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CJJ's 2020 Virtual Youth Summit Gets Underway

CJJ's [Emerging Leaders Committee](#) kicked off their largest Youth Summit to date! Nearly 400 young people from across the country were registered to take part in the first session of CJJ's 2020 Virtual Youth Summit, "[Executing our Power into Action](#)."

The Summit got underway this week, and will continue online on Wednesday, August 26 and September 2 & 9 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. EDT. All content is being offered free of charge and is intended for audiences who are under the age of 28.

Don't miss the remaining sessions:

- Child Welfare and Youth Justice; August 26
- Sentencing Reform; September 2
- Mentoring and Reentry; September 9

To register, click [here](#).



Join CJJ's 2020 Virtual Conference

CJJ's 2020 Annual Conference will be entirely virtual this year out of concerns for our members and their safety.

This year's conference will take place November 18-20. This year's theme is "[Dreaming Big Together: Youth Justice Reimagined](#)." It will focus on the latest research, developments, and challenges facing our field today. Specifically, the conference will focus on:

- How can states and communities serve as leaders in shaping a better juvenile justice system for our most vulnerable youth?
- How can we improve collaborations with young people with lived experiences in the systems we work with?
- What can be done to build on successes and continue to improve systems so that they best serve young people, including those touching multiple systems?
- What role do advocacy and public health play as communities seek to improve services and provide for trauma-informed care that addresses and heals multi-generational trauma?



If you have already registered, your existing registration will continue to be honored. However, because this is a virtual event and does not cover the cost of meals, we are reducing registration costs, as noted below. Please click [here](#) to let

us know whether you would like to use the additional funds to register a second person, make a tax deductible donation to CJJ, or for a conference registration in 2021. Please feel free to email our Executive Director, Naomi Smoot Evans, at evans@juvjustice.org if you have any questions or concerns.

To register for the conference, click [here](#).

To view a draft agenda, click [here](#).

Regular Registration	Late Registration
July 8 - Nov. 16	Nov. 17-20
\$200 / Members \$250 / Non-Members \$95 / Students	\$225 / Members \$275 / Non-Members \$100 / Students

Conference Book Clubs and Reading List

Check out the reading list for this year's Annual Conference. During this year's conference, attendees will have the chance to gather for a book club conversation around selected readings in youth justice and racial equity. Book club picks for the 2020 Virtual Conference include:

- "Burning Down the House: The End of Juvenile Prison" by Nell Bernstein;
- "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander;
- "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools" by Monique W. Morris; and
- "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo.

For more information, check out our conference [agenda](#) and conference [webpage](#).

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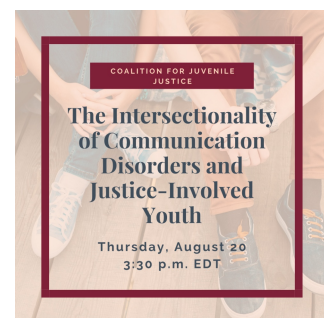
CJJ invites you to consider sponsoring this year's Annual Conference. Sponsorship dollars help support a broad range of necessary functions, including materials production, speaker and workshop support, youth engagement, and other general functions.

To learn more about sponsoring this event, email evans@juvjustice.org.

Upcoming Webinars

The Intersectionality of Communication Disorders and Justice-Involved Youth Today, August 20 at 3:30 p.m. EDT

This presentation will discuss the intersectionality of Cognitive and Communication Disorders and youth's involvement with the justice system, from school to confinement. The presentation will detail how communication and cognitive disorders can impact all critical points in the youth's life and result in unfavorable outcomes. The presentation will also discuss how communication disorders are sometimes confused, overlooked, and disregarded as "negative" behavior in justice-involved youth (from the initial hearing through post-disposition). Dr. Stanford will also explore the limitations and risks that communication and cognitive disorders can manifest and briefly discuss strategies for juvenile justice professionals who are in contact with this population of youth.



Presenter:

Shameka Stanford, Ph.D., CCC-SLP/L, Associate Professor - Communication

Sciences & Disorders, Juvenile Forensics Speech-Language Pathologist, CSD Social Justice Specialist

This webinar is free for CJJ members. To become a member, click [here](#).
To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

Authentic Youth-Adult Partnership in Juvenile Justice Thursday, September 17 at 3:00 PM Eastern

Many SAGs, along with juvenile justice agencies and other collaborative bodies, continue to strive toward unmet goals for building an authentic, sustainable youth-adult partnership. This webinar is for you. Laura Furr will share principles, models, and concrete best practices of youth-adult partnership for the juvenile justice field, as well as opportunities for further learning. Through her business, Laura supports adult-led organizations or collaborative bodies that make decisions affecting young people to plan and implement youth-adult partnership in their decision-making.



Presenter:

Laura Furr, Owner, [Laura Furr Consulting](#)

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Would You Like to Blog for CJJ?

CJJ is looking for bloggers for [CJJ Today](#) to author stories and posts about juvenile justice. We're particularly interested in stories from [State Advisory Group members](#) or staff, CJJ [individual](#) or [youth members](#), and CJJ [organizational members](#), about issues at the state or local level, interesting programs or approaches, and perspectives about the course of juvenile justice reform at the local or state level. We also welcome blog posts from other juvenile justice system stakeholders. Blog posts can be between 400-750 words in length. Click [here](#) to see our other guidelines for blogs.



Suggested topics could include:

- School to Prison Pipeline
- Girls in the Juvenile Justice System
- Remedying Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- Adolescent Brain Development
- Evidence-Based Practices
- Status Offenses
- Family and Youth Involvement
- Promising Practices or Program Spotlights

If interested please email info@juvjustice.org for more details.

Member Spotlight: Utah

Like all youth justice systems in the United States, Utah's Division of Juvenile Justice Services (JJS) has been navigating ways to keep kids connected during the COVID-19 pandemic. In March 2020, JJS implemented protocols to limit visitors to any of the 13 state-run JJS facilities to keep youth and staff as healthy as possible and to reduce the risk of COVID-19.



To keep youth and families connected, JJS implemented a new practice to allow video visitation to temporarily replace in-person contact for youth by using platforms like Google Hangouts, Zoom, Skype and FaceTime. In cases where families lived far away and weren't able to visit frequently, this allowed youth to have even greater access to their families than before the pandemic.

However, shortly after beginning the practice, staff noticed a problem: not all families have smartphones and they were missing out on this unprecedented opportunity. The families struggling financially weren't able to see their kids and as a result, officials started giving smartphones to them so they could maintain their connection. In addition, the director of JJS, Brett Peterson, held bi-weekly Webinars and sent out video messages from him to families to let them know how facilities were keeping their kids safe and healthy.

Parents and family members have said that having face-to-face interactions with their children during such a stressful time has been enormously helpful. The changes have been so successful that JJS has mandated that the practice continue indefinitely - as some youth have reestablished fractured connections with families.

Other News and Announcements

Events and Trainings

[Gwen's Girls](#) and The Black Girls Equity Alliance are hosting the 5th annual equity summit, "[She Matters: Protecting and Uplifting the Well-Being of Black Girls](#)." The summit will take place September 24-26, 2020 at the Wyndham Grand in Downtown Pittsburgh. The summit features Keynote speaker Cyntoia Brown Long.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) will host their 83rd annual [National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#). The conference will take place November 8-11, 2020 in Pittsburgh, PA.

New Publications and Resources

The Juvenile Law Center has released [Labeled for Life: A Review of Youth Sex Offender Registration Laws](#).

Justice Policy Institute has released [Sticker Shock 2020: The Cost of Youth Incarceration](#).

CJJ invites you to share news from your SAG, organization, state, or region! Inclusion and editing of submissions are subject to CJJ editorial guidelines.

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