Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ)

ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE, COUNCIL OF SAGS’ MEETING & HILL DAY

May 20-24, 2011
The Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel
415 New Jersey Avenue NW
Washington, D.C.

FAIR & EQUAL JUSTICE:
Alternative Sentences and Sanctions for Youth
Welcome!

On behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Executive Board, Council of State Advisory Groups, our members, staff and allies, we wish to welcome you to our 2011 National Spring Conference, Council of SAGs’ Meeting & Hill Day, titled “Fair & Equal Justice: Alternative Sentences and Sanctions for Youth.” Thank you for joining us. On the following pages, you will see the exciting panels, speakers, workshops and special events prepared for this event, focusing on current themes and trends in juvenile sentencing reform, including policies and reforms resulting in positive youth, family and community outcomes.

Please take special note of our two award presentations. This year we will once again gather to recognize a young person who has made positive, life-altering changes through his juvenile justice experiences, a dedicated state Juvenile Justice Specialist selected for recognition by his peers and an outstanding juvenile justice advocate, with the Spirit of Youth Award, the Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award, and the A. L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award, respectively.

The conference simply would not be possible without our members and sponsors. CJJ is grateful for the generous Bronze Circle conference sponsorships ($5,000 or more) from the Boy Scouts of America, the New Mexico Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, and the Maryland State Advisory Group, as well as the generous Friends Circle sponsorships ($1,000- $4,999) from the American Institutes for Research, Cindy Durham (TN), Deirdre W. Garton (WI), Development Services Group, Inc. (DSG), Gerald and Linda Hayes (NC), the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, Rev. Dr. James G. Kirk and Elizabeth Kirk (MD), the National Association of Youth Courts, the National Juvenile Justice Network, the New Hampshire State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice, the North Dakota Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group, Strategic Applications International, Inc., the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, and Vermont’s Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs.

We extend our deep appreciation to the thoughtful and hardworking members of the CJJ Training and Conference Planning Committee who, along CJJ staff and board members, created this wonderful learning and networking opportunity. They are: Vicki Blankenship (AK), Damon Booth (NV), Martha Doyle (OR), Linda Hayes (NC), Roger Jarjoura (IN), Richard Lindahl (NM), Ed Morris (MO), Nancy Pfaadt (KY), Ryan Shanahan (NY), and Marlon Yarber (CA). We also extend our appreciation to the CJJ Government Relations Committee and staff for organizing CJJ’s Annual Hill Day.

**Most of all, we thank you for joining us.** We hope you will leave this conference well-informed and motivated, and that you enjoy this opportunity to engage in new and renewed relationships with your peers and colleagues from around the country.

Sincerely,

David R. Schmidt (NM)  
CJJ National Chair

Susan Kamp (VT)  
CJJ National Vice Chair

Keith Warner (MD)  
Committee Chair
Pre-conference Skill-Building Sessions and Documentary Screening

Friday | 05.20.2011

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Registration and “Take One” Tables Open

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Skill-Building Sessions
CJJ is pleased to offer, in collaboration with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and Development Services Group, Inc. (DSG), the following concurrent skill-building sessions:

**State Advisory Group (SAG) New Member/Refresher Training**
This interactive session is for both new and seasoned SAG members who wish to learn more about their roles and responsibilities and how other SAGs are meeting them. Topics will include the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA), federal funding, recruiting and retaining youth members, the four core requirements, and resources available for SAGs.

**Trainers:** Cassy Blakely (NE), Nebraska State Advisory Group Vice-Chair and Youth Member, Vicki Blankenship (AK), DSG SAG Training Consultant, Scott Pestridge (DC), Program Manager, State Relations & Assistance Division, OJJDP

**Hub/Grid**
Strategic Three-Year Planning for State Advisory Groups
For SAG members who wish to learn about coordinating, developing, and submitting their 2012 State Three-Year Plan and Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Assessment. Trainers will assist SAG members in employing core strategic planning methodologies to ensure the development of an effective, clear and data-driven plan.

**Trainers:** Tom Begich (AK), DSG SAG Training Consultant, Andrea Coleman (DC), DMC Coordinator, State Relations & Assistance Division, OJJDP, Lindsey Draper (WI), DMC Coordinator, Office of Justice Assistance, Joe Vignati (GA), CJJ National Juvenile Justice Specialist

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm
DMC Coordinators’ Business Meeting and Election
Brad Richardson (IA), CJJ National DMC Coordinator
Me Facing Life offers a unique six-year look at the life of Cyntoia Brown, a young woman tried as an adult for a murder she committed at age 16. Cyntoia is currently serving a life sentence. This film delves into this young woman's life in an attempt to answer a very basic question — why?

Panel: Daniel Birman (CA), Director and Filmmaker, with:
  • Linda O’Neal (TN), Executive Director, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
  • Angelica Salazar (DC), Juvenile Justice Policy Associate and Child Watch Coordinator, Children’s Defense Fund

Moderator: Cindy Durham (TN), Chair, Tennessee State Advisory Group
Saturday | 05.21.2011
CJJ Committee, Business and Regional Meetings

8:00 am – 6:30 pm
Registration and "Take One" Tables Open

8:00 am – 9:00 am
Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:00 am
CJJ National Youth Committee Meeting
Ben Deaton (KY), CJJ National Youth Chair

9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Juvenile Justice Specialists’ Business Meeting
A forum for all state Juvenile Justice Specialists and colleagues to network, share resources and discuss emerging issues. Facilitated by Laurel Marks (VA), OJJDP National Juvenile Justice Specialist, and Joe Vignati (GA), CJJ National Juvenile Justice Specialist.

10:00 am – 11:30 am
CJJ Resource Development and Finance Committee Meeting
Rev. James G. Kirk (MD), Committee Chair

10:00 am – 11:00 am
CJJ Training & Technical Assistance Committee Meeting
Capt. Keith Warner (MD), Committee Chair

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Lunch on your own

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
CJJ Regional Business Meetings & Elections

- **Midwest:** Hon. Michael Mayer (MN), Midwest Region Chair
- **Northeast:** Carlos D. Hendricks-Verdejo (NJ), Northeast Region Chair
- **Southern:** Linda W. Hayes (NC), Southern Region Chair
- **Western:** Katie Wells (CO), Western Region Chair

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Break

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm
Hill Day Training
Tara Andrews, CJJ Deputy Executive Director, Hannibal Kemerer, former Counsel to U.S. Senator Arlen Specter, Jesselyn McCurdy,
former Counsel to the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, Morna Murray, former Counsel to U.S. Senator Bob Casey.

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm
Hub/Grid
CJJ Ethnic & Cultural Diversity (ECD) Committee Meeting
Gina E. Wood (VA), Committee Chair

4:15 pm – 5:45 pm
Hill
CJJ Government Relations Committee Meeting
Ken Schatz (VT), Committee Chair

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Connect
CJJ Informal Q&A Session: Learn More About CJJ
Hosted by Nancy Gannon Hornberger (DC), CJJ Executive Director, David Schmidt (NM), CJJ National Chair, and members of the CJJ Executive Board

Sunday | 05.22.2011
CJJ Council of SAGs Meeting, Conference Opening, Awards Ceremony and Reception

7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Registration and “Take One” Tables Open

7:30 am – 8:00 am
Breakfast

8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Metropolitan Ballroom
Council of SAGs’ Meeting & Executive Board Election
All conference 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

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Lunch on your own

2:00 pm – 3:45 pm
Metropolitan Ballroom
The Dollars & Sense of Juvenile Justice
Conference Opening, Welcome and Introductions:
• Nancy Gannon Hornberger (DC), CJJ Executive Director
• David Schmidt (NM), CJJ National Chair

Panel Presentation:
• Abby Anderson (CT), Executive Director, Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance, and Co-Chair of the National Juvenile Justice Network (NJJJN)
• Tina Chiu (NY), Director of Technical Assistance, Cost-Benefit Analysis Unit, Vera Institute of Justice
• Marc Levin (TX), Director, Center for Effective Justice, Texas Public Policy Foundation

Moderator: Katayoon Majd (DC), Program Officer for Criminal and Juvenile Justice, Public Welfare Foundation
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm  
**Break**

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**CJJ National Awards Ceremony**

Each year, CJJ is honored to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of its national award recipients. Nominated by their peers, each recipient has made significant and inspiring contributions to the juvenile justice field.

The 2011 National CJJ Spirit of Youth Award will be presented to **Andrew Peterman**, Idaho.

- Presentation by Alan Miller, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Idaho

The 2011 Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award will be presented to **Joe Vignati**, Georgia.

- Presentation by The Honorable Steve Teske, Juvenile Court of Clayton County, Georgia

**Moderator:** Alfred Martin, Mississippi State Advisory Group Chair

* Please note that CJJ’s A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award will be presented on Monday, May 23 at 4:00 pm.

5:00 pm – 5:15 pm  
**Break**

5:15 pm – 6:45 pm  
**CJJ National Chair’s Reception & Awards Celebration**

Hosted by David Schmidt (NM), CJJ National Chair
Monday 05.23.2011

Panel Presentation, OJP & OJJDP Update, Breakout Sessions, Luncheon Keynote, Presentation of the A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award, and Conference Closing

7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Registration and “Take One” Tables Open

7:30 am – 8:30 am
Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:45 am
Moving Away from Extreme Sentencing: Personal Stories of Reconciliation and Progressive Action
Metropolitan Ballroom

Welcome and Introductions: Carlos D. Hendricks-Verdejo (NJ), Northeast Region Chair
Panelists:
- Edwin Desamour (PA), President, Men in Motion in the Community
- Kyra Millich (CA), Interim Director, Project to End Juvenile Life Without Parole, Center for Law & Global Justice at the University of San Francisco School of Law
- Aaryn Urell (AL), Senior Attorney, Equal Justice Initiative
- Linda White (TX), Member, Murder Victims’ Families for Reconciliation

Moderator: Jody Kent Lavy (DC), Director and National Coordinator, The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth

9:45 am – 10:00 am
Break

10:00 am – 11:15 am
Content Breakout Sessions (pick one: A-D)

A. A Better System for Status Offenders: National Best Practices and Case Outcomes
Hub

This presentation will highlight three jurisdictions that have reformed their juvenile justice/court systems with immediate, individualized, and community-based services for status offenders, and examine the national implications of this paradigm shift.

Presenters: Yumari Martinez (NY), Associate Director of the Center on Youth Justice, Vera Institute of Justice, Dee Richter (FL), Deputy of the Family Safety Program Office, Florida Department of Children and Families, Annie Salsich (NY), Director of the Center on Youth Justice, Vera Institute of Justice.

Moderator: Nancy Pfaadt, Kentucky State Advisory Group Chair
B. In My Shoes: A Youth Perspective on Community-Based Care and Why Institutionalization Rarely Works

A youth panel will describe their experiences in institutional placements and compare them to the successes they found in community-based care. The workshop will explore the importance of community and strategies to connect youth with community-based programs as an alternative to costly and harmful placements.

**Presenters:** Yakua Banks (NJ), Youth Advocate Programs National Speakers Bureau, Jessica Nish (NV), Youth Advocate Programs National Speakers Bureau, Peggy Thorpe (NY), National VOICE Director, Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.

**Moderator:** Edgar Cahn (DC), Founder and Co-Chair of TimeBanks USA

C. Improving Delinquency Outcomes for Abused and Neglected Children: Multi-System Collaboration

The multiple pathways through which youth enter the juvenile justice system require a multi-system response. This workshop will specifically explore the pathway of child abuse and neglect in terms of prevalence and co-variates. Practice and system responses to improve outcomes for this population of young people will be presented.

**Presenters:** Shay Bilchik (DC), Research Professor and Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University, John Tuell (DC), Co-Director, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps/MacArthur Foundation Models for Change Initiative

**Moderator:** Martha Doyle (OR), State Advisory Group Youth Member

D. Building Local Solutions to Systemic Issues: Utilizing Restorative Justice to Increase Cost-Effective Diversionary Options for Youth

Learn how two distinct programs—one urban, one rural—use restorative justice to increase cost-effective opportunities for youth engagement.

**Presenters:** Jon Kidde (VT), Diversion Enhancement Assessment Plan (DEAP) Coordinator, Vermont Association of Court Diversion Programs, S. Archye Leacock (PA), Executive Director, Institute for the Development of African-American Youth, Inc. (IDAAY), Wesley Jones (PA), Program Coordinator, Don’t Fall Down in the Hood, William Little (PA), IDAAY

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

11:15 am – 11:30 am  
**Break**
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Metropolitan Ballroom

CJJ Luncheon & Keynote Address by Judge Irene Sullivan (Ret.): “Locking up Less”

Judge Irene Sullivan, author of *Raised by the Courts: One Judge’s Insight into Juvenile Justice*, is a nationally-recognized speaker on youth development, juvenile justice, and truancy. She has served as an elected circuit court judge in Florida, handling juvenile delinquency, dependency and domestic violence cases, and is now a governor-appointed advisory member of the Blueprint Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform.

**Introduction**: Jack Levine (FL), Program Director, National Association of Youth Courts

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm
Metropolitan Ballroom

**Update from the U.S. Office of Justice Programs and OJJDP**

Laurie Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, with:

- Jeff Slowikowski, Acting Administrator, OJJDP
- Melodee Hanes, Special Counsel to the Administrator, OJJDP

**Moderator**: Nancy Gannon Hornberger, CJJ Executive Director

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm

**Break**

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Hub

**E. Community-Based Alternatives to Address Adolescent Domestic Battery**

This session will highlight innovative community-based alternatives to detention and system penetration for youth charged with domestic battery. These programs demonstrate how community-based service structures are used in partnership with police and juvenile courts to safely and cost-effectively address juvenile domestic battery, intervene in the cycle of family violence, and improve outcomes.

**Presenters**: Jeff Gress (IL), Children’s Home Association of Illinois, Heidi Mueller (IL), Director of Juvenile Justice Programs, Youth Outreach Services

**Moderator**: Lisa Jacobs (IL), Program Manager, Illinois Models for Change Initiative, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
F. A Comprehensive Strategy for Evidence-Based Juvenile Justice Reform
Learn more about assessing and improving programs using evidence-based practices within the framework established by OJJDP’s Comprehensive Strategy for Chronic Violent Juvenile Offenders. Results for reducing confinement and recidivism will be presented from Arizona and North Carolina and attendees will have the opportunity to examine the early implementation currently underway in Tennessee.

**Presenters:** Buddy Howell (VA), Managing Partner, Comprehensive Strategy Group, Marion Kelly (VA), Managing Partner, Comprehensive Strategy Group, Mark Lipsey (IL), Director, Peabody Research Institute and Research Professor, Vanderbilt University, John Wilson (VA), Managing Partner, Comprehensive Strategy Group

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

G. Alternative Sanctions for Probation Violators and Impacts for Youth of Color
Graduated sanctions and incentives serve as alternative responses to post-adjudicative youth who violate the terms and conditions of probation. Used to design and implement graduated sanctions and to produce quantitative results in reduction of racial and ethnic disparities, this presentation will emphasize the collaborative process among public stakeholders.

**Presenters:** Lance Horozewski (WI), Juvenile Justice Services Division Manager, Rock County Human Services, Karen Tucker (NC), DMC Coordinator, Union County

**Moderator:** Dana Shoenberg (DC), Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Children’s Law and Policy

H. Changing the Politics of Youth Crime: State Trends
This workshop will highlight the State Trends Report recently released by the Campaign for Youth Justice, including an overview of the major problems that result from trying youth as adults. It will examine four distinct ways states and local jurisdictions are changing the politics of youth crime.

**Presenter:** Neelum Arya (DC), Research and Policy Director, Campaign for Youth Justice

**Moderator:** Liz Ryan (DC), CEO and President, Campaign for Youth Justice
A.L. Carlisle Award Presentation & Conference Closing

The 2011 CJJ A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award will be presented to The Honorable Christopher S. Murphy, U.S. Representative for the 5th Congressional District of Connecticut

Introductions:
- Abby Anderson (CT), Executive Director, Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance and Co-Chair of the National Juvenile Justice Network (NJNJ)
- Liz Ryan (DC), President and CEO, Campaign for Youth Justice

Moderator: Susan Kamp (VT), CJJ National Vice Chair

Tuesday 05.24.2011

CJJ Hill Day

Conference attendees are encouraged to visit their members of Congress to inform them of state and local needs, interests, and accomplishments in juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, and to urge them to act on the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and other CJJ policy priorities.
The Liaison Capitol Hill Washington, D.C.
Meeting Room Floorplan

Second Floor:
CONNECT UNITE BOND

THE HILL
THE GRID
THE HUB
GIFT SHOP
PRE-FUNCTION AREA
THE METROPOLITAN
EAST CENTER WEST
LOUNGE
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**About the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ)**

CJJ is a true coalition. We are concerned individuals, practitioners, advocates, and youth, who voluntarily serve at the state and national levels to prevent children and youth from becoming involved in the courts and to uphold the highest standards of care when youth are charged with wrongdoing and enter the justice system. For more than 25 years, CJJ has supported this broad and active coalition across all 50 U.S. states, territories and the District of Columbia, as the national nonprofit association of governor-appointed state juvenile justice advisory group members, as well as allied individuals and organizations.

CJJ’s substantive areas of work include:
- Promoting empirically-supported policies and practices in delinquency reduction and prevention.
- Educating the public and advising on urgent issues and needs in federal and state juvenile justice policy.
- Assisting states and territories to meet the core requirements of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA).
- Instituting juvenile justice system reforms to improve the quality, racial/ethnic competence and accessibility of community and court-based policies and practices.
- Linking national, state and local advocates and organizations together, across many disciplines and circumstances, to pursue a common mission.