

2015 Juvenile Justice Youth Summit
The Time is Now: Creating Change with
Young Emerging Leaders

July 23-24, 2015
Washington, DC

Co-hosted by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ)
and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Thursday, July 23

7:30 am – 3:00 pm Registration Table Open

7:30 am – 8:00 am Breakfast (provided)

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Summit Opening**

CJJ Youth Committee Welcome

Symone Sanders, CJJ National Youth Committee Chair

CJJ Welcome

Marie Williams, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

OJJDP Welcome

Robert L. Listenbee, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (**Invited**)

Keynote Address - TBA

9:00 am – 10:20 am **Juvenile Justice 101: Breaking Down the Pathways in Juvenile Justice**

This session will introduce emerging leaders to the key concepts and origins of the juvenile justice system. Participants will explore the pathways of the juvenile justice system through a hands-on exercise and discuss racial and ethnic disparities.

10:20 am – 10:30 am Break

10:30 am – 11:50 am **Communicating Effectively with Legislators & Policymakers**

Emerging leaders will examine strategies to navigate the etiquette and logistics of successful meetings with legislators and other policymakers. Participants will develop and practice communication skills for successful messaging with legislators and other policymakers.

11:50 am – 12:00 pm Break

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch (provided) - Film Screening & Hill Visit Preparation

This session will include a brief film screening introducing young leaders to the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Participants will meet with advocates, develop talking points for their Hill visits, and build skills to strategically share personal experiences in a meaningful, effective, and empowering manner.

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Depart in Groups for Hill Visits

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Hill Visits

Emerging leaders will visit their members of Congress and/or their staff to discuss juvenile justice reform and urge them to act on the issue.

3:45 pm

Meet back at Conference Center

3:45 pm – 4:10 pm

Hill Visit Debriefing (snack provided)

Emerging leaders will reflect upon their experiences meeting with members of Congress or their staff and gain important insights on meeting with legislators and other policymakers.

4:10 pm – 5:30 pm

Keeping Young People Out of the Adult Courts, Jails, and Prisons

Emerging leaders will explore the different reform efforts nationwide to keep young people out of the adult courts, jails, and prisons. Participants will learn how reform efforts begin, examine challenges to making change happen, and discuss how emerging leaders can get involved in similar reform efforts in their communities.

5:30 pm – 5:40 pm

Closing Remarks

Symone Sanders, CJJ National Youth Committee Chair

5:40 pm – Evening

Dinner on your own / free time

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

CJJ National Youth Committee Meeting (closed meeting)

Friday, July 24

7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Registration Table Open

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast (provided)

9:00 am – 9:50 am

Day Two Opening Remarks

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Keynote Address TBA

9:50 am – 11:10 am

Positive Youth Development in Juvenile Justice

Emerging leaders will learn how interventions in the juvenile justice system can be designed to provide young people opportunities that build upon their interests and goals, facilitate learning, and connect with positive social supports. Participants will hear about specific interventions and discuss ways that they might get involved in the design and evaluation of these interventions.

11:10 am – 12:30 pm

Organizing Youth to Identify Issues and Solve Problems Collectively

Young leaders will explore how youth organizing has created real changes in the juvenile justice system, examine steps to begin organizing young people around reforms, and consider strategies to build a successful campaign and navigate challenges in youth organizing.

12:30 pm – 12:40 am

Break

12:40 pm – 1:20 pm

Lunch (provided) – Job Shadowing Preparation

Emerging leaders will learn basic networking and informational interviewing skills. In small groups, participants will review the overall goals for the job shadowing and develop individualized learning objectives for their experience.

1:20 pm – 1:50 pm

Depart in Groups for Job Shadowing

1:50 pm – 3:50 pm

Job Shadowing

Young leaders will be matched with a host-professional who is working in a role/issue of their interest. Participants will shadow the host-professional to get a sense of what a career might look like in that field.

4:20 pm

Meet back at Conference Center

4:20 pm – 4:50 pm

Job Shadowing Debriefing (snack provided)

Emerging leaders will reflect upon their job shadowing experiences and gain important insights on their goals and interests and future opportunities.

4:50 pm – 5:00 pm

Closing Remarks

Symone Sanders, CJJ National Youth Committee Chair