

**Draft Agenda**

**CJJ Annual National Conference &  
Council of SAGs' Meeting  
April 10-13, 2010  
Washington, D.C.**



***Ensuring School Engagement and Success for Youth at Risk***

**To Register:** [Click here](#) for online registration. You may also contact CJJ at [lauren@juvjustice.org](mailto:lauren@juvjustice.org) or 202-467-0864, ext. 122, for off-line registration.

**Reserve with the CJJ room block:** The conference will be held at the Renaissance Washington D.C. Hotel, 999 Ninth Street NW, Washington, D.C. 2001. Please [click here](#) to make your hotel reservations online, or make your reservation by phone at 202-898-9000. Please ask for the “Coalition for Juvenile Justice Room Block” federal per diem rate of \$226 per night for a single/double. **Reservations are open through March 23, 2010.**

**AGENDA**

***SATURDAY, APRIL 10:***

***REGIONAL MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, HILL DAY TRAINING AND SAG TRAINING***

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| <b>7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b>   | <b>Registration/”Take One” Tables Open</b>  |
| <b>8:30 - 11:00 a.m.</b>       | <b>Joint Meeting of the CJJ Ethnic and Cultural Diversity (ECD) Committee and DMC Coordinators</b>                                  |
| <b>10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</b> | <b>CJJ Government Relations Committee Policy Roundtable and Meeting</b>   |
| <b>11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</b> | <b>CJJ Strategic Planning Committee Meeting</b>   |
| <b>12:15 - 1:30 p.m.</b>       | <b><i>Lunch on your own</i><br/>Hill Day Training “Brown Bag” Lunch<br/>CJJ Training and Technical Assistance Committee Meeting</b> |
| <b>1:30 - 2:30 p.m.</b>        | <b>CJJ Youth Committee Meeting</b>  |
| <b>1:30 - 2:30 p.m.</b>        | <b>CJJ Resource Development Committee Meeting</b>   |
| <b>1:30 - 5:00 p.m.</b>        | <b>Juvenile Justice Specialists Business Meeting</b>  |
| <b>2:45 - 5:00 p.m.</b>        | <b>New State Advisory Group (SAG) Member Training</b>   |

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5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

### **CJJ Regional Meetings**

- **Midwest:** Honorable Michael Mayer (MN), Regional Chair; Patricia Connell (IL), Regional Representative
- **Northeast:** Rev. James Kirk (MD), Regional Chair; Sue Kamp (VT), Regional Representative; Carlos Hendricks-Verdejo (NJ), Regional Representative
- **Southern:** Linda Hayes (NC), Regional Chair; Eric Williams (MS), Regional Representative
- **Western:** Rodney Cook (OR), Regional Chair; Katie Wells (CO), Regional Representative; Melody McCray-Miller (KS), Regional Representative

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 11:**

### **CJJ COUNCIL OF SAGS' MEETING & ELECTIONS - CONFERENCE OPENING**

8:00 - 12:00 p.m.

### **CJJ Council of SAGs' Meeting & Executive Board Candidate Forum and Elections**

All attendees are welcome to attend the annual meeting of CJJ's policy-setting body, comprising member-State Advisory Group Chairs/Chair-designees.

#### **Presiding:**

- David Schmidt (NM), CJJ National Chair
- Ward Loyd (KS), CJJ National Vice Chair

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

### ***Lunch on your own***

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

### **Welcome and Introductions:**

- Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CJJ Executive Director
- David Schmidt (NM), CJJ National Chair

### **Keynote address: *Creating High Quality Education for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System***

- James Forman, Jr., Chair of the Maya Angelou Public Charter School Board of Directors, Washington, D.C.; Founding Board Member of the See Forever Foundation

#### **Presentation:**

- The Beat Within, Featuring Messiah and Youth from New Beginnings

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

### **Concurrent Workshop Sessions**

#### **A. The Power of Collaboration: How Two Jurisdictions Reduced School Arrests, Increased Safety and Improved Outcomes for Students**

Presenters will describe a collaborative process successfully used to bring schools, police and other community stakeholders together to reduce school referrals to juvenile court.

#### **Presenters:**

- The Honorable J. Brian Huff, Presiding Judge, Jefferson County

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- (AL) Family Court
- Danielle Lipow, Director, Juvenile Justice Policy Group, Southern Poverty Law Center
- The Honorable Steven Teske, Presiding Judge, Clayton County (GA) Family Court

### **B. The Connect Effect: How a Community of Practice Bridges Systems to Benefit Youth**

Learn about the National Community of Practice (CoP) on Behavioral Health, an affiliation of 13 states and 21 national organizations allied to promote behavioral health and effective interventions. Learn to apply CoP concepts across agency and organizational boundaries and unite people in shared work.

#### **Presenters:**

- Joanne Cashman, Director, IDEA Partnership at the National Association of State Directors of Special Education
- Claudette Fette, Parent, Texas Federation of Families
- Edwin Morris, Adjunct Professor, University of Missouri
- Judith G. “Judie” Storandt, Senior Staff Attorney, National Disability Rights Network

### **C. The Care Team Concept, Stark County, Ohio**

This workshop will focus on a school-based, multi-agency approach for prevention, early intervention and treatment services for youth, which increases protective factors and improves the likelihood of success at school, in the community and at home.

#### **Presenters:**

- Sally Efremoff, Chief Magistrate, Stark County Family Court
- Richard Hull, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Fairless School System, Stark County, OH
- Honorable David E. Stucki, Senior Judge, Stark County Family Court

## **MONDAY, APRIL 12:**

### **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS, AWARDS LUNCHEON, CLOSING GENERAL SESSION AND CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION**

9:00- 10:30 a.m.

#### **General Session: *Achieving Graduation for All: Ensuring School Engagement and Success from Early Childhood through High School***

- Ryan Reyna, Policy Analyst, Education Division, National Governors Association, Center for Best Practices
- George Khaldun, Chief Administrative Officer, Harlem Children’s Zone, New York, New York

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10:45 - 12:00 p.m.

### Concurrent Workshop Sessions

**A. Promising Practices in Improving Student Outcomes for Disadvantaged Youth: Thurgood Marshall Academy, Washington, D.C.**

This workshop will present the Thurgood Marshall Academy, a public charter high school in a disadvantaged Washington, D.C., neighborhood, the uses a collaborative, holistic approach to improving student outcomes both in school and during out-of-school time.

**Presenters:**

- Candice Bobo, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Dean, Thurgood Academy, Washington, D.C.
- Alexandra Pardo, Academic Director, Thurgood Academy, Washington, D.C.
- Rachel Williams, Clinical Counselor, Thurgood Academy, Washington, D.C.

**B. Research and Best Practice for Engaging Families to Increase Student Success**

This workshop will highlight promising practices for engaging families at the school and district levels, as well as successful efforts to engage youth and families in the juvenile justice system.

**Presenters:**

- Mishaela Durán, Director of Government Affairs, National Parent Teacher Association
- Lucretia Murphy, Executive Director, Maya Angelou See Forever Academy
- Heidi Rosenberg, Senior Research Analyst, Harvard Family Research Project

**C. The AMIkids Experiential Education Curriculum: A Race to the Top**

Presenters will provide a detailed description of the programs of AMIkids, an experiential education curriculum with supporting strategies to engage youth in learning and accelerate student achievement .

**Presenters:**

- Eric Hall, Director of Education, AMIkids, Inc.
- Frank A. Orlando, Director of the Center for the Study of Youth Policy at Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Betty Quinteiros, Operations Manager, AMIkids, Inc.

12:15 - 1:45 p.m.

### CJJ Annual Awards Luncheon

#### Presentation of CJJ 2010 Awards:

- CJJ Spirit of Youth Award
- Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award
- A. L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award

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2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

### Concurrent Workshop Sessions

#### **A. Learn to Earn: Improving Academics and Career/Technical Training in Placement**

Youth returning to the community from placement face immense challenges. This workshop will showcase how the Pennsylvania Academic and Career/Technical Training Alliance (PACTT) works to improve academic and career/technical training in residential facilities, provide employment training and improve the linkage to schools and jobs upon reentry.

##### **Presenters:**

- Candace Putter, Director, Pennsylvania Academic and Career/Technical Training (PACTT) Alliance
- David Smith, Career and Technical Education Specialist, PACTT Alliance
- Susan Will, Academic Specialist, PACTT Alliance

#### **B. Peer/Youth Courts: A Platform for Youth Development**

Teen Courts, integrated with school curriculum, provide a peer justice alternative to traditional school discipline keeping at-risk youth in school, and teaching hands-on academic, socialization and citizenship skills. Hear from three teen court models.

##### **Presenters:**

- Carolyn Dallas, Executive Director, Time Dollar Youth Court, Washington, D.C.
- Gregory Lynn Volz, Esq., Foehl and Eyre, Chester, PA
- Judy Wolfe, Program Supervisor, Syracuse District Student Court

#### **C. Addressing the School-to-Prison Pipeline Through the Reauthorization of the Elementary & Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind) and State Legislation**

The important opportunities presented by the reauthorization of the Elementary & Secondary Education Act (or “No Child Left Behind Act”) to change policies that contribute to the over-use of zero tolerance and other punitive school disciplinary measures will be provided. Presenters also will share ideas and strategies for addressing the school-to-prison pipeline crisis at the state legislative level.

##### **Presenters:**

- Dan Farbman, Skadden Fellow, Advancement Project
- Jim Freeman, Esq. Director, Ending the Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Project, Advancement Project
- Alexi Nunn, Staff Attorney, Advancement Project

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3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

### **Closing General Session: Federal Perspectives on Education and Juvenile Justice**

- Melodee Hanes, Acting Deputy Administrator for Policy, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Lynn Overmann, Access to Justice Initiative, U.S. Department of Justice (invited)
- Bryan Samuels, Commissioner, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- James H. Shelton III, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

### **Congressional Reception**

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 13: CJJ HILL DAY 2010**

Conference attendees are encouraged to visit with their members of Congress to inform them of the state and local needs, interests and accomplishments in juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, and to inform the progress of the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

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

For more than 25 years, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) has served as a nationwide association of state advisory groups on juvenile justice. CJJ is based in Washington, DC, yet reaches every U.S. state and territory. More than 1,500 state advisory group volunteers, from the public and private sectors—juvenile court and youth-serving professionals, concerned citizens, and advocates for children and families—participate in CJJ. The organization also includes individual and organizational members, who share our interests and goals.

CJJ was among the first national juvenile justice organizations to exercise positions opposing the juvenile death penalty, opposing prosecutorial waiver and other policies that automatically send youth to adult court, and exposing disproportionate minority confinement and disparate treatment of youth of color. CJJ is a prominent champion for a strong focus on 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.