Ensuring School Engagement and Success for Youth at Risk

April 10-13, 2010
Renaissance Washington, D.C., Hotel
999 Ninth Street NW
Washington, D.C.
Welcome!

On behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Executive Board, Council of State Advisory Groups, our members, allies and staff, we are very pleased to have you join us for our 2010 Annual National Conference: “Ensuring School Engagement and Success for Youth at Risk.”

Our conference agenda is designed to highlight best practices, policies and innovations in keeping at-risk youth in school, reducing the over-representation of youth of color in special education and in juvenile justice, showcasing how schools engage students and families in proactive ways and demonstrating cross-system collaborations among school mental health professionals, community-based organizations and juvenile justice personnel that result in improved school outcomes for youth and fewer referrals to the juvenile court.

This year we will once again honor and recognize outstanding leaders and contributors to juvenile justice reform and community well-being with the CJJ Spirit of Youth Award, the CJJ Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award, and the CJJ A. L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award at our annual awards luncheon on Monday.

We thank all of our conference partners and presenters for giving graciously of their time, expertise and resources. The conference is made possible with the support of CJJ members, including State Advisory Groups (SAGs), nationwide. The conference is also made possible by the generous support of our conference sponsors: The 21st Century Foundation and the 2025 Campaign for Black Men and Boys; American Institutes for Research (AIR); Boy Scouts of America; Patricia Connell (IL); Cindy Durham (TN); Elizabeth Glazer (NY); Gerald and Linda Hayes (NC); Rev. Dr. James G. Kirk and Elizabeth Kirk (MD); Learning for Life; Ward Loyd and Suzanne K. Loyd (KS); Missouri Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, Missouri Department of Public Safety; The National Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Children and Youth Who are Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk (NDTAC); National Juvenile Justice Network (NJJN); New Mexico Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee; Reclaiming Futures, David R. Schmidt and Carol H. Williams (NM); Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth; and Youth Transition Funders Group (YTFG).

Deep gratitude is extended to members of the CJJ Conference Planning Committee who joined with CJJ staff to create this marvelous opportunity for leadership development and networking: Edwin Morris, Committee Chair (MO); Darryl Cook (WA); Ben Deaton (KY); Lindsey Draper (WI); Carlos Hendricks-Verdejo (NJ); Susan Kamp (VT); Gordon Keath (NC); Theresa Lay-Sleeper (VT); Janice Marquez (MD); Brad Richardson (IA); David Schmidt (NM); Ryan Shanahan (NY); Judge John Varin (ID); and Keith Warner (MD). We also extend our appreciation to the CJJ Government Relations Committee, chaired by Ken Schatz (VT), for pulling together CJJ’s Annual Hill Day.

Above all, we value your investment, partnership and presence. We certainly hope you will be challenged and motivated by what you learn, and that you, in turn, will share your expertise with us.

Sincerely,

David R. Schmidt (NM)     Ward E. Loyd (KS)
CJJ National Chair     CJJ National Vice Chair
Saturday, April 10

Regional & Committee Meetings, Hill Day Training and SAG Training

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.                                        Renaissance Registration
Registration/“Take One” Tables Open

8:30 – 11:00 a.m.                                         Rooms 8+9
Joint Meeting of CJJ Ethnic and Cultural Diversity (ECD) Committee and DMC Coordinators
Gina Wood (VA), CJJ Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee Chair; Brad Richardson (IA), CJJ National DMC Coordinator Representative; Andrea Coleman, Program Manager, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CJJ Executive Director; Mark Ferrante, CJJ Director, Leadership and Training Programs.

Q &A Session with TimeBanks USA Racial Justice Initiative: Edgar Cahn, Founder and Co-Leader, TimeBanks USA Racial Justice Initiative; Cynthia Robbins, Co-Leader, TimeBanks USA Racial Justice Initiative; Keri Nash, Associate for Legal Research and Outreach, TimeBanks USA, Racial Justice Initiative
Moderator: Janice Marquez, Member-at-Large (MD)

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.                                    Room 16
CJJ Government Relations Committee Policy Roundtable and Meeting
Ken Schatz (VT), Government Relations Committee Chair; Ward Loyd (KS), Government Relations Committee Vice Chair; Tara Andrews, CJJ Deputy Executive Director of Policy & Programs; Cabell Cropper, Executive Director, National Criminal Justice Association; Samantha Harvell, Senior Director, Early Childhood and Juvenile Justice Policy, First Focus; Bill Bentley, President & CEO, VOICES for America’s Children.

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.                                   Room 6
CJJ Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
Carlos Hendricks-Verdejo (NJ), Chair, CJJ Strategic Planning Committee; Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CJJ Executive Director

12:15 – 1:30 p.m.                                         Rooms 10+11
Hill Day Training
Ken Schatz, Chair, CJJ Government Relations Committee; Tara Andrews, CJJ Deputy Executive Director
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.  
**CJJ Training and Technical Assistance Committee Meeting**  
Sue Kamp (VT), CJJ Training and TA Committee Chair; Mark Ferrante, CJJ Director, Leadership and Training Programs

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.  
**CJJ Youth Committee Meeting**  
Ben Deaton (KY), CJJ National Youth Chair; Idit Knaan, CJJ Program Associate

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
**CJJ Resource Development Committee Meeting**  
Rev. James G. Kirk (MD), CJJ Resource Development Committee Chair; Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CJJ Executive Director

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
**Juvenile Justice Specialists Business Meeting**  
This meeting provides a forum for all state Juvenile Justice Specialists and colleagues to network, share resources and discuss emergent issues.

**Facilitators:** Theresa Lay-Sleeper (VT), CJJ National Juvenile Justice Specialist; Laurel Marks (VA), OJJDP National Juvenile Justice Specialist; Jim Antal, Program Manager, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Tara Andrews, CJJ Deputy Executive Director of Policy & Programs

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
**New State Advisory Group (SAG) Member Training**  
This session is targeted to new SAG members throughout the country, yet is open to anyone interested in learning more about the work of the SAGs. The session will feature an intentional focus on youth member development.

**Facilitators:** Sue Kamp (VT), CJJ Training and TA Committee Chair; Ben Deaton (KY), CJJ National Youth Chair

5:15 – 6:30 p.m.  
**CJJ Regional Meetings**  
All are invited.  
**Midwest**  
Hon. Michael Mayer (MN), Regional Chair; Patricia Connell (IL), Regional Representative
Sunday, April 11

CJJ Council of SAGs’ Meeting & Elections, Conference Opening, Concurrent Workshops

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Registration/“Take One” Tables Open

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
CJJ Council of SAGs’ Meeting & Executive Board Candidate Forum and Elections
All attendees are welcome to attend the annual meeting of CJJ’s policy-setting body, comprising member-State Advisory Group Chairs/Chair-designees.

Presiding: David Schmidt (NM), CJJ National Chair and the CJJ Executive Board

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  
Opening Plenary  
Welcome and Introductions:
• Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CJJ Executive Director
• David Schmidt (NM), CJJ National Chair

Keynote address: Creating High Quality Education for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System
James Forman, Jr., Chair of the Maya Angelou Public Charter School Board of Directors, Washington, D.C.; Founding Board Member of the See Forever Foundation
Presentation:
The Beat Within, Featuring Messiah Ramkissoon, D.C.-based poet and spoken word artist; Youth from New Beginnings, DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.
Concurrent Workshop Sessions (Pick one of three: A-C)

A. The Power of Collaboration: How Two Jurisdictions Reduced School Arrests, Increased Safety and Improved Outcomes for Students
Presenters will describe a collaborative process successfully used to bring schools, police and other community stakeholders together to reduce school referrals to juvenile court.

Room 2
Presenters: Hon. J. Brian Huff (AL), Presiding Judge, Jefferson County Family Court; Danielle Lipow, Director (AL), Juvenile Justice Policy Group, Southern Poverty Law Center; Hon. Steven Teske (GA), Presiding Judge, Clayton County Family Court.
Moderator: Carlos Hendricks-Verdejo (NJ), Northeast Region Representative and New Jersey State Advisory Group Member

B. The Connect Effect: How a Community of Practice Bridges Systems to Benefit Youth
Learn about the National Community of Practice (CoP) on Behavioral Health, an affiliation of 13 states and 21 national organizations allied to promote behavioral health and effective interventions. Learn to apply CoP concepts across agency and organizational boundaries and unite people in shared work.

Room 3
Presenters: Joanne Cashman, Director, IDEA Partnership at the National Association of State Directors of Special Education; Claudette Fette, Parent, Texas Federation of Families; Judith G. “Judie” Storandt, Senior Staff Attorney, National Disability Rights Network.
Moderator: Edwin Morris (MO), Chair, Missouri State Advisory Group and CJJ Conference Planning Committee Chair

C. The Care Team Concept, Stark County, Ohio
This workshop will focus on a school-based, multi-agency approach for prevention, early intervention and treatment services for youth, which increases protective factors and improves the likelihood of success at school, in the community and at home.

Room 4
Presenters: Sally Efremoff (OH), Chief Magistrate, Stark County Family Court; Richard Hull (OH), Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Fairless School System, Stark County; Hon. David E. Stucki (OH), Senior Judge, Stark County Family Court
Moderator: Capt. Keith Warner (MD), Harford County Sheriff’s Office and Maryland State Advisory Group Member
Monday, April 12

General Session, Concurrent Workshops, Awards Luncheon, Federal Panel & Chairman’s Reception

8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Registration/“Take One” Tables Open

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Resource Partner Updates and Keynote Address

Brief Resource Updates of Note
- Jeffrey A. Butts, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Research & Evaluation Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY: Positive Youth Justice – Framing Justice Intervention Using the Concepts of Positive Youth Development;
- Mark Fulop, Grants and Partnership Development Director, Reclaiming Futures: Supporting Youth with School and Community Connections to Increase Success;
- David Osher, Vice President, American Institutes for Research: A Collaborative Dashboard Approach to Enhance Transparency and Collaboration to Improve Youth and Family Outcomes.

Update from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
- Jeff Slowikowski, Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Keynote Address: Achieving Graduation for All - Ensuring School Engagement and Success from Early Childhood through High School
- George Khaldun, Chief Administrative Officer, Harlem Children’s Zone, New York, New York

Moderator: Linda Hayes (NC), Chair, CJJ Southern Region

10:45 – 12:00 p.m.
Concurrent Workshop Sessions (Pick one of three: A-C)

This workshop will present the Thurgood Marshall Academy, a public charter high school in a disadvantaged Washington, D.C., neighborhood, which uses a collaborative,
holistic approach to improving student outcomes both in school and during out-of-school time.

**Presenters:** Candice Bobo, 12th Grade Dean, Thurgood Marshall Academy, Washington, D.C.; Alexandra Pardo, Academic Director, Thurgood Marshall Academy, Washington, D.C.; Jessica Sher, Director of Strategic Programs and Partnerships, Thurgood Marshall Academy, Washington, D.C.

**Moderator:** Lindsey Draper (WI), State DMC Coordinator

**B. Peer/Youth Courts: A Platform for Youth Development**

Teen Courts, integrated with school curriculum, can provide a peer justice alternative to traditional school discipline keeping at-risk youth in school, and teaching hands-on academic, socialization and citizenship skills. Hear from three teen court models.

**Presenters:** Carolyn Dallas, Executive Director, Time Dollar Youth Court, Washington, D.C.; Gregory Lynn Volz, Foehl and Eyre, Chester, PA; Judy Wolfe, Program Supervisor, Syracuse District Student Court

**Moderator:** Jack Levine, Program Director, National Association of Youth Courts, Inc.

**C. The AMIkids Experiential Education Curriculum**

Presenters will provide a detailed description of the programs of AMIkids, an experiential education curriculum with supporting strategies to engage youth in learning and accelerate student achievement.

**Presenters:** Eric Hall, Director of Education, AMIkids, Inc.; Frank A. Orlando, Director of the Center for the Study of Youth Policy at Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Betty Quintairos, Operations Manager, AMIkids, Inc.

**Moderator:** David Schmidt (NM), Chair, New Mexico State Advisory Group

**12:15 – 1:45 p.m.**

**CJJ Annual Awards Luncheon**

Each year, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) is honored to recognize and celebrate the fine accomplishments of our award recipients, for their inspiring and significant contributions to the field of juvenile justice that truly improve the lives of children, families and communities.

- **2010 National CJJ Spirit of Youth Award presented to Brandon McMillian, Washington, D.C.** Presented by David Muhammad, District of Columbia Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services
- **2010 Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award presented to Christian Kervick, Delaware.** Presented by Jim Kane, Delaware.
- **2010 A. L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award presented to Robert Schwartz, Pennsylvania.** Presented by Marie J. Yeager, Roda Creative Services, Ltd., Pennsylvania

**Moderator:** Eric Williams (MS), Vice Chair, Mississippi State Advisory Group
2:00 – 3:15 p.m.
Concurrent Workshop Sessions (Pick one of three: A-C)

A. Learn to Earn: Improving Academics and Career/Technical Training in Placement
Youth returning to the community from placement face immense challenges. This workshop will showcase how the Pennsylvania Academic and Career/Technical Training Alliance (PACTT) works to improve academic and career/technical training in residential facilities, provide employment training and improve linkages to schools and jobs, upon reentry.

**Presenters:** Candace Putter, Director, Pennsylvania Academic and Career/Technical Training (PACTT) Alliance; David Smith, Career and Technical Specialist, PACTT Alliance; Susan Will, Academic Specialist, PACTT Alliance

**Moderator:** Erin Lear (MO), Youth Member, Missouri State Advisory Group

B. Research and Best Practice for Engaging Families to Increase Student Success
This workshop will highlight promising practices for engaging families at the school and district levels, as well as successful efforts to engage justice system involved youth and families to improve youth outcomes, school attendance and achievement.

**Presenters:** Mishaela Durán, Director of Government Affairs, National Parent Teacher Association; Lucretia Murphy, Executive Director, Maya Angelou See Forever Academy; Heidi Rosenberg, Senior Research Analyst, Harvard Family Research Project

**Moderator:** Janice Marquez, Member-at-Large (MD)

C. Addressing the School-to-Prison Pipeline Through the Reauthorization of the Elementary & Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind) and State Legislation
The important opportunities presented by the reauthorization of the Elementary & Secondary Education Act (or “No Child Left Behind Act”) to change policies that contribute to the over-use of zero tolerance and other punitive school disciplinary measures will be provided. Presenters also will share ideas and strategies for addressing the school-to-prison pipeline crisis at the state legislative level.

**Presenters:** Dan Farbman, Staff Attorney, Advancement Project; Matthew Cregor, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

**Moderator:** Darryl Cook (WA), DMC Committee Co-Chair, Washington State Advisory Group
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.  
Closing General Session: Federal Perspectives on Education and Juvenile Justice  
- Daniel Olmos, Senior Counsel, Access to Justice Initiative, U.S. Department of Justice;  
- Marilyn Roberts, Deputy Administrator for Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice;  
- Bryan Samuels, Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services;  
- James H. Shelton III, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education  

Co-moderators: Darryl Cook (WA), DMC Committee Co-Chair, Washington State Advisory Group; Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CJJ Executive Director  

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
Closing Reception  
Co-Hosted by David Schmidt (NM), CJJ National Chair and Ed Morris (MO), CJJ Spring Conference Chair  

Tuesday, April 13  

Hill Day  
Conference attendees are encouraged to visit with their members of Congress to inform them of the state and local needs, interests and accomplishments in juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, and to inform the progress of the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and other CJJ policy priorities.
The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) gratefully acknowledges the generous sponsors of the 2010 CJJ Annual National Conference & Council of SAGs’ Meeting:

About the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ)
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CJJ’s principal mission is to build safe communities – one child at a time – ensuring that all children, youth and families are treated fairly and given the resources and support to be positive and productive contributors to society. For more than 25 years, CJJ has been honored to serve our nation’s youth, communities and its members as the nationwide association of state juvenile justice advisory groups chartered under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA). CJJ is based in Washington, D.C., yet reaches every U.S. state and territory. More than 1,800 state advisory group members participate in CJJ, representing the public and private sectors, including juvenile court and youth-serving professionals, concerned citizens, youth, and advocates for children and families, alongside our individual and organizational allies.

CJJ was among the first national juvenile justice organizations to oppose the juvenile death penalty, to oppose prosecutorial waiver and other policies that automatically send youth to adult court, and to seek to resolve disproportionate minority contact and disparate treatment of youth of color. CJJ is a prominent champion for preventive, developmentally appropriate and racially-just services and supports in all federal grants that flow to the states and localities for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. CJJ is also the proud host and sponsor of the National Juvenile Justice Network (NJJN), and a system reform partner with the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) and Models for Change (MfC).