

COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE (CJJ)
ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE & 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Unlocking the Future of Juvenile Justice



May 2-5, 2009
Arlington, VA



Welcome!

On behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Executive Board, Council of State Advisory Groups, our members and allies, we are very pleased to have you join us for our 2009 Annual Spring Conference and 25th Anniversary Celebration, “*Unlocking the Future of Juvenile Justice.*”

Our conference agenda is designed to showcase juvenile justice and delinquency prevention reform efforts that demonstrate alternatives to formal system involvement; out of home placement; detention; and incarceration for delinquent youth and youth at risk of delinquency. In addition, we hope to engage you in discussions of ways to infuse positive youth development principles and practices into juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.

This year’s conference is especially momentous as 2009 marks CJJ’s 25th Anniversary! Such an occasion gives us all much to celebrate and challenges us to envision the changes and improvements we seek in the next 25 years. We will celebrate this significant milestone with a reception to honor past and present CJJ leaders where we will be graced with the presence of CJJ’s Founding National Chair, Ms. A. L. Carlisle, and privileged to be entertained and inspired by the musical performances of Tom Begich and Josh White, Jr., and the poetry of young people from the D.C. Youth Committed Placement Facility, New Beginnings.

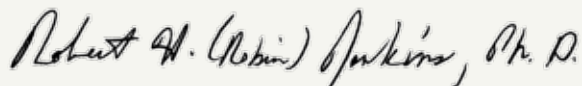
During the conference, CJJ will once again honor and recognize a young person who has made positive, life-altering changes with the Spirit of Youth Award. As well, CJJ will honor another outstanding contributor to the field through its prestigious A. L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award and a wonderful Juvenile Justice Specialist will once again be recognized and honored with the Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award.

We thank all of our conference partners and presenters who are giving graciously of their time and resources. The conference is made possible with the support of CJJ members, including State Advisory Groups (SAGs), nationwide. It is also supported by a generous multi-year grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

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: Hon. John Varin, Chair (ID); Kimberly Armstrong-Hughes (MD); Jeffrey Butts (PA); Andrew Jennings (VA); Sue Kamp (VT); Theresa Lay-Sleeper (VT); Janice Marquez (MD); Cecely Reardon (MA); Brad Richardson (IA); and Keith Warner (MD). We also extend our appreciation to the CJJ Government Relations Committee for pulling together CJJ’s Annual Hill Day.

Above all, we value your investment and presence, and our ongoing partnerships. We anticipate that you will be challenged and motivated by what you learn, and that you, in turn, will share your expertise with us. We hope to engage all of you in new and renewed relationships with colleagues and friends as a result of your attendance and participation.

Sincerely,



Robert (Robin) Jenkins, Ph.D.
CJJ National Chair



David R. Schmidt
CJJ National Vice Chair

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Regional & Committee Meetings, Hill Day and SAG Training

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration/“Take One” Tables Open

8:30 – 10 a.m.

CJJ Regional Business Meetings/Discussion Forums and Elections

All are welcome.

- **Midwest**

Hon. Michael Mayer, Region Chair; Keith Wood, Region Representative *Crystal View*

- **Northeast**

Rev. James G. Kirk, Region Chair; Sue Kamp, Region Representative; Carlos Hendricks-Verdejo, Region Representative *Salon A*

- **Southern**

Linda W. Hayes, Region Chair *Salon B*

- **Western**

Rodney A. Cook, Region Chair *Salon C*

10:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Government Relations Committee Meeting and Hill Day Training *Salons E & F*

Ken Schatz, Chair, Vermont; Ward Loyd, Vice Chair, Kansas

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Joint Meeting: Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee and State DMC Coordinators *Salon D*

Meeting to include:

- Election of CJJ National DMC Coordinator Representative;
- Update from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention;
- Presentation of the FOCUS Program with Lindsey D. Draper, State DMC Coordinator, Wisconsin; Catherine Connolly, President, St. Charles Youth & Family Services, Wisconsin; Eric Meaux, Director, Delinquency and Court Services Division, Milwaukee County Department of Health & Human Services, Wisconsin. FOCUS is multi-service partnership, involving the Milwaukee County Delinquency and Court Services Division, Milwaukee County Wraparound Program and St. Charles Youth & Family Services that diverts youth from out-

of-home placements. The FOCUS program has directly contributed to a reduction in the relative rate index (RRI) values for secure juvenile confinement for all minorities in Milwaukee County from 2.55 in 2005 to 0.82 in 2007.

Facilitators: Gina E. Wood, Chair, Virginia; Brad Richardson, CJJ National DMC Coordinator Representative, Iowa; Andrea R. Coleman, Program Manager, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Washington, DC

12:15 – 2:00 p.m.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

Fund Raising Committee Meeting

Salon A

Rev. James G. Kirk, Chair, Maryland

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

Training and TA Committee Meeting

Salon B

Sue Kamp, Chair, Vermont

12:45 - 5:00 p.m.

Tour of the Positive Transformation of the DC Youth Committed Placement Facility

Transportation provided by bus to Laurel, MD, location of New Beginnings (formerly Oak Hill). Required advance RSVP. Meet in the hotel lobby at 12:45 p.m. Tour is provided in collaboration with the District of Columbia Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, Vincent N. Schiraldi, MSW, Director.

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Leadership Training for SAG Members

Salons E & F

This leadership session is open to all new and continuing State Advisory Group (SAG) members, as well as anyone else interested in learning more about the work of the SAGs. The session will include a special focus on youth participation in SAGs and leadership opportunities for SAG members at both the state and national levels.

Facilitators: Sue Kamp, CJJ Training and TA Committee Chair and CJJ Northeast Region Representative, Vermont; Vicki Blankenship, State Advisory Group Member, Alaska; Andrew K. Jennings, CJJ National Youth Chair, Virginia

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Juvenile Justice Specialists' Business Meeting

Salon D

This meeting provides a forum for all state Juvenile Justice Specialists and their state colleagues to network, share resources and discuss emergent issues.

Facilitators: Laurel Marks, OJJDP National Juvenile Justice Specialist, Virginia; Jim Antal, Program Manager, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Washington, DC

5:15 – 6:00 p.m.

CJJ Youth Committee Meeting

Crystal View

Andrew K. Jennings, CJJ National Youth Chair, Virginia

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

CJJ Youth Networking Reception Co-Hosted by the CJJ Youth Committee and the CJJ Executive Board

Salons A & B

All attendees are encouraged to attend the Youth Networking Reception to learn more about Youth Committee activities and ideas.

Hosts: Andrew K. Jennings, CJJ National Youth Chair, Virginia; David R. Schmidt, CJJ National Vice Chair, New Mexico

SUNDAY, MAY 3

CJJ Council of SAGs' Meeting, Opening Sessions & CJJ 25th Anniversary Celebrations

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration/"Take One" Tables Open

8:00 – 11:30 a.m.

CJJ Council of SAGs' Meeting and Special Guest Presentation

With continental breakfast

Potomac Ballroom

All attendees are welcome to attend the annual meeting of CJJ's policy-setting body, comprising member-State Advisory Group Chairs/Chair-designees. The agenda will include the election of CJJ Executive Board members; updates from the CJJ Executive Board and Executive Director; discussions of new policy positions and member perspectives regarding federal juvenile justice appropriations and resources; and a guest presentation: "Models for Change, Progress and Goals."

Presiding: Robin Jenkins, CJJ National Chair, North Carolina, and members of the CJJ Executive Board, as well as CJJ Leadership Committee Chairs

Guest Presentation: Laurie R. Garduque, Program on Human and Community Development, Models for Change, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Illinois; and Models for Change National Resource Bank Members: Robert G. Schwartz, Executive Director, Juvenile Law Center, Pennsylvania; and Mark Soler, Executive Director, Center for Children's Law and Policy, Washington, DC

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Conference Welcome and Keynote Presentation

Potomac Ballroom

Welcome: Nancy Gannon Hornberger, Executive Director, CJJ, Washington, DC; Robin Jenkins, CJJ National Chair, North Carolina; Marilyn McCoy Roberts, Deputy Administrator for Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Washington, DC

Keynote Speaker: “Unlocking the Future of Juvenile Justice” with Reginald Dwayne Betts, Maryland. Mr. Betts, who is a poet and youth activist, will speak about his experience as a youth in the adult criminal justice system and his current work as a teacher and student at the University of Maryland. He will offer insights from his forthcoming memoir “A Question of Freedom”.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Changing the Way We Do Business: Lessons from Family-Focused Initiatives

Potomac Ballroom

A dynamic panel will share efforts by Family Justice to shift state juvenile justice agencies and their organizational cultures, policies and practices to embrace family engagement. The challenges and benefits of cultivating a family-focused, strengths-based culture within juvenile justice will be addressed.

Presenters: Shay Bilchik, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University, Washington, DC; Carol Shapiro, Founder and President, Family Justice, New York; Bernard E. Warner, Chief Deputy Secretary of Juvenile Justice, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California

Moderator: Ryan Shanahan, Training and Technical Assistance Project Director, Family Justice, New York

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (Pick one of three: A-C)

- **A. Stepping It Up in Maryland: Parent, Youth and Community Empowerment** *Salon A*
Engaging and empowering parents, youth and communities as partners is a critical element to promote effective systemic reform in juvenile justice. This workshop will provide tips on unlocking the resources and potential of family partners.

Presenters: Kimberly Armstrong-Hughes, Executive Director & Founder, Eric R. Villines Advocacy Institute, and State Advisory Group Member, Maryland; Janice Marquez, CJJ Member at Large, Maryland; Kate Rhudy, Student, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC; Celia Serkin, Executive Director, Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health, Maryland

Moderator: J. Keith Warner, Harford County Sheriff’s Office, and State Advisory Group Member, Maryland

- **B. North Carolina Juvenile Justice Treatment Continuum: A Strength-Based, Integrated Service Platform for Juvenile Justice, Mental Health and Restorative Justice** *Salon B*
The Juvenile Justice Treatment Curriculum (JJTC) is an expanding initiative in North Carolina’s court districts, which creates continuums of care for court-involved youth. The continuums target co-occurring mental health and substance abuse needs and emphasize

collaboration among courts, restorative justice providers, mental health providers and community partners.

Presenters: David F. Hutchinson, Meridian Behavioral Health Services, North Carolina; Gordon Keath, CEO, Project Challenge, North Carolina; Patricia Long, System Development Program Coordinator, Meridian Behavioral Health Services, North Carolina; Chuck Mallonee, Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention – District 30, North Carolina; Shari Miller, Research Psychologist, RTI International, North Carolina; Joel Rosch, Senior Research Scholar, Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University, North Carolina

Moderator: Linda W. Hayes, CJJ Southern Region Chair and State Advisory Group Member, North Carolina

• **C. Working Together for System and Community Change: New Jersey Governor's Strategy for Safe Streets and Neighborhoods**

Salon C

New Jersey's Office of the Attorney General, in collaboration with the New Jersey State Advisory Group, is implementing a strategic plan for ensuring the safety of youth and communities by ameliorating community risk factors and sustaining collaborations among various youth serving agencies at the state and local levels.

Presenters: Jean M. Krauss, Chair, State Advisory Group, New Jersey; Lisa Macaluso, Assistant Director, Crime Prevention Institute, New Jersey

Moderator: Rodney A. Cook, CJJ Western Region Chair and State Advisory Group Member, Oregon

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**CJJ 25th Anniversary Reception
Honoring CJJ Leaders, Past and Present**

Monticello Ballroom

Please come and join in festivities to honor CJJ's pantheon of leaders and innovators whose vision, dedication, optimism, tenacity and courage launched our organization and made it into the vibrant organization it remains today. Light refreshments will be served.

Reception Words and Music by:

- Robin Jenkins, CJJ National Chair, North Carolina
- A. L. Carlisle, CJJ Founding National Chair, Maine
- Tom Begich, CJJ 1997 National Chair, Alaska

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

CJJ 25th Anniversary Musical Celebration

Potomac Ballroom

Please stay and celebrate with us! CJJ presents an inspiring evening with renowned musician, Josh White, Jr., and youth poets and authors from the DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services.

Emcee: Robin Jenkins, CJJ National Chair, North Carolina

Performing: Youth will recite original poetry and essays; followed by a concert by Josh White, Jr., an extraordinarily talented guitarist, songwriter, actor, adult and children's concert performer, recording artist, teacher and social activist. CJJ is honored to have him grace our stage.

MONDAY, MAY 4

CJJ Conference Continues

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration/“Take One” Tables Open

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

General Session: Infusing Positive Youth Development into Juvenile Justice Policy and Practice

Potomac Ballroom

Positive Youth Development (PYD) is a comprehensive way of thinking about the development of children and youth, and factors that facilitate their individual growth and successful transition to adulthood. The concepts and approaches of PYD enjoy broad support in the scientific community, as well as broad support among youth advocates and practitioners, more generally. However, PYD has not yet been thoroughly adopted by juvenile justice agencies and practitioners, nor infused into juvenile justice interventions. This session will present a framework to inspire PYD approaches in juvenile justice practice, coupled with an example of PYD in action in Roxbury, MA. Immediately afterwards, conference attendees will participate in facilitated response and discussion groups. The discussions will be recorded and published later this year by CJJ as conference proceedings.

Presenters: Jeffrey A. Butts, Executive Vice President for Research, Public/Private Ventures, Pennsylvania; Cecely A. Reardon, Supervising Attorney, Committee for Public Counsel Services, Youth Advocacy Project, and State Advisory Group Member, Massachusetts

Moderator: Sue Kamp, CJJ Northeast Region Representative and CJJ Member at Large, Vermont

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Positive Youth Development Discussion Groups

Conference attendees will convene in small groups, each of which will address a key domain where PYD approaches have been found to enhance youth growth and functioning. A facilitator and recorder will be assigned to each group.

Moderator: Mark Ferrante, Director for Leadership and Training Programs, CJJ, Washington, DC

Look for the color dot on the back of your name tag to find your corresponding group:

single orange dot (*Salon A*) Social Attachment and Belonging – Sue Kamp, Vermont

single blue dot (*Salon B*) Work and Employment – Marlana Valdez, Maryland

single green dot (*Salon C*) Education and Opportunities for Learning – Ned Chester, Maine

double orange dot (*Salon D*) Civic/Community Engagement – J. Keith Warner, Maryland

double blue dot (*Salon F*) Personal Expression and the Arts – Kylthia Roberts, New Jersey

double green dot (*Mt. Vernon Room*) Health and Well Being – Lisa Marie Gomez, New Mexico

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (Pick one of three: A-C)

- **A. From Vision to Action: Creating a Front-End Continuum of Services for DC Youth**

Salon A

For youth charged with delinquency and status offenses, District of Columbia Court Social Services (CSS) now offer a broad range of alternatives to secure detention. Learn more about how this array of services allows youth to remain with their families and to make positive gains in family and community life.

Presenters: Mark Jackson, Supervisory Probation Officer, DC Court Social Services Division, Washington, DC; Terri Odom, Director of Court Social Services, Washington, DC; Jacqueline Wright, Program Manager, Ladies Of Today in Solidarity (LOTS), Washington, DC

Moderator: Monica Parchment, Chair, State Advisory Group, Washington, DC

- **B. Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Berks County (PA)**

Salon B

Berks County (PA), like many jurisdictions across the United States, has experienced rapid demographic change in recent years. Concerns about overrepresentation of youth of color in out-of-home detention and placement led the county to embark on a project, supported by the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change initiative, to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. This session will present the successful data-driven strategies that Berks County has used to reduce detention and placement of youth of color.

Presenters: Jeffrey Grego, Assistant Chief, Berks County Juvenile Probation Office, Pennsylvania; Joseph A. Guillama, Site Coordinator, Berks County Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction Project, Pennsylvania; Laurie A. Hague, Assistant Chief, Berks County Juvenile Probation Office, Pennsylvania; Dana Shoenberg, Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Children's Law and Policy, Washington, DC

Moderator: Brad Richardson, CJJ National DMC Coordinator Representative and State DMC Coordinator, Iowa

- **C. Youth Advocacy Project: Applying a Youth Developmental Approach to Delinquency Prevention**

Salon C

Building on principles of Positive Youth Development, this session will highlight ways that such an approach has been incorporated into legal representation of children and youth charged with delinquency offenses, and present a framework for how juvenile defenders, as well as other stakeholders in the juvenile justice system, can incorporate such principles into their work.

Presenter: Cecely A. Reardon, Supervising Attorney, Committee for Public Counsel Services Youth Advocacy Project, and State Advisory Group Member, Massachusetts

Moderator: Carlos Hendricks-Verdejo, CJJ Northeast Region Representative and State Advisory Group Member, New Jersey

12:45 – 2:15 p.m.

CJJ Annual Awards Luncheon

Potomac Ballroom

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.

Luncheon Speaker: Bill Schramm, State Advisory Group Member, Michigan, and founder, Stylish Sounds Entertainment, LLC, as well as a former juvenile justice-involved and foster care youth

Awards Program Moderator: Hon. John Varin, Chair, CJJ Annual Conference Planning Committee, and Chair, State Advisory Group, Idaho

- **2009 National Spirit of Youth Award presented to Micheal M. Cox, North Carolina**
presented by Jamal Carr, North Carolina, and the North Carolina State Advisory Group
- **2009 Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award presented to Sandy Rempe, Missouri**
presented by Keith Wood, Missouri, and the Missouri State Advisory Group
- **2009 A. L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award presented to Vincent N. Schiraldi, District of Columbia**
presented by Mark Soler, Center for Children's Law and Policy, Washington, DC

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (Pick one of three: A-C)

- **A. New York City Detention Reform** *Salon A*
New York City, with support from the Vera Institute of Justice, has developed an empirically-based detention risk assessment instrument and implemented a continuum of community-based detention alternatives. This session will describe the data-driven reform efforts to date, discuss how the initiative can inform other jurisdictions and highlight the recent work of a local youth-led justice board that has made recommendations about the reform process.
Presenters: Dory Hack, Deputy Director, Center for Courts and the Community, New York; Annie Salsich, Director, Vera Institute's Center for Youth Justice, New York; Joseph, Youth Justice Board Member, New York
Moderator: Alfred Siegel, Deputy Director, Center for Court Innovation, New York
- **B. Effective Transitions through Systems of Care: Collaborative Community Supports to Build Success for System-Involved Youth** *Salon B*
System-involved youth face myriad challenges as they leave institutional care and re-enter family, school and community life. Lack of collaboration between the juvenile justice system and other community child-serving and family-serving systems may disrupt or prevent continuity of care and support. Yet, systems of care offer a re-entry framework that provides collaborative community supports and produces positive outcomes for youth and families.
Presenters: Simon Gonsoulin, Director, National Evaluation and TA Center for Education of Children and Youth who are Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk, American Institutes for

Research, Washington, DC; Nicholas Read, Technical Assistance Liaison, National Evaluation & TA Center for the Education of Children and Youth Who are Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk, American Institutes for Research, Washington, DC; Reyhan Reid, Youth Involvement Resource Specialist, Technical Assistance Partnership for Child and Family Mental Health, American Institutes for Research, Washington, DC

Moderator: Erin Lear, Youth Member, State Advisory Group, Missouri

- **C. California's Multi-Faceted Approach to DMC Reduction**

Salon C

California's approach to addressing disproportionate minority contact (DMC) demonstrates how a state with an enormous and highly diverse youth population has crafted a leadership approach and invested funds in effective efforts to reduce racial/ethnic disparities. The state's approach, which encompasses direct service, education and support/advocacy, locally and at the state level, will be presented. This session will also emphasize replication in other jurisdictions with varied demographics and politics.

Presenters: James Bell, Founder and Executive Director, W. Haywood Burns Institute, California; Sandy Keaton, Senior Researcher, Criminal Justice Division, San Diego Association of Governments, California; Sandra McBrayer, State Advisory Group Member, DMC Committee Chair, and Chief Executive Officer, Children's Initiative, California

Moderator: Shalinee Hunter, Juvenile Justice Specialist/DMC Coordinator, Corrections Standards Authority, California

4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Closing General Session: Recommendations for an Optimal National Agenda for Juvenile Justice

Potomac Ballroom

Expert leaders representing federal, foundation and advocacy initiatives that are improving and reforming juvenile justice, nationwide, will present their thoughts and recommendations for leadership at the federal and congressional levels in support of states, communities, youth and families.

Presenters: Laurie R. Garduque, Program on Human and Community Development, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Illinois; Bart Lubow, Program for High Risk Youth, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Maryland; Hilary O. Shelton, Director, NAACP Washington Bureau, Washington, DC; Jeff Slowikowski, Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Washington, DC

Moderators: Ken Schatz, Chair, CJJ Government Relations Committee, and State Advisory Group Member, Vermont; Gina E. Wood, Chair, CJJ Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee, and State Advisory Group Member, Virginia

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Hill Day

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Hill Visits/Resource Packets Available

Hill Day Packets available! Conference attendees are encouraged to visit with their members of Congress to inform them of state and local needs, interests and accomplishments in juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, and to inform the progress of federal legislation and policy that supports best practices, including reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

THE COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE (CJJ) *CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE, 1984-2009*

Throughout the United States, citizen volunteers are appointed by governors/executives in each state and territory to offer their insights and expertise in the implementation of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP). The JJDP engages citizen advisors in a truly unique partnership by establishing State Advisory Groups that aim to improve juvenile justice and delinquency prevention in cooperation with local, state and federal government.

In 1984, as a result of the foresight and determination of State Advisory Group (SAG) leaders, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) was formed to serve as an independent, nonprofit association of the SAGs and

ensure a nationwide voice addressing urgent issues and best practices in juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.

Today, nearly 25 years later, CJJ remains true to its roots serving as the nation's sole organization governed and led by SAG leaders and allies. CJJ proudly represents a diverse body of more than 1,500 members dedicated to creating optimal delinquency prevention programs, policies and practices, and to ensuring that all court-involved youth are given opportunities to reclaim their lives and reconnect positively with family and community life.

Visit us on the Web: www.juvjustice.org