each state's efforts to remain compliant and will stimulate discussion regarding this issue in other states and with respect to definitions, such as that of "adult inmate," in the JJDP.

Presenters:

- Elissa Rumsey, Compliance Monitoring Coordinator, OJJDP, Washington, DC
- Lana Holman, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Oregon
- Sandra Rempe, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Missouri

IX. Successfully Re-designing Juvenile Justice to Proactively Address Co-Occurring Disorders among Youth

Reclaiming Futures, a project of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has successfully built a research-based, six-step model that brings together courts, probation officers, drug abuse counselors, families and community partners to assist and treat youth dealing with substance abuse, mental health concerns and delinquency. The workshop will share how community collaboration extends the ability of the justice system to successfully reenter youth and ensure treatment completion for substance-using youth. "How tos" for State Advisory Group leadership will also be included.

Presenters:

- Laura Nissen, Ph.D., National Program Director, Reclaiming Futures, Oregon
- Tom Begich, Program Director, Reclaiming Futures, Alaska
- Jeffrey A. Butts, Ph.D., Chapin Hall Center for Children, University of Chicago, Illinois

12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Annual Awards Luncheon & Presentation

Each year, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice is pleased to recognize and celebrate the fine accomplishments of worthy awardees who are making significant contributions to society by contributing to the well being of children, youth, families and communities.

- **2007 National Spirit of Youth Award presented to Keanalu Chartrand, Hawaii**—presented by Walter Lau, Hawaii and the Hawaii State Advisory Group with Seth Church, CJJ National Youth Chair
- **2007 Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award presented to Larry Carter, Nevada**—presented by Fernando Serrano, Nevada and the Nevada State Advisory Group with Mark Ferrante, CJJ National Juvenile Justice Specialist
- **2007 A. L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award presented to John Dewese, South Carolina**—presented by LaLita Ashley, South Carolina and the South Carolina State Advisory Group with David Schmidt, CJJ National Vice Chair

2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Facilitated Roundtable Discussions on the JJDP

Conference attendees will convene in small, discussion groups to explore ideas and next steps for reauthorization of the JJDP with facilitators from national partner organizations and the CJJ Government Relations Committee. Ideas and information generated from the working groups

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will be recorded and compiled into a brief post-conference publication and briefly reported out at the closing session.

Facilitators: Angela Arboleda, National Council of La Raza; Kim Godfrey, Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators, Massachusetts; Liz Ryan, Campaign for Youth Justice, Washington, DC; Bob Reeg, National Network for Youth, Washington, DC; Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CJJ, Washington, DC; Tara Andrews, CJJ, Washington, DC; and fellow members of the “Act 4 Juvenile Justice Campaign” of the National Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Coalition.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closing General Session
Taking Our Voices to the Hill and Our Communities**

A brief overview of the work of the “Act-4-Juvenile Justice Initiative” will be presented, including recommendations and reflections from the small groups held at the conference reported out by the group facilitators.

Speakers: Liz Ryan, Campaign for Youth Justice, Washington, DC, and Angela Arboleda, National Council of La Raza, Washington, DC

Keynote Speaker: Reverend Owen C. Cardwell, Jr., Founder and Pastor of the New Canaan International Church, Richmond (VA), will reflect on our mission ahead—to strengthen the federal partnership in support of state needs—to enhance states’ responses to local needs, and to revitalize local actions to support children and youth at risk or in contact with the juvenile court system. Reverend Cardwell will present the work of his congregation related to its involvement with “One Church-Ten Families,” aimed at renewing, strengthening and supporting families of youth involved in the court system. He will also describe his work to advocate for change based on what we know about youth and families by focusing on age-based services, supports and expectations, and working to change, over time, overly-broad sanctions that sweep youth of color into the courts and young offenders into the adult criminal system.

Moderator: Linda Hayes, CJJ Government Relations Chair, North Carolina

5:00 - 5:30

Farewell & Thank You: Robin Jenkins, CJJ 2007 National Chair, North Carolina

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Tuesday, June 12
- CJJ Hill Day -

Taking Our Voices to the Hill--Throughout the day, CJJ members and conference attendees are encouraged to meet with their congressional delegations to share information about juvenile justice needs and progress made in their states. There will be a preparatory and check-back table staffed by CJJ throughout the day to assist attendees that go to the Hill.

Wednesday, June 13
- The Annual Forum of the National Juvenile Justice Network Begins - www.njjn.org