



Agenda: 2020 CJJ Virtual Annual Conference & Council of SAGS Meeting

Wednesday, November 18

Conference Opening, Workshops, CJJ Business and Regional Meetings

9:00 am - 10:30 am **General Session and Conference Welcome**

Welcoming Remarks: *Pastor Edward Palmer*, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Turning Points: Covid-19 and its Impact on Justice Reform

2020 has been a year filled with unexpected challenges. In the midst of those challenges though, we have seen unprecedented opportunities to reduce youth incarceration, address racial and ethnic disparities in our justice system and beyond, and to chart a new path forward using the lessons we've learned from this moment.

Speakers:

Lt. Carlos Camacho, Nashua Police Department, and Northeast Regional Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Pastor Edward Palmer, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Hon. Steve Teske, Chief Judge, Clayton County Juvenile Court, and Immediate Past Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Naomi Smoot Evans, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Moderator)

The Sky's the Limit: Building on the Momentum of Earlier Reforms

In 2016, Vermont became the first state in the country to include 18- and 19-year-olds in their juvenile justice system. Hear from local leaders on the lessons they have learned through that process and what's next on the horizon for the state's continuing reforms.

Speakers:

Karen Vastine, Former Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, Vermont Department of Children and Families

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Children and Families

Lael E. H. Chester, Director, Emerging Adult Justice Project, Columbia University Justice Lab

Kreig Pinkham, Chair, Vermont State Advisory Group and Executive Director, Washington County Youth Services Bureau

10:30 am - 10:35 am **Break (Don't forget to visit our exhibits)**

10:35 am - 12:05 pm **Concurrent Workshop Session #1**

A. Engaging Law Enforcement in Juvenile Justice System Reform: 3 State Advisory Groups' Strategies

State Advisory Groups (SAGs) focusing on reducing disproportionate minority contact and confinement in their juvenile justice systems are well-served by examining the gatekeeping role of law enforcement. Representatives and staffers of SAGs in Idaho, Maine and Georgia will describe strategies they use with law enforcement to improve and promote juvenile justice system reform efforts and report on the direct and collateral impacts of these initiatives.

Presenters:

Jonathan Shapiro, School Safety and Security Coordinator, Maine Department of Education

Lt. John Radford, Special Services Division Athens, Clarke County Georgia Police Department

Chelsea Newton, Program Specialist, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections

David Walker, Training Director, Strategies for Youth

B. Power in Partnership: Authentic Inclusion of Youth Voice in Juvenile Justice System Reform

Santa Clara County's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a collaborative effort, between the Santa Clara County Probation Department and the Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY) program, to produce positive system change through the inclusion of youth voice. Workshop participants will hear from members of the YAC and learn about Santa Clara County's efforts to engage youth voice in policy reform work, in a way that is meaningful and trauma informed.

Presenters:

Jasmine Davis, Deputy Probation Officer/Youth Advisory Council Coordinator, Santa Clara County Probation Department

Julia Cuevas, Youth Advisory Council Manager, Fresh Lifelines for Youth, INC. (FLY)

C. Resilience for Trauma-Informed Justice Professionals: Protecting Ourselves and Our Staff from Secondary Traumatic Stress and Vicarious Trauma

The call to create trauma-informed juvenile justice systems has been clearly sounded. However, less attention has been paid to the need to provide justice professionals with the tools needed to carry out trauma-informed practices in ways that protect them from the potential risks of secondary traumatic stress and vicarious trauma. This workshop will introduce participants to techniques to bolster resilience specifically in the context of working with traumatized youth in the justice system.

Presenter:

Patricia Kerig, Professor, University of Utah

D. Dreaming Big: Redefining Education, Opportunities and Access

The school-to-prison pipeline and criminal justice system labyrinth contribute to reduced student graduation rates, reduced lifetime earnings, and subsequently increased income inequality contributing to subsequent disparity gaps. In recent years Massachusetts, has implemented juvenile justice and criminal justice reform laws. Encouraged by these efforts is the renewed support for diversion programs. The Summer of Hope diversionary program coordinated high education institutions with at-risk system's involved individuals. Workshop participants will learn about the Massachusetts juvenile justice pipeline, methods of convening diversionary programs, and the outcomes from multi-organizational partnerships.

Presenters:

Maria Madison, Assistant Dean of Equity Inclusion and Diversity, Brandeis University

Janelle Ridley, Director of Strategic Initiatives, City of Boston

Max Brodsky, Program Manager, Brandeis University

Beverley Evans, Associate Professor, Lesley University

12:05 pm - 12:10 pm **Break (Don't forget to visit our exhibits)**

12:10 pm - 12:35 pm **Aloha Spirit: Mindfulness, Forgiveness, and Restorative Approaches to Youth Justice**

In 2014, Hawaii overhauled its juvenile justice system. At that time, Native Hawaiians were overrepresented in the justice system, along with other youth of color. Among the state's reforms was a focus on restorative justice and embracing the Aloha Spirit that had long been central to local culture.

Speakers:

JoYi Rhyss, Mindful Forgiveness Facilitator

Merton Chinen, Office of Youth Services Executive Director

12:35 pm - 1:30 pm

Optional Lunch and Learn Book Club

Join us for a discussion on selected titles. Participants should plan to read the book in advance of the conference and join other attendees for a guided conversation.

Book Club A: *Burning Down the House: The End of Juvenile Prison* by Nell Bernstein. This book shares stories of and humanizes youths who have suffered at the hands of the juvenile justice system and calls for the closure of America's harmful and counterproductive juvenile justice system.

Book Club B: *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander.

This book presents the history of race in America and examines mass incarceration not as a modern problem, but rather as the latest evolutionary form of systemic American racism.

Book Club C: *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique W. Morris.

This book chronicles the negative experiences and criminalization of Black girls in schools across the country, explores the policies and practices that push them out of school and into unhealthy and unstable futures, and seeks to interrupt their school-to-prison pipeline.

Book Club D: *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. This book aims to make conversations about race accessible to everyone despite the complex and emotionally-charged nature of the topic and aims to make readers aware of their own unwitting perpetuation of America's pervasive systemic racism.

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

General Session

The Provision of Educational and Related Services to Students with Disabilities in Juvenile Justice Facilities and COVID-19 Guidance

The U.S. Department of Education mandates educational and related services for all students, including students with disabilities. This presentation will review the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for students in juvenile justice facilities and share COVID-19 Guidance. Federal partners such as Title I Part D, OCTAE, and RSA will review additional services, and respective COVID-19 guidance.

Speakers: TBA

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #2

A. Youth-Led Strategies to Support Youth Experiencing Homelessness

This workshop will provide an opportunity for workshop participants to hear directly from youth with lived experience of homelessness and juvenile justice system involvement. The workshop will provide specific ways in which the justice system can support youth experiencing homelessness and help prevent homelessness among youth rather than sending them into a deeper trajectory of hardship and trauma.

Presenters:

Annika Olson, RILE Youth Advisory Committee Member, The Link

Beth Holger, CEO, The Link

B. SAG Leadership of Reforms to Remove Status Offenses from the Juvenile Justice System

The Washington DC SAG, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, is leading a local reform effort to remove all status offenses from the juvenile justice system and create a community-based, holistic, culturally- and trauma-responsive system of services to meet the needs of youth and families. This workshop will highlight the SAG's process and opportunity to lead the District toward this model.

Presenters:

Laura Furr, Owner, Laura Furr Consulting LLC

Melissa Milchman, Grants Management Specialist, Juvenile Justice, Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants

LaShelle Richmond, Youth Empowerment Program Manager *Sasha Bruce*, Youth Work

C. Behind the Masquerade: A Youth Led Dialogue on Grasstop and Grassroots Organizing to Create Solutions for Dual Status Youth

Residential treatment centers house the largest population of dual status youth in Harris County. Records show state investigators confirmed hundreds of violations at least 250 of them involving abuse, neglect and mistreatment. All of those centers remain in operation today. Our workshop will focus on new and emerging information that we are discovering from youth residing in RTC's, curriculum created to better support system involved youth and elevate their voice, and strategies to engage and activate community members into action to better help support these youth.

Presenters:

Dieter Cantu, Program Manager, Harris County Youth Collective

Charles Batiste, Youth and Community Specialist, Harris County Youth Collective

Annie Anthony, Youth and Community Specialist, Harris County Youth Collective

D. Teen Dating Violence: A Pathway to Domestic Child Sex Trafficking

This session seeks to address one of the underexplored entry points into domestic child sex trafficking (DCST) - through teen dating relationships. DCST involves similar power and control patterns and tactics present in intimate partner violence and dating violence. For justice system professionals, the first step in working with potential DCST victims is to recognize the complexity of their situation, which may include being trafficked by a dating partner.

Presenters:

Jessica Pearce, Senior Site Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Rebekah Tucci, Program Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

E. Probation Transformation: A Vision for Getting it Right

Annie E. Casey's 2018 report, *Transforming Juvenile Probation: A Vision for Getting it Right*, highlighted ways in which jurisdictions can—and are—fundamentally shifting their approach to juvenile probation. The paper was grounded in on-the-ground efforts across the country to move away from a surveillance and compliance focus and toward an orientation in which the primary aim of probation is to promote young people's long-term success. This workshop will take you through that vision from inception, to the components, and implementation.

Probation is the most frequently issued disposition for young people and is most heavily passed down to youth of color. We will discuss how if the system is not careful, probation can be a gateway to the deep end of the system.

Transforming probation is centered around leveling the playing field for youth of color, using probation as a liaison between the system and the community instead of a barrier, and forming relationships that will set up a youth for success within their community. Transforming probation is rooted in two pillars, diversion and refashioning probation, and this workshop will discuss how redesigning those two pillars is essential to transformation. From why this is needed, to what is needed, we will discuss what have been the barriers to using probation as it was originally designed.

Presenters:

Steve Bishop, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Senior Associate

Opal West, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Program Associate

John M. Cookus, AECF JJSJG Consultant and Assistant Professor Indiana University of Pennsylvania

3:30 pm - 3:35 pm

Break (Don't forget to visit our exhibits)

3:35 pm - 4:35 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #3

A. "But We Already Divert a Lot of Youth!": Revisiting Diversion with an Intentional Focus on Race, Equity, and Inclusion

Overrepresentation of youth of color begins at the earliest stages of the youth justice system and almost always worsens as youth move deeper into the system. To achieve significant reductions in racial and ethnic disparities, we must focus efforts on the front end of the system. Take away practical (and proven!) approaches for using diversion as an intentional strategy for reducing racial and ethnic disparities at the state and local level in this interactive session.

Presenters:

Tiana Davis, Policy Director for Equity and Justice, Center for Children's Law and Policy

Jason Szanyi, Deputy Director, Center for Children's Law and Policy

B. How to Respond to the Opioid Crisis in Your Jurisdiction: Engaging Youth & Families with Lived Experiences

As juvenile and family justice professionals, we develop policies and procedures and make decisions about system improvements. All of which effects the youth and families being served; however, these policies and decisions are often made without the input of people who have to navigate the systems we create. This can be especially true for youth and families impacted by the current opioid crisis. This session will highlight several strategies to engage people with lived experiences.

Presenters:

Wendy Schiller, Senior Site Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Andrew Wachter, Site Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

C. The End of Bricks and Mortar: Embracing Therapeutic Foster Care at the Dawn of Family First

If therapeutic foster care (TFC) had a song it would be "I can do anything you (congregate care) can do better." In Kentucky, TFC has been used by the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice to deal with some of the most challenging situations. Youth whose issues are more of a mental health nature than delinquency? An alternative to detention placement to serve a rural area with numbers too low to support an emergency shelter? A step-down from residential care for a sixteen-year-old, 6-foot-2 sex offender? TFC to the rescue.

Presenters:

Vicki Reed, Executive Director Kentucky Juvenile Justice Initiative

Rob Goodwin, Chief People Officer, NECCO (TFC Agency)

D. State and Local Leaders: Working with DOJ's Civil Rights Division to Protect the Rights of Justice System-Involved Youth

Through presentation, discussion, and a small group exercise, state and local leaders will develop an understanding of DOJ's juvenile justice civil rights enforcement work. Using case studies, participants will identify and propose remedies for civil rights violations, review DOJ's resolution of these violations, and consider the leadership role that stakeholders can play in achieving lasting reform. The case studies will address juveniles' right to counsel and protection from harm in secure juvenile justice facilities.

Presenters:

Deena Fox, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

Richard Goemann, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

Winsome Gayle, Special Litigation Counsel, United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

E. Building Women: Using Mentor & Civic Engagement to Heal & Empower Girls in the Juvenile Justice Context

The Osborne Association, from its offices in Harlem, Brooklyn, and the Bronx, operates interventions for youth who have incarcerated parents and/or justice system involvement of their own. These programs employ complementary approaches: (1) transformative mentoring and (2) civic engagement. Using exercises, role-plays, and stories, two direct-service staff and a former participant will present strategies for using these approaches to support girls and young women within a justice system chiefly designed for males.

Presenters:

Chantla Stokes, Youth Development Specialist, The Osborne Association

Thursday, November 19

Conference Plenary, Workshops, Awards Luncheon

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Plenary Session

Opening Remarks: Naomi Smoot Evans, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Pre-Court Diversion: What We Can Learn from New Research and State Experience

Juvenile justice decision makers want to adopt policies and programs that protect public safety, promote strong outcomes for youth, communities and families, and use juvenile justice funds effectively. For many youth, research shows that avoiding formal court processing can often lead to better outcomes and avoid the life consequences associated with system involvement. This panel will discuss recent research completed by the Urban Institute assessing the impact of Kentucky's enhanced diversion practices adopted in 2014 as part of the state's juvenile justice reforms. It will also highlight experiences from states implementing new approaches to diversion, including their efforts to reduce the number of youth unnecessarily referred to the system, as well as the racial and ethnic disparities that persist even as fewer youth enter.

Speakers:

TBA

Building Change: How Youth Leaders are Shaping Reform

Youth are essential partners in the work to improve the systems that serve them, bringing unique lived expertise and fresh perspectives. Join us to hear from the next generation of youth leaders on ways to improve systems and partner with youth.

Speakers:

Ali Abdulkadir, Youth Organizer, Maine Youth Justice Campaign

Sharday Hamilton, National Network for Youth, Youth Leader

Amanda Clifford, A Way Home America, Founding 8

Michelle Diaz, Coalition for Juvenile Justice National Vice Chair, Moderator

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #4

A. Reducing Populations and Impacts on Jurisdiction Long Term

Juvenile and family court judges play a critical role in the lives of youth and families who come into contact with the courts. Judge Steven Teske will share how he has significantly reduced the juvenile detention population in Clayton County, Georgia over the past decade, including during the Covid-19 pandemic. This workshop will provide strategic steps states and counties can take to reduce their use of detention and incorporate a youth-centered, collaborative

approach to juvenile justice. This presentation will build off of Judge Teske's recorded workshop released to conference registrants in June.

Presenters:

Hon. Steven Teske, Chief Presiding Judge, Clayton County Family Court, Georgia and Immediate Past National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

B. On Track: How can Juvenile Justice Systems Improve Employment Outcomes for Youth and Young Adults

As juvenile justice systems have moved to raise the age of jurisdiction and transition to an older average population, the needs of youth in the system are shifting. In response, Council of State Governments Justice Center partnered with Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators to conduct a 50-state survey on workforce development services provided to youth in juvenile justice systems. Join us as we dive into the key trends identified from the survey and discuss strategies for improving outcomes.

Presenters:

Jacob Agus-Kleinman, Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Nina Salomon, Deputy Director, Juvenile Justice Program, Council of State Governments Justice Center

C. Reel Talk – Group Cinematherapy for Adolescent Black Males

Males and African Americans represent two groups that traditionally shy away from counseling as a means of problem solving, therefore it was imperative to develop a method of intervention that is both effective and engaging for this population. Black adolescent males, particularly those living in an urban environment, represent a group that is vulnerable to a high degree of mental health problems. Being that there are few interventions that have been found to be successful with Black males, it was necessary to develop an effective therapeutic tool that can be used in treatment with this population. The literature indicates that both cinematherapy and group therapy are effective separately. Therefore, there is a high likelihood that these interventions would be effective collectively.

Presenter:

Jamaal Scott, Staff Psychologist, North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice

D. Relational Aggression in Teenage Girls-Quieting the “Mean Girl”

Relational aggression is a type of bullying that focuses more on sociometric status. This type of bullying is challenging for people to understand because of the concealed methods used by its perpetrators and the victim’s hesitancy to report or address the issue. Often it is difficult for victims to identify that they are victims. This presentation will help teach methods to help identify victims and lead them to a path of empowerment in their communities.

Presenters:

Jodie Fairbank, Assistant Professor, Husson University

E. Unveiling of the Juvenile Probation Policy Scan

Join the Annie E. Casey Foundation in partnership with NCSL for the national unveiling of a first of its kind juvenile probation policy scan. The criminal justice field will now have access to comprehensive nationwide web-based information on state policies on juvenile probation. The scan details every state’s policy on juvenile probation, including eligibility requirements, probation conditions, sanctions for non-compliance, fees, data collection schemes, structure and financing, and probation officer requirements throughout the 50 states.

Presenters:

Anne Teigen, Program Director, Criminal Justice Program, National Conference of State Legislators

Michael Hartman, Research Analyst, Criminal Justice Program, National Conference of State Legislators

Steve Bishop, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Senior Associate

12:30 pm - 12:40 pm

Break (Don’t forget to visit our exhibits)

12:40 pm - 2:00 pm

CJJ 2020 Awards Luncheon

CJJ Welcome and Moderator: *Michelle Diaz*, National Vice Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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:

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

Keynote:

Presenter: *TBA*

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #5

A. Youth Leadership... More than services

This workshop will help you learn about what it means to build youth up that have touched the Behavioral Health System and other cross system services. Learn from an expert who has have incorporated this into the lives of many youth. This youth Leader will share their lived experience in the system and how they were able to use that experience to mentor and promote leadership. She will also talk about the exciting ways Washington State is incorporating youth peer support and youth voice in Behavioral health treatment models, committees, councils and conferences. You will also learn about the exciting changes going on across the State and nationally for youth peer leadership, Washington State is currently building a Statewide youth network to support youth peer support and leadership. These are the leaders that are making it happen. You will be inspired by their stories, their faith, and their dedication to youth leadership. The Youth are our future- let's build them up for it!

Presenter:

Evelyn Clark, Youth Liaison, Washington State Health Care Authority

B. Listen Up! How Creative Partnerships and a Heightened Focus on System Dynamics Are Shaping Teen Pregnancy Prevention for Youth in Juvenile Justice

The Office of Population Affairs (OPA) is increasingly leveraging innovative methods, including systems thinking and youth-centered design, for addressing complex public health issues like STD/STI and pregnancy rate disparities for youth in juvenile justice. This workshop will highlight how OPA has applied such methods to unique partnerships with grantees, including through a Youth Listening Session with Urban Strategies and a Pop-Up Workshop, and explore how these opportunities have advanced local and federal public health efforts.

Presenters:

Elizabeth Laferriere, Public Health Analyst, Office of Population Affairs, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Nicole Bennett, Innovation and Demonstration Team Lead, Office of Population Affairs, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

John Lewis, Southern California Director, Urban Strategies

Adam Zaragoza, Homies Unidos

John Torres, Homies Unidos

C. Unpopular: Ways to Support and Rehabilitate Youth Charged with Violent Offenses

Although only five percent of youth in the system are accused of violent crimes, there is little literature or tangible action plans discussing how best to serve these youth, who are still being sent to outdated and ineffective youth prisons, or even worse, being automatically transferred to the adult system. We hope to make recommendations on how to limit and to restructure secure confinement so it benefits both children and the society to which they will return.

Presenters:

Jessica Kelley, Government Affairs Manager / Criminal Justice, R Street Institute

D. Collaboration for Change: How Cincinnati & Connecticut Uniquely Approach Coordinating Juvenile Justice and Homeless Services

Interactions with the juvenile justice system on any level put at youth at greater risk for homelessness. With the additional wisdom of two youth advisory council members, this session will examine how two communities sought to utilize data to building coalitions and effectuate policy change.

Presenters:

Sarah Henry, Attorney, Children's Law Center

Alicia Woodsby, Senior Policy Advisory, Partnership for Strong Communities

Stacey Violante Cote, Director of Operations, Center for Children's Advocacy

E. Family-Engaged Case Planning: A Critical Component of Probation Transformation

Annie E. Casey's 2018 report, *Transforming Juvenile Probation: A Vision for Getting it Right*, highlighted ways in which jurisdictions can—and are—fundamentally shifting their approach to juvenile probation. The paper was grounded in on-the-ground efforts across the country to move away from a surveillance and compliance focus and toward an orientation in which the primary aim of probation is to promote young people's long-term success.

This workshop focuses on one of the most important of these on-the-ground efforts—reinventing the initial stage of the probation process, case planning, to be one that places family engagement and partnership front and center.

Presenters:

Annie Salsich, Consultant and Technical Assistance Advisor, Case Commons, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Stu Berry, Consultant and Technical Assistance Advisor, Case Commons, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Ana Bermudez, Commissioner of New York City Probation

3:00 pm - 3:05 pm

Break (Don't forget to visit our exhibits)

3:05 pm - 4:05 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #6**A. It was all a Dream: The Journey from Negative to Positive –Volumes I and II**

“It was all a dream...” the unforgettable introduction to “Juicy” – a classic and gripping hip-hop song by The Notorious B.I.G. – sets the landscape for the Journey that two Oregon Youth Development Council Youth Council members will take you on. Maricela Ortega-Guzman and Bobby Tsow have unfortunately lived the life Juvenile Justice Stakeholders strive to prevent and intervene. This is their raw, unfiltered account. They – along with the Oregon Youth Development Division – will challenge you to ACT.

Presenters:

Sonji Moore, Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator, Oregon Department of Education Youth Development Division

Maricela Ortega-Guzman, Grants Coordinator, Verde

Bobby Tsow, Youth Justice Coordinator, Next Up Oregon

B. Challenging Municipal Fines for Youth: Unburdening Youth and Families

In Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and jurisdictions across the country, young people under 18 face municipal fines stemming from court involvement. Although youth do not face jail time for summary offenses, municipal fines cause emotional and financial stress for youth and families, heighten racial and economic disparities in the justice systems, and increase recidivism rates. By relying on Supreme Court jurisprudence and recent legislative reforms, advocates for youth can create protections for youth facing municipal fines.

Presenters:

Michael Joseph, Economic Justice Fellow, Juvenile Law Center

Adrienne Kosinski, Assistant Public Defender, Juvenile Delinquency Unit
Montgomery County Public Defender

Leslie Paik, Associate Professor, Sociology Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership, City College of the City University of New York

C. Rising Tides: Working with Tribal Nations to Support Tribal Youth Success

This workshop will explore the historic background of tribal nations and juvenile justice in Indian Country. We will look at current roadblocks that American Indian and Alaska Native youth face in juvenile justice systems today, innovative tribal juvenile justice programs, and how states can partner with tribal nations to forge better outcomes for tribal youth.

Presenter:

Kelbie Kennedy, Policy Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

D. Break the Pipeline

In this workshop, attendees will learn how fighting for restorative- justice-based school discipline and advocating for special education services can promote better outcomes in juvenile defense. Additionally, participants will learn how a juvenile defense that integrates educational advocacy into a holistic approach can promote better and lasting educational outcomes that set up clients for more successful futures.

Presenters:

Stacie Nelson Colling, Juvenile Defense Coordinator, Colorado Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel

Elie Zwiebel, Juvenile Civil Rights Attorney, Elie Zwiebel, LLC & Colorado Juvenile Defender Center

E. Diversion Reimagined: Not Every Kid That Breaks the Law Needs a Probation Officer

In Casey's publication *Transforming Juvenile Probation*, diversion receives as much attention as probation. Why? Nationally, diversion continues to be under-used despite research that most youth will naturally age out of problem behaviors and that formal system involvement can harm youth who might otherwise be diverted. Presenters will walk you through Casey's vision for community-led diversion and why it is necessary.

Diversion is not only under-used, but is often overly formal in practice. For hundreds of thousands of legally diverted youth, their experience has looked and felt like traditional probation. This session will explore the untapped opportunities and benefits of significantly increasing pre-adjudication diversion and shifting responsibility for diversion to community-based organizations. With clear guidelines and dedicated resources, diversion can be an opportunity to counter disparities and reduce deeper system involvement for youth of color, while helping the entire system function more effectively.

Hear the specifics of how L.A. County has put this in place, their results, their dedication to race equity, and how they have sustained this work for over 40 years.

The learning objectives for this workshop will include: 1) overview of the issue and its current status, 2) learning principles, 3) current and future practice implications, and 4) skills or tools to take away from the session.

Presenters:

Jaquita Monroe, Senior Associate, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Jessica Ellis, Centinela Youth Services, Los Angeles County

Taylor Schooley, Department of Human Services, Los Angeles County

4:05 pm - 4:10 pm

Break (Don't forget to visit our exhibits)

4:10 pm - 5:10 pm

Concurrent Workshop Session #7

A. We Care About Our Education: How our Involvement in Institutional Placements & Group Settings Impacted our Educational Experiences and How Adults Can Support Us in Leading Change

This interactive workshop will foreground Youth Advocates' policy recommendations and courtroom practice recommendations to ameliorate barriers to successful educational reentry, especially credit transfer, for youth exiting juvenile justice facilities. It will also highlight new national data and recommended legislative solutions. After hearing from a panel of Youth Advocates and staff presenters, participants will break into small groups facilitated by Youth Advocates to create action plans for practice, courtroom, or policy reform to improve educational reentry.

Presenters:

Kate Burdick, Senior Attorney, Juvenile Law Center

Marcia Hopkins, Senior Manager, Youth Advocacy Programs and Policy, Juvenile Law Center

B. Making It Count: How SOGIE Data Collection Can Transform Youth Justice

This session guides participants in a learning journey about the pathways into and out of the juvenile justice system for LGBTQ/GNCT youth, particularly those of color. Participants will explore new data from our national Whole Youth Project; be guided through a research quiz that highlights opportunities for systems to improve practices; and use their expertise to develop strategies to redirect this population away from the system.

Presenters:

Dr. Angela Irvine, Principal Investigator, Ceres Policy Research

C. A Court System Response to Racial & Ethnic Disparities

In 2014, Kentucky experienced sweeping reforms to the Kentucky Juvenile Code which expanded access to diversion in an attempt to prevent youth from progressing deeper into the juvenile justice system and focus the most intensive resources on the most serious offenders. The results have been incredible with youth access to diversion increasing by 36% and youth detention rates dropping by 10%. Although highly successful, the reforms have made apparent the disproportionate and disparate outcomes for youth of color that have contact with Kentucky's Juvenile Justice System.

Presenters:

Rachel Bingham, Executive Officer for the Department of Family & Juvenile Services, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts

Pastor Edward Palmer, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

D. Building State and Local Capacity to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities: The New York State Equity and Youth Justice Policy Academy

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Youth Justice and the Center for Children’s Law and Policy partnered to create a new training, technical assistance, and skill- building opportunity for youth justice professionals throughout the state. It is designed to support local officials in their efforts to implement policies and reforms that target areas of significant racial and ethnic disparity in the youth justice system.

Presenters:

Trista Deame, Chief of Criminal Justice Program Planning and Development, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services

Tiana Davis, Policy Director for Equity and Justice, Center for Children’s Law and Policy

Jason Szanyi, Deputy Director, Center for Children’s Law and Policy

E. Connecting Vision to Reality: One Jurisdiction’s Story of Bringing Equity to Probation and in Organizational Culture

This workshop will highlight the need for probation reform and expand on the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s vision for transformation. Real life examples will be shared of Opportunity- Based Probation (based on research), community connections, and partnerships with families and youth that support court-involved youth. Pierce will also share their journey to bring equity to their own department.

Presenters:

Scott McDonald, Consultant, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Friday, November 20

Council of State Advisory Groups, Conference Closing

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Council of SAGs Meeting & Executive Board Investiture

All conference attendees are welcome to attend this annual meeting of CJJ’s policy-setting body, comprising CJJ Member State Advisory Groups.

Facilitated by: *Pastor Edward Palmer*, National Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice