



## 2023 CJJ Annual Conference

### Wednesday, May 24

#### CJJ Hill Day, CJJ Executive Board Meeting

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 support funding for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Participants are expected to schedule/arrange their own meetings in advance of the conference.

7:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Lobby 1

#### Hill Day Packets available for pick-up

7:00 am – 7:30 am  
Bryce

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*Brock Landwehr*, Government Relations Committee Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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Juvenile Justice

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**CJJ Executive Board Meeting (closed meeting)**

Facilitated by: *Michelle Diaz* (NY), National Chairwoman,  
Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**Thursday, May 25**

Conference Opening, Workshops, Awards Luncheon, Business Meetings, Regional Meetings

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Registration Open**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Exhibit Hall and Networking**

8:00 am – 9:00 am

**Breakfast**

8:00 am – 9:00 am  
Capitol

**Youth Networking and Breakfast Session**

8:00 am – 9:00 am  
Congress

**SAG Chair Networking and Breakfast Session**

8:00 am – 9:00 am  
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**Juvenile Justice Specialists' Meeting  
(closed meeting)**

A forum for state Juvenile Justice Specialists to network, share  
resources, and discuss emerging issues.

Facilitated by: *Anya Sekino* (OR), National Juvenile Justice  
Specialist Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

9:00 am – 10:30 am  
Independence Ballroom

**Conference Welcome & General Session**

Introduction by: *Naomi Smoot Evans*, Executive Director,  
Coalition for Juvenile Justice

CJJ Welcome by: *Michelle Diaz* (NY), National Chairwoman,  
Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**Federal Update**

**Youth Partnership: How Young People with Lived Expertise  
Strengthen Their SAGS-**

Join youth members from across the country as we discuss how Youth with lived experience are the SAGs' greatest tool to create meaningful reform that makes sense for youth, their families, and the community they will be released into. When we give our youth an equitable opportunity for success we create a ripple effect that benefits the way our systems work, empowers the next generation of leaders, and reduces the points of contact for youth in the juvenile justice system.

**Speakers:**

Aide "Sam" Moore, Moderator, Youth Partnership and Training Assistant, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Audriana "Audi" Wodrazka Espinoza, Iowa Youth Justice Council

Isidro Marino, Kansas Advisory Group

Mylan Barnes, Juvenile Justice Advisory Council, Washington D.C. Co-chair

Laura Furr, Chair, Washington DC Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, CJJ Consultant

**The Role of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Supporting Justice Reform –**

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are key partners in the work to end racial and ethnic disparities in the youth legal system. Join us for a conversation about the ways HBCUs can serve as a tool to end the over-representation of Black youth in the legal system.

10:30 am – 10:40 am

*Break*

10:40 am – 11:40 pm

**Concurrent Workshop Session #1**

Treasury

**North Carolina's Journey to Implement Collaborative Service Planning with Justice-involved Youth** - North Carolina DJJDP implemented collaborative assessment and case planning to achieve more individualized treatment and service outcomes. Using the YASI (YASI) and Collaborative Case Work, North Carolina advanced a strength-based and MI-informed approach to more directly involve youth in service planning. The workshop will describe key components including client feedback, a statewide service directory, collaborative service planning with youth, measurement of strengths, trauma, health and basic needs, and a statewide staff coaching program.

**Presenters:**

Candice Moore, Implementation Manager, North Carolina Department of Public Safety - Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Megan Perrault, Juvenile Justice Social Research Manager, North Carolina Department of Public Safety - Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

David Robinson, Director of Assessment, Orbis Partners

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**Advance Peace Lansing, MI Peacemaker Fellowship; Creating Agents of Peace through Community Violence Intervention**

- Advance Peace Peacemaker Fellowship is a community violence intervention strategy dedicated to ending cyclical and retaliatory gun violence by investing in the healthy development and wellbeing of individuals at the center of the conflicts. Services are provided by community agents who build relationships, mediate conflicts to stop imminent violence. Our initiative supports participants in becoming agents of peace who are committed to living, actively pursuing non-violent behaviors, and reducing trauma in their lives.

**Presenters:**

Paul Elam, Chief Strategy Officer, MPH

DeVone Boggan, Founder and CEO, Advance Peace

Erica Lynn, Project Coordinator, MPH

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**See the Girl Monologues: The Power of Narrative Storytelling for Systemic Reform**

- Nationally, girls represent about a third of juvenile justice referrals. Behaviors that push girls into the justice system are directly related to their lived experiences of trauma and exploitation. Youth-led activism is a powerful tool that bridges individual healing with social change. The See the Girl Monologues provides a forum for young women to exercise their own agency through narrative storytelling to engage policymakers and diverse stakeholders in community conversations about issues that are important to them.

**Presenters:**

Dr. Vicky Basra, President & CEO, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center

Rhianna Scyster, Research and Policy Analyst, DBWPC, Inc. d/b/a Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center

Capitol

**Centering Youth & Survivor Voice to Transform Approaches to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children/Youth in California-**

This presentation will describe three innovative approaches to transforming California's practice and policy approach to serving youth impacted by commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) who are involved in the juvenile justice system, including a new pilot youth feedback structure for centering youth voice in individual and system-level decisions, collaboration with California's CSEC Action Team Advisory Board, comprised of adult lived experience experts, and the role of harm reduction approaches in serving youth impacted by CSE.

**Presenters:**

Kate Walker Brown, Senior Director, National Center for Youth Law, Collaborative Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation Initiative

Maria Contreras, Community Policy Associate, National Center for Youth Law, Collaborative Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation Initiative

Reshay Collier, California CSEC Action Team Advisory Board Member, Training Associate, WestCoast Children's Clinic

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**OJJDP Session (TBA)**

11:40 am – 11:50 am

*Break*

11:50 am – 1:20 pm

Independence Ballroom

**CJJ 2022 Awards Luncheon**

Each year CJJ recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of its national award recipients. Nominated and selected by CJJ members, each recipient has made significant and inspiring contributions to the juvenile justice field.

**Awardees:**

- Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award
- National Spirit of Youth Award
- A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award

**Moderator:** Tracey Wells-Huggins, Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

1:20 pm – 1:25 pm

*Break*

1:25 pm – 2:25 pm

## Concurrent Workshop Session #2

Treasury

**Creating a Trauma Informed Courtroom-** Trauma has always been pervasive across the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The Covid-19 pandemic and the country's more recent racial reckoning have made the impacts of trauma even more profound. Because judges and lawyers often play a pivotal role in either exacerbating or abating a child or family's trauma, this workshop will address the impact of trauma and discrimination on brains and behavior. We will also offer specific tools and strategies to create a trauma-responsive courtroom, which can change the trajectory of a child or family by improving permanency outcomes in child welfare, reducing recidivism in juvenile justice, and most importantly providing litigants with a greater sense of due process and fairness.

**Presenters:**

Eliza Hirst, Assistant Public Defender, Post Disposition Unit Head, Office of Defense Services

The Honorable Peter B. Jones, Family Court Judge, Delaware Family Court

Dr. Julius Mullen, Chief Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Officer, Children & Families First

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**Experts of Their Own Lives: Rejecting the Traditional Service Provider Model-** Centering young people, their stories, and their needs, creates space for holistic, individualized support systems. Through three main programs, we prioritize dignity, transformation, self-determination, and healing for our client-partners in a way that empowers them to share their stories and advocate for themselves with autonomy. Through client-partner testimony, our Mutual Responsibility Agreement model, Speakers Bureau initiative, and "Know Your Rights" program will show how restructuring outdated reentry and advocacy models can effectively ensure youth receive individualized support and services.

**Presenters:**

Kat Bakrania, Reentry Coordinator, Youth Sentencing & Reentry Project

Isabel Ballester, Program Coordinator, Youth Sentencing & Reentry Project

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## Partnering for Youth

Capitol	<p><b>Life After Congregate Care: How Organizations Can Pivot to Community-Based Operations to Best Serve Justice-Involved Youth</b> - CFS, Corp. shares lessons learned from the organization closing a residential treatment campus in 2022 while shifting to whole health community-based care for adolescents in rural Indiana. Grant writing, diversification of funding streams, stakeholder engagement, and strategic planning techniques will be highlighted throughout the presentation.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b>  Mollie Ewing, CEO CFS, Corp.  Tucker Smith, Director of Harm Reduction Programs CFS, Corp</p>
Congress	<b>OJJDP Session (TBA)</b>
2:25 pm – 2:35 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:35 pm – 3:35 pm	<b>Concurrent Workshop Session #3</b>
Treasury	<p><b>Leveraging Cross Sector Resources to Enhance Prevention</b> - DC has several initiatives that are centered around prevention and are operationalized through coordinated, cross-sector resources and partnerships. Addressing issues from truancy reduction to violence prevention, DC is leveraging allies across disciplines to improve outcomes for youth and families. In this session, participants will learn about the planning an execution of a pilot program to integrate and expand intensive case management services in schools with high rates of truancy and chronic absenteeism and a community-based violence prevention initiative directed at youth 11 to 14 years of age.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b>  Melissa Milchman, Juvenile Justice Specialist for the District of Columbia  John Mein, Chief of Prevention Services, DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services  Sheila Clark, Deputy Administrator, Youth Services Division, DC Department of Human Services</p>
Archives	<p><b>Pipeline to Opportunity: Higher Education for Justice Impacted Youth-</b> This workshop is designed to highlight successful partnerships between secondary, post-secondary, county probation/juvenile justice systems, and community-based organizations that provide a pipeline to higher education</p>

for justice impacted youth. Participants will see a model that has grown exponentially in just three years offering dual enrollment for in-custody students, regular college enrollment for in-custody students, and a seamless pathway for continuing college education for students moving to out-of-custody status.

**Presenters:**

Mr. René Moncada, Education Coordinator, Focus Forward  
Pipeline to Opportunity Program  
Marc Salazar, Program Manager, Focus Forward

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**Youth Partnership: A Deep Dive with Maryland, New Jersey and Washington, D.C.**

Capitol

**Success of Diversion and Prevention Centers (a.k.a**

**Assessment Centers)**- Hear from leaders of local Assessment Centers in San Francisco and Las Vegas on how their Assessment Centers have facilitated local collaboration to address needs of young people and divert them from the justice system. For both Assessment Centers this collaboration includes youth and families with lived experience, law enforcement, courts and probations departments, schools, and community service providers. Learn how the unique position of these Assessment Centers have allowed them to identify community service gaps and advocate for increased community capacity. Learn about system-level and youth and family specific outcomes each Center has achieved and lessons learned from their collaborative efforts over the years.

**Presenters:**

Molli Cook, Executive Director; National Assessment Center Association  
Cheryl Wright, Deputy Director; Clark County Juvenile Services  
Hillary Buren, Director of CARC; Huckleberry Youth Programs

Congress

**OJJDP Session**

3:35 pm – 4:35 pm

**CJJ Regional Meetings**

The challenges states and territories face can vary greatly based on geographical region. This meeting time is dedicated to information sharing, problem-solving, and networking for those looking to share concerns, recent innovations, and successes with juvenile justice professionals confronting similar issues.



All are invited to attend. A list of states by region can be found at the back of your agenda.

Treasury	<b>Midwest</b> Facilitated by: Hon. Michael Mayer (MN), Midwest Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Archives	<b>Northeast</b> Facilitated by: Janelle Ridley (MA), Northeast Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Mint	<b>Southern</b> Facilitated by: Chief Tony Jones (FL), Southern Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Capitol	<b>Western</b> Facilitated by: Stacie Nelson Colling (CO), Western Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
4:35 pm – 5:35 pm Archives	<b>Compliance Monitors Meeting</b> Facilitated by Danny Turek, National Compliance Monitor, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
4:35 pm – 5:35 pm Mint	<b>R/ED Coordinators and CJJ Ethnic &amp; Cultural Diversity Committee</b> <b>Joint Business Meeting</b> The Ethnic and Cultural Diversity committee ensures that the diversity of race, culture, and ethnicity of youth in the juvenile justice system remains foremost in the minds of CJJ members. Committee members develop juvenile justice system reforms that generate policies and services to resolve racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. The committee acts as an advisor to CJJ on all ethnic and cultural issues.  Facilitated by: William Jernigan (MD), National Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator, Coalition for Juvenile Justice Barbara Wallace, Chair, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**Friday, May 26**  
**Conference Plenary, Workshops, CJJ Business Meetings,**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>
8:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:00 am – 11:00 am Independence Ballroom	<p><b>Council of SAGs’ Meeting &amp; Executive Board Elections</b> All conference attendees are welcome to attend the annual meeting of CJJ’s policy-setting body, comprising member-State Advisory Group Chairs/Chair-designees.</p> <p>Facilitated by: Michelle Diaz, National Chairwoman, Coalition for Juvenile Justice</p>
11:00 am – 11:05 am	<i>Break</i>
11:05 am – 12:05 pm	<b>Concurrent Workshop Session #4</b>
Treasury	<p><b>Juvenile Justice Transformation in NH</b> - New Hampshire leadership from several stakeholder groups within Juvenile Justice participated in the Annie E. Casey Foundation Transformation of Juvenile Probation Program at Georgetown University in November of 2019. The team created a capstone project of creating a statewide Assessment Process using a Strengths and Needs tool to determine equitable access to individualized services and reducing the number of rules of probation for youth court involved.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Amy McCormack, DCYF Associate Bureau Chief Juvenile Justice Jeffrey Sellars, Assessment Administrator Jennifer Archer, NH Juvenile Justice Specialist</p>
Archives	<p><b>Cultural Healing and Transformative Youth-Adult Partnerships</b> - Youth are the future but they’re also our present. Through Cultural Healing and Transformative Youth-Adult Partnerships, we will discuss the importance of working in full collaboration with young people on social justice and cultural healing issues. Participants will also leave the workshop with knowledge on how to hold space and create a safe environment for youth while incorporating indigenous grounding practices.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p>

Hector Ramos, Prevention Programs Manager - Horizons Unlimited

Ashley Monterrosa, Principal Program Coordinator - Horizons Unlimited

Joel Uicab, Principal Program Coordinator - Horizons Unlimited

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## **Education and its Impact on the Youth Legal System**

Capitol

### **Supporting a Collaborative Approach to Improving Youth Interactions through Law Enforcement Training - Two Case Studies-**

Officers are not trained to work with youth, most law enforcement agencies don't have policies, and even fewer have initiated partnerships with youth programs. It's time for that to change. This presentation makes the case that a 21st Century approach to juvenile justice requires training law enforcement on key developmental differences between youth and adults, the role trauma plays in youths' interactions with officers, and opportunities to connect youth to meaningful supports and services outside of the juvenile justice system.

#### **Presenters:**

David Walker, Training Director / COO - Strategies for Youth, Inc

Alice Perry, Assistant Director, Clackamas County, Oregon Juvenile Department

Brett M. Peterson, JD, Director, Utah Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services

Congress

### **OJJDP Session (TBA)**

12:05 pm – 1:05 pm

### **Lunch on Your Own**

12:05 pm – 1:05 pm

Treasury

### **CJJ Government Relations Committee Meeting**

This committee reviews federal policy issues and questions related to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention on behalf of CJJ and all of its members. It formulates educational documents, including position papers, to represent the views of the SAGs and CJJ members. The committee organizes CJJ's annual Hill Day and other member training opportunities. They are also tasked with presenting policy recommendations to the CJJ Executive Board and the CJJ Council of SAGs. The committee also serves as a liaison to other national and state organizations working on federal policy.

Facilitated by: Brock Landwehr (KS), Chair, Government Relations Committee, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

12:35 pm – 1:05 pm  
Archives

**CJJ Finance Committee Lunch Meeting  
(closed meeting; lunch provided)**

This committee serves as the financial advisor to the CJJ Executive Board and the CJJ Council of SAGs in all of the organization's financial affairs, in concert with the Executive Director, including, but not limited to: preparing an annual operating budget prior to presentation to the Executive Board; conducting periodic review of all financial reports; facilitating a periodic review of all financial policies; reviewing the work of the audit committee; and designing and ensuring compliance with a general accounting practices and a system of internal accounting controls.

Facilitated by: Mark Hutchinson (MA), Treasurer/Secretary, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

1:05 pm – 1:10 pm

*Break*

1:10 pm – 2:10 pm

**Concurrent Workshop Session #5**

Treasury

**Listening and Growing: Sharing Your Input on LGBTQ+ Two Spirit Youth in the Juvenile Justice System-** We invite you to share your perspectives on the gaps and the best practices to respond to the needs of justice-involved LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit youth. The purpose of this listening session is to understand the new and emerging issues in the field. Through this conversation, the NCJFCJ and our partners will develop training and technical assistance to increase awareness in the juvenile justice system of the unique strengths and needs of justice-involved LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit youth.

**Presenter:**

Lauren Beal, Senior Program Manager, NCJFCJ

Archives

**Conditions of Confinement: Finding A new Path Forward –** Join us to hear from The Sentencing Project about a new report that they're releasing.

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**Caring for Youth in Rural Jurisdictions through Community Strengths and Supports-** Rural communities frequently face barriers to adequately serving juvenile justice and at-risk

youth that urban and suburban areas are less likely to encounter. However, rural jurisdictions have unique opportunities to address the needs of this population through collaborative practices. This session will explore real world strategies from rural communities across the country that apply outside-the-box thinking to strengthen interagency practices and improve supports for youth.

**Presenters:**

Alexandra Miller, PhD, Deputy Director for Multi-System Operations, Georgetown University Center for Juvenile Justice Reform

Macon Stewart, MSW, Senior Deputy Director, Georgetown University Center for Juvenile Justice Reform

Skyler Irons, LCSW-C, Local Care Team Coordinator, Somerset County Local Management Board

Capitol

**Racial Healing Circle Experience-** Racial Healing and relationship building is a people work. It focuses on ways for all of us (youth & adults) to heal from the wounds of the past, to build mutually respectful relationships across lines of difference that honor and value each person's humanity, and to build trusting intergenerational and diverse relationships that better reflect our common humanity.

**Presenters:**

Tamerdis Hollywood, Senior Associate - National Community Action Partnership

James Earl Hollywood III, Program Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation

Congress

**OJJDP Session (TBA)**

2:10 pm – 2:15 pm

*Break*

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Independence Ballroom

**Plenary and Conference Closing**

Welcome and Introduction: Naomi Smoot Evans, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**The Story of York** – Join us for a powerful living history performance focused on the heroic leadership and sacrifices made by York, an enslaved Kentuckian who was the only Black member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition from 1803 to 1806. This presentation focuses on ways to access your own story, and highlights the arts in youth justice.

Presenter: Hasan Davis, Southern Region Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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