Every year, CJJ hosts a conference focusing specifically on the issue of racial and ethnic disparities (R/ED) in the juvenile justice system. These conferences give juvenile justice stakeholders from around the country an opportunity to share strategies and explore solutions to this serious problem. This year’s conference will bring together stakeholders working to fight disparities at the local, state, and national levels, as well as the larger juvenile justice community.

CJJ’s 2022 R/ED Conference focuses on ways that young people and their communities, as well as schools, court officials, advocacy groups, and State Advisory Groups can work together to combat racial and ethnic disparities (R/ED).
Each year, Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) leaders, members, and allies gather to recognize and celebrate one individual who exemplifies excellence, dedication, and commitment to addressing and ending racial and ethnic disparities (R/ED) within the youth justice system.

CJJ hopes the awardees' work inspires others to serve their communities with the same distinction.
CRAIG HARGROW
ANDREW SMITH AWARDEE

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) is honored to present the 2022 Andrew Smith Award to Craig Hargrow of Tennessee.

This award is given annually to recognize the legacy of Andrew Smith, who made significant impacts as a Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator and was the creator of the Mirror Project, an effort to bring together law enforcement and youth.

Craig Hargrow has served as a child advocate for more than 22 years. He has worked as an attorney representing children and families on a variety of issues impacting children as a trial and managing attorney with the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services. He was juvenile court magistrate for the Montgomery County Juvenile Court in Tennessee.

Currently, he is an employee of the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) where he advocates for children as the Director of the Tennessee Second Look Commission, as the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator for Tennessee, General Counsel, and the Deputy Executive Director.
Among his many efforts focused on addressing racial and ethnic disparities (R/ED) in Tennessee, he has successfully planned and coordinated state and local efforts to address R/ED in Tennessee, including providing training and technical assistance to juvenile court staff and other stakeholders within the juvenile justice system to give them a better understanding of R/ED and how it impacts lives of children of color who are involved with or at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system.

Mr. Hargrow has been a support and mentor for many R/ED Coordinators. He has also been involved with the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinators Certificate Program. He is always willing to assist his coworkers and others and answer questions. He consistently encourages others to make a positive difference in a child’s life.

CJJ is excited to honor Mr. Hargrow as this year's Andrew Smith Awardee.
PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

ANDREW SMITH (NH), 2019
ANNA LOPEZ (CO), 2020
WILLIAM JERNIGAN, (MD) 2021
CRAIG HARGROW (TN), 2022
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