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CJJ Welcomes Members and Allies to the 2017 Annual Conference!

This morning CJJ welcomed more than 350 people from 44 states and territories to our Annual Conference, "[Access, Accountability, & Advocacy: Addressing Educational, Physical, and Mental Health Needs in the Juvenile Justice System](#)". The conference runs through June 17 and is taking place at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. The event will focus on ways to address the health and educational needs of at risk youth, and youth who are currently in the juvenile justice system.



The conference also gives members an opportunity to meet with federal legislators to discuss the importance of juvenile justice reform.

CJJ Announcements

CJJ Releases Three New Publications on Homelessness and Juvenile Justice

As part of the ongoing Collaboration for Change project, CJJ has released a series of new products.

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice published a report that addresses the intersections of youth homelessness and juvenile justice involvement as it relates to girls. Nearly 30% of youth arrested are girls or young women and they often spend twice as long in detention facilities for status offenses as compared to boys. Stakeholders can improve outcomes by participating in gender-responsive care practices. Make sure to read the full [report](#) on the CJJ homepage.

The second report focuses on LGBTQ youth. LGBTQ youth experience increased levels of homelessness and are disproportionately more likely to be involved in the juvenile justice system in comparison to their peers. In the United States, at any one time there are approximately 260,000 youth in the foster care system. Approximately 5 to 10 percent identify as LGBTQ. Communities and stakeholders should work together to decrease the amount of youth homelessness as a result of juvenile justice involvement. Read the full [report](#) on the CJJ homepage.

CJJ also published a [report](#) analyzing the intersections of juvenile justice and youth involvement and the steps that communities can take to address this issue. Each year, over 1 million youth will have some involvement with law enforcement or the juvenile justice system. For some youth, however, this involvement comes from a result of 'survival crimes.' For instance, homeless youth may be arrested for stealing food as a result of hunger. Youth-serving professionals can work together to implement meaningful change and appropriate services to at risk youth. For the full report click [here](#). For our executive summary click [here](#).

This project is made possible through the generous support of the Raikes Foundation, Tow Foundation, and the Melville Charitable Trust.

Upcoming CJJ Webinars

Join CJJ's webinar on July 27 at 2 p.m. Eastern to learn more about the intersections of juvenile justice and human trafficking, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking. The webinar will include several ways in which states and communities can create and implement effective solutions to human trafficking and how to provide the necessary services to victims. Make sure to register for the webinar [here](#).

Questions?

Please click here or email info@juvjustice.org.

Federal Updates

President Trump's Budget and Juvenile Justice

President Trump released his proposed budget for FY'18 on May 23. Federal allocations for juvenile justice, were as follows:

- \$58 million for Title II programs
- \$17 million for delinquency prevention programs, including gang and youth violence education, resources for children with incarcerated parents, and competitive grant programs for girls in the juvenile justice system
- \$58 million for youth mentoring programs
- \$500,000 for competitive grant programs to support emergency planning for state and local juvenile justice facilities

To access the full outline of juvenile justice programs receiving federal allocations, click [here](#).

Reauthorization of JJDPA

On May 23, the House passed a bipartisan bill [H.R. 1809](#) to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974. The reauthorization focuses on prevention and includes reforms such as phasing out the valid court order exception, prioritizing evidence based strategies, and improving accountability and oversight at all levels of the juvenile justice system. To tell your Senator to support passage of JJDPA as well, click [here](#).

FACJJ State Survey

The Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) conducted a survey analyzing state's programs and priorities related to juvenile justice. All states that responded indicated that reducing disproportionate minority contact is a priority for them. Data sharing and combating truancy also ranked high on the list of state priorities. In regards to federal policies that state's felt were most important, the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization is a high priority for almost all states that responded. Stay tuned for future updates and additional details on the survey and its findings.

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Member and Partner News

The National Network for Youth has launched the "I Love RHYA" campaign to show their support for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) reauthorization and appropriations advocacy for FY'18. This campaign urges service providers, educators, and all who are

concerned with the well-being of homeless children, to send a letter to your U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative demonstrating your support for this act and its programs.

Other News and Announcements

EVENTS AND TRAININGS

- Don't miss out on the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges \(NCJFCJ\) 80th Annual Conference](#) at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C. held on June 16-19. The four day conference will address family law, juvenile justice, and child welfare from various perspectives. Make sure to register for the conference [here](#).
- The National Association for Counsel for Children welcomes you to attend [The 40th National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference](#) from August 9-12 at New Orleans, Louisiana. The conference will host top leaders in family law, child welfare, and juvenile justice. Register [here](#).

NEW PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES:

- The Center for the Study of Social Policy released [Bridging the Language Gap in Child Welfare](#).
- [Understanding Youth Thrive](#), released by the Center for the Study of Social Policy highlights several protective factors that mitigate risk.

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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