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Highlight of the Month

Congressman Bobby Scott and OJJDP Administrator Bob Listenbee Address Young Juvenile Justice Leaders at CJJ's 2013 Youth Summit

On August 2-3 in Washington, DC, CJJ convened young leaders at the 2013 Youth Summit: "Empowering Young Leaders for Juvenile Justice Reform." The Summit is part of CJJ's ongoing push to cultivate and empower a cadre of young juvenile justice advocates. The event attracted more than 100 participants from 22 states. The Summit also expanded CJJ membership, as 16 new Members at Large joined the organization.



Representative Robert. C. "Bobby" Scott (D-VA) opened the Summit with remarks emphasizing the need to invest in education and prevention programs for youth. On Friday evening, OJJDP Administrator Robert L.

Listenbee echoed Mr. Scott's sentiment when he met with CJJ members during the National Youth Committee strategic planning session. Mr. Listenbee listened intently to the attendees and welcomed them to contact his office to voice their concerns. Emphasizing the importance of youth engagement to OJJDP, Administrator Listenbee left the young CJJ members feeling encouraged and inspired.

Symone Sanders, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice's National Youth Chair also roused the young audience and challenged all youth leaders to be "trailblazers" in the juvenile justice reform movement.

Click [here](#) to access the presentations from the Youth Summit and [here](#) to view the photos. To get more involved in CJJ and the National Youth Committee, contact Alexandra Staropoli, Esq., Associate Director of Government and Field Relations at staropoli@juvjustice.org or 202-467-0864 ext. 109.

CJJ Leadership News

CJJ Launches the Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund

by Nancy Gannon Hornberger

I am humbled, honored, and excited to announce that as I depart from the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ), friends in the field have given a wonderful gift to CJJ. These

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wonderful colleagues will establish the CJJ Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund. Gifts to the fund are already coming in from organizations and individuals!

The CJJ Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund will enable CJJ to provide an annual scholarship to the national CJJ Spirit of Youth Award recipient. The scholarship may be used for personal and professional development, tuition costs, conference fees, and the like. The young adult recipients of the CJJ Spirit of Youth Award have overcome significant challenges – including system involvement – and are already advocating for change. The scholarship will help to further their dreams and goals. This year and every year, I will personally contribute to the Scholarship Fund.

I know you will keep the bright torch of juvenile justice reform strong and held high! Together, we have achieved great things – in our work to keep youth out of the justice system, to resolve disparities, to support families and communities, to improve outcomes for youth and public safety. Yet, there is so much more to do. I thank you for allowing me to be a part of such a loving, dedicated, and talented community of juvenile justice reform leaders for nearly 15 years. I wish you all the very best. Please stay in touch as I serve youth and families in a new capacity at the local level as CEO of [Social Advocates for Youth \(SAY\) San Diego](#). My new email address is nancy@saysandiego.org. Please also join me in supporting the next generation of juvenile justice leaders with a contribution to the CJJ Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund. Checks can be sent with SOY Scholarship in the memo line to:

Coalition for Juvenile Justice
1319 F Street, NW, Suite 402
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You can also you may make a donation via [PayPal](#).

Farewell Video for Nancy Gannon Hornberger

CJJ Executive Director Nancy Gannon Hornberger will be leaving CJJ this week and moving to San Diego, CA. At the CJJ Youth Summit, National Chair Alfred Martin presented this great [video](#) to honor her time at CJJ. We wish Nancy the best of luck in California!

CJJ Search Committee Update

by Sue Kamp (VT), Search Committee Chair and Immediate Past Chair of the Executive Board

The CJJ Search Committee convened in late June to work together on hiring the next Executive Director for CJJ. Members of the Search Committee are: Tara Andrews (Past CJJ Deputy Executive Director), Sarah Bryer (NJN Executive Director), Dan Coppa (NV), Deirdre Garton (WI), Robin Jenkins (NC), Alfred Martin (MS), Melody McCray-Miller (KS), Cecely Reardon (MA), Haley Reimbold (NY), David Schmidt (NM), and Joe Vignati (GA). Alexandra Staropoli, CJJ's Associate Director for Government and Field Relations, is staffing the committee.

The search committee has reviewed a request for proposals for an executive search firm and a position announcement draft that will be used for recruitment. We also developed and agreed upon a timeline for the work. The goal is to have a new



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Executive Director starting around the beginning of 2014. Currently, we are in the process of finalizing our decision regarding a search firm. We plan to begin working with our selected firm in the middle of August. Updates about the search will be posted in future issues of the Juvenile Justice Monitor. If you have any questions regarding the search, please direct them to Sue Kamp, Search Committee Chair at skamp@sover.net.

Join our team!

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

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CJJ Government and Federal Relations Alert

Senator Murphy (D-CT) Hosts Briefing on Juvenile Justice Reform

On July 30, Senator Murphy of Connecticut hosted a briefing titled, "State Innovations in Juvenile Justice: Investing in Better Outcomes for Youth." Moderated by Mike Thompson, Director of the [Council of State Governments Justice Center](#), the panel included:

- Mike Lawlor, Under Secretary for [Criminal Justice Policy and Planning, Connecticut](#);
- Senator John Whitmire, [Texas State Senate](#);
- Judge Linda Teodosio, [Summit County Juvenile Court, Ohio](#); and
- Robert Listenbee, Administrator of the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#).

To watch a recording of the event, use this [link](#).

2014 Appropriations Update

Earlier this month, both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees approved their respective Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bills, which contain recommended funding levels for FY 2014.

The House CJS appropriations bill drastically cuts funding for juvenile justice, recommending Title II at only \$20 million and completely eliminating Title V and JABG. Although the Senate bill is comparatively better than the House version, we still need to fight to preserve juvenile justice funding. Please contact your Members of Congress to tell them to preserve juvenile justice funding.

Click [here](#) to see the federal funding chart and contact Alexandra Staropoli, Esq., Associate Director of Government and Field Relations at CJJ if you have any questions. She can be reached at 202-467-0864 ext. 109 or staropoli@juvjustice.org.

Visit Your Members of Congress In-District in October!

Members of Congress will be heading back to their districts during recess from October 14 to 18. This is a perfect time to schedule a meeting with your Member or invite them to an event. **CJJ will be hosting a webinar on September 10 at 3:00pm EST to discuss ideas and provide talking points for how to engage with Members.** Webinar registration will open soon. We hope you can join us!

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CJJ Conference News

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, and 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.

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CJJ Regions and Committees

Southern Region Update: Arkansas' New Director of Division of Youth Services

by Jerry Walsh (AK), Southern Region Chair

Ron Angel, Director of the [Division of Youth Services in Arkansas](#), resigned in early July 2013. Tracy Steele has been selected to be the next director of DYS. Mr. Steele is a former director of the [Arkansas Martin Luther King Commission](#) and former State Senator who chaired and served on many youth and family committees during his distinguish legislative career in Arkansas.



Western Region Update: California's Public Safety Realignment

by Shalinee Hunter (CA), National DMC Coordinator Representative

In 2011, California Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill (AB) 109, a landmark law that transferred responsibility for lower level offenders and parolees from the state to local jurisdiction. AB 109 and the subsequent related legislation implemented [public safety realignment](#), the most substantial reform to California's criminal justice system to occur in decades.



Public safety realignment empowered each county to make local public safety decisions based on local needs. All counties were required to recommend a 'Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)' plan to the local county board of supervisors for approval. An analysis of CCP plans revealed counties identified a range of outcomes during the first two years of public safety realignment. Prevalent themes included the implementation of a system that:

- Manages additional responsibilities under realignment;
- Maintains public safety and utilizes evidence-based/best practices in recidivism reduction;
- Effectively utilizes alternatives to pretrial and post-conviction incarceration;
- Provides evidence-based training for staff and community partners; and
- Identifies socioeconomic measures, including but not limited to mental health and transitional housing needs.

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SOS Project News

Feedback Requested on National Standards for the Care of Youth Charged with Status Offenses

In the fall, CJJ will release the *National Standards for the Care of Youth Charged with Status Offenses*. We are currently soliciting comments and feedback from SAGs and our extended network of organizations. **For a copy of the Standards and an opportunity to submit comments, please send your request to**

DSOStandardsComment@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.

MacArthur Foundation Announces Juvenile Justice Partnership, Launches Resource Centers to Advance Reform

Building on its nearly 20-year, \$150 million investment in supporting juvenile justice reform, the [John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation](#) announced an additional commitment of \$15 million to the field, in part to establish the new [Models for Change Resource Center Partnership](#). The Partnership will provide judges, prosecutors, defenders, policymakers, advocates, probation officers, and mental health and social service agencies with much needed technical assistance, trainings, tools, and resources to help advance juvenile justice reform across the country.

The new Partnership consists of four [Resource Centers](#) that will focus on areas critical to continued change in juvenile justice:

- The [Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Collaborative for Change: A Training, Technical Assistance and Education Center](#), focusing on response to mental health needs;
- The [National Juvenile Defender Center](#), focusing on stronger legal defense for indigent youth;
- The [Status Offense Reform Center](#), focusing on interventions for youth charged with status offenses; and
- The [Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice](#), focusing on coordination of practices and policies for youth involved in both the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, and enhancement of probation system practices.

For more information about the Partnership and the individual Resource Centers, please click [here](#).

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National Juvenile Justice Network News

NJJN Names "Gutsy Youth Advocate" of the Year

Elizabeth "Betsy" Clarke, president of the Illinois-based [Juvenile Justice Initiative](#), was recognized on August 1 for her tenacious work on behalf of young people in trouble with the law. Ms. Clarke is the second recipient of the [Beth Arnovits Gutsy Advocate for Youth Award](#), which is given annually by the [National Juvenile Justice Network](#). The award is presented to individuals who embody "the tenacity, vision, fearlessness and wisdom of Beth Arnovits" and who advocate for youth justice and juvenile justice reform. Click [here](#) to learn more.

NJJN Launches New Juvenile Justice Resource Hub

Need an online guide to juvenile justice research and reform trends on key issues? NJJN has launched a new, comprehensive [Juvenile Justice Resource Hub](#), hosted by the [Juvenile Justice Information Exchange](#), with support from Models for Change. The Hub offers seamless navigation to the best research, guides, and toolkits on critical questions in juvenile justice. It is a great resource for policymakers, attorneys, practitioners, advocates, and journalists. NJJN has posted material on mental health and substance abuse, as well as community-based alternatives to juvenile justice system involvement. More topics will be added over time. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Fiscal Realignment: How to Keep Counties at the Table

Counties often balk when proposed legislation tries to ensure that local jurisdictions fund community-based alternatives to detention and long-term lockup for youth. They worry – rightly – that over time, the state may make them foot most of the bill. Not to worry: NJJN's Fiscal Policy Center has four approaches you can take to protect this investment in young people. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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Resources

Information Sharing Certificate Program Applications

The [Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute](#), in partnership with the

[Juvenile Law Center](#) and the [Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps](#), has announced that applications are now available for the [Information Sharing Certificate Program](#). Applications are due September 6. This program is designed to enable leaders in the juvenile justice, child welfare, education, behavioral health, and other child serving fields to overcome information sharing challenges. Upon completion of the intensive learning experience, participants apply the knowledge they gain through the development and implementation of a [capstone project](#)—an action agenda they undertake in their organization or community to initiate or enhance information sharing efforts. For more information and to apply, click [here](#) or email CJJR at jjreform@georgetown.edu.

Applications Being Accepted for School Pathways Project

The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) is accepting applications from courts for its "School Pathways to the Juvenile Justice System Project." The project is funded by the [Atlantic Philanthropies](#), the [Public Welfare Foundation](#), and [Open Society Foundations](#). NCJFCJ will select as many as 16 court jurisdictions seeking to reduce or eliminate the "school-to-prison pipeline." NCJFCJ will provide training and technical assistance to support judicial leaders in reducing referrals of youth to juvenile courts for school misbehavior, encouraging positive school disciplinary practices, engaging students, and keeping them in school. The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) is funding an evaluation of the project. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2013. You can [apply](#) online or email Cheri Ely, NCJFCJ Program Director for Juvenile Justice, at cely@ncjfcj.org for more information.

When the 'Prison' Part of the School-to-Prison Pipeline Gets Bad

In July, Ross Brenneman of Education Week penned an informative piece about the school to prison pipeline in Georgia. He outlined the recent issues faced by the Georgia juvenile justice system and posits that new laws signed by Governor Nathan Deal in early May are "a positive step for those wary of the juvenile justice system and the school-to-prison pipeline that leads to it." Read the full article: [When the 'Prison' Part of the School-to-Prison Pipeline Gets Bad](#).

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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 mercier@juvjustice.org. Inclusion and editing of submissions are subject to CJJ editorial guidelines.

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