

2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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**CJJ'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY:  
ENGAGING YOUTH TO TURN  
PASSION INTO POLICY**

**MAY 29TH - JUNE 1ST**

**Wednesday, May 29th**

*CJJ Hill Day and Networking Event*

Attendees are encouraged to visit their members of Congress to inform them of state and local needs, interests, and accomplishments in juvenile justice and to urge them to support reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPAct). Participants are expected to schedule/arrange their own meetings in advance of the conference.

**7:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Renwick**

**Hill Day Packets available for pick-up**

**7:00 am – 7:30 am**

**Renwick**

**Skill Building: Hill Day Training (Session 1)**

Discuss talking points on current state/federal issues, juvenile justice funding, and JJDPAct reauthorization with CJJ Staff and Act4JJ representatives prior to your Hill Day visits. *This training is being offered twice.*

**Presenters:**

**Lisette Burton, D.C. Juvenile Justice Advisory Council Member and Co-Chair, Act4JJ Coalition**

**Brock Landwehr, Associate Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

**Melissa Goemann, Senior Policy Counsel, National Youth Justice Network**

**Courtney McSwain, Director of Communications, National Youth Justice Network**

**11:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Renwick**

**Skill Building: Hill Day Training (Session 2)**

Discuss talking points on current state/federal issues, juvenile justice funding, and JJDPAct reauthorization with CJJ Staff and Act4JJ representatives prior to your Hill Day visits.

**Presenters:**

**Lisette Burton, D.C. Juvenile Justice Advisory Council Member and Co-Chair, Act4JJ Coalition**

**Brock Landwehr, Associate Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

**Melissa Goemann, Senior Policy Counsel, National Youth Justice Network**

**Courtney McSwain, Director of Communications, National Youth Justice Network**

**5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Burnham**

**Welcome and Networking Mixer**

Please join us at our welcome mixer to network with partners and experts from around the country. Small snacks and beverages will be provided.

**Thursday, May 30th**

*Opening, Workshops, Awards Luncheon, Regional Meetings, Business Meetings*

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Constitution Foyer

**Registration and Exhibit Hall Open**

After checking in at the registration table, be sure to check out our exhibitors located in Constitution A!

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Constitution Foyer

**Breakfast**

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Renwick/Bulfinch

**Youth Networking and Breakfast (Open Session)**

A time for all young people, youth members, and students to introduce themselves and network before the conference kicks off.

Facilitated by: *CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee*

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Cabin John/Arlington

**Juvenile Justice Specialists' Meeting (Closed Meeting)**

A forum for state Juvenile Justice Specialists to network, share resources, and discuss emerging issues.

Facilitated by: Anya Sekino (OR), *National Juvenile Justice Specialist Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

8:00 am - 9:00 am

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**SAG Chair/SAG Leaders Breakfast Meeting (Open Session)**

A forum for SAG leaders to network, share resources, and discuss emerging issues.

Facilitated by: Caprice Hover, *Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

9:00 am - 10:30 am

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**Conference Welcome & General Session**

CJJ Welcome by: Tracey Wells-Huggins (NJ), *National Chairwoman, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

ELC Welcome by: Emilio Carranza-Davis (CA), *Emerging Leaders Committee Liaison, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

**Federal Update:**

Elizabeth Ryan, *Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention*

**Co-Creating Change: Authentically Partnering with Lived Experts to Achieve Youth Justice System Transformation in Iowa** - This session will highlight the results of intentional efforts to share power and authentically partner with lived experience experts to drive meaningful change and foster effective and equitable solutions.

**Presenters:**

*Audi Wodrazka Espinoza, Chair, Iowa's Youth Justice Council  
Melvin Gaye, Member, Iowa's Youth Justice Council  
Kayla Powell, NYTD and Youth Development Coordinator,  
Iowa Department of Health and Human Services  
Jill Padgett, Iowa Health and Human Services*

10:30 am - 10:40 am

*Break*

10:40 am - 11:40 am

[Concurrent Workshop Session #1](#)

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**Out of Many One People (ELC Session)** - This session is brought to you by CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee as part of the CJJ Youth Summit track. This session is open to all Annual Conference attendees. In this workshop, we will explore the intersection between juvenile justice and legal status. This workshop will answer the question: How can practitioners and advocates best support young people who are immigrants after they come into contact with the system? Subtopics include language justice, education, recreational access, and empowerment.

**Presenters:**

*Audi Wodrazka Espinoza, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ  
Stephanie Lorenzo, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ  
Erin Condon, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ  
Gabrielle Henry, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

Wilson/Roosevelt

**The Power of Tru Colors** - This presentation will be facilitated "interview style" between a moderator and two youth who have been actively involved in youth leadership opportunities in Indianapolis. They will speak on their experiences advocating for youth-centered platforms and the exploration of intergenerational solutions.

**Presenters:**

*Brandon Randall, Founder, Tru Colors Indy  
Ronnelle Collins, Youth Advocate  
Dairius Banks, Youth Advocate*

## Cabin John/Arlington

### [\*\*Fines and Fees: Why Jurisdictions Are Eliminating Juvenile Fines and Fees\*\*](#)

**Fines and Fees** - Learn about recent Federal guidance to courts on juvenile fines and fees and the roles of different Justice Department components in funding State, local, and Tribal juvenile justice system improvement efforts, lifting up best and promising practices, and enforcing juvenile fines and fees related violations. Hear directly from legal experts and youth about the harmful impacts of juvenile fines and fees on system-impacted youth and their families, how these impacts can undermine the purpose and efficacy of the juvenile justice system, and the importance of reform. Gain insights, practice pointers, and tools from a state/local changemaker who has effectuated juvenile fines and fees reform.

#### **Presenters:**

*Naomi Smoot, Senior Policy Specialist, OJJDP*

*Nadia S. Mozaffar, Esq., Senior Attorney, Juvenile Law Center*

*Marquette Atkins-Woods, Founder and Executive Director of Destination Innovation INC.*

## Burnham

### [\*\*Shaping Youth Advocates Who Are In Conflict With The Law\*\*](#)

The Street Law Advocacy program at the University of Houston Law Center (UHLC) was developed to encourage youth to be engaged in their own defense, better assist their attorney, and advocate for programs and support that will improve their situations. This session will explore how the Street Law program was implemented in detention centers during the pandemic. With volunteers from local law schools and the Houston Bar, youth became stronger advocates for themselves and stronger partners for changes within the system.

#### **Presenters:**

*Ellen Marrus, Director, Generation to Generation*

*Malikah Marrus, Clinical Professor, and MSW Practicum*

*Director at University of Colorado at Colorado Springs*

*Rifqa Sa'Aadat, Intern, Generation to Generation*

11:40 am - 11:50 am

### [\*\*Break\*\*](#)

11:50 am - 1:20 pm  
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### [\*\*CJJ 2024 Awards Luncheon\*\*](#)

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:**

- Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award: **Zanira Whitfield (TN)**
- National Spirit of Youth Award: **Adriana Wodrazka Espinoza (IA)**
- A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award: **Rachel Bingham (KY)**
- Marion Mattingly Lifetime Achievement Award: **Kim Hawekotte (NE)**

**Moderator:** Tracey Wells-Huggins (NJ), *National Chairwoman, Coalition for Juvenile Justice*

1:20 pm - 1:25 pm

*Break*

1:25 pm - 2:25 pm

**Concurrent Workshop Session #2**

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**From Adversity to Artistry: Mitigating Mental Health Challenges in Justice-Involved Individuals Through Creative Engagement & Self Care (ELC Session)** - This session is brought to you by CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee as part of the CJJ Youth Summit track. This session is open to all Annual Conference attendees. In this workshop, we will explore the cyclical relationship between poor mental health and involvement in the justice system, emphasizing the importance of access to creative expression and self care. The ELC will share existing opportunities for addressing juvenile mental health struggles.

**Presenters:**

Rebekah Arnold, *Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

Marika Luneau, *Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

Gabrielle Henry, *Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

Ronald Ackerson, *Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

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**Youth Crime Trends: What Do the Data and Research Tell Us for Policy Implications?** - This workshop will present youth

crime trend data from the last 30 years, shedding light on the recent increase of certain offenses. The workshop will also discuss strategies aimed at fostering a decrease in youth crime rates, alongside efforts to minimize detentions in adult jails, juvenile detention and correctional facilities, and transfers to adult court.

**Presenters:**

Andrea Coleman, *Senior Policy Advisor, OJJDP*

Chaz Puzzanchera, *Senior Research Associate, National Center for Juvenile Justice*

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**Authentic Youth Engagement in the Youth Justice System: Building Strong Partnerships and Creating Lasting Change -**

This workshop will discuss the importance of authentic youth engagement in the youth justice system and address the challenges and barriers that often arise when engaging young people with lived experience. It will explore the benefits of such partnerships and how to create a more holistic approach to addressing the needs of young people. The presenters will provide practical strategies for engaging young people in a meaningful way and building strong relationships.

**Presenters:**

*Karen Kolivoski, Deputy Director for Research, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy*

*Amiyah Davis, Project Coordinator, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy*

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**Partnering with the Community -** Join us for a guided conversation about ways to build and strengthen partnerships with community-based providers and grassroots organizations.

**Presenters:**

*Pastor Edward Palmer, Certified Diversity Coach and At-Large Member, Coalition for Juvenile Justice Executive Board*

*Rachel Bingham, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts and Organizational Membership Representative, Coalition for Juvenile Justice Executive Board*

2:25 pm - 2:35 pm

*Break*

2:35 pm - 3:35 pm

**Concurrent Workshop Session #3**

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**CommUNITY: Finding Yourself and Finding Your Support Network (ELC Session) -** This session is brought to you by CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee as part of the CJJ Youth Summit track. This session is open to all Annual Conference attendees. Self-empowerment begins with self-awareness. This interactive workshop will explore the importance of understanding your individual rights, while also cultivating a supportive community that nourishes your growth. The ELC invites participants on a journey of self-discovery, self-care, and community building.

**Presenters:**

*Audi Wodrazka Espinoza, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ  
Emilio Carranza-Davis, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ  
Raymond Vincent, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ  
Ronald Ackerson, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ  
Chris Ativalu-Ford, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

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[\*\*Project RISE: Respond, Sustain, Invest, and Empower Communities impacted by Gun Violence\*\*](#) - This session explores efforts to address pandemic-era gun violence, highlighting how New York invested in a variety of law enforcement and community-based strategies. Project RISE (Respond. Invest. Sustain. Empower) is a community-based strategy that provided \$14 million across seven selected communities in NY to assist in developing and implementing programs, partnerships, and strategies to improve safety and expand youth and family opportunities.

**Presenters:**

*Trista Deame, Chief of Criminal Justice Program Planning & Development, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services  
Shalain Garcia, Statewide Race Equity Coordinator, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services  
Ray Wilcox, Executive Director, Yonkers Arts, INC.  
Yolanda Seegars, Syracuse Project RISE Director, On Point for College*

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[\*\*The “My Kid” Test: Transforming Culture, Practice, and Policy in Maryland Amidst Misinformed Narratives on Youth Violence\*\*](#) - In Maryland, new leadership at the state juvenile justice agency is working to redirect resources into communities to tackle the root causes of youth crime and reinvest in historically marginalized communities. This session will also share approaches to advancing reform in the face of the erroneous media-driven panic surrounding youth crime.

**Presenters:**

*Marc Schindler, Assistant Secretary & Chief of Staff, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services  
Seema Gajwani, Executive Director, Maryland Community Investment Initiative  
Olusola Ogunranti, Executive Director of Youth Engagement and Safety Services, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services*

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[\*\*The New Way of Engagement: Gender and Intersectionality Leading the Way\*\*](#) - This session explores an intersectional approach to ensuring that youth of color and LGBTQ+

identities are not left behind in the fight for justice and equality, emphasizing that communities and systems must acknowledge and be inclusive of differences and work together towards equality and interrupting forms of discrimination.

**Presenters:**

**Victoria Mahand, Director of Training, One Circle Foundation**  
**Christopher M. Emanuel, National Trainer, One Circle Foundation**

3:40 pm - 4:40 pm

**CJJ Regional Meetings**

The challenges states and territories face can vary greatly based on geographical region. This meeting is dedicated to information sharing, problem-solving, and networking for those looking to share concerns, recent innovations, and successes with juvenile justice professionals confronting similar issues. All are invited to attend. A list of states by region can be found on page 19.

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**Midwest**

Facilitated by: **Michael Mayer (MN), Midwest Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

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**Northeast**

Facilitated by: **Janelle Ridley (MA), Northeast Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

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**Southern**

Facilitated by: **Chief Tony Jones (FL), Southern Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

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**Western**

Facilitated by: **Max Mendoza (KS), Western Region Chair, Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Banneker

**CJJ Executive Board Meeting (Closed Meeting)**

Please note that the Banneker room is on Declaration level. This level is located directly above the conference space.

**Friday, May 31st**

*Workshops, CJJ Business Meetings, Conference Plenary*

8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Constitution Foyer

**Registration and Exhibit Hall Open**

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8:00 am - 9:00 am  
Constitution Foyer

**Breakfast**

8:00 am - 9:00 am  
Wilson/Roosevelt

**Compliance Monitor Meeting and Breakfast (Closed Meeting)**

A forum for state Compliance Monitors to network, share resources, and discuss emerging issues.

Facilitated by: **Brock Landwehr, Associate Director, CJJ**

8:00 am - 9:00 am  
Cabin John/Arlington

**R/ED Coordinator and Ethnic and Cultural Diversity (ECD) Committee Breakfast Meeting (Closed Meeting)**

A forum for state R/ED Coordinators to network, share resources, and discuss emerging issues.

Facilitated by:

*Alyssa Dairsow, National R/ED Coordinator, CJJ*

*Tamerdis Hollywood, Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Chair, CJJ*

9:00 am - 10:00 am

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**Concurrent Workshop Session #4**

**Telling HERstory: Girls in Juvenile Justice (ELC Session)** - This session is brought to you by CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee as part of the CJJ Youth Summit track. This session is open to all Annual Conference attendees. Women and girls have unique experiences within the juvenile justice system. This workshop explores the pathways and processes that disproportionately lead girls into the system, as well as the gender-specific challenges that they face after arrest and incarceration. The intersections of girlhood/womanhood with race and ethnicity, sexuality, gender expression, and reproductive health will also be explored.

Presenters:

*Erin Condon, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

*Marika Luneau, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

*Nndidi Chiazuor, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

*Stephanie Lorenzo, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

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**Responding to Delinquency Through a Continuum of Care & Alternatives to Youth Incarceration: An OJJDP Approach to Youth Success** - This session will ensure that practitioners have a broader array of community-based options to keep children at home and in their communities. OJJDP will highlight what the research says works, showcase best practices for youth serving programs, and discuss how utilizing a continuum of care to meet youths' needs can pay dividends for youth, families, and their communities. The session will go over the OJJDP FY 2023 Building Local Continuums of Care to Support Youth Success initiative, which provides funding to state and local jurisdictions that have high rates of youth incarceration to develop a continuum of care that includes a focus on positive youth development, prevention, diversion, and treatment services. This continuum of care will enhance communities' ability to meet the needs of youth involved in or at risk of entering the juvenile justice system through community-based strategies, thereby reducing reliance on deeper system involvement to access resources. This initiative will also work to identify ways to strategically reinvest any cost savings into strategies and programs that are most effective at reducing delinquency and recidivism.

**Presenters:**

*Jill Ward, Senior Policy Advisor, OJJDP*

*Scott Pestridge, Senior Program Manager, OJJDP*

*Olusola Ogunranti, Executive Director of Youth Engagement & Safety Services, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services*

*Andrew Knox, Executive Director, We Our Us  
Youth Advocate*

## Cabin John/Arlington

**Being a Live Expert is a Professional Role** - This session will allow participants to engage with facilitators and fellow attendees to take a candid and reflective look at the difference between voice and partnership, processes for hiring lived experts as consultants or staff, and how to elevate youth voice and lived expertise into your organizations, teams, or advisory groups.

**Presenters:**

*Simon Gonsoulin, Principal Researcher, American Institutes for Research*

*Tina Harris, Youth Fellow, American Institutes for Research  
Diego Garcia, Youth Fellow, American Institutes for Research*

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**Protecting the Educational Rights of Youth with Disabilities: A Shared Responsibility** - Through presentation, discussion, and a small group exercise, participants in this session will develop

an understanding of how juvenile justice facilities, jails and prisons, and school districts share responsibility for ensuring that youth with disabilities receive special education services required by federal law. Presenters will highlight the legal framework requiring special education for children involved with the juvenile and criminal justice systems. The session will address how state and local systems must collaborate to ensure that youth with disabilities are properly identified, receive appropriate educational supports and services, and successfully transition back to their home schools and communities. Using case studies, participants will identify potential obstacles to providing special education services to confined youth and consider the role that state and local systems play in removing those obstacles through collaboration.

**Presenters:**

*Deena Fox, Deputy Chief, Special Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice*

*Robyn Bitner, Trial Attorney, Special Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice*

10:00 am - 11:00am

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**Concurrent Workshop Session #5**

**Navigating Educational Pathways as a Youth (ELC Session):**

This session is brought to you by CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee as part of the CJJ Youth Summit track. This session is open to all Annual Conference attendees. This workshop will dissect the intricacies of juvenile justice education, explore state policies and strategies for dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline, and address challenges like push-out dynamics. Discover the power of information sharing, student rights, and accountability for teachers and staff, while also advancing community and comprehensive support for diverse learning needs. Join us in reshaping the narrative around juvenile justice education, advocating for change, and empowering futures through an inclusive and informed approach.

**Presenters:**

*Michael O'Key, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

*Emilio Carranza-Davis, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

*Tayz Enriquez Banuelos, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

Wilson/Roosevelt

**Igniting Change: Leveraging Restorative Justice to Fulfill**

**JJDPA Goals** - This session explores the transformative potential of restorative justice to meet Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) goals. Through

interactive activities, participants will discover actionable steps for youth engagement, trauma-informed care, and effective diversion strategies, equipping them to enact meaningful changes within their organizations and communities.

**Presenter:**

*Nikesha Tilton, Principal, The Circle Lady*

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[\*\*Adopting and Implementing Developmentally Appropriate, Trauma-Informed, Equitable Policies for Law Enforcement Interactions with Youth\*\*](#) - This workshop will provide information about a first-of-its-kind set of 12 policies for law enforcement interactions with youth and ongoing efforts to implement those policies. Workshop participants will learn about the substance of and rationale behind the model policies as well as better understand the benefits of policy implementation for youth, law enforcement agencies and officers, and other stakeholders. Participants will leave equipped with the tools to support the implementation of similar policies in their communities.

**Presenters:**

*Shelley R. Jackson, Law Enforcement Policies Attorney, Strategies for Youth*

*Ed Burkhammer, Director of Law Enforcement Services, Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services*

*Captain Derby St. Fort, Board Member, Strategies for Youth*

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[\*\*How an Untraditional Partnership in Colorado Ended the Arrest of Youth for Low-Level Offenses and Dramatically Reduced Youth Crime\*\*](#) - This session will explore a promising diversion program in Colorado. Rather than arresting young people at school or in the community for behaviors that could be treated as juvenile delinquency, Longmont police officers refer youth to the ReWIND program. Within two weeks, youth and their parents have a brief intake and assessment, after which they are either offered resources unique to their situation or referred to a community-based restorative justice provider.

**Presenters:**

*Dana Walters Flores, Colorado Youth Justice Initiative Campaign Coordinator, National Center for Youth Law*

*Sergeant John Garcia, Longmont Police Department*

*Ramone Sanders, Restorative Justice Training and Programs Director, Longmont Community Justice Partnership*

*Taino Postigo Hassin, Lived Experience Advocacy Fellow, National Center for Youth Law*

11:00am - 11:05 am

*Break*

11:05am - 12:05pm

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Concurrent Workshop Session #6

**Youth Call to Action Planning Session (Youth Attendees Only)** - This session is brought to you by CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee as part of the CJJ Annual Youth Summit track. This is a working session for ELC and youth attendees only. We will answer the question: How do we engage young leaders to discuss change within systems that are monumental and pivotal for our future? In this session, emerging leaders will support future leaders to address real issues and work together on innovative solutions through youth engagement. Join us in shaping our future through a collaborative discussion on action-oriented transformation.

**Facilitated by:**

Emilio Carranza-Davis, *Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

Tayz Enriquez Banuelos, *Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

Raymond Vincent, *Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ*

Wilson/Roosevelt

**Defender Voices in SAG Decision Making** - In this session, we will explore how youth defenders can contribute to the work of State Advisory Groups through sharing findings from interviews and conversations.

**Presenters:**

Amy Borror, *Senior Youth Policy Strategist, The Gault Center*

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**Navigating Concerns on Youth Crime and Violence: What Does the Data Say?** - Policymakers have become increasingly concerned about youth crime and violence. Rather than implementing research-based strategies, jurisdictions are turning to politically expedient, punitive, and reactionary responses that undermine public safety, use resources inefficiently, and push young people, particularly from communities of color, deeper into the justice system. We will share the findings from our recent policy scan, customized state data tools, and listening sessions to counteract this response.

**Presenters:**

Josh Weber, *Director, Juvenile Justice, Council of State Governments Justice Center*

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**Empowering New Jersey's Justice-Impacted Youth Through Higher Educational Programming** - This session, co-led by justice-impacted students and the staff at Middlesex College's Center for Justice-Impacted Students, will highlight the strategies employed to center students' voices within the development of all Center programming including the college's degree pathway program for students residing within Juvenile Justice Commission facilities, a policy reform student-led advocacy effort, and the development of trauma-informed programming.

**Presenters:**

*Alexandra Fields, Academic Director, Middlesex College's Center for Justice-Impacted Students*

*Spencer McCray, Enrollment Navigator and Student Success Coach, Middlesex College's Center for Justice-Impacted Students*

*Brandon Lugo, Justice Scholar, Middlesex College's Center for Justice-Impacted Students*

12:05pm - 1:05pm

Lunch on Your Own

12:05pm - 1:05pm

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**CJJ Government Relations Committee Lunch Meeting  
(Closed meeting; Lunch provided for committee members)**

This committee reviews federal policy issues and questions related to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention on behalf of CJJ and its members. The committee supports CJJ's annual Hill Day and related training opportunities. They are also tasked with presenting policy recommendations to the CJJ Executive Board and the CJJ Council of SAGs. Additionally, the committee serves as a liaison to other national and state organizations working on federal policy.

Facilitated by: *Leslie Bittleston, Government Relations Chair, CJJ*

12:05pm - 1:05pm

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**CJJ Emerging Leaders Committee (ELC) Lunch Meeting  
(Closed meeting; Lunch provided for committee members)**

The Emerging Leaders Committee (ELC) is a partnership between CJJ and young people in the field of youth justice, many of whom bring lived expertise to their work. This group consists of young people ages 16 to 27 years old from across the country. CJJ supports the ELC to ensure that youth perspectives are represented in all aspects and functions of CJJ's work.

Facilitated by: *Emilio Carranza-Davis, ELC Liaison, CJJ*

12:05pm - 1:05pm  
Cabin John/Arlington

**CJJ Finance Committee Lunch Meeting  
(Closed meeting; Lunch provided for committee members)**

This committee serves as the financial advisor to the CJJ Executive Board and the CJJ Council of SAGs in all of the organization's financial affairs, in concert with the Executive Director. Its responsibilities include, but are not limited to: preparing an annual operating budget prior to presentation to the Executive Board; conducting periodic review of all financial reports; facilitating a periodic review of all financial policies; reviewing the work of the audit committee; and designing and ensuring compliance with a general accounting practices and a system of internal accounting controls.

Facilitated by: **James Hollywood, Treasurer, CJJ**

1:05 pm - 1:10pm

*Break*

1:10 pm - 2:10 pm

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**Concurrent Workshop Session #7**

**Breaking the Cycle: Addressing Mass Incarceration and Rehabilitation through Restorative Practices (ELC)** - This session is brought to you by CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee as part of the CJJ Annual Youth Summit track. This session is open to all Annual Conference attendees. During this session, presenters will explore the intersection of mass incarceration, rehabilitation, and restorative justice. In hopes of bringing awareness to mass incarceration and its correlation to juvenile justice, the workshop spotlights restorative justice practices as a means to reduce recidivism and rehabilitate individuals. Discover how these concepts can work together to promote healing, reintegration and more equitable justices for all systems.

**Presenters:**

**Michael O'Key, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ**

**Nndidi Chiaozor, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ**

**Rebekah Arnold, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ**

**Tayz Enriquez Banuelos, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ**

**Chris Ativalu-Ford, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ**

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**Beyond Compensation: What It Means to Meaningfully Engage and Share Power with Young People With Lived Experience in Systems Change** - How do we meaningfully engage and share power with young people with lived experience in systemic advocacy efforts? Hint: It goes beyond merely compensating young people for their time and expertise. In this session, we will review the Center for Children & Youth Justice's compilation and synthesis of model practices and policies for engaging individuals with lived expertise in

reforming child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

**Presenters:**

**Nicholas Oakley**, *Director of Public Policy & Strategy, Center for Children & Youth Justice*

**Giannina Ferrara**, *Public Policy Fellow, Center for Children & Youth Justice*

**William Hairston III**, *Director of Impact, Center for Children & Youth Justice*

## Cabin John/Arlington

**Protect and Redirect: America's Growing Movement to Divert Youth Out of the Justice System** - This workshop will present findings from The Sentencing Project's March 2024 report, "Protect and Redirect: America's Growing Movement to Divert Youth Out of the Justice System" and from four complementary issue briefs on diversion also slated for release in March 2024. The workshop will provide a detailed review of recent research on diversion as well as practical advice on challenges critical to expanding, improving, and reducing disparities in the use of diversion in youth justice.

**Presenters:**

**Richard Mendel**, *Senior Research Fellow, The Sentencing Project*

**Jessica Ellis**, *Executive Director, Centinela Youth Services*

**Jaquita Monroe**, *Senior Associate, Juvenile Justice Strategy Group, Annie E. Casey Foundation*

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**How Do We Effectively Serve Higher Risk Youth and Young Adults and Their Families with Complex Needs?** - OJJDP supports the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) on a Community-Based Alternatives to Youth Incarceration Initiative and works to reduce incarceration and violence, improve the outcomes of system-involved youth and adults, and increase the capacity and expertise of the organizations that serve these individuals. Framed around OJJDP's priorities for youth justice (treating children as children; serving children at home, with their families, in their communities; and opening up opportunities for system-involved youth), NICJR will lift up types of programs that have promising indicators of working with youth and their families, with a focus on community-based alternatives to youth incarceration. The discussion will also focus on emerging adults and NICJR's gun violence reduction work.

**Presenters:**

**Scott Pestridge, Senior Program Manager, OJJDP**

**Dana Kaplan, Justice Reform Partner, National Institute of Criminal Justice Reform**

**Shantay Jackson, Director of the National Offices of Violence Prevention Network, National Institute of Criminal Justice Reform**

2:10 pm - 2:15 pm

*Break - Coffee Available in Constitution A*

2:15 pm - 4:00 pm

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**Plenary and Conference Closing**

**Welcome and Introduction: Tracey Wells-Huggins (NJ), National Chairwoman, Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

**Closing Plenary: JJDPA 50th Anniversary: Appreciating Our History and Looking Towards the Future** - Signed into law in 1974, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act created OJJDP and charged the agency with supporting local and state efforts to prevent delinquency and improve the justice system. The Act represented the first federal legislation to address youth justice in a comprehensive and coordinated way. This year we celebrate 50 years of the JJDPA and OJJDP and acknowledge how far we have come in changing the landscape of youth justice around the country, as well as look ahead to the future and our hopes for continued systems change, continued progress in preventing youth from becoming involved in the justice system, and continued commitment to ensuring the highest standards of care for young people and their families when they do touch the justice system.

- **Pastor Edward Palmer, Moderator**
- **Elizabeth Ryan, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**
- **Joshua Hillman, Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse**
- **Dr. Maria León, Consultant, National Youth Justice Network**
- **Mylan Barnes, DC Juvenile Justice Advisory Group Youth Co-Chair**

**Youth Call to Action** - At this time, members of CJJ's ELC will share findings from their Youth Call to Action Planning Session.

- **Emilio Carranza-Davis, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ**
- **Raymond Vincent, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ**
- **Tayz Enriquez Banuelos, Emerging Leaders Committee, CJJ**

**Closing Remarks: Brock Landwehr, Associate Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

**Saturday, June 1st**

*Council of SAGs and Executive Board Elections*

7:45am - 9:00 am

**Breakfast**

Constitution Foyer

8:15 am - 11:00 am

**Council of SAGs' Meeting & Executive Board Elections**

Constitution BCDE

All conference attendees are welcome to attend the annual meeting of CJJ's policy-setting body, comprising member-State Advisory Group Chairs/Chair-designees.

Facilitated by: *Tracey Wells-Huggins, National Chair, CJJ*

COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE (CJJ)  
REGIONS OF STATE ADVISORY GROUPS

The composition of the JJDPA State Advisory Groups (SAGs) regions is defined in the CJJ Bylaws. Each region's members are represented on the CJJ Executive Board by a Regional Chair and 1-to-2 Regional Representatives. Memberships in CJJ are granted to all SAG members, as well as the state staff that work on JJDPA matters with the SAG (including the state Juvenile Justice Specialists, DMC Coordinators, and Compliance Monitors).

The Chair/Chair-designee of each CJJ member-SAG has a vote in all proceedings of the CJJ Council of SAGs. The Council is responsible for Bylaws, electing Officers to the Board, and approving major policy positions. The Council of SAGs shall meet at least once annually. The CJJ Executive Board convenes at least 4 times per year to act as the governing body for legal, fiscal and strategic decisions, reflecting the views of CJJ members and stakeholders.

<u>Midwest</u>	<u>Northeast</u>	<u>Southern</u>	<u>Western</u>
Illinois*	Connecticut	Alabama	Alaska
Indiana	Delaware	Arkansas	American Samoa
Iowa*	Maine*	Florida	Arizona
Michigan*	Maryland	Georgia*	California
Minnesota*	Massachusetts	Kentucky	Colorado
Missouri*	New Hampshire*	Louisiana	Comm. No. Marianas
Nebraska	New Jersey	Mississippi*	Guam
North Dakota*	New York*	North Carolina*	Hawaii*
Ohio*	Pennsylvania*	Puerto Rico	Idaho*
South Dakota	Rhode Island	South Carolina*	Kansas*
Wisconsin	Vermont*	Tennessee	Montana
	Virgin Islands	Virginia	Nevada*
	Washington, DC	West Virginia	New Mexico*
			Oklahoma*
			Oregon*
			Texas
			Utah*
			Washington*
			Wyoming

\*CJJ member states (List last updated on May 23, 2024 and is subject to change.)

Questions? If you have any questions about the CJJ Council of SAGs, Executive Board, CJJ Regions, or CJJ Membership, please contact Melissa Milchman CJJ Executive Director, at [milchman@juvjustice.org](mailto:milchman@juvjustice.org).



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