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## Introducing CJJ's Book Club Program

Following the 2020 Annual Conference's Lunch and Learn Book Club, CJJ has implemented a new quarterly book club program to further our discussion around youth justice.

Join us for our first book club, on March 18th from 3pm to 4pm Eastern. Vicki Reed, author of "[The Car Thief](#)" will hold a discussion on her book, which is a fictional account examining the criminalization of youth charged with status offenses.



CJJ is looking to continue the book club program each quarter throughout 2021 and additional books are being considered. To recommend a book please email LaToria Sheppard at [sheppard@juvjustice.org](mailto:sheppard@juvjustice.org).

Book clubs are free for everyone. [Click here](#) to register for "The Car Thief" Book Club.

## CJJ is Hiring!

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice is seeking a qualified individual to fill the full-time Policy and Field Relations Associate position with our agency.

To learn more, [click here](#). To apply for the position please [click here](#).

For more information or questions please contact us at [info@juvjustice.org](mailto:info@juvjustice.org).



## SAVE THE DATE: Join Us for Our 2021 Conferences

CJJ's 2021 Annual Conference: Creating Healing Systems: Serving Youth by Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, and Transforming the Future will be held virtually Wednesday, June 9th through Friday, June 11th. To learn more or register [click here](#).

Plan now to join us in [Louisville, Kentucky](#) on Monday, November 1st through Thursday, November 4th for our 2021 **Racial & Ethnical Disparities Conference**. Stay tuned for additional details and registration information.

Join CJJ!

[Click here to learn more about CJJ memberships.](#)

## Upcoming Webinars

**Building Brighter Tomorrows: A Vision for Youth Justice in 2021 and Beyond**  
Today, January 21, 2021 3pm-4pm ET



As we move into a new year, a new Congress, and a new Administration, join us for a conversation about top priorities in youth advocacy for 2021 and beyond. Learn how advocates are hoping to reshape and improve service provision for young people in the justice system, child welfare system, and those experiencing homelessness.

**Presenters:**

*Pastor Edward Palmer*, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

*Melissa Goemann*, Senior Policy Counsel, [National Juvenile Justice Network](#)

*Jennifer Pokempner*, Senior Attorney, [Juvenile Law Center](#)

*Marcella Middleton*, Co-Director, [A Way Home America](#)

This webinar is free for CJJ members. To become a member [click here](#).  
To register for this webinar [click here](#).

**New Toolkit: Accelerating Collaboration Between Youth Homelessness Providers and Youth Policing, Court, Probation, and Incarceration Systems**  
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 3pm-4pm ET



Join NN4Y, Project Oz, and the Link to learn about the latest publication and the top six steps a community should take to build an effective relationship between youth homelessness services and the youth court system:

- Open the lines of communication to begin to build a positive and strong relationship.
- Include court and probation system partners in your collaborative community and state work to prevent and end youth homelessness.
- Center youth and young adults with lived experiences of homelessness, placing an emphasis on BIYOC and LGBTQIA young people.
- Identify the top challenges and opportunities for collaboration. Be honest.
- Set clear goals and be persistent in achieving them.
- Evaluate progress towards goals and reaffirm or create new goals at least every six months and young women of color, especially those who have experienced violence or exploitation.

**Presenters:**

*Darla Bardine*, Executive Director, [National Network for Youth](#)

*Lisa Thompson*, Executive Director, [Project Oz](#)

*Beth Holger*, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), [The Link](#)

To register for this webinar [click here](#).

**A Healing-Centered Vision for Youth, Families, and Communities**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 3pm-4pm ET

**This postponed webinar has now been rescheduled.**



Healing ourselves emotionally and mentally is not as easy as it sounds, and at times we neglect to acknowledge the importance of incorporating a healing approach in our everyday lives (school, work, home, etc.). The healing-centered vision, adopted by Healing Ninjas, allows us to come to terms with events and circumstances which have occurred in our lives, and to overcome the barriers of mental illness--one person, one family, and one community at a time.

Healing Ninjas is an online community platform highlighting the stories of individuals who are seeking to master the art of healing. Join us on October 28th at 3 pm to learn more about the healing-centered vision and how, as individuals and professionals, we can influence those we work with to become a person who excels in a particular skill or activity--in other words, to become a HEALING NINJA.

**Presenters:**

*Hernan Carvente-Martinez*, Founder & CEO, [Healing Ninjas](#)

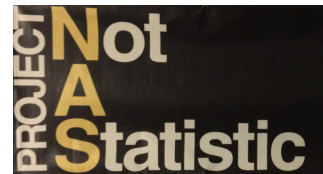
*Iliana Pujols*, Director of Community Connections, Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance

*Abdul Ali*, Community Organizer, Maine Youth Justice

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To register for this webinar [click here](#).

**NOTE: If you previously registered for this webinar, you do not need to register again.**

**From Prison Walls to College Halls: Achieving Success in the Face of Adversity**  
Friday, April 9, 2021 at 3pm-4pm ET



Join author, Hameen Shabazz on a journey from hopelessness to hopefulness as he bestows a holistic and interpersonal approach to the youth justice system, foster care, and transitioning through America's re-entry programs. The journey, words, trials, and triumphs Hameen Shabazz shares to disentangling professional and personal issues divulges a systemic blue print to a successful life after incarceration.

**Presenter:**

*Hameen Shabazz*, Founder, [Project NAS](#)

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## Federal Updates

**DOJ Appointments:**

On January 7th, 2021, President Joe Biden announced key nominations for the Department of Justice: Judge Merrick Garland, nominee for Attorney General; Lisa Monaco, nominee for Deputy Attorney General; Vanita Gupta, nominee for Associate Attorney General; and Kristen Clarke, nominee for Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division.

**2021 Juvenile Justice Appropriations:**

The Fiscal Year 2021 budget, which was passed in late December in conjunction with the most recent Covid stimulus package includes modest funding increases

for youth justice programs. The budget provides:

- \$67 million for Title II (up from \$63 million in 2020);
- \$49 million Title V (up from \$42 million) including \$10 million for tribal youth;
- \$3 million for girls. Also \$16 million of this money is not earmarked and can thus be used for the JJRA's PROMISE prevention programs (up from \$14.5 million);
- \$100 million for mentoring (up from \$97 million); and
- Indigent defense stable at \$2.5 million.

## Would You Like to Blog for CJJ?

CJJ is looking for bloggers for [CJJ Today](#) to author stories and posts about juvenile justice. We're particularly interested in stories from [State Advisory Group members](#) or staff, CJJ [individual](#) or [youth members](#), and CJJ [organizational members](#), about issues at the state or local level, interesting programs or approaches, and perspectives about the course of juvenile justice reform at the local or state level. We also welcome blog posts from other juvenile justice system stakeholders. Blog posts can be between 400-750 words in length. Click [here](#) to see our other guidelines for blogs.



Suggested topics could include:

- School to Prison Pipeline
- Girls in the Juvenile Justice System
- Remediating Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- Adolescent Brain Development
- Evidence-Based Practices
- Status Offenses
- Family and Youth Involvement
- Promising Practices or Program Spotlights

If interested please email [info@juvjustice.org](mailto:info@juvjustice.org) for more details.

## Organization Spotlight: Youth Collaboratory

Young people today face a litany of complex issues that challenge the future of our country. While these problems don't always have obvious solutions, Youth Collaboratory believes they are solvable with a comprehensive field-informed and research-driven approach that centers young people.



[Youth Collaboratory](#) serves organizations, professionals, and other stakeholders working to improve the lives of young people, their families, and communities. It harnesses the power of the youth services community to innovate, evaluate, and drive effective strategies that assure the safety and well-being of youth and young adults, unlocking their limitless potential. Youth Collaboratory focuses on:

- Coordinated community responses to youth and young adult homelessness;
- Preventing and addressing relationship violence, sexual exploitation, and trafficking of youth; and,
- Supporting opportunities for young people to build community with family, peers, and others to enhance their assets, explore their strengths, and develop lasting connections.

Youth Collaboratory is committed to working towards [equity and liberation](#) and in [authentic collaboration with young people](#) most impacted by the services and systems it works to improve.

Some of our recent contributions to the youth justice community, created in partnership with our [Youth Catalyst Team](#), include:

- [Research](#) for providers and policymakers working to end youth homelessness:
  - [Activating Uptake to Prevent and End youth Homelessness: National Community Survey Findings](#)
  - [Toward a System Response to Ending Youth Homelessness](#)
  - [Measuring Up: Youth-level Outcomes & Measures for System Responses to Youth Homelessness](#)
- [Advocating](#) for policies and funding that ensures just approaches to meeting needs and pushing innovative solutions that support youth and young adults
- [Tools](#) offering actionable insights from the latest research, designed for youth service professionals providing young people with mentoring, housing, and direct social services
- [National awareness campaign](#) with Upworthy focused on sexual exploitation and trafficking of youth
- [Training and consulting services](#) customized for organizations working on youth justice based on their needs and interests, such as:
  - Helping programs to incorporate mentoring services to support young people, including youth and young adults who are experiencing homelessness, are survivors of sex trafficking, or have been involved in systems
  - Working with local communities on developing and implementing effective coordinated responses to ending youth homelessness
  - Supporting agencies in incorporating authentic youth engagement and involvement at all levels - from service provision to agency leadership
  - Coaching agencies in developing proposals that meet rigorous requirements of federal funders

Visit [youthcollaboratory.org](http://youthcollaboratory.org) today to access research, tools, services, and membership!

## [Events and Trainings](#)

The [National Network for Youth](#) (NN4Y) will host the Virtual NN4Y Summit on March 24th through March 25th. [Click here](#) to register.

[The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) will be holding two national conferences in 2021, the [National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#) in Dallas, TX, March 21- 24, 2021, and the [84th Annual Conference](#) in St. Louis, MO, July 18 - 21, 2021. Click conference title to register.

## [New Publications and Resources](#)

OJJDP released "[Expunging Juvenile Records: Misconceptions, Collateral Consequences, and Emerging Practices.](#)"

OJJDP and the National Institute of Justice have released "[Juvenile Residential Facility Census 2018: Selected Findings.](#)"

The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) released a new report on the [Core Principles to Reframe Mental and Behavioral Health Policy.](#)

CJJ invites you to share news from your SAG, organization, state, or region! Inclusion and editing of submissions are subject to CJJ editorial guidelines.

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