2019 Youth Summit
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Important Information:

**Location:**

1710 Market Street
University Y Student Center, Room 304
Tacoma, Washington 98402

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Welcome to the 2019 Youth Summit

Catalysts for Equity and Change

On behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Executive board, Council of State Advisory Groups (SAGs), and the Emerging Leaders Committee (ELC) we welcome you to our 2019 Youth Summit, "Catalysts for Equity and Change." Our goal is for you to leave this conference empowered, informed, motivated and connected with other emerging leaders from across the country.

This year’s summit will focus on ways that we can equip young leaders with the tools they need to improve our juvenile justice systems, including self-care, leadership, and advocacy skills to help as they engage in this important work. Youth bring passion, valuable perspective, and in many instances lived expertise, to this work. It is our goal that this summit will enable attendees to use these and other tools to help shape a better and more equitable juvenile justice system.

This year, we will be honoring a young leader in our field during Wednesday's award luncheon. The Inspirational Youth Award is a new award that CJJ will be presenting to celebrate and honor a young person who was previously involved with the juvenile justice system, and is now serving as a next generation leader and inspiration to others in the field.

Over the next two days, we will learn about juvenile justice system improvement and hear from emerging leaders in the field. We will hear about ways to share personal stories effectively, and ways to collaborate with policymakers. More than anything though, we hope that you walk away from this conference with a network of fellow emerging leaders who can help support your advocacy efforts moving forward.

The 2019 CJJ Youth Summit would not be possible without our Emerging Leaders Committee (ELC). We are grateful to these individuals, who worked tirelessly to create an engaging and informative agenda. During the summit, you will hear presentations from many of these committee members. We thank our ELC, and all of our presenters and attendees for helping us create our best Youth Summit yet. A special thank you to our 2019 ELC:

Beyer Bullard
Berenice Villalobos
Evan Quaintance
Garrett Comer

Guillermo Padilla
Ja'Vaune Jackson
Joseph Huntley
Shay Daily

Aaron Toleafaoa, Emerging Leaders Committee Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Michelle Diaz, Emerging Leaders Committee Immediate Past Chair & National Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Wednesday, July 31

8:15 am – 5:00 pm  Registration Opens

9:00 am – 9:30 am  Summit Opening Remarks & Spoken Word  
*Aaron Toleafoa, Chair, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee*  
CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee Welcome  
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CJJ Welcome  
*Naomi Smoot, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

9:30 am – 10:15 am  Juvenile Justice 101  
This session will explore the juvenile justice system and create the context for this week's remaining sessions.  

**Presenter:**  
*Naomi Smoot, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

10:15 am – 10:20 pm  Break

10:20 am – 11:05 am  Strategic Sharing 101  
Emerging Leaders will examine and develop strategies to successfully share and message their stories as they work to improve systems.  

**Presenters:**  
*Michelle Diaz, National Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*  
*Naomi Smoot, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

11:05 am – 11:10 am  Energizer  
*Berenice Villalobos, Member, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee*
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11:10 am – 12:10 pm

The History Behind Institutions, Schools, and the School-to-Confinement-Pipeline
What was the original purpose of jails, detention centers, and institutions, and how did school policies shape confinement? This workshop will explore the history and intersectionality of schools and the criminal justice system and how we can end the school-to-confinement-pipeline.

Presenters:
Aaron Toleafoa, Chair, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee
Evan Quaintance, Member, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee
Berenice Villalobos, Member, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee

12:10 pm – 2:15 pm

Award Luncheon
This year, CJJ and the Emerging Leaders Committee will present the inaugural Inspirational Youth Award. This award is to celebrate and honor a young person who was previously involved with the juvenile justice system and is now serving as a next generation leader and inspiration to others in the field.

The keynote speech will combine lived experience and social innovation to educate and raise awareness about mass incarceration.

Inaugural Awardee:
Alyssa Beck, Inspirational Youth Award, Inaugural Awardee

Presenter:
Noah Schultz, Social Innovator, Public Speaker, Youth Advocate

2:15 pm – 2:25 pm

Energizer: Entourage Rock, Paper, Scissors
Beyer Bullard, Member, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee
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2:25 pm – 3:25 pm

At the Intersections: Juvenile Justice & Immigration

This workshop will address the various factors and points of contact that contribute to the increase of undocumented immigrant youth involved in the juvenile justice system because of their immigration status or a criminal act with their immigration status heightening criminal sanctions. This workshop will also discuss the need to advocate for immigration-responsive services that disrupt these current trends and promote better services for youth once they are involved in the juvenile justice system.

Presenters:

Berenice Villalobos, Member, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee
Guillermo Padilla, Member, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee

3:25 pm – 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Appreciation Activity

This guided exercise will enable participants to connect with one another and learn more about those around them.

Presenter:

Michelle Diaz, National Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

At the Intersections: Juvenile Justice & Mental Health

This workshop will explore the importance of mental healthcare for justice involved youth at various points of contact with the juvenile justice system. Even though many youth experience mental health conditions, oftentimes they go undiagnosed, or untreated, causing negative consequences for youth. This workshop will also explore possible points of intervention in the system.

Presenters:

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Garrett Comer, Member, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee
Joseph Huntley, Member, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee
Aaron Toleafoa, Chair, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm
Closing Remarks
Aaron Toleafoa, Chair, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee

5:00 pm – Evening
Dinner on Your Own & Free Time

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee Dinner (closed meeting)

Thursday, August 1

8:15 am – 3:00 pm
Registration Open

9:00 am – 9:15 am
Opening Remarks & Spoken Word
Aaron Toleafoa, Chair, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee

9:15 am – 10:15 am
Prioritizing Your Leadership and Professional Development
This interactive session will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about the professional journeys of young leaders who are leading the fight to close youth prisons around the country. Presenters will discuss tips and tricks for prioritizing personal leadership and professional development, as well as suggestions for emerging leaders on how they can avoid the pitfalls and challenges of being young in the youth justice field. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and connect with presenters after the presentation to offer mentorship and coaching support.

Presenters:
Hernán Carvente-Martinez, National Youth Partnership Strategist, Youth First Initiative
Krystal Seruya, Youth Leader, Youth 4 Justice New Jersey
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| 10:25 am – 11:25 am | **Reentry: Breaking Down Barriers and Opening Doors** | Youth face unique barriers after being involved in the juvenile justice system. These barriers and needs are different from adults impacted by the criminal justice system. They may require support with re-enrolling in school and may still be a minor after involvement, thus creating challenges with housing and employment. This workshop will explore those barriers along with current programs that support youth with reentry during and after being impacted by the juvenile justice system. Finally, this workshop will recommend additional practices to support youth in reentry.  
*Presenters:*  
*Garrett Comer, Member, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee*  
*Berenice Villalobos, Member, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee*  
*Aaron Toleafoa, Chair, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee*  
*Jacob Carmickle, Juvenile Justice Advocate, Washington State* |
| 11:25 am - 11:30 am | **Break**                                  |                                                                                                      |
| 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | **Start With You: The Importance of Self-Care** | Taking care of ourselves mentally, physically, and emotionally is important for our wellbeing. Self-care sets the foundation for how much energy we have to give to the world and the causes we are passionate about. This interactive workshop will explore how self-care can take shape in a variety of forms, provide examples, and share tools to create your own self-care plan.  
*Presenters:*  
*Gabriella Nixdorf, Project Assistant, Coalition for Juvenile Justice* |
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Laura Armstrong, Policy & Field Relations Associate, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Dr. Shameka Stanford, Assistant Professor, Howard University

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  Lunch (provided)

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  Engaging Others – Peers to Policy Makers
This workshop will explore the importance of advocacy within the juvenile justice system. Youth advocates from Green Hill School will present their impressive story of engagement with policymakers in Washington State, and how they were able to effect change.

Presenters:
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Jacob Carmickle, Juvenile Justice Advocate, Washington State

2:30 pm – 2:35 pm  Self-Care Activity
Ja'Vaune Jackson, Member, CJJ Emerging Leaders

2:35 pm – 2:45 pm  Closing Remarks
Aaron Toleafoa, Chair, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee
Naomi Smoot, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice