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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REMAINS OPEN

Registration for the 2022 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice will remain open until midnight, October 31, 2022. Please visit www.jcjc.pa.gov to register for this event. In addition to the engaging plenary sessions previously highlighted in the newsletter, **twelve separate training workshops will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2022.**

The workshops this year will highlight programs, practices, and initiatives that address trauma and related issues, or that exemplify best-practices related to the various components of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). Offerings will be repeated in both the morning and afternoon sessions for conference participants.

THE WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- Social Media Safety and Application Awareness for Juvenile Justice Professionals
- Strategies to Address Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED): Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform R/ED Certificate Program
- Accountability and Restorative Justice: What Experience Has Taught Us
- Families and Juvenile Justice: Our Shared Goals
- Effective Strategies for Working with Cross-Systems Youth
- Child Trauma Screen: Pilot Project Findings
- A Discussion on Probation Officer Safety and Dauphin County's Critical Incident Stress Management Program (CISM)
- The Intersection of Autism/Intellectual Disability and the Juvenile Justice System
- What Is Diversion in Juvenile Justice and How Does It Work?
- Meeting the Needs of Victims in the Juvenile Justice System
- Been There, Done That: Lived Experiences in the Juvenile Justice System
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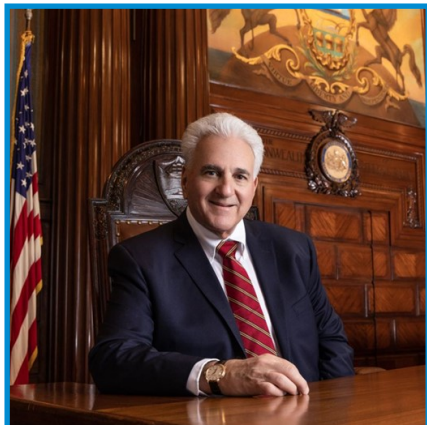
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Send Us Your Juvenile Justice Week Activities!

If you have held Juvenile Justice activities in your county recently, email us at ra-oajjcnews@pa.gov and we'll feature them in a future issue.

CHIEF JUSTICE MAX BAER, PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT IN MEMORIAM



Chief Justice Max Baer will be fondly remembered for his immeasurable contributions and influences to Pennsylvania, most notably his dedication to the children and families of our Commonwealth. While much of his recent work focused on the dependency system and protecting and providing for vulnerable children and families, his impact will also be forever felt in the juvenile justice system. Chief Justice Baer was a true friend of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, and we are deeply saddened by his passing.

Chief Justice Baer's obituary is available at:
[Max Baer Obituary 2022 - Slater Funeral Homes](#)

This photo provided by Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts shows Max Baer, the Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts via AP.

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in Harrisburg!

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2-4, 2022

2022 James E. Anderson
PENNSYLVANIA
CONFERENCE
ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

To register, visit <https://www.jcjcjems.pa.gov/cps/ConferenceDefault.aspx>.

For general conference information, please contact us at ra-jcjcjevents@pa.gov.

Resource Day

Friday, November 4 - 8:00 am to 11:00 am

This year's conference is shaping up to be a great one. We have all missed meeting, networking, and socializing with each other over the past two years. Please join us on Friday, November 4, from 8am - 11am for Resource Day. It is a perfect opportunity to reacquaint yourselves with what options are available for our youth and families. Individuals representing public and private residential and community-based programs, technological products, and other relevant services available to the juvenile courts in Pennsylvania will meet with conference participants during this informal session that concludes the conference.



FAYETTE COUNTY LIGHTS UP THE SOUTHWEST REGION WITH IN-PERSON SPEP™ KEY LEADER ORIENTATION

Written by Shannon O'Lone, EPIS

On October 14, 2022, a beautiful and bright autumnal day in the Laurel Highlands, Fayette County Juvenile Probation held their Key Leader Orientation for the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™). Fayette County joins 24 other counties in implementing the SPEP™ to develop systematic change, partnering with providers to align services with evidence-based practices. It is with this intention that improved collaboration and increased case goal achievement will yield better outcomes for all youth and ultimately reduce recidivism rates in Pennsylvania.

Despite having been involved in the SPEP™ Project for over a year, Fayette County Chief Heath Randolph decided upon an in-person Key Leader Orientation once COVID concerns became manageable to ensure inclusion and participation for all local stakeholders. Chief Randolph and Deputy Chief Cale White hosted this successful event in conjunction with Pennsylvania State University's Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support (EPIS).

Representatives from Fayette County's Juvenile Probation, Children & Youth Services, Office of Mental Health, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Commissioners, and Court Administration, as well as the Honorable John F. Wagner, were present. Chief Randolph opened the event by graciously thanking stakeholders for their participation and time in supporting this event, highlighting the importance of commitment, communication, and collaboration at all levels of the juvenile court process.

The presentation gave a comprehensive overview of SPEP™ in Pennsylvania since the project began in 2013, as well as current county engagement and implementation. Shannon O'Lone from EPIS presented on the historical context of the SPEP™ Project, the research behind SPEP™ as it pertains to the use of evidence-based practices and informs performance improvement, and current SPEP™ resources in the field that assist all stakeholders in their use of SPEP™ data in their everyday work. Amanda Sturgill, Fayette County Juvenile Probation Officer, elaborated on the importance of the partnership between probation and service providers, which supports and sustains the Project. Janelle Gates, Fayette County Juvenile Probation Officer, presented on the various stages of the SPEP™ process using her SPEP™ experience in the field with a residential provider as an example. Melanie King, Research Analyst from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, presented Pennsylvania statewide data and recent juvenile justice trends as it relates to service provider alignment through SPEP™. Deputy Chief White followed with Fayette County specific data of particular interest to the stakeholders. Shannon O'Lone wrapped up the presentation with the role of EPIS as an intermediary in the partnership of SPEP™ as well as how integrated strategies of SPEP™ align with other Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) initiatives and goals, and then opened the floor for questions and discussion.

In the upcoming months, Fayette County Juvenile Probation and EPIS will join with interested service providers to initiate the SPEP™ process. Recognizing the importance of access to high quality community-based services and collaboration, Fayette County will engage local providers in the SPEP™ process, which, through performance improvement efforts, can provide confidence in determining the most effective interventions for the youth they serve.

For more information about SPEP™, please visit the Penn State EPIS website at www.episcenter.psu.edu.

SMALL STEPS WITH OFFENDER REAP REWARDS FOR CHESTER COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER

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By MICHAEL P RELLAHAN |

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WEST CHESTER — Richelle Goodrich, the American author of “Making Wishes,” had this to say about how little changes can incrementally alter the arc of one’s life: “Small steps may appear unimpressive, but don’t be deceived. They are the means by which perspectives are subtly altered, mountains are gradually scaled, and lives are drastically changed.”

That is the approach that Danielle “Dani” Crampton, a probation officer with the Chester County Juvenile Probation Office, literally took with one of her charges, and which helped win her accolades from her peers.

The offender who Crampton was overseeing, a 13-year-old female, and the oldest of eight children, was habitually sneaking out of the home at night and repeatedly getting in trouble for it, according to information from the office. The girl reported her home life was “crazy” and sometimes she just needed to get out.

Crampton, a five-year veteran of the county’s juvenile justice system suggested the girl take up walking or hiking as an activity. But as the girl expressed reluctance, Crampton suggested they walk together.



Chester County Probation Director Don Corry presents the Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year award to Danielle Crampton last week.



Danielle “Dani” Crampton with her award.

“It became a regular routine for the youth and (Crampton) to go for an hour walk once or twice a week,” a spokeswoman from the office reported. “Conversations were about life — hair, nails, clothes, etc. — and eventually expanded to the youth’s challenging home life.”

“Prompted by the officer, (the girl) began volunteering to assist more often at home to earn additional time out of the house,” the office wrote. “When she successfully completed supervision, (the girl’s) mother expressed both surprise and appreciation for the positive impact this effort produced.”

Small steps indeed.

Crampton, a West Chester University graduate now studying for her master’s degree, was named the county’s Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year, an award given annually in honor of the late George Bratcher, a longtime probation officer in the office.

“In her five years with our department (Crampton) has demonstrated a robust skill set with a particular strength in her ability to establish professional alliance,” the office wrote in an assessment of her work. “With a background at (the county’s child welfare agency), and remembering her own time as a youth, she is easily able to identify with many of the issues our youth encounter.”

“Her communication and motivational interviewing skills allow her to effectively establish collaborative working relationships,” the statement said. “She develops, rather than imposes, case plans in a collaborative manner which fosters youth buy-in.”

Last week the county commissioners proclaimed Juvenile Justice Week and honored those in the system, like Crampton, with a ceremony in Courtroom One of the county Justice Center.

“In partnership with local law enforcement, community agencies, families and schools, Juvenile Justice personnel supervise juvenile offenders based on their individual level of risk to the community, provide opportunities for juveniles to understand the harm they have caused and how they can make amends to victims, and develop collaborative plans to help juveniles to become responsible and productive members of the community,” the commissioners said in their proclamation.



President Judge John Hall, County Commissioners Marian Moskowitz and Michelle Kichline, Judge Lou Mincarelli, Juvenile Probation Chief Don Corry, Judge Allison Royer, Danielle Crampton, and Commissioner Josh Maxwell.

The ceremony was attended by the three county commissioners — Marian Moskowitz, Josh Maxwell, and Michelle Kichline — as well as President Judge John Hall, who supervises the Juvenile Court, and Judges Louis Mincarelli and Allison Bell Royer. Chief Probation Officer Don Corry presided over the event.

Also honored at the event, in addition to probation officers who had reached milestones in their careers, were former offenders who had successfully made their way through the system and were awarded the Good Youth citation.

One youth attended a residential program due to her behavior and while there she achieved many awards of recognition in the program; her individual therapist talked highly of her. The other, a young male, was placed in a residential program due to his behaviors. He excelled in the program and earned a successful discharge in just three months. He is independent and working with a housing program. He is set to graduate this school year but was unable to attend the ceremony for good reason — orientation and training for a new job.

BEAVER COUNTY CELEBRATES JUVENILE JUSTICE WEEK

The Beaver County Juvenile Services Division celebrated Juvenile Justice Week as staff gathered to review the department’s engagement in various activities of Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) and to share timely and relevant legislative updates while celebrating the hard work of juvenile services staff. Professional development opportunities were offered as the week included specific activities focusing on Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS), Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™), and Youth Level of Service (YLS).



Throughout the week, staff gathered to enjoy meals together including a staff appreciation brunch, a potluck lunch, and DIP Day where all staff brought their favorite dips to share. The week exemplified the comradery of staff and the appreciation of administrators.

2022 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice Mobile App

Download the mobile app for the 2022 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice from Yapp and have all the conference details in the palm of your hand.

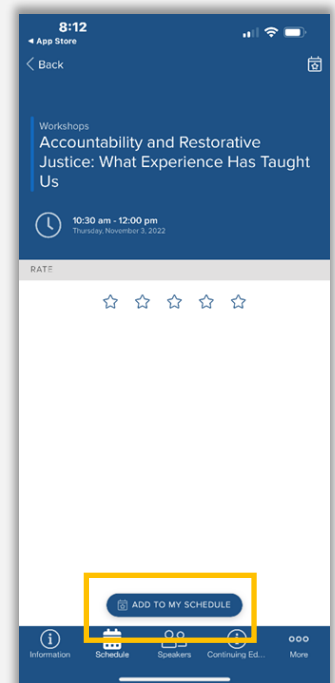
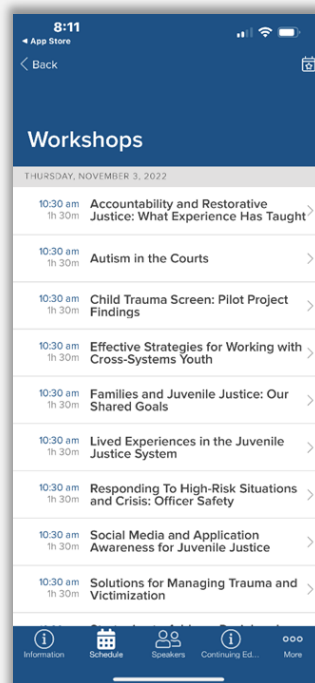
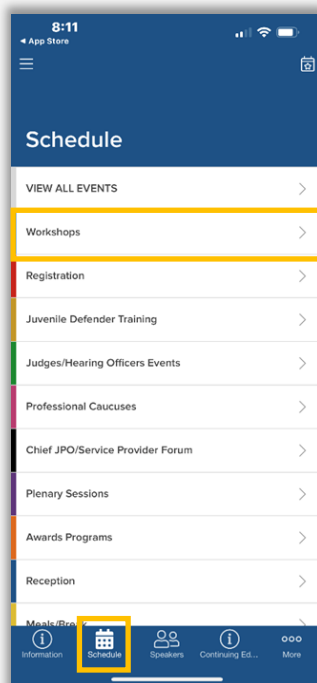
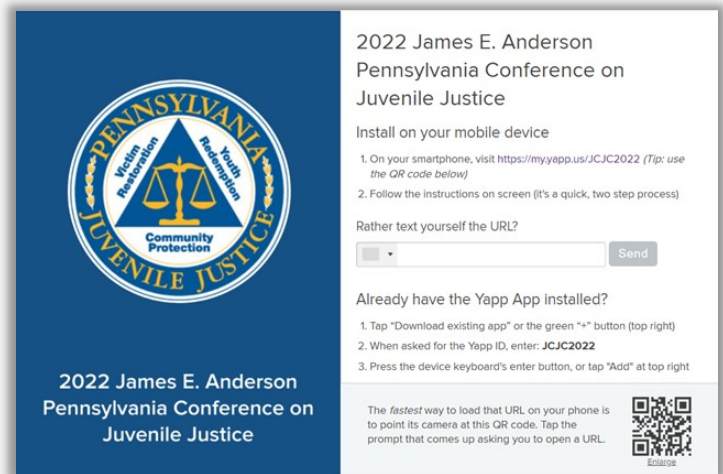
With the mobile app, attendees are able to view:

- A schedule of events that includes times, locations, descriptions
- The speakers with included bios
- The important documents like CJE and CLE
- A floor plan map of the hotel to assist in finding events that you might want to attend
- A list of exhibitors that will be present on Friday's Resource Day
- The push notifications that will alert attendees of important information and upcoming events
- A list of workshops, descriptions, and (in some cases) supplemental workshop materials

Visit <https://my.yapp.us/JCJC2022> on your device and click "Download" to download the Yapp app. Or you can visit the link on your computer and text yourself the download link. Finally, you can use your camera to scan the QR code.

Once downloaded, simply open Yapp and you will see the 2022 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice event.

To build your own personalized agenda, open the conference by clicking on the icon on the home screen. Then, click on "Schedule" located on the bottom of the home screen. Then choose the type of session you would like to add to your schedule. In the example to the right, "Workshops" was selected. Then select the event you would like to add, select "Add to My Schedule." Do this for all the events you wish to attend. To view your personalized agenda, select the calendar icon in the top right corner of the schedule screen.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING EVENTS AND FORUMS

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) returned to hosting an in-person **Orientation for the New Juvenile Probation Professional** for the first time since September 2019. The Orientation for the New Juvenile Probation Professional was offered in a blended learning format, presented with a combination of online curriculum delivery and in-person or virtual delivery presentations. The in-person orientation was held on September 26-30, at the Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill, PA. This event was attended by 27 eager learners from 18 different counties. Notably, an informative, practical training that introduced new juvenile probation officers to the Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (PaJCMS) was added to the orientation curriculum and facilitated by Mike Tan, the JCJC's Director of Information Technology.

An **EPICS Internal Coaches Forum** was held on September 8. Dr. Jennifer Pealer of UCCI, led the well-attended event—30 coaches from eight different counties—that offered EPICS Internal Coaches training and guidance, as well as the opportunity for participants to network, share ideas, and address county implementation issues.

The JCJC hosted the fifth **Motivational Interviewing (MI) Coaches' Forum** which was conducted on October 12th. The event provided an opportunity for participants to network and share ideas with fellow coaches from around the Commonwealth. The 49 coaches from 27 different counties were energized by the forum and the coaches left the event with a wealth of content to assist them in their coaching endeavors. Additionally, the MI Committee gained valuable feedback from coaches that will help to refine our unique approach for the advancement of MI in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system.

A virtual introductory level training for the **Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument: Version 2 (MAYSI~2)** took place on Tuesday, October 4th. Participation was robust with 56 attendees representing

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Registration available at www.jcjcjems.pa.gov

17 counties. The purpose of the training was to provide a history and description of the MAYSI~2, implementation guidance including the development of policy and procedure, a tutorial to access the assessment in PaJCMS, and information specific to the administration and interpretation of the results. Following the training, ongoing technical assistance and support will be provided as requested by each county.

A virtual **Learning Community for MAYSI~2 & Child Trauma Screen (CTS) Coordinators** in Pennsylvania's Juvenile Probation Departments occurred on Tuesday, October 18th. Thirty-two attendees representing 15 counties participated. Within this learning environment, ongoing support, and technical assistance was provided to ensure behavioral health and trauma-related screenings are administered consistent with their intent and purpose. Learning Communities for MAYSI-2 and CTS Coordinators will be scheduled in 2023 to promote sustainability.

The virtual workshop for the training on **Organizational Leadership Development for Criminal Justice Professionals** was held on October 17. Twenty-six supervisors from 12 different counties participated in the MION Consulting Leadership Development Program that trains, encourages, and mentors the future leadership cadre of probation supervisors, managers, and future leaders through training and development.

The **Youth Level of Service (YLS) Master Trainer Certification** occurred on October 6-7 when 25 motivated attendees from 12 counties were certified as Master Trainers in the use of the instrument. These Master Trainers have considerable responsibility for the success of risk assessment efforts in their home counties and they play an important role in supporting this keystone of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES).



Just a reminder, if you are looking to wrap up your training requirements for the year, do not forget that JCJC's Brainier Online courses are an easy way to access training and work on a flexible schedule.

Did You Know...

September 15th to October 15th marks the observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Each year Americans celebrate the contributions of Hispanics and Latinos to the United States and the ancestors from Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, South America, and Spain of American citizens. First established as Hispanic Heritage Week by President Lyndon Johnson (1968), the celebration was enacted into law and extended to a 30-day period by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.



Juvenile justice professionals encounter youth and families from all different backgrounds, and as such must strive to provide an inclusive and mindful approach to the services they provide. The Mi Hermana's Keeper Toolkit provides practitioners with recommendations and action steps to better provide culturally responsive services for Latina youth. Interviews and focus groups with Latina youth, caregivers, and stakeholders were conducted and provide the contextual basis for the recommendations and action steps provided in the Toolkit.

Recommendations for Juvenile Justice Professional Working with Hispanic Youth and Families

1. Provide services that are respectful and reflective of shared and individual Latino cultural heritage.
2. Provide services that value respeto and teach respectful practices.
3. Provide services that utilize a relational approach.
4. Provide case management services for the entire family.
5. Support cross-generational services to instill values.
6. Develop caregiver-specific services.
7. Build culturally responsive school practices.
8. Support effective systems advocacy.
9. Promote the dismantling of systemic racism and bias.

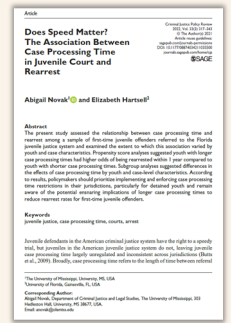
To learn more about the Mi Hermana's Keeper Toolkit, visit <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh176/files/media/document/mi-hermanas-keeper-toolkit.pdf>.

For more information about National Hispanic Heritage Month, go to <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>

Source: Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention
<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/library/publications/mi-hermanas-keeper-toolkit-promising-practices-juvenile-justice-prevention>

IS CASE PROCESSING TIME ASSOCIATED WITH REARREST?

Case processing time is an important juvenile justice system metric for several reasons. Celerity, along with certainty and severity, is a component of deterrence theory. In addition, developing brains may prevent adolescents from processing delayed consequences. In “Does Speed Matter? The Association Between Case Processing Time in Juvenile Court and Rearrest,” authors Abigail Novak and Elizabeth Hartsell (2022) examine case processing time’s association with rearrest. They conducted propensity score analyses on a large sample of 111,631 first-time juvenile offenders referred to the Florida juvenile justice system between 2012 and 2016. Case processing time was defined as the length of time between a youth’s referral to the juvenile justice system and the disposition date.



They found that youth with longer case processing times were more likely to be rearrested within one year of the initial arrest event for new offenses and technical and administrative violations. However, results indicate that “longer case processing times may disproportionately increase rearrest among some youth and have little effect on others” (p. 336). They suggest that “longer case processing times may not increase the risk of rearrest among youth who may have more complex or severe cases associated with their referral” (p. 336).

Novak and Hartsell’s case and youth-level recommendations include:

- Participation in diversion programs may be beneficial for first-time offenders
- The utility of diversion programs may diminish as time spent in the program increases
- Because detention interacts with extended case processing time to increase arrest, jurisdictions should prioritize the prompt resolution of these cases

The article appeared in Volume 33, Issue 3 of the *Criminal Justice Policy Review* in 2022. Although this article is not publicly available free of charge, information on how to obtain it is available at <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/08874034211035500>.

SAVE THE DATE

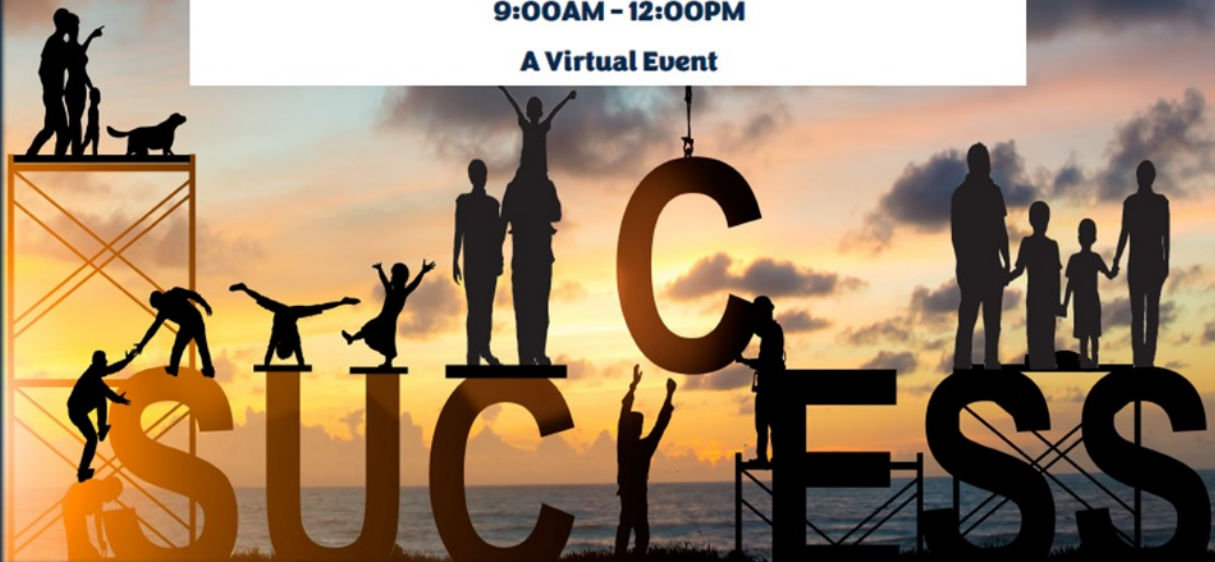
Family Group Decision Making Conference

Partnering with Families for Success

April 25-26, 2023

9:00AM - 12:00PM

A Virtual Event





NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are reprinted from JUVJUST, an OJJDP news service:

NEW BLOG HIGHLIGHTS OJJDP'S PRIORITY TO TREAT CHILDREN AS CHILDREN

In a [new blog](#), OJJDP Administrator Liz Ryan discusses *treating children as children*, one of three [priorities](#) that guides the work of OJJDP. This is the first of three blog posts by Ryan during [National Youth Justice Action Month \(YJAM\)](#), recognized each October to raise awareness and highlight the need to support justice-involved youth.



"One of my three top priorities as OJJDP administrator is to ensure that we treat America's children as children, respecting their needs and ensuring they receive developmentally appropriate services," writes Ryan. "This begins with ensuring that young people who break the law are processed in the *juvenile* justice system—not adult criminal court."

Ryan points to research that shows youth charged as adults are 34 percent more likely to be rearrested. She adds that funneling youth into the adult system both exacerbates racial disparities and causes harm to youth when they are housed in adult jails and prisons. The Administrator's blog also highlights OJJDP funding of programs that support and protect children.

RESOURCES:

- Read about [OJJDP's listening sessions](#) with youth justice stakeholders from across the country.
- Access our [YJAM toolkit](#) for recommended hashtags, social media posts, and graphics.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

NEW BLOG HIGHLIGHTS OJJDP'S PRIORITY TO SERVE JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH AT HOME IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

In a recent blog, OJJDP Administrator Liz Ryan emphasizes the importance of *servicing justice-involved youth at home, with their families and in their communities*, one of three [priorities](#) that guides the work of OJJDP. This is the second of three blog posts by Ryan during [National Youth Justice Action Month \(YJAM\)](#), recognized each October to raise awareness and highlight the need to support justice-involved youth.

"Young people who break the law must be held accountable for their wrongs, but incarceration is seldom the answer," writes Ryan.

Ryan discusses the trauma that system-involved youth have suffered while confined, including physical and sexual abuse and death. Ryan explains that resources are better invested in community-based alternatives, which are safer and more effective at positively impacting youth behavior and reducing reoffending.

The Administrator's blog also highlights OJJDP funding of programs that support youth, including the [FY 2022 Community-Based Alternatives to Youth Incarceration Initiative](#).

RESOURCES:

- Read Administrator Ryan's [blog](#) on OJJDP's Community-Based Alternatives to Youth Incarceration Initiative.
- Access our [YJAM toolkit](#) for recommended hashtags, social media posts, and graphics.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

NEW BLOG POST HIGHLIGHTS OJJDP'S PRIORITY TO ENSURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUSTICE SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH

In a recent blog post, OJJDP Administrator Liz Ryan discusses *opening up opportunities for system-involved youth*, one of three [priorities](#) that guide OJJDP's work. This is the last of three blog posts from Administrator Ryan during [National Youth Justice Action Month](#), an annual observance to raise awareness and inspire action on behalf of young people impacted by the juvenile justice system.

"We can and must offer youth who encounter the juvenile justice system the guidance and opportunities they need to move forward in life: to find confidence, achieve success, and grow into independent, contributing citizens."

- Administrator Ryan

The blog post details some of the reentry challenges faced by justice system-involved youth and highlights OJJDP's [Second Chance Act Program](#), which provide these youth with support. Administrator Ryan also emphasizes her commitment to continue to meet with youth and families impacted by the justice system, to learn about their experiences, their needs, and the opportunity gaps they have encountered.

RESOURCES:

- Read about the [OJJDP listening sessions](#) held last summer with youth justice stakeholders from across the country.
- [Visit](#) OJJDP's Youth Justice Action Month webpage.
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

OJJDP NEWS @ A GLANCE, SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of [OJJDP News @ a Glance, September/October 2022](#).

This issue's Message from the Administrator and top story highlight Youth Justice Action Month and OJJDP's focus on keeping young people out of adult confinement and in their communities.

The newsletter also features input provided by youth for the Office's Preventing Youth Hate Crimes & Identity-Based Bullying Initiative, and a new OJJDP program emphasizing collaborative approaches between schools and community-based organizations to deter violent crime.

Other features in this issue—

- [OJJDP Prevention and Early Intervention Efforts Seeks to Reduce Violence by Youth and Youth Recruitment by Gangs](#)
- [Data Show Decline in Arrests of Youth for Violent Crimes](#)
- [Title II Formula Grants Program Bolsters State Efforts to Protect Youth](#)
- [Creating Safe Spaces for Tribal Youth at Risk of Running Away or Going Missing](#)
- [News in Brief](#)
- [Upcoming Events](#)
- [New Publications](#)

RESOURCES:

- [OJJDP News @ a Glance, September/October 2022 \(NCJ 305106\)](#) is available [online](#).
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).



NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are reprinted from JUVJUST, an OJJDP news service:

U.S. SURGEON GENERAL RELEASES VIDEO ON BULLYING PREVENTION



The Office of the Surgeon General has released a new public service announcement video on the prevention of bullying, "[Standing Together to Prevent Bullying](#)."

In the video, U.S. Surgeon General

Dr. Vivek Murthy discusses the negative ways bullying can affect a young person's mental health, including loneliness, depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts.

The Surgeon General urges young people who are bullied to reach out for assistance to a guidance counselor, teacher, sibling, or friend.

"With love, support, and attention, we can prevent bullying and protect our children's well-being," Dr. Murthy says.

Join OJJDP in observing [National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month](#), recognized each October to raise awareness about bullying and its effects, and to highlight prevention and intervention approaches for individuals, schools, and communities.

RESOURCES:

- Learn about [OJJDP's Preventing Youth Hate Crimes & Identity-Based Bullying Initiative](#).
- Visit the OJJDP-supported [StopBullying.gov](#).
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

OJJDP-FUNDED WEBSITE LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT FAMILY-BASED SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES

The OJJDP-funded [Family-Based Justice Center](#) has launched a website offering resources to assist OJJDP grantees and state, local, and Tribal stakeholders implementing family-based alternative sentencing programs.

The website is a hub for data, research, and information-sharing. It features best practices, model programs, and an [interactive map](#) of legislation and programs.

The Family-Based Justice Center is operated by [New York University's Marron Institute of Urban Management](#), a training and technical assistance provider funded under OJJDP's [FY 22 Family-Based Alternative Sentencing Program](#).

RESOURCES:

- Read OJJDP Administrator's [blog](#) post on OJJDP's community-based alternatives to youth incarceration.
- Learn more about OJJDP's [FY 22 Family-Based Alternative Sentencing Program](#).
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

NEW ISSUE OF THE AMBER ADVOCATE AVAILABLE NOW

OJJDP has released the latest issue of [The AMBER Advocate](#) newsletter. This issue features articles on:

- [The safe recovery of an 11-year-old Georgia boy by an Idaho state trooper](#).
- [AMBER Alert in Indian Country technology toolkits for Tribal law enforcement](#).
- [Lieutenant Stacie Lick, Child Abduction Response Team Coordinator with the Gloucester County Prosecutors Office in New Jersey](#).



RESOURCES:

- Access [previous issues](#) of the newsletter.
- Read about [AMBER Alerts on Instagram](#).
- Follow OJJDP on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

NIJ JOURNAL ISSUE FOCUSES ON YOUTH JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION

The October 2021 issue of the [NIJ Journal](#), published by the [National Institute of Justice](#), focuses on the needs of children and youth, highlighting projects funded by OJJDP and NIJ that advance youth justice and child protection programming.

The issue includes articles on:

- Mentoring programs for youth at risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system.
- How to address the needs of dual-system youth, with references to research from the [OJJDP Dual System Youth Design Study](#).
- OJJDP and NIJ's collaboration to advance the collection of data on the juvenile justice system.
- Scientific research differentiating the impact of abuse versus accidental trauma in children.
- And more.



RESOURCES:

- Access the [current and past issues](#) of the [NIJ Journal](#).
- Visit OJJDP's mentoring [webpage](#).
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