



2023 Annual Conference

Call for Presentations

CONFERENCE TITLE

Reenvisioning Youth Justice: Treating Young People as Individuals

DATES

Conference Dates – May 24-26, 2023

LOCATION

Marriott Marquis
901 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington, DC 20001

DESCRIPTION

Each year, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) hosts a national conference uniquely focused on improving juvenile justice and delinquency prevention systems, services, practices and policies. More than 350 juvenile justice practitioners and advocates from across the U.S. and its territories are expected to attend. For more information about CJJ, please visit www.juvjustice.org.

The full conference will take place on May 25-26th. This year, the conference will focus on the latest research, developments, and challenges facing our field today. Specifically:

- How can we restructure current practices to ensure young people receive individualized services and supports?
- How can systems collaborate with one another to more holistically address young peoples' needs?
- How can states and communities serve as leaders in shaping a better juvenile justice system for our most vulnerable youth?
- How can we improve collaborations with young people and families with lived experiences in the systems we work with?
- What role does advocacy play as communities seek to improve services and provide trauma-responsive care for children and youth?

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

CJJ invites proposals for concurrent workshop sessions to be held on **Thursday, May 25 and Friday, May 26, 2023**. The Conference Planning Committee will select a maximum of twenty (20) presentations in total.

WORKSHOP CONTENT

Interactive presentations should be designed to last **60 minutes**. We are particularly interested in workshops that focus on one or more the following:

Adolescent Brain Science	Aftercare/Reentry
Racial and Ethnic Disparities and tools to end racism within the youth justice system	Lessons Learned from Covid-19
Dual Status/ Crossover Youth	Extreme Sentences
Family Partnerships/Collaboration	Restorative Justice and Healing Practices
Immigration	Juvenile Justice and Youth Homelessness
Juvenile Justice System Reinvestment	Leadership Development
Mental Health and Trauma	Partnerships and Collaborative Efforts
Physical Health	Positive Youth Development
Prevention	School-to-Prison Pipeline (School Engagement)
Self Care and Resilience	Youth with Disabilities in the Justice System
Girls in the justice system	State Advisory Group Training and Capacity Building
LGBTQI+ and gender-nonconforming youth	Special populations
Trafficked youth	Youth partnership
Non-native and non-fluent English speakers	Probation reform and keeping supporting youth in their communities
Status Offenses	Tribal Youth

Workshops will be slotted into one of three tracks:

Skills, Tools or Training—workshops in this track will focus on providing information that has practical application to the work of one or more constituents of juvenile justice stakeholders and/or provides participants with new tools or skills. *For example, a successful workshop proposal might train State Advisory Group members on how to engage and sustain collaborations with youth members.*

Research or Emerging Knowledge—workshops in this track will focus on providing participants with information and research from the field. This could include new and emerging information being gleaned from promising practices that may not yet be peer-reviewed and evaluated. *For example, a successful workshop proposal might share lessons that practitioners are beginning to learn about how to effectively address the intersections of juvenile justice and housing instability.*

Policy, Education and Advocacy—workshops in this track will focus on providing participants with information or tools that they need to further key juvenile justice change efforts, or how to induce policymakers and others to implement change in juvenile justice practice or systems. *For example, a successful workshop proposal might provide an overview of policies and partnerships that have led to the creation of alternatives to school-based referrals.*

Successful workshop proposals will include **no fewer than three** of the following elements:

- Overview of the issue and its current status
- Learning principles
- Current and future practice implications
- Current and future policy implications or opportunities for advocacy
- Explanation of the role of key juvenile justice stakeholders or call to action
- Skills or tools to take away from the session

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

Workshop proposals will be submitted [online](#).

Please be sure to have the following information ready at the time of submission:

- Suggested workshop title
- 50-75 word abstract
- 500-1,000 word expanded description, which includes:
 - Three learning objectives
 - Evaluation results and/or data to support assertions made
 - Unique features or impacts
 - Description of how the workshop incorporates three of the workshop elements described above
- List of all presenters:
 - Note who will serve as the **Lead Contact** for CJJ correspondence and who will serve as the session moderator.
 - There is a limit of 3 presenters, inclusive of the Lead Contact and Moderator. CJJ will assign a moderator if you do not have someone to fill that role (in that case, please limit your proposal to two presenters).
 - **The following information is required for each proposed presenter:**
 - Name
 - Title
 - Organization
 - Mailing address
 - Email
 - Biographical summary for each presenter (200 words max)

SELECTION CRITERIA

Presentations will be selected based on:

- Overall relevance to conference theme/tracks
- Added value to the conference as a whole, so that a variety of topics/viewpoints/approaches are represented
- Whether the presentation topic has the potential to be replicated through other state and/or local efforts
- The degree to which the presentation promotes audience interaction
- Whether the presentation bring new/fresh content to the CJJ audience

NOTE: Strong preference will be given to sessions that have more than one presenter.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

To submit, please visit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1c4R4cAEF3aDqEOtuBJ28gNqnJV-A5G1JEoqB4LexjKs/prefill>

Proposals must be received by **Friday, Jan. 20th at 12 pm Eastern.**

NOTICE OF SELECTION

The Lead Contact will be notified of the Workshop Review Committee's final decision the **week of Feb. 15, 2023** via email and/or telephone.

SUPPORT FOR PRESENTERS/REIMBURSEMENTS

CJJ will waive the conference registration for a maximum of two (2) presenters per workshop. **CJJ regrets that we cannot provide travel support, hotel accommodations, or honoraria. Travel and per diem costs must be borne by the presenter(s).**

QUESTIONS

Contact Naomi Smoot Evans, Executive Director, at evans@juvjustice.org.

About the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ)

CJJ envisions a nation where fewer children are at risk of delinquency; and if they are at risk or involved with the justice system, they and their families receive every possible opportunity to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.

CJJ is a nationwide coalition of State Advisory Groups (SAGs) and allies dedicated to preventing children and youth from becoming involved in the courts and upholding the highest standards of care when youth are charged with wrongdoing and enter the justice system.

CJJ members include concerned individuals, practitioners, advocates and youth who voluntarily serve at the state and national levels. CJJ is governed by an Executive Board of national and regional officers. All of CJJ's formal positions on policy and related matters are developed and approved by a supermajority of the CJJ Council of State Advisory Groups (SAGs). The Council comprises the Chairs or Chair-designees of SAGs holding membership in CJJ.

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