2018 National Conference on Juvenile Justice
San Diego, California ~ March 18 - 21, 2018

Agenda for Program Guide

Sunday, March 18, 2018
1:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Conference Registration, Membership, and Information
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Film Screening: They Call Us Monsters
   Benjamin Lear, Producer/Director, Bunim/Murray Productions
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception and Exhibits Networking

Monday, March 19, 2018
6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Basic Yoga
   The benefits of attending a national conference often include the ability to leave the office behind, expand your mind, and seek out a bit of self-care. As a participant of the National Conference on Juvenile Justice, we want to offer you an opportunity to start your day with a gentle yoga that may help you find some balance. Instructed by NCJFCJ's very own Jennifer Donovan, you won't want to miss this incredible way to ease yourself into the day.

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Coffee Break & Networking
7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Exhibit Hours
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8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Conference Welcome and Keynote Address - Resilience in Recovery
   Judge Anthony Capizzi, Montgomery County Juvenile Court, Dayton, OH
   Joey Orduna Hastings, Chief Executive Officer, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV
   Devin Reaves, MSW, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Harm Reduction Coalition, Philadelphia, PA
   Our nation is grappling with an opioid epidemic that is killing 144 people a day. The criminal justice system and specifically specialty courts are on the front line of that epidemic; adjudicating individuals with substance use disorders and interfacing directly with their families. Embracing recovery and acknowledging that justice will best be served by guiding individuals on a path to wellness that Devin himself has walked will be the focus of the Opening Keynote Address.

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Conference Break & Networking
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Sessions A-1 - A-6
The Judiciary Role in Promoting Police and Youth Engagement

Kevin Bethel (Ret.), MS, Youth Justice Fellow, Stoneleigh Foundation, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
Judge Joan Byer (Ret.), Bowles & Byer Family Law Mediation, Louisville, KY
William Lewis, College Student, Middle Georgia State University, Aviation Science, Jonesboro, GA
Scott Pestridge, MPP, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Program, Washington, DC
Michael Sullivan, Deputy Chief of Police/Chief of Staff, Louisville Metro Police Department, Louisville, KY
Chief Judge Steven Teske, Juvenile Court Judge, Clayton Judicial Circuit, Jonesboro, GA

This session will highlight the important role that judges play as the convener of stakeholders to address issues that impact the community, the court, and the youth and families they serve. Participants will learn of resources to support police and youth engagement in their communities and will hear from judges and law enforcement executives on how they have successfully promoted police and youth engagement. NCJFCJ's School Pathways to the Juvenile Justice System Project and OJJDP's Police and Youth Engagement Institute will be highlighted. As civic leaders, judges have a distinct responsibility to bring together community stakeholders to address issues that impact the community, the court, and the youth and families they serve. Judges are in the ideal position to convene stakeholders across systems and community partners to collaboratively plan and implement strategies to address school pathways to the juvenile justice system. Two Key Principles of a juvenile delinquency court of excellence support the judge's role as the convener in this effort (National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 2005): FROM The "Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases": KEY PRINCIPLE: Juvenile delinquency court judges should engage in judicial leadership and encourage system collaboration. The juvenile delinquency court judge should regularly convene system stakeholders and the community to promote mutual respect and understanding within the juvenile delinquency court system, and to work together to improve the system. KEY PRINCIPLE: The juvenile delinquency court should engage the school and other community support systems as stakeholders in each individual youth's case. The juvenile delinquency court enhances a youth's chance for success by working with school systems and other community support systems. The need to address a youth's educational functioning cannot be overemphasized, as education is a critical factor in every youth's potential success.

Judicial Alternatives to Certifying Youth As Adults

Judge Rhonda Hurley, District Judge, 98th District Court, Austin, TX
Judge Katherine Lucero, Supervising Judge, Juvenile Justice Courthouse, San Jose, CA
Marcy Mistrett, MA, Chief Executive Officer, Campaign for Youth Justice, Washington, DC

Prior to the 1990's, the United States transferred very few youth into the adult criminal justice system. Those who were transferred had individual case review by a trained juvenile court judge. In the past 20 years, judicial transfer has become the least used mechanism for transfer. However, legislative reforms may change this. This session will explore factors for judges to consider prior to transfer, and alternatives to transfer that may increase public safety and protect youth. Juvenile Court Judges are uniquely positioned to advance alternatives to certification for youth that take a balanced approach to adolescent development and public safety. Deepening their understanding of where effective interventions can occur benefit communities and young people.
This workshop provides judges and court staff with information on best practices for courts issuing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) findings in cases involving abused, abandoned or neglected immigrant children and will be introducing the newly released State Justice Institute funded national Bench Book for State Court Judges on SIJS. Provide access to legally accurate information to help courts provide just outcomes in cases involving immigrant children. The topics to be covered in the training will include: Application of state laws and evidence rules to SIJS proceedings including service of process and jurisdiction; An overview of the wide range proceedings in which SIJS orders can be issued by state court judges; A discussion of the of how state best interests laws are to be applied to each of the required SIJS findings; Best practices for drafting SIJS orders that are detailed and clearly articulate the state court's interest and obligations under state law to issue orders in the child's best interests; Answers from experts to all participants regarding SIJS questions.

Juvenile Mental Health Courts: Specialized Dockets
Supporting Youth with Mental Illness

H. Abbie Erler, Associate Professor of Political Science, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH
Sarah Jensen, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH

Based off the success of drug courts, mental health courts treat mentally ill offenders by connecting participants with mental health services and overseeing participants' progression through regular status hearings, intensive probation, and a system of rewards and sanctions. This presentation discusses the necessity of recognizing the unique challenges of mental illness within the court structure. Mental Health Courts (MHCs) have increased in prevalence across the country as court systems seek ways to better serve repeat offenders with severe mental illnesses. Building on the success of drug courts, MHCs treat mentally ill offenders by connecting participants with mental health services and overseeing participants' progression through regular status hearings, intensive probation, and a graduated system of rewards and sanctions. While MHCs are often modeled on drug courts, this paper argues that there are crucial differences in the underlying problems that these specialized courts seek to address. While drug addiction and mental illness may share some common features, we argue that the relationship/connection between mental illness and criminality is theoretically distinct from that of drug addiction and criminality. While Substance Use Disorder is classified as mental illness, treatment for substance abuse varies from the treatment of other mental illnesses. What works for drug courts may not be appropriate for mental health courts and vice versa, yet these types of courts are often identical in their structure and major features. Based on our work with a juvenile mental health court in Ohio we argue that courts need to recognize the distinct challenges that mental illnesses pose and craft mental health court programs that address these specific issues.
A-5

Achieving Positive Outcomes for Crossover Youth through
Youth and Family Engagement

Judge Douglas Johnson, Douglas County Separate Juvenile Court, Omaha, NE

Shawne Johnson Coonfare, MA, Director, Douglas County Juvenile Assessment
Center, Omaha, NE

Ryan Spohn, Ph.D., Director, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE

Margaret Vacek, MA, Director of Advocacy & Public Policy, Boys Town, Boys Town, NE

The session describes Youth Impact! A backbone organization developed to implement the
Crossover Youth Practice Model in Douglas County, Nebraska. Youth Impact! empowers youth
and families to have a voice in decisions affecting their lives and has been shown to have
positive outcomes while providing cost savings to Douglas County. Attendees will gain valuable
insight into how to engage youth and families differently to prevent the need for multi-system
involvement. Participants will understand the unique needs of crossover youth and how the
CYPM is designed to address these needs; understand how the CYPM was implemented in
Douglas County, Nebraska; gain insight into how the role of the youth and family voice is
elevated at all key system decision points; and understand what outcomes have been produced
by Youth Impact! And the financial costs and benefits of the implementation and administration
of the program.

A-6

Is Justice Blind? Enhancing Equity in Juvenile Justice
through Culturally Responsive Practices

Tiana Davis, MSW, Policy Director for Equity and Justice, Center For Children's Law
and Policy, Washington, DC

George Tsagaris, Ph.D., LISW-S, MS, Assistant Professor, Cleveland State University,
School of Social Work, Cleveland, OH

For several decades, researchers, policymakers and practitioners have collected volumes of
data documenting racial, ethnic and cultural disparities, dispelling the myth of blindness in the
juvenile justice system. To ensure greater equity for all youth, juvenile justice professionals must
work proactively to address systemic racial, ethnic and cultural disparities, while responding to
the individual risks, needs, and cultural characteristics of youth and their families and
communities. This workshop explores barriers to equitable and effective juvenile justice practice
in our increasingly diverse society and highlights skills and strategies that juvenile justice
practitioners can employ to improve cultural responsiveness. By employing a culturally
responsive and strengths-based approach at all levels, only then can juvenile justice
practitioners begin to address racial, ethnic and cultural disparities, enhance equity and improve
outcomes for all youth, families and communities.

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  Conference Break & Networking
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  Sessions B-1 - B-6

B-1

10 Juvenile Justice Trends You Should Know About-And
How To Stay Current

Melissa Sickmund, Ph.D., Director, National Center for Juvenile Justice, National
Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Pittsburgh, PA
B-2  
**Your Future is S.A.F.E with Us: Countering Juvenile Crime Rates through Truancy Intervention**

Lesli Burk, New Braunfels ISD  
Student Services

Judge Charles Stephens II, Comal County Court at Law #2, New Braunfels, TX

Lesley Wilson, Juvenile Probation Officer, Comal County Juvenile Probation Department, New Braunfels, TX

Too many children are graduating with degrees from the school of hard knocks, perpetuating a vicious cycle of continued involvement in the criminal justice system. This presentation will address the paralleled rates relating to juvenile crime and truancy along with Comal County's approach to decreasing delinquency through attendance intervention.

B-3  
**Access to Juvenile Justice Irrespective of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Gender Expression**

Justice Jay Blitzman, First Justice, Middlesex Division of the Massachusetts Juvenile Court, Lowell, MA

Christina Gilbert, Esq., Staff Attorney and Policy Counsel, National Juvenile Defender Center, Washington, DC

Utilizing the recently published NJDC/NCJFCJ bench card and case scenarios, participants will practice concrete strategies for ensuring access to justice and due process for LGBTQ-GNC youth in the courtroom; judicial ethical considerations; fair and impartial treatment in court appropriate placements, services, and supports; implicit bias; terminology; safety; and confidentiality. In recent years most juvenile justice system stakeholder have come to understand the disproportionate representation of LGBTQ-GNC youth in the juvenile justice system, but still lack concrete tools and opportunities to practice addressing these disparities, making the use of the recently released bench card and case scenarios valuable in that it will provide participants with the opportunity to do so in a safe space.

B-4  
**Tips & Tools from the Field: Preventing Teen Pregnancy in Juvenile Justice & Dependency Courts**

JeNeen Anderson, MPH, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, Washington, DC

Judge Dan Kellogg, Buchanan County Juvenile Court, Saint Joseph, MO

Since 2016 The National Campaign to Prevent Teen & Unplanned Pregnancy has been supporting Dependency and Juvenile Justice Courts in their efforts to reduce unplanned pregnancy with systems-involved youth by providing intensive Training and Technical Assistance on the When You Decide: A Judges Guide to Pregnancy Prevention Among Foster Youth Toolkit developed by The National Campaign and The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). SUMMARY: This session will explore successes and identify tools that could be incorporated in your court to help ensure youth receive the support, knowledge, and tools they need from appropriate system stakeholders to make healthy long-term decisions regarding sex and reproduction.
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B-5  Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in a Juvenile Treatment Court

Judge Anthony Capizzi, Montgomery County Juvenile Court, Dayton, OH

Jeff Kretschmar, Ph.D., Research Associate Professor, Managing Director, Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education, Cleveland, OH

Tricia Lucido, LCDC III, Drug Court Supervisor, Montgomery County Juvenile Court, Dayton, OH

Upon discovering the low completion rate for African American (AA) youth, the Montgomery County Juvenile Treatment Court received a DOJ grant to implement multiple enhancements designed to improve the graduation rate of AA participants. This presentation will describe those enhancements and offer guidance on reducing racial disparities in treatment courts. The objective of this presentation will be to demonstrate the ways the MCJC Juvenile Treatment Court increased the successful completion rates and reduced recidivism of non-white youth enrolled in the program through: Properly identifying youth at risk; Utilizing a scientifically based screening and assessment tool that assisted in identifying appropriate level of placement for a youth within the Court; Implementing assessments that were used to identify diagnosis, youth and family needs, and level of care; Selecting a treatment provider that utilized treatment modalities that have been successful with the population (FFT-CM, Seven Challenges); Linking youth with culturally aware and diverse mentors; Utilizing culturally specific case management to provide aftercare and service coordination.

B-6  Key Elements of an Effective Probation Department

Joyce Salapack, Chief Probation Officer, Stark County Family Court, Canton, OH

Tim Wires, Stark County Family Court, Canton, OH

Research has shown that building upon a youth's community connections, positive peer and adult relationships, and family engagement strategies are instrumental to achieving success and avoiding future delinquency and crime. This session will tie research to practice and discuss the value of PYD in the transition from a deficit based system using external controls to a strength-based, developmentally sound approach that focuses on assets, skills, and decision making. We will also discuss practices that will assist not only in improving outcomes, but will also support youth as they mature and transition from adolescence to adulthood.

Lunch - On Your Own 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Pathway to NCJFCJ Leadership Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Are you interested in being a leader in setting policy and strategic direction for the nation's premier membership organization focused on justice for children, families, and victims of domestic violence? Bring your lunch and join key leadership for a Q&A session on serving on the NCJFCJ Board of Directors. Learn about the role and responsibilities of a Director, as well as the experience and skills the Nominating Committee is seeking for judicial Director positions.
Monday, March 19, 2018
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.  General Session: Transforming Juvenile Probation: Applying Adolescent Brain Science to Juvenile Probation Practice

Stephen Bishop, Senior Associate, Juvenile Justice Strategy Group, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore, MD

Naomi Goldstein, Ph.D., Co-Director of the JD/PhD Program Law and Psychology, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology University Juvenile Justice Research Reform Lab & Stone, Philadelphia, PA

Richard Ross, Executive Director, Juvenile in Justice Project, Professor, Santa Barbara, CA

Kevin Williams, Probation Manager, Pierce County Juvenile Court, Tacoma, WA

Juvenile courts across the country continue to address delinquency in a manner that is largely inconsistent with adolescent developmental research. Probation remains the default disposition of the juvenile court, accounting for more than 50% of all juvenile court dispositions, though delinquency data would suggest that this level of intervention is not appropriate for most youth. Further, probation practice is often rooted in a punitive, authoritative approach, which is not effective with adolescents. The Board of NCJFCJ passed a Resolution on Juvenile Probation and Adolescent Development in July of 2017 which provides guidance on how juvenile courts can shift probation practice to be more developmentally appropriate and effective. The recommendations of NCJFCJ are bold and a significant departure from current practice, but aimed at both helping young people desist from offending and helping them achieve greater overall well-being. Panelists will discuss strategies to implement NCJFCJ’s recommendations and other reform efforts at a local, state and national level.

Monday, March 19, 2:35 - 2:45 p.m
Alternatives to Detention

Brief announcement and overview of the newest publication by award winning photographer and author, Richard Ross, Distinguished Professor of Art, University of California, Santa Barbara.

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Conference Break & Networking

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Sessions C-1 - C-6

C-1  Child Sex Trafficking Indicators and Responses for Judicial Officials

Cynthia Pappas, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Washington, DC

Judge Catherine Pratt, Superior Court Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court, Compton, CA

Yasmin Vafa, JD, Executive Director, Rights4Girls, Washington, DC

This session will highlight how federal, state, and local agencies are addressing the needs of victims of child sex trafficking through advocacy partnerships and innovative policies and practices. This presentation will help judicial officials better identify and respond to victims of child sex trafficking when they appear in their courtrooms and to address the needs of child sex trafficking victims through a continuum of trauma-informed, culturally specific, gender responsive services to help these children heal and to prevent them from being swept into the juvenile justice system.
Why Do We Drug Test Youth on Probation Anyway?

Martha-Elin Blomquist, Ph.D., Site Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV
Jessica Pearce, Site Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV
Wendy Schiller, Site Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Pittsburgh, PA

Almost every court enforcement order requires drug testing of youth, regardless of what the underlying charge is. But, is this standard order beneficial for youth? Is the information derived from the drug test important in understanding substance use? These questions and more will be explored in this session.

Restoring Juvenile Competency to Stand Trial: The Kids' Court Competency Remediation Program

Rebecca Nathanson, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Experiential Legal Education, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
Chelsea Stacey, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

Increasingly, states are introducing legislation requiring the provision of restoration services for youth found incompetent to stand trial. However, very few programs exist. This presentation will provide an overview of the Kids' Court School Competency Remediation Program. Preliminary data on the effects of the program on youth’s competency to stand trial will be presented.

Developing State and Tribal Partnerships

Kelly Chatterton, Probation and Parole Officer, Shoshone Bannock Tribes, Fort Hall, ID
Paul Christensen, Tribal Prosecutor, Coeur D’Alene Tribe, Plummer, ID
Magistrate Mark Ingram, Magistrate Judge, Idaho Supreme Court, Shoshone, ID
Judge Cynthia Ann Jordan, Spokane, WA
DelRae Kipp, Administrative Specialist, Nez Perce Tribe Prosecutor’s Office, Lapwai, ID
Alan Miller, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, Boise, ID
Sara Moffett, Probation Office Supervisor, Nez Officer Tribe, Lapwai, ID

Learning objectives:
1. Participants will learn about jurisdictional and intergovernmental issues between Tribal and State juvenile justice systems;
2. Participants will be informed on the Idaho model of State/Tribal Relations.
3. Participants will learn initial steps to developing bridges between State and Tribal systems.
Don't Say "Extracurricular“, Say "Pro-social" Because Court-involved Kids Deserve Normalcy

Casandra Alexander, Juvenile Court Counselor Supervisor, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice – 26th District, Charlotte, NC
Sterling Oliver, Resource Navigator, Teen Health Connection, Charlotte, NC
Judge Louis Trosch Jr., District Court Judge, Mecklenburg County, 26th Judicial District, Charlotte, NC

Research shows youth engagement in pro-social activities reduces dropout rates, decreases delinquent behavior and increases connectedness to communities. Led by a judge, a cross-section of leaders changed juvenile court practices resulting in more than 90% of court-involved youth finding their passion, increasing their social capital, and connecting with the community.

Building Youth Competency

Jeanne Brandner, MA, Deputy Administrator, Juvenile Services Division, Administrative Office of the Courts & Probation, Lincoln, NE
Nancy Ramsey, MS, Lead Supervisor, Kenosha County Division of Children and Family Services, Kenosha, WI

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4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Conference Break & Networking
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Just Kids: When Misbehaving is a Crime

Hilary Bass, Crime Prevention Program Specialist, Alameda County Sheriff’s Office, Alameda, CA
Krista Larson, Center Director, Vera Institute of Justice, New York, NY
John Martin, Director, Juvenile Justice Services, Las Vegas, NV
Lisa Morris-Hibbler, DPA, Director, Department of Youth Development and Social Innovation, Las Vegas, NV

This workshop will: (1) explain why the current approach to status offenses is not working, (2) share data describing the use of detention for status offenses, and (3) describe innovative strategies to help more young people get the support they need in the community. The proposed workshop will help inform jurisdictions about the current data on status offense trends, and will encourage participants to explore front-end diversion strategies in their own jurisdictions, especially as we learn how effectively we can move responses to kids’ misbehavior away from law enforcement and courts and into the community. The presentation will be divided into three sections. The first section will begin with an overview of the issue and a brief history of how the system has responded to these young people over time. We will highlight key statistics about young people entering the system on status offenses to help paint a picture of why reform matters. We will discuss the impetus for moving these cases out of court and highlight the five hallmarks of an effective community-based status offense system—diversion from court, an immediate response, a triage process, services that are accessible and effective, and ongoing internal assessment and evaluation. In the next section of the presentation, we will highlight data around detention usage for status offenses, based on data received through a research project in partnership with NCJJ to review the demographics and trajectories of kids who are arrested for status offenses in eight states. Next, two practitioners in the field will share their own experiences living through a reform process. Presenters will briefly describe their reform models and then discuss lessons learned from implementation that could inform work in other places. Lastly, participants will break into small groups to design effective diversion strategies in their communities, answering specific prompts to develop action plans for reform.

Over a Decade of Mandatory Registration: Incorporating What We Have Learned Into Juvenile Court Practices

Shawn Marsh, Ph.D., Director, Judicial Studies Program, University of Nevada, Reno, NV
Kristan Russell, Research Assistant, University of Nevada, Reno, NV

This presentation will highlight significant research trends regarding juvenile sexual offenders and will offer evidence-based practice recommendations to juvenile court judges. The goal in applying these recommendations in juvenile court settings is to alleviate potential collateral consequences, increase positive long-term outcomes for juveniles, and increase public safety. The current body of literature regarding juvenile sexual offenders and their experiences within the justice system is quite sparse and the research that is available regarding juvenile sexual offender recidivism, treatment, and outcomes tends to disagree as to the best way to deal with this distinctly stigmatized population; this presentation acts to simplify and summarize the current literature and will aim shed light on evidence-based options that juvenile court judges can incorporate into their practices which will result in better outcomes for both juveniles and the public.
Implementing Change: The Judiciary's Crucial Role in Addressing the Intersections of Youth Homelessness and Juvenile Justice

Judge Joan Byer (Ret.), Bowles & Byer Family Law Mediation, Louisville, KY

Justin Chapman, Youth Presenter, YMCA Safe Place Services, Louisville, KY

Shavonne Gibson, Outreach Support Specialist, YMCA Safe Place Services, Louisville, KY

Naomi Smoot, JD, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice, Washington, DC

Annually, nearly 400,000 youth will be alone, without a home. Many of those youth will come into contact with the juvenile justice system. Identify the role judges play in recognizing youth who experience homelessness, and ways communities can ensure youth do not experience homelessness as a result of justice involvement. More education is needed around the intersections of juvenile justice and youth homelessness, and ways that judges and other justice professionals can help address these issues. The session will explain ways communities are working together to ensure that court involvement does not lead to housing insecurity, and similarly that housing insecurity does not result in a young person coming before the court.

Court Appointed Youth Advocate (CAYA) Program - Positive Outcomes for Delinquent Youth

Karen Biernacki, Chief Executive Officer, Harmony House/CASA of La Porte, Inc., La Porte, IN

Judge Nancy Gettinger, LaPorte Circuit Court, La Porte, IN

Brenda Stellema, CAYA Program Director, Family Advocates, Inc. Court Appointed Youth Advocate Program, La Porte, IN

The Court Appointed Youth Advocate (CAYA) Program combines the success of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer model with the mentor model to provide advocacy for delinquent youth and a continuing mentoring relationship upon dismissal from probation. Appointment for a CAYA volunteer is at the discretion of the juvenile judge. The Court Appointed Youth Advocate Program is a new concept in providing both advocacy and mentoring for at-risk delinquent youth by qualified volunteers.
Translating the Science of Adolescent Development to Sustainable Best Practice: How Does Your Jurisdiction Measure Up?

Kari Harp, Program Director, Probation System Reform, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Boston, MA
Jessica Heldman, JD, Associate Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Boston, MA
John Tuell, MA, Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Boston, MA

By highlighting the new publication entitled Developmental Reform in Juvenile Justice: Translating the Science of Adolescent Development to Sustainable Best Practice and the new training curriculum (Advancing Best Practices in Youth Justice) in this session, attendees will leave this session with practical next steps on how to translate adolescent development research findings into practice within their jurisdiction that increases positive youth outcomes. In an effort to help leaders at the state and local levels decipher the latest research on adolescent development and import it effectively into their systems, the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center recently published a practice brief entitled Developmental Reform in Juvenile Justice: Translating the Science of Adolescent development to Sustainable Best Practice (Sept. 2017). The practice brief provides guidance to jurisdictions on how this research can and should be integrated into policy and practice areas across the full spectrum of the juvenile justice system. This presentation will provide the attendees with an understanding of:

- The three ways adolescents differ from adults according to research;
- The three goals of the juvenile justice system;
- The seven hallmarks of a developmental approach to juvenile justice; and
- Nine practices that jurisdictions can implement to reflect these key findings and goals.

In addition, participants will leave the session recognizing the necessity of building a unifying philosophy within their own jurisdiction reflecting these components. However, a philosophy must be operationalized; therefore, attendees will also leave with an understanding of the resources, trainings and examination approaches they can access to assess opportunities within their own jurisdiction to realign their practices and policies according to the research on adolescent development to achieve the best possible outcomes for the youth they serve.

Reducing Reliance on Confinement and Improving Community-based Responses for Girls at Risk of Entering the Juvenile Justice System for Family Violence

Lisa Jacobs, Program Manager, Illinois Models for Change Initiative, Loyola University Chicago, School of Law, Chicago, IL
Wendy Nussbaum, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Illinois Department of Human Services, Chicago, IL

Family conflict is a key driver of girls’ involvement juvenile justice systems. In Illinois, for example, girls are detained for domestic battery at nearly twice the rate of other offenses. This workshop will feature developing strategies to work with girls and families in conflict, including use of a newly-validated ADB screening tool, crisis responses, respite care and other services. This workshop will focus on the unique needs of girls in the “adolescent domestic battery” population and strategies to improve the capacities of state and local stakeholders to ensure that girls are not arrested, detained or traumatized unnecessarily and instead receive the individualized, community-based and family focused supports they may need.
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6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.  **Basic Yoga**
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7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  **Conference Registration, Membership, and Information**

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  **General Session: Safety and Security for Judges, their Families and the Juvenile Justice System**


The session will address and explore safety and security issues, as well as strategies to protect oneself, most relevant to the judiciary, their family and to members of the juvenile justice community. Discussions will help participants analyze threat indicators of previous encounters to juvenile justice personnel, analyze, understand and mitigate their risk in particular settings, and increase their overall situational awareness. Objectives: Address national surveys and research applicable to this presentation; Recognize pre-incident behaviors and red flags; Provide best security practices related to secure and non-secure worksites; Identify personal safety/security risks and how to handle threatening situations; Address the dangers of social media/internet and how to mitigate exposure

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  **Conference Break & Networking**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  **Sessions E-1 - E-6**

E-1  **How Common is Crossover and What Can We Do About It? Estimating Incidence Rates and Implementing Best Practices for Dual System Youth**

Carly Dierkhising, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Criminal Justice and Criminalistics, California State University, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Denise Herz, Ph.D., Professor, Rongxiang Xu College of Health and Human Services, Los Angeles, CA
Barbara Tatem Kelley, MA, M.Ed., Social Science Analyst, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Washington, DC
Magistrate Richard White, Chief Magistrate, Mahoning County Juvenile Court, Youngstown, OH

This presentation will review the findings and products associated with the OJJDP Dual System Youth Design Study including incidence rates of dual system involvement in three jurisdictions, definitions of dual system youth and their pathways to dual-involvement, and best practices for information sharing and cross system collaboration.
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E-2  A Conversation about Placements in Detention for Child Sex Trafficking Victims

Judge Angela Ellis, Associate Judge, 315th District Court, Houston, TX
Judge Catherine Pratt, Superior Court Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court, Compton, CA
Yasmin Vafa, JD, Executive Director, Rights4Girls, Washington, DC

This session will discuss and debate the use of detention and secure care confinement with victims of child sex trafficking. Information will be presented regarding the recommendations for safe placement for victims of sex trafficking versus the realities of available community resources and pressures to protect victim safety. Many courts around the nation are struggling to identify appropriate resources and services for victims of child sex trafficking. Housing and safe placement options are extremely limited or non-existent in many communities. Judges often place victims in juvenile detention facilities or secure care confinement as a way to keep victims safe - away from their traffickers, off the streets and in custody once a viable placement option is determined. This session will examine the issue that if the victim does not pose a threat to the community and does not score for placement on a detention screening instrument, is it fair to detain them? What other options should judges consider in these situations? How can resources be developed in communities that need safe placement and services for victims of sex trafficking? A panel of judicial officers will examine, discuss and debate these issues and highlight challenges for placement options experienced in their own communities. Yasmin Vafa, an expert on child sex trafficking, will moderate the panel.

E-3  Providing Recovery from Intergenerational Trauma and Addiction for American Indian Youth

Karen Medville, Ph.D., American Indian Program Manager, Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center, Canon City, CO

Learn how to integrate culturally-based trauma-specific services, into a trauma-informed community of care, and increase juvenile engagement in learning, encourage problem solving through critical thinking, and help break the cycle of intergenerational trauma and addiction that keeps families system-involved.

E-4  What’s Age Got to Do With It: The Implications of Sentencing Juveniles as Adults

Justice Jay Blitzman, First Justice, Middlesex Division of the Massachusetts Juvenile Court, Lowell, MA
Robert Kinscherff, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Doctoral Clinical Psychology Program, William James College, Newton, MA
Jean Trounstine, Professor of Humanities, Middlesex Community College, Tewksbury, MA

Nearly 200,000 youth are detained or imprisoned as adults every year across the U.S. On any given day, 10,000 youth are housed in adult jails and prisons. A juvenile judge, forensic psychologist/attorney, and a professor/author discuss the legal, policy and social implications of detaining and incarcerating youth in adult facilities.

E-5  Solutions for Meeting the Needs of LGBTQ Youth in Detention

Todd Brower, JD, Professor of Law, Director, Institute for Global Law & Policy, Western State College of Law, Irvine, CA
Currey Cook, JD, Counsel and Youth in Out-of-Home Care Project Director, Lambda Legal, New York, NY
Ethan Rice, JD, Fair Courts Project Attorney, Lambda Legal, New York, NY
The Power of Youth Voice in Building a Trauma Informed Court

Judge Jennifer McCrady, 5th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA
Michael Mitchell, Manager, Client Experience Analytics, Office of Data Analysis, Research and Evaluation
Allegheny County Department of, Pittsburgh, PA
Cynthia Stoltz, JD, Administrator, Allegheny County Children’s Court, Pittsburgh, PA

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Conference Break & Networking
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Sessions F-1 - F-7

F-1 School Safety Research
Melissa Sickmund, Ph.D., Director, National Center for Juvenile Justice, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Pittsburgh, PA
Gene Siegel, Research Associate, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV

F-2 Applying Principles of Adolescent Development in Delinquency Proceedings
Judge Thomas Foster, District Court Judge Juvenile Division, Johnson County Juvenile Court, Olathe, KS
Judge Ernestine Gray, Senior Judge, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, New Orleans, LA
Mary Ann Scali, Executive Director, National Juvenile Defender Center, Washington, DC
This workshop will walk judges and other juvenile justice stakeholders through a recently released bench card outlining concepts associated with adolescent brain development. The bench card is a tool that makes the science and research easy to understand and put into practice in the courtroom. Unique judicial considerations and practical tips on how to communicate with youth will be discussed and demonstrated.

F-3 Spotlight on State Juvenile Justice Initiatives with a Special Focus on DMC Reduction Efforts
Judge Amy Davenport (Ret.), Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary, Montpelier, VT
Craig Hargrow, JD, Director of Second Look Commission and, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, Nashville, TN
This is an exciting time for juvenile justice issues at the state level. This session will provide an overview of state initiatives on a broad spectrum of issues including shackling, detention, evidence based practices, data sharing, raising the age and more, including an in depth discussion of DMC reduction efforts by CJJ’s DMC Coordinator.

F-4 The Use of Cognitive Computing and Artificial Intelligence to Provide More Effective Treatment for Youth
Judge Anthony Capizzi, Montgomery County Juvenile Court, Dayton, OH
This session will examine the use of cognitive computing and augmented intelligence to gather case information from multiple sources in real time to recommend analytically based preferred treatment options to the Court.
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**F-5 On-Base and Beyond: Negotiating the State/Military Memorandum**

Colonel Mark Sullivan (Ret.), JD, Attorney at Law, Sullivan & Tanner, P.A., Raleigh, NC

Local courts face unique problems with juvenile delinquency occurring on a nearby military installation. This program explains how to negotiate and write an agreement between the base and the local jurisdiction for comprehensive sharing of authority and resources across the spectrum - state/local courts, law enforcement and social services.

**F-6 Ending Debtor’s Prison for Kids: How Judges Can Alleviate the High Cost of the Juvenile Justice System**

Stephanie Campos-Bui, Clinical Supervising Attorney, Policy Advocacy Clinic, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Berkeley, CA

Jessica Feierman, Esq., Associate Director, Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia, PA

Judge Katherine Lucero, Supervising Judge, Juvenile Justice Courthouse, San Jose, CA

Nadia Mozaffar, JD, Staff Attorney, Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia, PA

Across the country, youth and their families are charged staggering costs in the juvenile justice system. This workshop will provide judges with information and tools to ensure such fines and fees are administered in an equitable way that upholds the rehabilitative purpose of the juvenile justice system.

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  **Lunch - On Your Own**

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.  **Understanding the Impact of Implicit Bias**

Edward Palmer Sr., Pastor and Chief Executive Officer, Sign of the Dove/R.O.P.E. Inc., Radcliff, KY

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  **Conference Break & Networking**

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  **Sessions G-1 - G-6**

**G-1 Movement, Stillness and Ethics: Enhancing Resilience through Mindfulness**

Judge Victor Reyes (Ret.), Maha Karuna Holistic Foundation, Pueblo, CO

Research shows mindfulness practices based on movement, stillness and self-reflection increases a person’s self-confidence, resilience and helps develop wisdom in decision-making. These practices have assisted people who are incarcerated to become more responsible and set the foundation for developing parenting skills, overcoming addictions and reducing recidivism.

**G-2 So You Want to Reform Your System?**

Judge William Voy, District Court Judge, 8th Judicial District Court, Family Division, Department A, Las Vegas, NV

Las Vegas Juvenile Judge William Voy provides an overview of initiatives to advance reforms in juvenile justice systems. Proven strategies implemented in Las Vegas, Nevada have reduced rates of juvenile delinquency, length of detention, and criminal recidivism by providing effective programming, community services, and educational and job training alternatives.
Disproportionality and Disparity: Engaging the Community to be Part of the Solution

Rachel Bingham, Executive Officer, Family and Juvenile Services Kentucky Court of Justice, Frankfort, KY

Edward Palmer Sr., Pastor and Chief Executive Officer, Sign of the Dove/R.O.P.E. Inc., Radcliff, KY

The presence of disproportionality is a significant problem in Kentucky’s juvenile justice system, and the deeper one moves through the system, the greater the disparity. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) is a growing area of focus in implementation of juvenile justice reform efforts in Kentucky. This session will dissect Kentucky data to reveal DMC at each decision point in the juvenile justice system, describe Kentucky efforts to positively impact the presence of DMC through system collaboration and legislation, and provide agency level strategies to reduce DMC through data analysis, effective action planning, and monitoring of performance measures. Participants will be able to: 1) Identify the presence of disproportionality at each decision point in the Kentucky juvenile justice system through a review of Kentucky data; 2) Describe the efforts of Kentucky to reduce disproportionate minority contact through agency and system collaboration, training initiatives, and legislation; 3) Develop agency solutions to reduce disproportionate minority contact through data analysis, training, strategic action planning, development of performance measures, and continuous quality improvement review processes.

Your Court’s Role in Preventing Youth Homelessness

Steve Binder, JD, Deputy Public Defender, San Diego County Office of the Primary Public Defender, San Diego, CA

Linda Britton, JD, Project Director, American Bar Association, Washington, DC

Courts are increasingly recognizing how child welfare and juvenile justice involvement can increase risk of homelessness. This session highlights innovative approaches to divert homeless youth from entering these systems, and strategies for embedding legal and other service providers in courts to connect youth to services, remove barriers and improve outcomes.

Juvenile Justice Mental Health Diversion

Ali Banister, Chief of Juvenile Services, Carson City Juvenile Services, Carson City, NV

Linda Lawlor, Deputy Chief of Juvenile Services, Juvenile Detention-Probation Division, Carson City, NV

Carson City Department of Juvenile Services implemented the Juvenile Justice Assessment Services Triage Team (JJASTT) in 2015. The program is a mental health diversion program designed to divert juveniles with mental health issues from entering the juvenile justice system and becoming adjudicated.
More than one in four teens in a dating relationship say they have been digitally abused by a partner. Teens experience abuse at a higher rate than any other age group and the abuse often has a technological component, including through the misuse of social media, pressure to send sexually explicit photos, or having degrading messages posted about them online. For judges and court professionals, misuse of technology often goes unseen, allowing for victimization to continue even during a court intervention. In this two-part session, participants will first look at the issues surrounding teen dating violence, including dynamics of abuse, how to work with teen litigants, and how the court can better respond to teen dating violence. The second part of the session will look at the ways that technology is misused, how to analyze the intersection of technology and teen dating violence, tech evidentiary issues, and how to frame court orders to provide victims the greatest protection.
Technology and Social Media Evidence.... Changing the Essence of Investigations and Trials

Jennifer Gilroy Ruiz, Deputy Chief, Family Court Division, NYC Law Dept.
NYC Law Department, New York, NY

Tracy Paler, Senior Counsel/Chief Law Librarian, NYC Law Department

Cecilia Williams, Senior Counsel, New York City Law Department
Manhattan Family Court Division, New York, NY

The investigation and trial of juvenile justice cases is rapidly changing due to the availability of technological and Social Media evidence. This course will discuss the impact of this evidence and the methods by which it is obtained, disclosed and offered in evidence at trial.

Helping Youth and Families Set Achievable, Measurable Goals Through Coordinating Case Planning

Martha-Elin Blomquist, Ph.D., Site Manager, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, NV

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

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

Outcomes for youth are improved when thoughtful case plans are developed and monitored for success. Unfortunately, many case managers/probations officers rely on enforcing court orders, rather than being the "change-agents" that effective case plans allow them to be. This session will highlight practical approaches to case planning. Establishing achievable goals is an important key to successful case planning. Outcome-focused goals help us monitor and document those successes (and, sometimes, shortcomings). This session will focus on time honored strategies for setting achievable, measurable goals that incorporate input from, youth and family. These are the initial and necessary steps toward establishing evidence-based practices. This session will also address shared case management by court case managers and treatment providers and will focus on how these case plans can be coordinated. Learning Objectives: 1. Participants will learn the importance of developing cases plans with measurable goals for youth and families. 2. Participants will learn how to coordinate and share case planning for youth and families in juvenile drug court. 3. Participants will be able to ask targeting questions re: individualized challenges and issues.

Interstate Compact for Juveniles 101: Runaways, Returns and More

Anne Connor, Deputy Compact Administrator, Interstate Commission for Juveniles, Boise, ID

MaryLee Underwood, JD, Executive Director, Interstate Commission for Juveniles, Lexington, KY

This session will provide judges with substantive training on legal issues surrounding the return of ICJ juveniles, including runaways. The laws around returning out-of-state juveniles present new and complex questions, and require jurisdictional knowledge of what is permissible when holding juveniles, establishing entitlement, or authorizing a return.
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H-6 Technology and Teen Dating Violence: Two-Part Series
(Part Two)

Ian Harris, JD, Technology Safety Legal Manager, Safety Net Project
National Network to End Domestic Violence, Washington, DC

Judge Marshall Murray, Circuit Court Judge, Milwaukee County District Court,
Milwaukee, WI

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5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Ask the OJJDP Administrator

Caren Harp, JD, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention,
Washington, DC

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Conference Break & Networking

7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Conference Registration, Membership, and Information

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Members Only Session: Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act Update

Judge Denise Navarre Cubbon, Lucas County Juvenile Court, Toledo, OH

Judge Amy Davenport (Ret.), Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary, Montpelier, VT

Caren Harp, JD, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention,
Washington, DC

Marcy Mistrett, MA, Chief Executive Officer, Campaign for Youth Justice, Washington, DC

Naomi Smoot, JD, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice, Washington, DC

Wednesday, March 21, 9:05 - 9:15 a.m. OJJDP Update

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the work of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention from their newly appointed Administrator, Caren Harp, JD.

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Conference Break & Networking

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Child Sex Offender Registries

Sandra Henriquez, Executive Director, California Coalition Against Sexual Assault,
Sacramento, CA

Nicole Pittman, JD, Vice President and Director, Center on Youth Registration Reform at Impact Justice, Oakland, CA

Judge George Timberlake, Loyola University Chicago, School of Law, Chicago, IL

Patty Wetterling, U.S. Advocate for Child Safety, St. Joseph, MN
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Conference Break & Networking
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  Closing Session: Trauma

Miguel Angel Garcia, Los Angeles, CA
Judge Michael Howard (Ret.), Domestic Relations Judge, Stark County Family Court, Canton, OH
Isaiah Pickens, Ph.D., Assistant Director of Service Systems, The National Child Traumatic Stress Network, Los Angeles, CA