



2016 Coalition for Juvenile Justice Disproportionate Minority Contact Conference Call for Presentations

CONFERENCE TITLE

Confronting the Crisis: Creating Pathways to a More Equitable Juvenile Justice System

DATES

December 4-6, 2016

LOCATION

[Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor](#)

300 Light Street

Baltimore, MD 21202

DESCRIPTION

Every two years, CJJ hosts a conference focusing specifically on the issue of disproportionate minority contact (DMC) in the juvenile justice system. These conferences give juvenile justice stakeholders from around the country an opportunity to share strategies and explore solutions to this serious problem. This year's conference will bring together stakeholders working to fight disparities at the local, state, and national levels, as well as the larger juvenile justice community. For more information about CJJ, please visit www.juvjustice.org.

CJJ's 2016 DMC Conference will focus on ways that young people and their communities, as well as law enforcement, court officials, advocacy groups, and State Advisory Groups can work together to combat racial and ethnic disparities (RED). Specifically, the conference will focus on:

- What changes can be made at the system's front end to reduce DMC?
- How can law enforcement, attorneys, the judiciary, and community leaders work together to combat the crisis?
- What role does data collection play in eliminating RED, and how can collection be improved?

The primary goal of CJJ's 2016 DMC conference is to help system stakeholders - including policymakers and state DMC Coordinators - combat DMC through peer-to-peer learning, and expert training. Workshop sessions will provide participants a hands-on opportunity to explore solutions that have been shown to work in other jurisdictions.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

CJJ invites proposals for concurrent workshop sessions to be held **Monday-Tuesday, December 5-6, 2016**. The Review Committee will select a maximum of 20 proposals for workshops.

CONTENT

Interactive workshops should be designed to last **90 minutes**.

We are particularly interested in proposals that focus on one or more of the following topics:

School-to-Prison Pipeline	The role of judges, prosecutors, and defense counsel in addressing the crisis
Community Policing	Mental Health and Trauma
Police-Youth Relations	Data collection (what, when, and how should information be collected)
Child Welfare and Dual Status Youth	Engaging Families and Communities
Girls of Color	Tribal Youth
LGBT Youth	Human Trafficking
Diversion	Homelessness
Physical Disabilities	Intellectual Disabilities
Implicit Bias	Public Health Approaches to Reducing Disparities
Immigration	Non-native/non-fluent English speakers

Workshops will be slotted into one of four tracks:

Workshops will be grouped into tracks. These tracks may include the following-

Communities in Action—workshops in this track will focus on the role communities play in addressing and remedying racial and ethnic disparities. *For example, a successful workshop proposal might examine successful DMC reform efforts and the importance of securing community buy-in.*

The Role of State and Local Entities and Related Staff - workshops in this track will focus on ways that state and local agencies and system stakeholders generally can implement RED reform. Such agencies and stakeholders include prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, court services personnel, law enforcement officers, State Advisory Groups (SAGs), DMC Coordinators, juvenile justice specialists and others who are addressing DMC in their communities and states, either by prioritizing projects for financial investment or by working directly on advocacy and reform. *For example, a*

successful workshop proposal might detail a training curriculum or community diversion program the SAG has helped fund.

Youth Voice - workshops in this track will focus on ways to ensure that youth are given a voice in programs and projects that aim to eliminate DMC. *For example, a successful workshop proposal might outline how young people are using art to help educate their community about implicit bias and its impacts on young people.*

Baltimore Rising - workshops in this track will focus on both the challenges Baltimore and cities like it face, and the good work that's being done to address those challenges. This track is being developed in conjunction with the Maryland State Advisory Group in consultation with Baltimore City stakeholders. *For example, a successful workshop proposal might highlight programs that use mediation to improve relationships between young people and law enforcement.*

Successful workshop proposals will include some or all of the following elements:

- Overview of the issue and its current status supported by data and/or evaluation results
- Learning objectives and tools/resources that will be provided/referenced during the session (e.g., sample memorandum of agreement, agency regulation, legislation, practice toolkit)
- Current and future implications for policy, practice, and/or opportunities for advocacy
- Explanation of the role of key juvenile justice stakeholders or call to action
- Outline of how the content will be presented and use interactive methods

GUIDELINES FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS

All proposals must be submitted [online](#). Please be sure to have the following information ready at the time of submission:

- Suggested title
- 50-75 word abstract
- 500–1,000 word expanded description, which includes:
 - Overview of the issue supported by data and/or evaluation results
 - Learning objectives and take away tools and resources
 - Current and future implications for policy and/or practice
 - Explanation of the role of key juvenile justice stakeholders or call to action
 - Outline of how the content will be presented and use interactive methods
- List of proposed presenters for workshops:
 - 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)
 - List of specific audio-visual needs or set-up requirements. **Presenters will need to provide their own laptops.**

GUIDELINES FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Presenters will be responsible for bringing their own laptop to the session. CJJ is unable to provide laptops for the workshop sessions. Each session will be set-up in classroom-style or rounds (depending on the best use of each meeting room) and equipped with a head table, projector, and screen. Podiums and microphones will not be available. Presenters may request any of the following AV equipment:

- Flipchart
- Apple VGA adapter, to connect to the projector
- PowerPoint Clicker, to advance slides
- Speakers

CJJ strongly encourages that presenters provide/reference resources for replicating efforts system-wide (e.g., sample memorandum of agreement, agency regulation, legislation, practice toolkit. etc.). Presenters can either provide their own handouts (please plan to bring 50 copies) or email their handouts to CJJ for photocopying. Presenters should arrive 30 minutes prior to their session.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals 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
- To what extent the proposal provides for active discussion and interactions with participants
- Whether the presentation brings new/fresh content to the CJJ audience

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

To submit, please visit: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2663102/DMC-Workshop-RFP>

Proposals must be received by **Friday, July 8, 2016**.

NOTICE OF SELECTION

The Lead Contact will be notified of the Workshop Review Committee's final decision the **week of August 22** via email and/or telephone.

SUPPORT FOR PRESENTERS/REIMBURSEMENTS

Workshops: 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. Travel and per diem costs must be borne by the workshop presenter(s).

CJJ regrets that we cannot provide travel support or honoraria for presenters.

QUESTIONS

Contact Naomi Smoot, CJJ Senior Policy Associate by email at smoot@juvjustice.org, or by phone at 202-467-0864, ext. 109.

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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