

CJJ is accepting applications for our 2019 Emerging Leaders Committee!

CJJ is looking for young people ages 16-24 who are passionate about juvenile justice system improvement to join our 2019 Emerging Leaders Committee (ELC). The current ELC is made up of youth SAG members, individuals with lived expertise, and young people who are interested in justice reform. ELC members receive opportunities for professional development, and actively participate in ELC projects such as planning and executing the Annual Youth Summit.



To apply for the 2019 ELC Committee, submit a resume, application, and letter of recommendation [here](#). The deadline for new members to apply for the ELC is November 6th!

2018 CJJ DMC Conference

The deadline to register for this year's DMC conference is approaching fast! The 2018 DMC Conference will take place Nov. 27-30th at the [Baltimore Marriott Waterfront](#) in Baltimore, MD.

The three day conference will include workshops and plenary sessions that explore ways states are "Claiming the Future: Uniting to End Disparities". The registration link for this event can be found [here](#). For a copy of the latest draft agenda, please click [here](#).

DMC Conference Registration Rates

Late Registration
Oct. 2 - Nov. 12

\$455/members
\$555/non-members
\$195/Full-time Students
\$152/Day Rate members
\$185/ Day Rate non-members

Federal Policy Update



**JOIN US TO TELL CONGRESS THE
#JJDPAMATTERS**

Congress is closer than ever to reauthorizing the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A)!

Earlier in the 115th Congress, both the House and Senate approved bills that would update the country's main federal law on juvenile justice. Key differences exist between Senate Bill 860 and House Bill 1809 that will need to be addressed before the bill can become law. Specifically, the two bills differed on whether to phase out the Valid Court Order (VCO) exception, a provision that enables young people to be detained for status offenses if their behavior violates a judicial order. The bills also differ on whether to incorporate parts of the Youth PROMISE Act into Title V of the JJDP A.

On Sept. 28, the House passed compromise language, HR 6964, that would address and remedy the differences between the two bills. HR 6964 would not include a VCO phaseout, but would incorporate the Youth PROMISE Act in Title V. The Senate will now need to approve compromise language in order to reauthorize the JJDP A.

The Act was last reauthorized in 2002. Click [here](#) to contact your member of Congress and let them know that our kids can't wait, the time is now to pass the JJDP A.

Upcoming Webinars

[Measuring Educational Opportunity in Juvenile Justice Schools](#)

October 29 at 3:00pm Eastern

As a whole, education programs in secure facilities are not as good as they need to be, and many systems do not have strong data collection practices in place to inform strong policy and program decision-making. Advocates know that high-quality education is one of the essential components of a rehabilitative juvenile justice program, but the deficits in these programs mean young people return to their communities even farther behind in school and are at greater risk of dropping out entirely.

During this webinar, Bellwether Education Partners will discuss their comprehensive analysis of education data for juvenile justice facilities in every state. They will also offer recommendations for providers to improve accuracy in data reporting for future data collections, connect system leaders interested in improving education opportunities to resources, and preview the follow-up analysis of 2015-16 data.

Presenters include:

To register, click [here](#)!

[Emerging Leaders Present: Adolescent Brain Development](#)

November 7 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern

In this webinar, Nicholas Turco, a member of CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee, will discuss his personal research on how trauma affects adolescent brain development.

Studies in neuroscience have revealed that the effect of trauma on a young person's brain exacerbate the at times impulsive nature of adolescents, and make it more likely for young people to become justice involved. Up to 90% of all young people involved in the juvenile justice system have experienced complex trauma. This presentation seeks to cover how trauma affects the developing brain. It paints in broad strokes what types of policy and practice are needed to support youth who have survived trauma and help them transition out of the juvenile justice system and into positive and fulfilling lives.

This webinar is part of an ongoing series featuring members of CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee.

Presenters include:

Nicholas Turco, Member of CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee

This webinar is free to attend. To register, click [here](#) today!

Webinars are free to CJJ members. To become a member, click [here](#).

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 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 for more details.



Member Spotlight: Georgia

This summer, the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) published the *Disproportionate Minority Contact in Georgia's Juvenile Justice System: A Three Prong Approach to Analyzing DMC in Georgia*.



The Georgia Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group (SAG) commissioned the Georgia SAC to conduct a Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) identification study and assessment with the goal of identifying emerging trends and determining where intervention strategies can be most effectively implemented. The completed analysis used a mixed method, three-phase approach to evaluating DMC in Georgia.

Notably, the analysis produced five recommendations for addressing DMC moving forward. These five recommendations are: reducing DMC at referral, targeting intervention efforts to those counties with sustained disproportionality, reducing the use of certain disciplinary measures at the school level, analyzing individual-level data for differential offending, and utilizing enhanced data collection methods to shape specialized interventions.

To read *Disproportionate Minority Contact in Georgia's Juvenile Justice System: A Three Prong Approach to Analyzing DMC in Georgia*, click [here](#).

Jeff Butts, Mass., Recognized for System Reform Efforts

On September 20 at the JDAI Massachusetts Awards Breakfast Ceremony, Jeff Butts received the "Standing Ovation" Award for his outstanding contributions to the work of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative in Massachusetts. Jeff Butts is a LICSW in the Greater Boston area. He has Chaired CJJ's Government Relations Committee since 2014.



Other News and Events

EVENTS AND TRAININGS

- The 2019 CJJ Annual Conference will take place June 19-22 in Washington D.C. Stay tuned for additional details regarding registration!
- Join Rights4Girls and the Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality on Girls' Justice Day, Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 5 PM to 7 PM for a reception and poetry reading to celebrate the launch of their new publication, *I am the Voice: Girls' Reflections from Inside the Justice System*. To RSVP for this event, click [here](#).
- On November 5, from 4 to 5 p.m. ET, the [Positive Youth Outcomes](#)

[Committee](#) of the [Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators](#) will host a webinar titled "[Providing Special Needs Education Services](#)." To register, click [here](#).

NEW PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

- The Campaign for Youth Justice (CFYJ) released its report "[Is it Enough: Implementation of PREA's Youthful Inmate Standard](#)" in recognition of the 15th Anniversary of the [Prison Rape Elimination Act](#) (PREA).
- A new [toolkit](#) from the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators, entitled Facility Closures and Strategic Downsizing of Juvenile Justice Systems, provides guidance to help juvenile justice agencies on two fronts.
- The National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) recently released an article, [New Research and Juvenile Justice Reforms Help Kids Who Commit Crimes Get Back on the Right Track](#), on the ways that research impacts juvenile justice reform
- The Center for Law and Social Policy's (CLASP) new report, "[Unjustice: Overcoming Trump's Rollbacks on Youth Justice](#)", provides an analysis of selected United States Department of Justice policies and actions that have negative implications on youth and young adults of color. The report also offers youth, community advocates, and policymakers an anti-incarceration framework to combat harmful law-and-order policies and a set of initial civic engagement actions to take.

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

Contact the editor!

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