



# COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

## Juvenile Justice Monitor

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### Highlight of the Month

#### Announcement from Nancy Gannon Hornberger regarding CJJ Leadership Change

With immense gratitude to all of you in our Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) family, I wish to tell you that I will resign as Executive Director in mid-August 2013. I have accepted an exciting new position as CEO of an exceptional child, family and community development organization, [Social Advocates for Youth San Diego \(SAY San Diego\)](#).

Over 14 years, I've been incredibly fortunate to be a part of the rich fabric of this organization – with our leaders, members, staff, relationships, challenges and opportunities.

CJJ stands for all the right stuff, as our vision states – a nation where fewer children are at risk of delinquency; and if they are at risk or involved with the justice system, they and their families receive every possible opportunity to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.

The work that CJJ members and staff take on every day is critical to the effectiveness of federal–state juvenile justice initiatives to improve the lives of children and families, including government and federal relations, training and technical assistance, system reforms, leadership development, youth involvement and collaborative partnerships. CJJ's peer networks and leadership committees are strong and thriving, the staff is talented and dedicated, and the top-notch board and voluntary leadership are steering a course to a bright future. CJJ holds an esteemed position in the national field of juvenile justice. This is a tribute to all of you, CJJ's members and allies!

In the coming weeks, please look for the initiation of a national search process and a confident transition to a new CJJ executive director.

Please also see coverage in [Juvenile Justice Information Exchange](#).

### CJJ Leadership News

#### National Elections at the CJJ Conference: An Update from Sue Kamp, National Chair

At the CJJ Annual Conference, national elections were held to elect new members to the CJJ Executive Board. The following people were elected: Cecely Reardon (MA), Vice

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Chair/Chair Elect; Haley Reimbold (NY), Northeast Regional Representative; Jerry Walsh (AR), Southern Regional Chair; John Dewese (SC), Southern Regional Representative; Erin Lear (MO), Midwest Regional Representative, Martha Doyle (OR), Western Regional Representative; and Shalinee Hunter (CA), National DMC Coordinator. We send deep thanks and appreciation to departing board members David Schmidt (NM), Jim Kirk (MD), Linda Hayes (NC), Eric Williams (MS), Rod Cook (OR) and Kathleen Rasmussen (AL).

My congratulations also go to Alfred Martin (MS), the incoming Chair of the CJJ Executive Board. Alfred is ready to lead us through the next two years, with over 20 years on the Mississippi State Advisory Group, including many years as Chair of the SAG.

It has been my honor to chair the CJJ board. I look forward to working with Alfred, Cecely and the rest of the board in taking the next steps as an organization. It is a very exciting time for CJJ and I hope you will join us in working together on behalf of youth and their families. Thanks to all of you for your support and friendship over the past two years.

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## CJJ Government and Federal Relations Alert

### 2013 Hill Day – A Great Success

This year, CJJ kicked off Hill Day with an early training session on May 1, 2013. Thank you to everyone who joined us bright and early! We also want to extend our gratitude to Hannibal Kemerer, an Associate at Patton Boggs, LLP, who joined us for the training and provided helpful insight about what to expect in Hill meetings. The training also included a short presentation from Alexandra Staropoli, CJJ's Associate Director of Government and Field Relations, on messaging strategies for appropriations, reauthorization of the JJDP, and the Youth PROMISE Act. Prior to the conference, CJJ hosted a similar Hill Day Training webinar, which can be accessed [here](#).

Many CJJ members had productive meetings with Members' staffs and we look forward to nurturing new and old relationships with offices on the Hill. The Government Relations Committee is also planning a District Visit Day this fall to continue to strengthen our relationships with Members of Congress. More information coming soon!

If you would like a hard copy of the Hill Day materials distributed at the conference, please contact Alexandra Staropoli at [staropoli@juvjustice.org](mailto:staropoli@juvjustice.org) or [202-467-0864 ext. 109](tel:202-467-0864). They are also available on our [website](#).

### The Government Relations Committee is Restructuring!

The Government Relations Committee is excited to introduce an improved committee structure, to go into effect on July 1. The Committee aims to:

1. Involve more CJJ members in the discussions of the Government Relations Committee;
2. Ensure committee representation and voting involvement of state staff (juvenile

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justice specialists, DMC coordinators) that work with the SAGs; (use of the term "state" refers to U.S. states, territories and the District of Columbia);

3. Ensure that the members of the core committee actively participate in the meetings, work, and decision-making, based on wide vetting and input from a broad range of CJJ members; and
4. Ensure that timely recommendations are made by the committee and advanced to the CJJ Executive Board. The Board may also determine that recommendations need the approval of the CJJ Council of SAGs (SAG Chairs from member states).

For more information about the new committee structure, [click here](#), or contact Alexandra Staropoli at [staropoli@juvjustice.org](mailto:staropoli@juvjustice.org) or [202-467-0864 ext. 109](tel:202-467-0864).

### **Emerging Discussion Item for Government Relations Committee**

Last month, CJJ [highlighted](#) the work of the ACLU National Prison Project to eliminate the use of solitary confinement for youth held in adult jails and prisons. Amy Fettig and Ian Kysel, of the ACLU, also presented information about the project to the National Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Coalition, of which CJJ is a leading member, earlier this month. Although CJJ does not yet have a formal position on solitary confinement, we support the elimination of dangerous isolation and restraint practices and will continue to discuss and formulate our position on solitary confinement in the coming months.

To participate in the Government Relations Committee, contact Alexandra Staropoli at [staropoli@juvjustice.org](mailto:staropoli@juvjustice.org) or [202-467-0864 ext. 109](tel:202-467-0864).

### **Act-4-JJ Letter-A-Day Campaign to Preserve Juvenile Justice Appropriations**

As the federal appropriations process continues, Act-4-JJ, co-led by CJJ as a working group of the National Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Coalition, has initiated a letter-a-day campaign to preserve juvenile justice funding. We have completed five weeks of daily letters to the Congress to date! Thank you to all those organizations who have already participated. If you want to learn more, contact Alexandra Staropoli at [staropoli@juvjustice.org](mailto:staropoli@juvjustice.org) or [202-467-0864 ext. 109](tel:202-467-0864).

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## **CJJ Conference News**



### **CJJ's 2013 Annual Conference – An Update from Sue Kamp**

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice Annual Conference was held May 1-4, 2013, in Washington, DC, with the theme, "Building Supportive Communities to Prevent Violence and Delinquency." The sessions and presentations provided valuable information on how best to prevent youth from becoming involved with the juvenile justice system and support system-involved youth with community-based services. More than 275 people from 46 states and territories attended the conference. In addition to the break-out sessions and workshops, state advisory group (SAG) members, juvenile justice state staff, CJJ members at large and others heard from Robert

Listenbee, the newly-appointed Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Click [here](#) to read about his remarks.

### **CJJ Presents Three Leaders With National Juvenile Justice Awards**

CJJ presented three national awards to during its Annual Conference Awards Luncheon on May 4.

**Hernan Carvente** received the Spirit of Youth Award for his professional achievements, extraordinary service to others and personal triumphs over great obstacles. At age 15, Mr. Carvente was convicted in the adult criminal justice system and experienced four years of incarceration. Mr. Carvente's story of success as a college student with an internship at Vera Institute of Justice and part-time job is remarkable. Mr. Carvente is also a member of the New York Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (NY SAG) and Northeast Regional Representative of the CJJ National Youth Committee.



**Valerie LaMotte** was honored with the Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award. She serves as Connecticut's Juvenile Justice Specialist, Compliance Monitor and DMC Coordinator, and as a manager at the Office of Policy and Management. Ms. LaMotte has developed and implemented a nationally-recognized DMC (disproportionate minority contact) training for law enforcement, among other achievements.

**Dr. Robin Jenkins** was presented with the A. L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award for championing for youth with courage, compassion and commitment. He is Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Juvenile Justice in the North Carolina Department of Public Safety and served as a court psychologist in the Juvenile Court Counselors Office for 20 years. Dr. Jenkins has also served as National Chair and REgional Chair of CJJ and was state SAG chair. We congratulate all three winners!

### **JJIE Coverage of the Annual Conference**

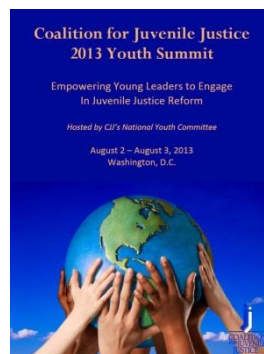
The Juvenile Justice Information Exchange covered a significant portion of the CJJ Annual Conference, reflected in a fantastic article. To read the full article [click here](#). JJIE also conducted a series of interviews with attendees about what they hoped to gain from the conference, best practices that they employ and challenges that they face in their jurisdiction. [Click here](#) to watch interviews with David Kemper (NH), Executive Director and President of Life Bridge, Susan Kamp (VT), National Chair of the CJJ Executive Board, Erin Lear (MO), CJJ Midwest Regional Representative, David Schmidt (NM), State Director of the New Mexico Council on Crime and Delinquency, Judge Jerrauld Jones (VA) of the Norfolk, VA Circuit Court and Symone Sanders (NE), Chair of the CJJ National Youth Committee.

### **[Watch CJJ's Youth Members Speak about their Experience at the Annual Conference!](#)**

A special thanks to Symone Sanders (NE), National Youth Committee Chair, for putting this video together!

## Youth Summit

The CJJ National Youth Committee will be host a Youth Summit, "Empowering Young Leaders for Juvenile Justice Reform," on August 2–3, 2013, in Washington, DC. The Summit seeks to cultivate and empower young juvenile justice advocates. Participants will learn the latest trends in juvenile justice reform and will have the opportunity to delve into more detail about two hot topics: Disproportionate Minority Contact and the School-to-Prison-Pipeline. The Summit will also engage participants in skill-building sessions on leadership development and civic engagement. CJJ's National Youth Committee will hold a 2013–2014 planning session during the Summit.



Check out the Summit's website at <http://cjjyouthsummit2013.wordpress.com/> to see the agenda and to pre-register. You can help support the Summit by clicking here to [donate](#).

Help us spread the word through [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#): #CJJYouthSummit2013

## Kentucky to Host the 2013 CJJ Southern Region Conference: "Promoting Positive Mental, Physical and Social Adolescent Health"

This year, Kentucky will host the CJJ Southern Region Conference in partnership with the National Symposium on Juvenile Services on October 20–24, 2013 at the Galt House Hotel & Suites in Louisville, KY. CJJ Southern Region conference days will be October 20 & 21 with the National Symposium for Juvenile Services to begin on October 22. The theme of the conference will be "Promoting Positive Mental, Physical and Social Adolescent Health," and will include workshops/presentations on:

- Adolescent Brain Development;
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (GLBTQ) Youth Populations;
- Gender Issues/Working Effectively with Girls in the Juvenile Justice System; and
- Impact of Emerging Synthetic Drugs.

Attendees will also receive information on disproportionate minority contact (DMC), New Member SAG Training, Youth Engagement, in addition to other resources to support SAG members in their work across the nation. CJJ participants are offered a discount to attend the entire week (includes both the CJJ Southern Region Conference and the National Symposium on Juvenile Services). The conference registration form can be found [here](#).

Conference planning is still underway, to participate please contact Stephanie Reynolds at [StephanieL.Reynolds@ky.gov](mailto:StephanieL.Reynolds@ky.gov).

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## State Training and Technical Assistance Center News

*OJJDP's STTAC –where CJJ works in partnership with American Institutes for Research and the National Center for Juvenile Justice –aims to support and enhance the work of states and territories with Title II Formula Grants and Juvenile Accountability Block*

*Grants.*

### **Field Innovation from Washington State**

CJJ is pleased to highlight this field innovation recognized by the OJJDP STTAC: "[Learning from Local Solutions to Support Prevention and Intervention Strategies](#)," with Naomi Tajchman-Kaplan, Academic Program Coordinator for Gateways for Incarcerated Youth, Evergreen State College in Washington State. The profile addresses the educational needs of currently and formerly incarcerated youth and offers ideas to engage juvenile facilities and programs around the education of incarcerated youth.

### **National Overviews on Timely Topics in Juvenile Justice**

The [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#) (NCJJ), as a partner with CJJ in OJJDP STTAC, is developing a series of national overviews that describe how states stand on a variety of timely juvenile justice issues, including status offenses, extended age, and administration of delinquency services. The overviews are designed in the spirit of NCJJ's Juvenile Justice State Profiles, which have been a valuable resource for the field for more than a decade and often cited in JJDP Three-year Plans.

The first four of these overviews are now posted [here](#) at OJJDP's Statistical Briefing Book. More overviews will be made public over the next several months – so stay tuned!

Several state Juvenile Justice Specialists responded to our requests for assistance in creating these overviews, and NCJJ appreciates the time taken to help them understand your state. If you have suggestions or questions as you review the overviews, please contact Teri Deal ([tdeal@ncjfcj.org](mailto:tdeal@ncjfcj.org)) or Anne Fromknecht ([afromknecht@ncjfcj.org](mailto:afromknecht@ncjfcj.org)).

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## **CJJ Regions and Committees**

### **Update from Regional Business Meetings**

During the CJJ Annual Conference, all four regions held successful business meetings. In the West, Midwest, Southern and Northeast meetings, they discussed emerging issues and trends in their states and they elected representatives to various committee.

Erin Lear (MO), Midwest Regional Representative, chaired the Midwest Regional Business Meeting, which was attended by CJJ members from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska and Wisconsin. Ms. Lear was reelected as the Midwest Region Representative to the CJJ Executive Board. They discussed ways to communicate more frequently on a regional level with the hope of hosting regional conference calls.

Melody-McCray Miller (KS), Western Region Chair, chaired the Western Regional Business Meeting, which was attended by CJJ members from American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Martha Doyle (OR) will be the new Western Region Representative and she will join CJJ's Executive Board on July 1, 2013, as one of four youth members on the Board. The Western Region also thanked Rodney Cook (OR) for his longtime leadership and dedication to the region.

Alfred Martin (MS), National Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect chaired the Southern Regional Business Meeting, which was attended by representatives from Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Jerry Walsh (AK) was elected chair of the region, Gordon Keath (NC) will serve as vice-chair and Jacqueline Dedeaux (MS) will serve as regional secretary. John Dewese (SC) was also elected to serve as Southern Regional Representative to the CJJ Executive Board.

David Kemper (NH) and Jim Kirk (MD) co-chaired the Northeast Regional Business meeting, which was attended by members from: Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and the District of Columbia. Haley Reimbold (NY) was elected as the new Northeast Regional Representative to the CJJ Executive Board. Jim Kirk, who steps down from this role, was thanked for his service. The Northeast agreed to donate \$1,000 dollars of their regional budget to the CJJ Youth Summit.

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## SOS Project News

**Safety, Opportunity & Success: Standards of Care for Non-Delinquent Youth Project Members of CJJ's Judicial Leadership Advisory Group Discuss "National Standards for the Care of Youth Charged with Status Offenses" at CJJ Annual Conference**



On Saturday May 4, during the CJJ Annual Conference, a panel of judges discussed the imminent release of CJJ's "National Standards for the Care of Youth Charged with Status Offenses." The Hon. Jerrauld Jones, Presiding Judge of the Norfolk Circuit Court, Hon. Chandlee Kuhn, Chief Justice of the Delaware Family Court and Hon. Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court in Los Angeles County and the President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) talked about the challenges in their respective jurisdictions relevant to youth charged with status offenses, and the approaches that they helped develop to better address those challenges. Judges Jones, Kuhn and Nash are members of CJJ's Judicial Leadership Advisory Group and, along with 10 of their peers, provide guidance to the SOS Project to reform policy and practice regarding status offenders, and to elevate leadership to eliminate the use of the valid court order exception to the DSO core requirement of the OJJDP.

All three judges agreed that, in general, status offenders may be youth in need of services rather than juvenile justice system involvement. Judge Jones also emphasized—consistent with the National Standards—that practitioners should consider that the best course of action for youth may be non-intervention.

CJJ is in the process of soliciting comments to the National Standards and seeking involvement from state advisory groups, advocates and juvenile justice practitioners.

To learn more about CJJ's SOS (Safety, Opportunity & Success) Project or to receive a copy of the draft Standards and an opportunity to provide comments, please contact Marie Williams, Deputy Executive Director at [williams@juvjustice.org](mailto:williams@juvjustice.org) or [202-467-0864, ext. 113](tel:202-467-0864).

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## Models for Change Connections

*Each issue, Models for Change Connections is pleased to highlight the latest news and innovations and CJJ member participation in the Models for Change Initiative of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.*

### [Pennsylvania and MacArthur's Models for Change: The Story of a Successful Public-Private Partnership](#)



In May, the Juvenile Law Center released a report entitled "Pennsylvania and MacArthur's Models for Change: The Story of a Successful Public-Private Partnership." The monograph discusses the ways in which the Pennsylvania SAG, known as the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDC), partnered with the MacArthur Foundation to improve the juvenile justice system in their state. "The JJDC and Models for Change supported many separate lanes on the highway of reform, but some of those lanes merged to create a smoother, faster pathway to common goals," the report explains. CJJ was asked to advise on the report and intends to continue to highlight its information for our field.

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## National Juvenile Justice Network News

### **New Juvenile Justice Hub to Fill Information Gap**

The [National Juvenile Justice Network](#) and [Juvenile Justice Information Exchange \(JJIE.org\)](#), have launched a new online resource called the [Juvenile Justice Resource Hub](#), supported by the [Models for Change initiative](#). The hub pulls together information and resources on key issues in juvenile justice, strategies for change, and resources that include research, toolkits, and links to national experts. It can be found at <http://jjie.org/hub>. This year, the Hub will post material in the areas of mental health, indigent defense, evidence-based practices, aftercare, racial and ethnic fairness, and community-based alternatives for youth. [Learn more](#).

### **Toolkit: How to Calculate the Average Costs of Detaining a Youth**

Do you know what it costs to detain a youth in your community? Do policymakers? Let NJJN's Fiscal Policy Center help you find the numbers in your state, with its new step-by-step toolkit! Second in a series, the toolkit is intended to help reformers and policymakers craft cost-effective policies for youth in trouble with the law. [Download the toolkit](#).



## Doing it Right: Risk Assessment in Juvenile Justice

When your juvenile justice system puts youth on probation, does it assess them for risk? If so, do staff know how to use these assessments effectively? Or do the assessments just sit in a file, waiting to be dusted off? Whether your agency or jurisdiction is trying to choose the right risk assessment tool, or it already has one in place, you'll find this policy update from the National Juvenile Justice Network (NJJN) helpful. It draws on "Risk Assessment in Juvenile Justice: A Guidebook for Implementation," published by Models for Change. [Download the policy update.](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### Kids for Cash: Active Voice and CJJ Want You to Be Beta Testers

Active Voice and CJJ are pleased to announce a very exciting opportunity to be the first in the nation to test a vital new communications resource for the juvenile justice field. Using scenes and unused footage from Robert May's forthcoming non-fiction film "*Kids for Cash*," [SenArt Films](#) and [Active Voice](#) have created a short 15-minute video designed for practical use in juvenile justice reform. With a storyline that will speak to a range of audiences--parents, youth, attorneys, court professionals, human service providers, educators and more--the video (which comes with discussion materials and additional resources) will be widely available in Fall 2013. Focusing in on the stories of youth and families affected by the Luzerne County scandal, it provides insight into the dire consequences of casting non-delinquent youth into a system without appropriate checks and balances, and can serve as a springboard for dialogue and action.

Throughout summer 2013, SenArt Films and Active Voice are inviting CJJ members and allies to be among the first to have access to this video. As "beta testers," you are asked to use this 15 minute short to bring groups together to reflect and improve on current work, provide new awareness to audiences that are less familiar with the juvenile justice system, and galvanize people toward action. As a beta tester, you would agree to:

1. Screen the video with a group of your choosing. Screenings must take place before September 15th.
2. Document and assess your post-screening discussion and possible next steps.
3. Provide valuable evaluation information to Active Voice to assist us in the readying the tools--and the longer documentary--for public release.

Active Voice and CJJ will be holding an informational webinar on June 17 at 4:00pm ET, during which you'll be able to view the video, learn more about the simple application process, and ask any questions you may have regarding participation. Information from the webinar will be recorded if you are unable to attend, however, due to the sensitivity of pre-release footage, this will be the only opportunity to see the video prior to the application due date. There is no cost to you to participate. Click [here](#) to register.

If you've already had a chance to view the video at this year's conference and/or are certain you'd like to participate, you're welcome to apply now! Please find the application [here](#). Applications are due June 24th. We so look forward to working with you.

### Advancement Project: "We Can Do Better: Collaborating to Reform School Discipline and Accountability"

The Advancement Project will host a convening, "We Can Do Better: Collaborating to Reform School Discipline and Accountability" on July 11-13, 2013 at the Marriott Wardman Hotel in Washington, DC. This meeting will highlight models of community-led success and engage stakeholders to work towards keeping students in school and creating safe and supportive teaching and learning environments alongside community leaders. To learn more and register visit [www.wecandobetterconference.org](http://www.wecandobetterconference.org).

### National Academy of Sciences Panel featuring OJJDP Administrator Robert Listenbee

The National Academy of Sciences will host a public discussion of their recently released report, [Reforming Juvenile Justice: A Developmental Approach](#) on June 10 in Washington, DC. You may also register to attend this event via webcast. The report's key findings and messages will be presented and invited experts will examine opportunities to use recommendations to reform our nation's juvenile justice systems. Speakers will include OJJDP Administrator Robert L. Listenbee, Professor of Pediatrics Robert L. Johnson, Professor of Law, Medicine and Public Policy Richard J. Bonnie, Professor of Psychiatry Edward P. Mulvey, and Director of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform Shay Bilchik. CJJ staff and members provided expert testimony for the report and CJJ has also provided a [webinar](#) for its members addressing its content. [Click here to register for the event](#) and [click here to attend via webcast](#).

### **The Dignity in Schools Campaign Webinar Training: "DSC Model Code: Data, Monitoring and Accountability"**

Join the [Dignity in Schools Campaign](#) for the fourth in a series of webinars entitled, "DSC Model Code: Data, Monitoring and Accountability Dignity" on Thursday, June 27 at 4:00pm. The Code is based on the best practices, research and experiences of students, parents, educators and advocates from around the country, and provides a human rights-based framework for education, with specific recommended language that schools and districts can adopt to stop school pushout and end the school-to-prison pipeline. They will discuss the specific kinds of data that should be available to all stakeholders in the school community in an easily accessible manner. They will also share guidelines for continual monitoring of school progress, both by the educational system itself and community monitoring structures that analyze data and work with the school system to make improvements. The full text of the code is available [here](#). Click [here](#) to register. The call in number is [719-387-4001](#) and the passcode is 686221. If you have any other questions, please contact the DSC campaign coordinator at [natalie@dignityinschools.org](mailto:natalie@dignityinschools.org) or [212-253-1710 x 312](#).

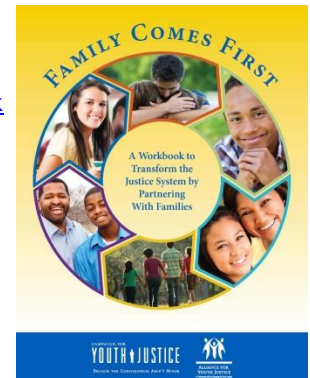
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## **Resources**

### **Campaign 4 Youth Justice: [Family Comes First: A Workbook to Transform the Justice System by Partnering with Families](#)**

The Campaign for Youth Justice released a report entitled [Family Comes First: A Workbook to Transform the Justice System by Partnering With Families](#) in early May. The report contains an analysis of current family engagement and family partnership practices in juvenile justice systems and provides tools and resources to juvenile justice system practitioners who are undertaking a family-driven approach to juvenile justice. Please [click here](#) to view an executive summary of the report and [here](#) for the full report and more information.

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## **CJJ in the News**

**On May 15, the Illinois State Senate approved legislation that would send all 17-year olds to juvenile court, rather than adult court, when charged with a crime in Illinois.** The Illinois Commission on Juvenile Justice, the IL SAG, has been heavily involved in returning 17 year olds to juvenile jurisdiction. In 2010, Illinois passed legislation to send 17 year olds charged with misdemeanors to juvenile court. In 2011, the Illinois SAG conducted a study to examine the effects of that change and whether to raise the age for those who were accused of felonies as well.

George Timberlake, IL SAG chair referenced the role of the SAG in guiding the reform. "We engaged in a very detailed study in 2010. We worked with partners of many kinds, including the Northwestern University Law School, to gather information. We did an exhaustive literature study of what other states did and [conducted an] in-depth data study. We discovered that the 18,000 misdemeanants added in 2010 did not increase caseloads in juvenile

probation or juvenile court. They were just absorbed without additional resources throughout the state. We noticed that the use of alternatives to detention and prosecution became much more widespread." He added that law enforcement and probation officers' initial concern about an added workload turned out to be unfounded. Prosecutors also requested that all 17 year olds should be charged in juvenile court in order ensure efficiency in processing of cases and plea bargain decision-making.

Mr. Timberlake explained that the recent victory in Illinois was the result of a great collaboration. "The John Howard Association and Models for Change Illinois [were great] collaborators. Lots of commissioners and individuals in the community testified in committees hearings and made calls. We had a wonderful media consultant who did a masterful job in [placing] op-eds and letters to the editor. That was a unique and integral component of [our] success. The SAG was not lobbying for this, but we had the information and made it available to the advocates who did lobby."

Learn more about the IL victory by [clicking here](#).

**CJJ National Juvenile Justice Specialist and board member Meg Williams was quoted in several articles about federal sequestration to juvenile justice services.** She explains that, "by losing our ability to keep kids out of the system, we cost ourselves more money in the long run. It's much more expensive to serve a young person already in the system than to prevent them from entering it." Read more in the [Juvenile Justice Information Exchange](#) and '[Sidebar: The Effects of Sequestration on Juvenile Justice in Colorado](#)' and '[Advocates See Impacts from Sequester, Brace for More](#)' in Youth Today.

**The New Jersey Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Committee (NJ SAG) and the United Way of Greater Union County hosted a conference aimed at giving at risk girls positive female role models.** TV Host Wendy Williams, the surprise guest speaker, told the attendees "Don't let people tell you that because of your circumstances, you can't be the thoroughbred you want to be," and CJJ Board Member Tracey Wells-Huggins called the event "an opportunity [for the girls] to not only be heard, but to be an active part in developing leadership skills." Read more [here](#).

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## Share your News and Feedback with CJJ!

CJJ invites you to share news from your SAG, state or region! Please submit items by email to [editor@juvjustice.org](mailto:editor@juvjustice.org). Inclusion and editing of submissions are subject to CJJ editorial guidelines.

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