



National Criminal Justice Association

Public Policy Summit Agenda

May 16, 2022 – by Zoom

Welcome and Review of Agenda

NCJA President Anne Jordan, Manager of Criminal Process and Specialty Dockets, State of Maine Courts

Policing, Police Reform and the Rise in Violent Crime

Keynote:

Thaddeus Johnson, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University and Senior Fellow, Council on Criminal Justice

Panel:

Frank Russo, Director of Government Affairs, National District Attorneys Association

Tim Richardson, Senior Legislative Liaison, Fraternal Order of Police (invited)

Violent crime is rising leading local communities to find ways to respond to their citizens' calls for heightened police presence while maintaining a commitment to more just policing practices. Members of Congress are seeking to position their parties to best advantage in the run-up to the midterm elections. This important conversation will discuss how law enforcement, Congress and the Biden Administration are navigating these competing pressures.

Current Trends in Juvenile Justice

James Dold, CEO & Founder, Human Rights for Kids

Naomi Evans, Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Twenty years ago, advocates embarked on a campaign to reduce youth detention and unnecessary contact with law enforcement and the adult justice system. Today, youth detention is down markedly and policymakers have a better understanding of brain development and the impact of trauma and victimization on young people. This session will examine how we got here and look ahead at the movement to reform juvenile justice. The conversation will also include a discussion about legislation in Congress focused on youth and the justice system.

Lunch Break (informal conversation)

A View from the Biden Administration: Policy and Funding for the Justice-Involved

Richard Cho, Senior Advisor for Housing and Services, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (invited)

Alex Green, Chief of Reentry, Office of Workforce Investment, U.S. Department of Labor

Joseph Bullock, Senior Public Health Advisor, National Mental Health Substance Use Policy Laboratory, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Agencies across the federal government are focusing on the needs of the justice-involved population to ease the collateral consequences of victimization and incarceration. Many agencies are making funding available to states and localities to help address needs and break down silos, including in job training, transitional and



stable housing and mental health and substance use disorder treatment. Senior officials from three key agencies will discuss their agencies' efforts and available resources.

The View from the Department of Justice: Current Focus and Initiatives Office of the Associate Attorney General (invited)

During this session senior officials at the Department of Justice will discuss the Biden Administration's priorities, agency actions and the partnership with state and local governments to strengthen state and local justice systems.

A View from Capitol Hill: Current Legislation and Future Goals

Chastidy Burns, Criminal Justice and Civil Rights Counsel for Chair Dick Durbin, Senate Judiciary Committee
Rachel Wright, Senior Counsel for Ranking Member Chuck Grassley, Senate Judiciary Committee (invited)
Mauri Gray, Deputy Chief Counsel for Chair Jerold Nadler, House Judiciary Committee (invited)
House Republican committee staff (invited)

Senior bipartisan staff for the key committees will discuss the overall climate on Capitol Hill for criminal justice legislation and how the federal government can help support state policy and practice.

Crisis Response and Coordination with Behavioral Health

Eric Rafla-Yuan, M.D., Jeanne Spurlock Congressional Fellow, American Psychiatric Association, Voluntary Assistant Clinical Professor, University of California San Diego
Shannon Scully, Senior Advisor, Justice and Crisis Response Policy, Government Relations, Policy and Advocacy, National Alliance on Mental Illness
Ayesha Delany-Brumsey, Director, Behavioral Health Division, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Justice and behavioral health systems are recognizing that one of the most important steps they can take to reduce arrest, incarceration and collateral consequences is to deflect people in need to community-based treatment. The transition in July 2022 to the 988 three-digit dialing number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline gives states, localities and community-based service providers a launching-off point to build a crisis response system appropriate to their communities and available services. Also, Congress is actively considering legislation to help support these efforts. This session will feature speakers who are deeply involved in this issue on Capitol Hill and in the states.

Wrap Up and Send-Off

Chris Asplen, Executive Director, National Criminal Justice Association
Elizabeth Pyke, Director of Government Affairs, National Criminal Justice Association
Allison Badger, Project Director, National Criminal Justice Association

NCJA staff will close the Summit by highlighting the support NCJA can provide its members in strategic planning, policy, practice, stakeholder outreach and congressional education.