



2015 CJJ Annual Conference Call for Presentations

CONFERENCE TITLE

At the Forefront: Emerging Challenges and Solutions to Reforming Juvenile Justice

DATES

Hill Day – June 10, 2015

Conference Dates – June 11-13, 2015

LOCATION

[Omni Shoreham Hotel](#)

2500 Calvert St NW

Washington, DC 20008

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. Nearly 300 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.

CJJ's 2015 Annual Conference will focus on the latest research, developments, and challenges facing our field today. Specifically:

- What are the key **emerging issues** facing the field today?
- How can practitioners and stakeholders use the **new research** and other knowledge we now have available to improve outcomes for youth?
- How do these new trends and issues impact the **core work** of juvenile justice agencies and stakeholders?

Workshop sessions will provide attendees a hands-on opportunity to explore the newest methods for preventing delinquency, ensuring fairness through all stages of involvement with the justice system, and establishing the best possible outcomes for children and families who do become involved with the juvenile justice system.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

CJJ invites proposals for concurrent workshop sessions to be held **Thursday-Friday, June 11-12, 2015**. The Workshop Review Committee will select a maximum of twenty (20) presentations in total.

WORKSHOP CONTENT

Interactive presentations should be designed to last **90 minutes**. We are particularly interested in workshops that focus on one or more the following:

- Adolescent Brain Science
- Child Trafficking
- Juvenile Justice System Reinvestment
- Mental Health and Trauma
- Status Offenders
- School-to-Prison Pipeline
- Crossover Youth
- Family and Youth Engagement
- Disproportionate Minority Contact and Special Populations (including girls, and LGBT 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 participation of 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 work with girls who were trafficked.*

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 that provide alternatives to school-based referrals to juvenile court for status offenders.*

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 specific audio-visual needs or set-up requirements. **Presenters will need to provide their own laptops.**
- List of proposed 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 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
 - Email
 - Biographical summary (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

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

To submit, please visit: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1908286/2015-CJJ-Annual-Conference-Call-for-Presentations>.

Proposals must be received by **Wednesday, January 7th, 2015**.

NOTICE OF SELECTION

The Lead Contact will be notified of the Workshop Review Committee's final decision the **week of February 16th, 2015** via email and/or telephone.

SUPPORT FOR PRESENTERS/REIMBURSEMENTS

CJJ will waive the conference registration for a maximum of three (3) presenters per workshop and provide up to one (1) night accommodations (room + tax only) at the conference hotel. **CJJ regrets that we cannot provide travel support or honoraria.** Travel and per diem costs must be borne by the presenter(s).

QUESTIONS

Contact Lisa Pilnik, Deputy Executive Director, at pilnik@juvjustice.org or 202-467-0864, ext. 111

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 super-majority 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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