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Highlight of the Month

CJJ Welcomes Alfred Martin as new National Chair

CJJ would like to congratulate Dr. Alfred Martin, Jr., PhD on becoming the new National Chair. Alfred began his two year tenure on July 1, 2013. Alfred currently serves as the Mississippi SAG chair and he has been the President/CEO of [Environmental Management Plus, Inc.](#), an environmental consulting, contracting, and urban planning firm based in Mississippi since 1993. Previously, he was the Executive Director at the Greater Jackson Youth Service Corps and worked in various capacities at NBC Affiliates WLBM-TV and WLBT-TV. He has taught at Mary Holmes Community College, Mississippi State University, and Jackson State University. Last year, he was appointed to the Jackson State University Development Foundation's Board of Directors. When asked about his impressive career, he replied that, "Being able to do good productive work is an honor."



Alfred looks forward to working with the CJJ board, members, and allies to: "create a more involved membership [by doing] a better job of identifying [members'] talents and strengths. We should encourage them to get involved, serve on a committee, or just be an ambassador for the organization." He pointed to the [SOS Project](#), [Models for Change](#), and [JDAI](#) as exciting examples of CJJ's great work. Alfred said that his vision involves, "continuing to [help] build an organization that tries to speak for children and young people, many of whom find themselves not only in the juvenile justice system, but incarcerated for crimes that really shouldn't warrant jail time. If we genuinely care about children, we should be trying to connect them with systems of care providers and families that would effectively meet their needs."

CJJ Leadership News

CJJ Announces Interim Executive Director

The CJJ Executive Board and its outgoing Executive Director, Nancy Gannon Hornberger, are pleased to announce that Marie Williams will serve as CJJ's Interim Executive Director, beginning August 1, 2013. Marie has served in the position of CJJ Deputy Executive Director since January 2012. She is responsible for developing, managing, and implementing government relations activities and training projects aimed at policy and practice reforms. Notably, she has served as the project director for CJJ's [Safety, Opportunity, and Success \(SOS\) Project](#), which advances family- and community-connected responses to youth charged, or at risk of being charged, with status offenses. Marie also works broadly with CJJ's state members and organizational partners.

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Before joining CJJ, Marie served as Director of Policy and Programs at Global Policy Solutions, a consulting firm that helps nonprofits achieve social justice outcomes. She began working with young people more than 15 years ago as a volunteer with the City of Poughkeepsie (NY) Police Department Juvenile Diversion Unit. Since then she has focused on youth issues including civic engagement, conflict resolution, and juvenile justice. While a senior lobbyist for [NARAL Pro-Choice America](#), Marie provided strategic and organizational development support to 23 state affiliates in the implementation of issue campaigns, drafting and vetting legislation, planning congressional briefings, and developing member-mobilization plans.

Marie received her B.A. from Vassar College and J.D. from George Washington University's National Law Center. She also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for abused and neglected children in the District of Columbia and as a mediator in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Please reach out to Marie at Williams@juvjustice.org and [202-467-0864, ext. 113](tel:202-467-0864).

Join our team!

CJJ is Hiring a [Training and Technical Assistance Manager](#)!

Summer Interns at CJJ

CJJ has three bright, enthusiastic interns who have done great work at CJJ this summer. Allison Burkman, a senior at the University of North Dakota studying psychology and criminal justice, comes to us from Menahga, Minnesota. This summer, she has been conducting research and revising an article about adolescent brain development. Brittany Schwanitz, a second year at Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University is originally from Atlanta, GA. She is writing a brief on solitary confinement. Aimee Kaloyares grew up in rural Maine and is a 2014 Juris Doctorate candidate at Southern University. She is writing a brief on girls as a vulnerable population in the juvenile justice system, while attending courses at Georgetown Law through the Fund for American Constitutional Studies. Aimee and Brittany are both researching state codes and determining whether or not they permit the VCO Exception for status offenders. They are also working together to write a brief on the struggles of being a LGBTQ Youth in the juvenile justice system.

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CJJ Government and Federal Relations Alert

FY 2014 Juvenile Justice Appropriations Update

Last week, both the Senate and House Appropriations Committees approved their respective versions of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) Fiscal Year 2014 bills. CJJ applauds the efforts of SAG members and allies to educate their congressional delegations regarding the importance of the JJDPA and the programs that directly and indirectly support state and local delinquency prevention and juvenile justice reform efforts. But, as you can see in the attached [funding chart](#), there is still more work to be done.

The House Appropriations Committee approved \$196 million for juvenile justice programs. They are proposing:

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- to fund Title II at \$20 million, down \$25 million from the FY 2013 appropriated amount and \$13 million from the FY 2013 subcommittee proposal; and
- to completely eliminate Title V and JABG, a loss of \$20 million and \$25 million, respectively, when compared to appropriated levels for FY 2013.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$279 million for juvenile justice programs. According to the Committee Report, the committee's recommendation is \$5,295,000 above FY 2013 enacted levels (including cuts due to sequestration) and \$53,500,000 below the budget request from the Administration. Here is a brief summary of the bill:

- \$50 million for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) Title II State Formula Grants Program;
- \$11 million in community-based violence prevention initiatives, 50% of which will support public health approaches to violence prevention;
- \$2 million for the Forum on Youth Violence Prevention;
- \$2 million for competitive grants that focus on girls in the juvenile justice system; and
- \$35 million for JJDP Title V Delinquency Prevention Program, 100% of which has been earmarked for:
 - tribal youth (\$10 million),
 - gang and youth violence education and prevention (\$5 million),
 - alcohol prevention (\$5 million),
 - juvenile justice and education collaboration assistance (\$10 million), and
 - juvenile justice realignment incentive grants (\$5 million).

See CJJ's statement on the House CJS FY 2014 bill [here](#).

CJJ Applauds Introduction of Youth PROMISE Act in the Senate

Senators Landrieu (D-LA) and Inhofe (R-OK) have introduced the Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunity, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education (Youth PROMISE) Act ([S. 1307](#)) in the Senate. More than 300 law enforcement groups, national, state and community organizations, and child welfare and juvenile justice experts support the bill. Click [here](#) to view CJJ's press release on S. 1307.

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CJJ Conference News

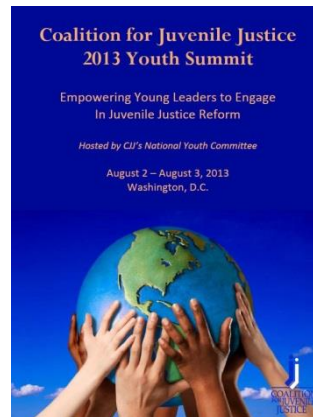
CJJ Stands with Youth

A Note from CJJ Executive Director Nancy Gannon Hornberger

Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani 16 year-old who was shot and nearly killed by Taliban fighters for advocating the right to go to school for all girls, spoke at the U.N. Youth Assembly on July 12 -- deemed "Malala Day." She is now globally recognized for her activism, exuberant optimism and extraordinary courage. Watching and celebrating Malala, I am deeply moved. I am also reminded of the many talented and courageous young leaders involved with and recognized by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ), some of whom have faced down extraordinary odds of injustice. Hernan Carvente, the

[2013 CJI Spirit of Youth awardee](#) from New York City, is one such extraordinary young person. Michael Long, CJI National Youth Committee and Florida SAG member is another; he was just named one of [Top Changemakers Under Age 24](#) by the Campaign for a Presidential Youth Council and SparkAction. There are many others.

On August 2 and 3, CJI will host its [2013 Youth Summit](#) devoted to youth leadership development, advocacy, and action. The context for the Summit could not be more poignant. The urgent need for juvenile justice and racial justice reform in the United States has been underscored by tragic shooting death of unarmed 17 year-old Trayvon Martin, an African American boy, and the acquittal of the gunman. This occurs against a backdrop of a Congress that has failed for more than five years to act on needed juvenile justice reforms and safeguards – including those aimed at resolving racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system. The vision, leadership, and partnership of youth, and their adult partners, are needed in these times.



The Summit will reinvigorate and heighten CJI's involvement of its youth members and allies. Going into the Summit, we are reminded of the aforementioned social and political context and also that all states are charged under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) with gaining input from youth in the justice system and genuinely involving youth members on the state advisory groups.

CJI stands ready to work with all of you on youth-adult partnerships, youth leadership, and youth involvement, because we see and know that involving youth improves outcomes for everyone. We expect that there will be resources generated from the Summit; we direct you to the [CJI Youth Manual](#) and the [OJJDP STTAC Live Chat on Youth Involvement](#). Rather than simply standing for or speaking for youth, we wish to stand with youth speaking for themselves.

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

This year, Kentucky will host the CJI 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. CJI 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. CJI participants are offered a discount to attend the entire week (includes both the CJI 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.

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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.

A Look at Oklahoma's CASP Initiative to Reduce DMC

OJJDP spotlighted Oklahoma's Best Practices around DMC in June 2013 by featuring an interview with Oklahoma's DMC Coordinator, Laura Broyles on the STTAC website. Ms. Broyles described some of the successes and challenges in establishing Oklahoma's Community and Strategic Planning (CASP) Initiative to reduce DMC. The targeted sites for this initiative included Oklahoma, Tulsa, and Comanche Counties.

One of the biggest challenges has been the establishment of local DMC coordinators. They have the independence and autonomy to address DMC issues, without the influence of outside agencies in their counties or potential loss of position or pay. Another daunting task is the process of educating system stakeholders about recognizing and understanding racial disparities. CASP efforts have been able to withstand budget restraints by prioritizing needs and utilizing resources beyond Title V funds including Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding and local resources.

The full interview, along with Ms. Broyles recommended DMC reduction strategies, can be found [here](#).

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CJJ Regions and Committees

An Update on Juvenile Justice Specialists

By Meg Williams

Juvenile Justice Specialists in the States and Territories received their 2013 Title II (Formula) Grant and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) federal allocations on June 20th. A cursory review of the allocations shows slight decreases from 2012 in the Title II funding but an approximate 23% reduction in JABG funds. Specialists are also beginning to make contact with their new OJJDP State Program Managers resulting from the reorganization at OJJDP that was completed in the spring.



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SOS Project News

On July 15, Marie Williams, CJJ Deputy Executive Director, along with a panel of judges, presented on the [SOS \(Safety, Opportunity & Success\)](#) Standards at the 76th Annual Conference of the [National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges](#). CJJ's **National Standards for the Care of Youth Charged with Status Offenses** are slated to be released in the fall of 2013.

Marie was joined by Judge Joan Byer (KY) who spoke about the need for trauma-informed care for non-delinquent youth. Judge Jerrauld Jones addressed the school-to-prison pipeline. Judge Chandlee Kuhn talked about the disproportionate representation of girls among status offenders. The session is one of several events at which CJJ seeks to broaden support for policy and practice reform regarding the treatment of youth charged with status offenses.

For more information about the National Standards or CJJ's SOS project, please contact Marie Williams at [202-467-0864 ext. 113](tel:202-467-0864) or williams@juvjustice.org.

REMINDER: September 16, 2013 is the deadline for SAGs to return their endorsement form for the National Standards to DSOStandards@juvjustice.org

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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.

On July 1, Louisiana enacted legislation requiring all juvenile detention facilities to be licensed and inspected by the State Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Previously, juvenile facilities were only required to obtain fire marshal and health department approvals. The new regulations create a specific set of safety requirements for inspection and annual licensing for Louisiana's 15 juvenile detention facilities. This legislation was sponsored by Houma Representative Damon Baldone. It is the product of more than two years' collaboration among stakeholders including representatives from DCFS, juvenile justice, public safety and corrections, and state government. It establishes uniform licensing standards that apply to a number of services and functions including staff training, child-to-staff ratios, youth rights and behavior management, grievances, record keeping, food and health services, educational programs, and visitation policies. Once the statute was enacted in 2010, DCFS spent several months providing training and technical assistance to the facilities to ensure that they understood and were prepared to comply with the new licensing requirements. The legislation also establishes licensing fees of \$400 to \$600 for these facilities based on the number of occupants.

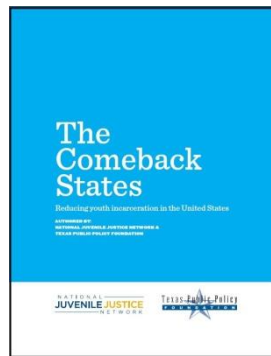
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National Juvenile Justice Network News

NJJN and the Texas Public Policy Foundation Release Report

"[The Comeback States: Reducing Juvenile Incarceration in the United States](#)," a recently released report by the [National Juvenile Justice Network](#) (NJN) and the [Texas Public](#)

[Policy Foundation](#) (TPPF), details the remarkable decline over the past decade in the number of juveniles in confinement or detention awaiting trial. Since 2000, the number of juveniles in confinement or detention awaiting trial has declined by 39% to 66,322– a level not seen since 1985. The report notes several factors contributing to this turnaround including, "changes in state policies since 2001 that reflected declines in youth arrests, new understandings of the teenage brain, less costly, evidence–based alternatives to incarceration, and constrained state budgets." Although changes in law enforcement practices certainly led to fewer juveniles being arrested and detained, the report also credits policies adopted by states that encourage using alternatives to detention/incarceration in cases involving juveniles for the decline. The report also recognizes nine states for their leadership in implementing these policies – California, Connecticut, Illinois, Ohio, Mississippi, New York, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.



Nebraska Passes \$14.5 Million Juvenile Justice Reform Bill

NJJN member [Voices for Children in Nebraska](#) recently won a huge victory with the passage of its juvenile justice reform bill ([L.B. 561](#)), which Governor Heineman signed into law on May 29. The \$14.5 million bill focuses on expanding local and community–based alternatives to incarceration, as well as implementing research–based prevention programs to keep kids out of contact with the justice system altogether. Click [here](#) to learn more.

NJJN's Texas Member Files Federal Complaint on Behalf of Youth in Dallas Schools

NJJN member [Texas Appleseed](#) and NJJN partner [National Center for Youth Law](#) are two of several organizations that have filed a federal civil rights complaint on behalf of students in the Dallas County, TX school system, where students as young as 12 are being prosecuted in adult criminal court for offenses as benign as arriving late for class. Click [here](#) to learn more.

When Three's a Crowd: How Families Can Contribute to Their Child's Defense

When children get into trouble with the law, how can families help with their child's defense? A new NJJN publication, "[When Three's a Crowd: How Families Can Contribute to their Child's Defense](#)," has some answers. "When Three's A Crowd" is easy–to understand and based on best practice standards for juvenile defense developed by the [National Juvenile Defender Center](#) with support from [Models for Change](#).

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Guidance to States: Recommendations for Developing Family Drug Court Guidelines
[Children and Family Futures](#) partnered with leading drug court organizations and practitioners to release "[Guidance to States: Recommendations for Developing Family Drug Court Guidelines](#)." The review of family court drug policies, best practices, and research was conducted with support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. It provides a blueprint for states and local jurisdictions to implement evidence–based practices in family drug court services.

Guidance to States:
*Recommendations for
Developing Family Drug
Court Guidelines*



OJJDP Releases Spring 2013 Issue of Journal of Juvenile Justice

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has released the spring 2013 issue of the online [Journal of](#)

[Juvenile Justice](#). It includes the following articles:

- Family-Focused Juvenile Reentry Services: A Quasi-Experimental Design Evaluation of Recidivism Outcomes
- An Examination of the Early "Strains" of Imprisonment Among Young Offenders Incarcerated for Serious Crimes
- Parental Acceptance-Rejection Theory and Court-Involved Adolescent Females: An Exploration of Parent-Child Relationships and Student-Teacher Relationships
- One Family, One Judge Practice Effects on Children: Permanency Outcomes on Case Closure and Beyond
- An Outcome-Based Evaluation of Functional Family Therapy for Youth With Behavioral Problems
- Relating Resilience Factors and Decision Making in Two Groups of Underserved Adolescents: Implications for Intervention

APA: 5 Reasons to Act Now on Juvenile Justice Reform

The [American Psychological Association](#), a strong partner to CJJ in federal policy advancement, posted '[5 Reasons to Act Now on Juvenile Justice Reform](#)' on their [Benefits Society](#) blog. The post focuses on the overreliance on incarceration, evidence-based alternatives, and government spending on juvenile justice.

Pew Charitable Trusts' Briefs Highlight Cost-Effective Juvenile Reforms

[The Pew Charitable Trusts' Public Safety Performance Project](#) recently published two briefs that summarize juvenile corrections reforms that are producing better results at a lower cost in Ohio and Texas. The briefs outline the reforms enacted in each state and examine the public safety impacts. Click [here](#) for the brief on Texas and [here](#) for the brief on Ohio.

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CJJ in the News

CJJ Partner News: Marsha Levick of Juvenile Law Center gets Arlen Specter Award

Marsha Levick, Deputy Director and Chief Council at the [Juvenile Law Center](#) received [The Legal Intelligencer](#)'s first Arlen Specter Award. Marsha is a [Models for Change](#) participant and longtime CJJ collaborator. The award, presented on June 27th, recognizes an attorney or judge who in the past 10 years has done the most to promote the law, the legal profession, or the cause of justice in Pennsylvania. Marsha has worked tirelessly for the last ten years to improve the juvenile justice system. She fought to expose wrongdoing in the Luzerne County "kids for cash" scandal. Zack Needles of the Intelligencer writes, "Today, though a number of the key players in the scandal are serving lengthy prison sentences, Levick continues to fight for the young victims in an effort to ensure they can move on with their lives and put these ugly events behind them." CJJ congratulates Marsha on this honor! Click [here](#) to read her profile in the Intelligencer.



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