2013 Youth Summit
Empowering Young Leaders for Juvenile Justice Reform
August 2 - 3, 2013
Washington, DC
2550 M Street, NW
Welcome!

On behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, our members, staff, and allies, we welcome you to our 2013 Youth Summit: “Empowering Young Leaders for Juvenile Justice Reform.” Thank you for joining us!

The Youth Summit brings together young people interested in juvenile justice reform from around the country. The Summit seeks to cultivate and empower a young body of juvenile justice advocates. Participants will learn the basics of juvenile justice, and will have the opportunity to delve into more detail about two hot topics in juvenile justice reform: 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.

The Summit will open with remarks from Representative Robert. C. “Bobby” Scott of Virginia, CJJ’s National Chair Alfred Martin, Jr. Ph.D., and CJJ’s National Youth Chair Symone Sanders. Participants will hear from youth leaders in the field and will have the opportunity to watch two moving films about the Kids-for-Cash scandal in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and youth violence in New Orleans.

This year’s conference would not be possible without our dedicated sponsors. CJJ is grateful to these individuals and organizations for their generous contributions. We benefit from conference support provided by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, allowing us to highlight their landmark juvenile justice reform initiative, Models for Change, from the CJJ Northeast Region, and from Patton Boggs, LLC.

Most of all, we thank you for joining us. We hope you will leave this summit well-informed, motivated, and inspired by each other and the leadership of our youth from across the country.

Sincerely,

Nancy Gannon Hornberger

CJJ Executive Director
Friday, August 2

Registration
7:15 AM - 8:00 AM
2550 M Street, NW

Summit Opening: Welcome Breakfast
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
2550 M Street, NW

Welcoming Remarks:

The Honorable Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (D-VA)

Alfred L. Martin, Jr., Ph.D. (MS), National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Symone D. Sanders (NE), National Youth Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Nancy Gannon Hornberger, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Break
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM
2550 M Street, NW

Juvenile Justice 101
9:15 AM - 11:00 AM
2550 M Street, NW

This session will explore the history behind the juvenile justice system and its current posture, including an analysis of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA), originally passed in 1974. The session will also include an explanation of the difference between juvenile and criminal court, an overview of current reform efforts and an analysis of Supreme Court decisions that have shaped the juvenile justice system.

Presenters:

Carmen Daughtery, Esq., Policy Director, Campaign for Youth Justice; SAG Chair, District of Columbia Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

Jason Szanyi, Esq., Staff Attorney, Center for Children’s Law and Policy

Emily Keller, Esq., Staff Attorney, Juvenile Law Center
Break
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM
2550 M Street, NW

Kids in the System Video and Discussion
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
2550 M Street, NW

CJJ and Active Voice, with the support of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, are pleased to present a film module for use in your work in states and localities, based on a feature-length film to be released to the general public in coming months. The feature-length film from Robert May and SenArt Films addresses the unlawful and harmful detention of youth in Luzerne County, PA, in the tragic “Kids-for-Cash” scandal.

Facilitator:
Katie Mercier, Digital and Member Communications Manager, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Lunch
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM
2550 M Street, NW

Youth Leadership Development Part I
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
2550 M Street, NW

This session will focus on the basics of advocacy and reform movements. It will include a primer on the three branches of government and the legislative process, tools to identify advocacy opportunities, and more in-depth discussion about strategy and messaging skills. Participants will walk away from this session with the ability to conceptualize an advocacy goal and begin forming an action plan.

Presenters:
Alexandra Staropoli, Esq., Associate Director of Government and Field Relations, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Zerline Hughes, Director of Communications, Justice Policy Institute
Tour of the Capitol Building (Bus Provided, Pre-Registration Required)
2:00 PM - 4:15 PM
Capitol Hill

Immediately following the Youth Leadership Session, participants that signed up for the tour of the Capitol will board a bus to the Capitol Visitor Center. The tour will begin promptly at 3:10 PM and last approximately one hour.

Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) Youth Sub-Committee Presentation and Feedback Session (Optional Session)
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM
2550 M Street, NW

Every year, the FACJJ is tasked with issuing recommendations to the President, Congress, and OJJDP. During this session, the FACJJ youth sub-committee will preview their draft recommendations about youth voice and engagement in juvenile justice. Before the sub-committee submits their final recommendations, they would like feedback and input from young people like you! Please join them during this session to learn more about the recommendations and how you can have your voice heard.

Facilitators:

Symone Sanders, FACJJ Youth Member; National Youth Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Haley Reimbold, FACJJ Youth Member; Northeast Regional Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

CJJ National Youth Committee Strategic Planning Session (CJJ Members Only)
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
CJJ Office, 1319 F Street, NW, Suite 402

Screening of Shell Shocked and Discussion
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
UCDC, 1608 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

Shell Shocked is a documentary about growing up in the murder capital of the United States: New Orleans. Eighty percent of the murder victims in New Orleans are black males, mostly in their teens. Through the eyes of its young people and community leaders, Shell Shocked exposes and explores the many facets that contribute to violence in New Orleans. After the movie, there will be a facilitated discussion about the relationship between community violence and juvenile justice reform.
Saturday, August 3

Breakfast Buffet
8:15 AM - 9:15 AM
2550 M Street, NW

Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) Youth Sub-Committee Presentation and Feedback Session - Part II  (Optional Session)
8:45 AM - 9:15 AM
2550 M Street, NW

Please join the FACJJ Youth Subcommittee members during this session to learn more about the recommendations and how you can have your voice heard.

Facilitators:

Symone Sanders, FACJJ Youth Member; National Youth Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Haley Reimbold, FACJJ Youth Member; Northeast Regional Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Youth Leadership Development Part II
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM
2550 M Street, NW

This session will delve into the details of youth organizing. It will explore ways to excite and expand youth engagement and will also discuss effective ways for young people to work in partnership with others towards alike goals. Participants will also learn how to identify opportunities for youth voice and how to insert young voices into the juvenile justice conversation.

Presenters:

Rashad Hawkins, Youth Organizer, Just Kids Partnership

Tanesha Ingram, Youth & Community Coordinator, Juvenile Justice Project, The Correctional Association of New York

Break
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM
2550 M Street, NW
Disproportionate Minority Contact
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2550 M Street, NW

This session will cover the issues raised by Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) in the juvenile justice system. The session will discuss the affected populations as well as current trends, opportunities, and best practices to address DMC from around the country.

Presenter:
Tshaka Barrows, Deputy Director, The W. Haywood Burns Institute

Lunch on your own
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

Status Offenders and the School-to-Prison-Pipeline
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM
2550 M Street, NW

This session will provide a broad overview of the School-to-Prison-Pipeline and the root causes of the issue. It will discuss zero tolerance and exclusionary discipline practices and the impact they have on young people. The session will also assess the relationship between the School-to-Prison-Pipeline, status offenses, and the JJDPA.

Presenter:
Kaitlin Banner, Esq., Staff Attorney, Advancement Project

Break
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM
2550 M Street, NW

Summit Closing Panel
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
2550 M Street, NW

Speakers:
Jabriera Handy, Youth Organizer, Just Kids Partnership, Community Law In Action; NJJN Member; 2012 Recipient of CJJ Spirit of Youth Award

Hernan Carvente, CJJ Youth Member and Regional Representative, 2013 Recipient of CJJ Spirit of Youth Award