



2018 Juvenile Justice Youth Summit Empowering Youth: Resiliency in the Face of Trauma

Aug. 1-3, 2018
Washington, DC

Wednesday, August 1

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Registration Table Open

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Reception hosted by CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

JJ 101

This optional introductory session will help lay the foundation for juvenile justice terminology, processes, and an overview of how the juvenile justice system works from a structural perspective.

Presenter: TBA

Thursday, August 2

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Registration Table Open

8:00 am – 8:40 am

Summit Opening

CJJ Youth Committee Welcome

Michelle Diaz, CJJ National Emerging Leaders Committee Chair

CJJ Welcome

Naomi Smoot, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Federal Welcome

Caren Harp, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

8:40 am – 8:50 am	<p>Spoken Word Poetry <i>Aaron Toefola</i>, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee</p>
8:50 am – 9:50 am	<p>Real Life Stories What does the system look like from the perspective of those who have lived it? What are we getting right, and where do we still need to improve? This facilitated conversation will share input about what works, and what does not work, to encourage positive outcome for the youth from a youth perspective, offering changes based on those who are close to the problem with the best solutions.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Aaron Toefola</i>, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee <i>Jacob Carmickle</i>, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee</p>
9:50 am – 10:00 am	Break
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<p>Strategic Sharing 101 Emerging leaders will examine strategies to navigate ways to successfully share their stories with legislators and other policymakers. Participants will develop and practice communication skills for successful messaging with legislators and other policymakers.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Naomi Smoot</i>, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice <i>Michelle Diaz</i>, CJJ National Emerging Leaders Committee Chair</p>
11:00 am – 12:10 pm	<p>Credible Messengers Presenters: <i>Courtney Ramirez</i>, New York Administration for Children Services</p>
12:10 pm – 12:20 pm	Break
12:20 pm – 1:50 pm	Lunch (provided) - Film Screening For Akheem
1:50 pm – 2:00 pm	Break
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<p>Film Screening Debriefing Facilitator: <i>Gabriella Nixdorf</i>, Project and Administrative Assistant</p>
2:30 pm – 3:40 pm	<p>Trauma and Healing Presenters: <i>Dr. Shakira Washington</i>, Vice President, National Crittenton <i>Samantha Lopez</i>, Director, National Crittenton</p>

Sara Kugler, Director, National Crittenton

3:40 pm – 3:50 pm

Break

3:50 pm – 4:50 pm

Keynote

Adam Foss, Juvenile Justice Reformer

4:50 pm – 5:00 pm

Closing Remarks

Michelle Diaz, CJJ National Youth Committee Chair

5:00 pm – Evening

Dinner on your own / free time

Friday, August 3

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

CJJ Youth Committee Welcome

Michelle Diaz, CJJ National Youth Committee Chair

Spoken Word Poetry

Christopher Jones, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee

Raise Your Voice

Presenters:

Tiffany Williams, DOP

Jim St. Germain, Author of A Stone of Hope

Hernan Carvente Martinez, Youth First

9:50 am – 11:10 am

Impacts of Gun Violence: Youth Perspective

This workshop will be a discussion on the relationship between trauma and gun violence, including how trauma from gun violence impacts communities in similar and different ways, and how conscious and unconscious racial biases lead to less patience with communities that have high levels of trauma.

Presenters:

K Sanchez, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee

Christopher Jones, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee

11:10 am – 12:30 pm

Empowerment through the Arts Workshop

Presenters:

Aazia Ross, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee

Da'Shawn Mosley, YoungArts Alumni and U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, 2012

12:30 pm – 12:40 am

Break

12:40 pm – 1:40 pm

Lunch (provided) – Culpability and Brain Development

Findings at the frontiers of neuroscience indicate that young people are less culpable for their deviant behavior due to the malleable and transient nature of the developing brain. They also suggest that youth behavior can be changed for the better relatively easily. This presentation addresses issues and underpinnings as to how trauma affects adolescent prosocial behavior and accountability. It also identifies broad juvenile justice policy and practice which has been proven effective in aiding youth in difficult times of their lives and guiding them out of deviant behavior, and covers possible avenues to improve and expand upon these policies and procedures.

Presenters:

Nicholas Turco, CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee
TBA

1:40 pm – 2:50 pm

The Growing Movement to Close Youth Prisons

The criminal justice movement has received incredible national attention thanks to the powerful advocacy and organizing of community and formerly incarcerated leaders all over the country. As a result, we have seen the rise of powerful campaigns looking for the closure of places like Rikers Island and other inhumane adult prisons around the country. Parallel to this movement, and often not as visible, we have also seen state campaigns focused on closing youth prisons and investing in community alternatives for our youngest and most vulnerable citizens. At the start of this year, Governors in New Jersey and Wisconsin announced the move to close some of the largest and oldest youth prisons in those states. And yet, none of this would have been possible without the mass mobilization of members of the community and directly-impacted youth. What has been the messaging in these campaigns? Who has been involved? In this workshop youth leaders from three campaigns will discuss the growing movement to close youth prisons and provide the audience with first hand examples, tools, and opportunities to get involved in the fight to have #NoKidsInPrison.

Presenters:

Iliana Pujols, Justice Advisor, Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance
Lordramel "Logic" Redding, After School/Summer Camp Program Counselor, Salvation Army of Newark
Tyler Williams, Youth Advocate, Progeny
Hernan Carvente, National Youth Partnership Strategist, Youth First Initiative

2:50 pm – 3:30 pm

Youth Organizing

Now, more than ever, youth movements play a critical role in juvenile justice system improvement. Youth-led grassroots advocacy can have a powerful impact on policy, calling attention to issues and areas that directly affect and are most important to young people. Noah Schultz, a youth advocate

and public speaker who himself served seven-and-a-half years in prison and is passionate about driving justice reform through humanizing the stories of the incarcerated, will lead this workshop on the power of youth voice. Participants will learn how to harness their own resources and build partnerships alongside other youth to bring about change.

Presenters:

Noah Schultz, Poet, Writer, and TEDx Speaker

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Closing Remarks

Michelle Diaz, CJJ National Youth Committee Chair

Naomi Smoot, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice