

Resource Guide for Mental Health Professionals Working with Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System

APPENDICES I–IV

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Appendix I

RECOMMENDED VIEWING

This module and its contents are intended for educational purposes.

Documentaries

Raised in the System



VICE, 'Raised in the System' Season 6 Premiere from HBO. "Actor Michael Kenneth Williams (HBO's The Wire) goes in depth and explores mass incarceration and the juvenile justice system." View here: [VICE | 'Raised in the System'](#)

Tre Maison Dasan



"Tre Maison Dasan is an intimate portrait of three boys growing up, each with a parent in prison. Directly told through the child's perspective, the film is an exploration of relationships and separation, masculinity, and coming of age in America when a parent is behind bars."

Presented by Hello World Productions in Association with Chicken and Egg Pictures, Shine Global, Sustainable Films and Pilgrim Media Group. View here: [Tre Masion Dasan](#)

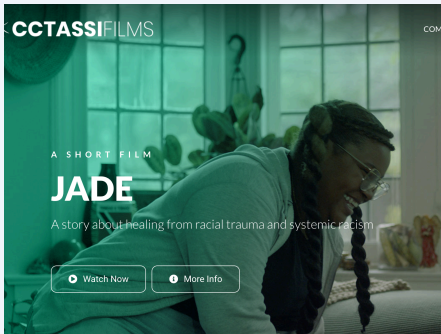
Cutline, "Spotlight on Juvenile Justice."



"CT Public's Accountability Project takes a deep dive into Connecticut's juvenile justice system---why lawmakers are calling for reform, what youth advocates and teenagers say they need and what the data shows about car thefts and juvenile crime." From PBS. View here:

<https://www.pbs.org/video/spotlight-on-juvenile-justice-cnqzgw/>

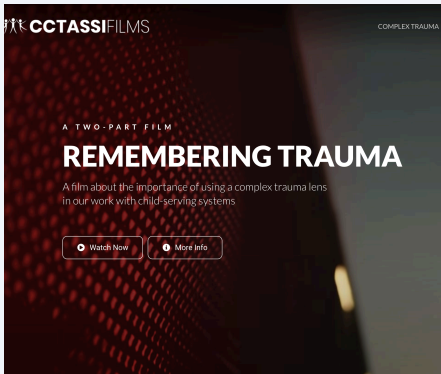
Jade: A Short Film



“When Jade ‘clashes’ (read: is on the receiving end of racist behavior) with yet another teacher, her high school guidance counselor demands that she see the new school therapist. Having had terrible experiences in the past, she is very skeptical, even with her big brother’s words of encouragement. Armed with his support, she walks into the session to find out if anyone at this school could ever understand her.” CCTASSI Films. View here:

<https://www.cctassifilms.org/racial-trauma/>

Remembering Trauma: Connecting the Dots between Complex Trauma and Misdiagnosis in Youth



“A short narrative film (16 minutes) that highlights the story of a traumatized youth from early childhood to older adolescence illustrating his trauma reactions and interactions with various service providers (including probation officer, school counselor, and therapist). This product was created in order to support the critical importance of using a trauma lens in our work within child-serving systems and the potentially detrimental impact of not incorporating a trauma framework. We believe this resource can serve as a powerful educational and awareness raising tool. ‘Remembering Trauma Part 2’ incorporates scenes from the narrative Part 1 film, with poignant commentary from real world professionals who work across child-serving settings, including school, juvenile justice and mental health.” CCTASSI Films. View here: <https://www.cctassifilms.org/child-trauma/>

Understanding Transition Age Youth



“Designed to raise awareness about the unique trauma-related needs and strengths among transition age youth (TAY). It highlights the stories and experiences of a diverse group of system-involved, youth adults who have transitioned out of child welfare and juvenile justice settings. The film series consists of a combined version as well as four separate episodes that highlight messages for each service setting or topic area in more detail: Part 1: TAY in Juvenile Justice; Part 2: TAY in Child Welfare; Part 3: Coping and Resilience; Part 4: Moving Forward.” CCTASSI Films. View here: <https://www.cctassifilms.org/transition-age-youth/>

Mental Health, Racial Trauma, and Health Inequities Confronting Boys and Men of Color

Mental Health, Racial Trauma,
and Health Inequities Confronting
Boys and Men of Color
October 2020

“In this webinar, viewers will hear from Dr. Wizdom Powell, an artist, Director of the Health Disparities Institute and Associate Professor of Psychiatry, and a Senior Consultant for the Center for the Treatment of Developmental Trauma Disorders, at UConn Health, who has worked to advance health equity for boys and men of color. During this segment, Dr. Powell will describe the impact of chronic exposure to racial and developmental trauma on young Black men and share how intergenerational trauma has affected families and communities of color. She will highlight creative pathways that can be considered to promote healing for boys and men of color who have experienced racial and developmental trauma.” NCTSN. View here: <https://learn.nctsn.org/course/view.php?id=548>

How Race, Ethnicity, Culture, and Identity Impact Treatment of Trauma

How Race, Ethnicity, Culture, and
Identity Impact Treatment of Trauma
June 2020

“In this webinar, you will hear from five expert trauma therapists about their experiences and reflective processes while working with children and families who have experienced developmental trauma and come from complex backgrounds in terms of race, ethnicity, culture, and identity. In addition, Dr. Rocio Chang (who also participated in the roundtable discussion) will moderate live commentary with Dr. Maureen Allwood, Dr. Ernestine Briggs-King, and Dr. Russell Jones. They will talk about the importance of open conversations related to the roundtable topics as well as the impacts of recent events that have brought racism to the forefront.” NCTSN. View Here: <https://learn.nctsn.org/course/view.php?id=543>

Podcasts

[Roadmap for Change](#) dives into the pressing need for transformation of the juvenile justice system. Through the voices of youth and their families, this podcast explores the changes they believe would truly support healing and growth. Alongside, experts share the latest insights on trauma-informed practices, along with actionable strategies to implement them.



Dramatized Documentaries

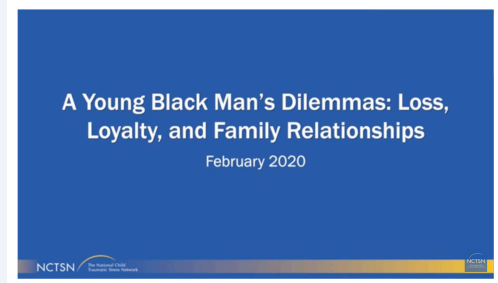
Trauma Avengers.

- <https://traumaavengers.com/>



A Young Black Man's Dilemmas: Loss, Loyalty, and Family Relationships

- <https://learn.nctsn.org/course/view.php?id=558>

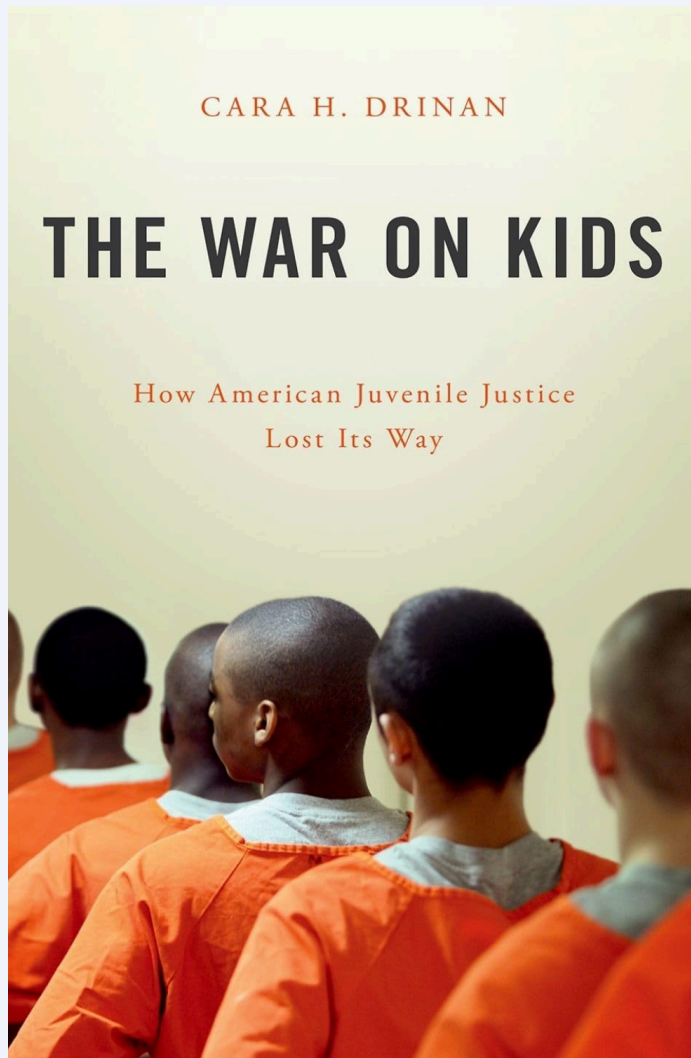


Navigating Racial and Gender Identity Violence as a Young Black Man with Developmental Trauma

- <https://learn.nctsn.org/course/view.php?id=552>



Nonfiction



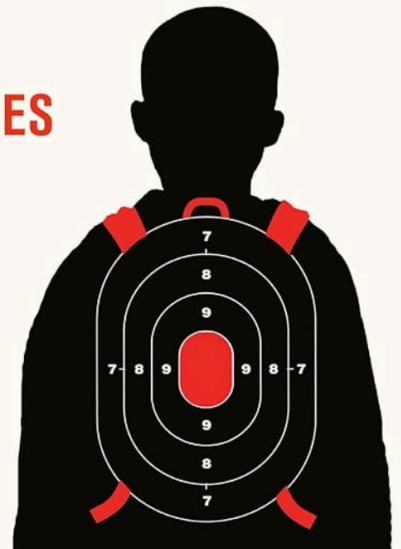
The War on Kids: How American Juvenile Justice Lost Its Way, by Cara Drinan (Oxford University Press)

"*The Rage of Innocence* . . . offers both a tribute to the humanity of Black children and a searing portrait of what we lose every time we shuttle another Black child into the pipeline." —Robert Walker Sterling, *The Washington Post*

THE RAGE OF INNOCENCE

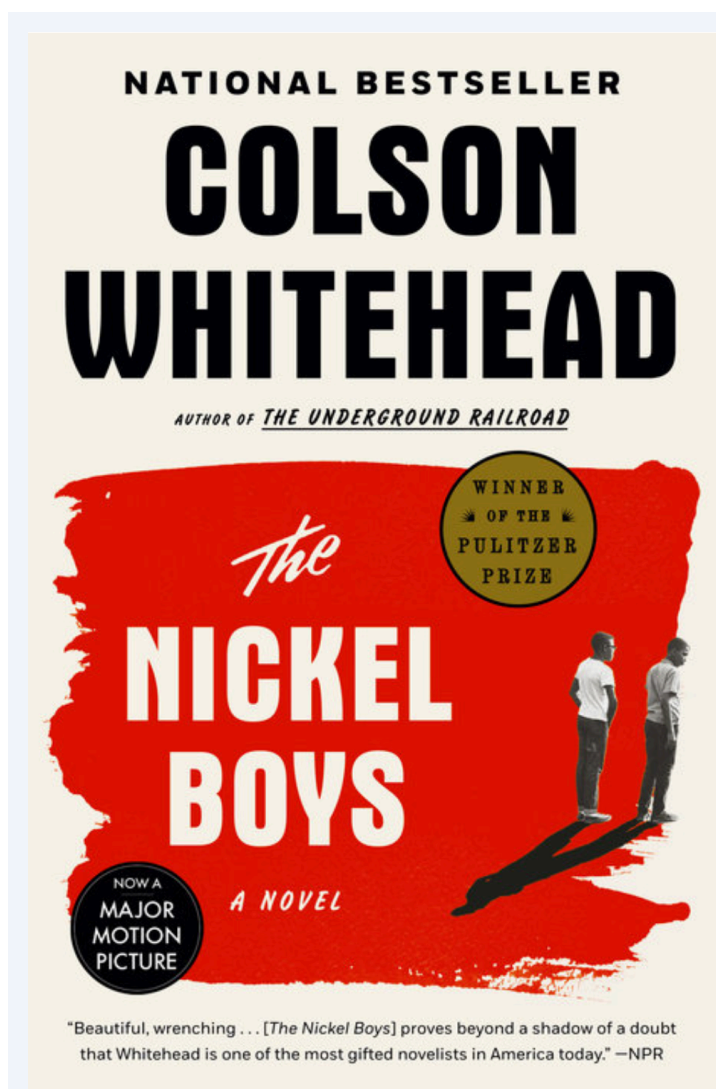
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**HOW
AMERICA
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YOUTH**

**KRISTIN
HENNING**

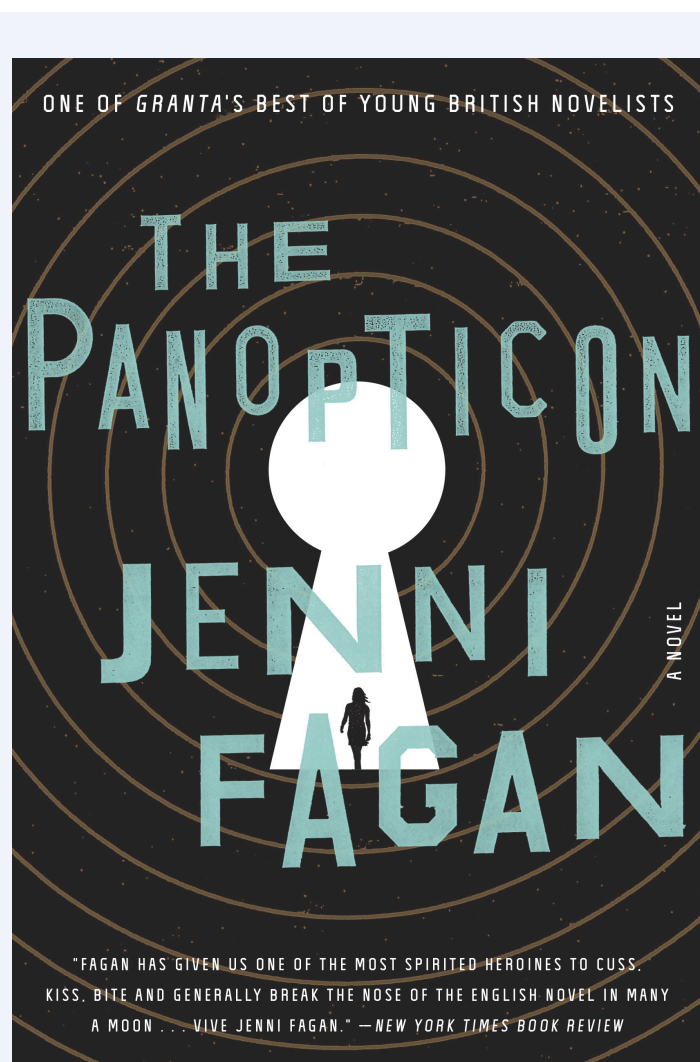


The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth, by Kristin Henning (Pantheon)

Fiction



The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
(Penguin Random House Books)



The Panopticon by Jenny Fagan (Penguin Books)

Commentaries by Youths

The Beat Within Magazine Written by Incarcerated Youth
(<https://imprintnews.org/justice/juvenile-justice-2/supporters-vow-to-continue-the-work-of-david-inocencio-founder-of-the-beat-within-magazine-written-by-incarcerated-youth/244680>)

Cycling Through Foster Care and Juvenile Detention (<https://imprintnews.org/youth-voice/cycling-through-foster-care-and-juvenile-detention/243496>)

Positive Role Models for Juvenile Justice-Impacted Youth(<https://imprintnews.org/youth-voice/positive-role-models-for-juvenile-justice-impacted-youth/245585>)

The Compounded Issues of Native Youth in the Juvenile Justice System (<https://imprintnews.org/youth-voice/the-compounded-issues-of-native-youth-in-the-juvenile-justice-system/244856>)

Poetry

Poems from Inside Juvenile Justice Facilities (<https://imprintnews.org/justice/juvenile-justice-2/words-unlocked-poems-juvenile-justice-facilities/31922>)

Mental Health Screening and Brief Assessment Tools

MAYSI-2¹ The MAYSI-II is a self-report screening instrument designed specifically for use in juvenile detention centers. It contains seven subscales with one item that differs slightly between boys and girls and is primarily used during intake in juvenile detention, probation, and diversion programs.^{2,3,4}

Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9):^{5,6} The PHQ-9 is a questionnaire with 9-items that assess for depressive symptoms in line with DSM 5 criteria.

Structured Trauma-Related Experiences and Symptoms Screener (STRESS):⁷ The STRESS assesses adverse childhood experiences and potentially traumatic events through a 25 item self-report questionnaire.

UCLA PTSD Reaction Index (UCLA PTSD-RI):^{8, 9} The UCLA PTSD-RI is an assessment tool for children and adolescents that assesses for both a history of traumatic experiences and prevalence of PTSD symptoms over the past month. It is a self-report questionnaire that directly aligns with the DSM 5 criteria for PTSD⁸.

Adolescent Dissociative Experiences Scale (A-DES):^{10, 11} The A-DES is a 30-item self-report measure designed to assess pathological dissociation for youth ages 11-18¹¹.

Inventory of Callous and Unemotional Traits (ICU):¹² The ICU contains three subscales (Callous, Uncaring, and Unemotional) that are assessed through a 24-item questionnaire.

CRAFFT Questionnaire:^{13,14} The CRAFFT is a 6-item screening tool used to identify problematic substance use.

Child Trauma Screen (CTS):¹⁵ The CTS is a 10-item screening measure of trauma exposure and PTSD symptoms children age 6-17 (age 3-6 version is in development), intended for use by clinical or non-clinical staff in any child-serving setting. The CTS can be administered as an interview or self-report; both child and caregiver report versions are available.

Risk Assessment Tools

For a comprehensive review of risk assessments and their implementation in the juvenile justice system, please refer to: [Risk Assessment in Juvenile Justice: A Guidebook to](#)

Implementation

Several risk screening/assessment tools have evidence of predictive validity in more than one jurisdiction, for the goal of identifying youth who are at risk for additional violations of the law.

Washington State Juvenile Court Assessment:¹⁶ The WSJCA has also been modified into the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI). Both are computerized assessment tools that measure risk of reoffending and consist of three parts: prescreen, full assessment, and reassessment. They are administered by trained probation officers and other staff. Youth rating moderate or high risk on the prescreen complete the full assessment, whereas those rating low risk do not get a full assessment. The WSJCA/YASI prescreen is a brief risk assessment tool with published evidence of validity in more than one jurisdiction.

Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory 2.0 (YLS/CMI 2.0):¹⁷ The YLS/CMI is a well-validated, comprehensive, standardized inventory for assessing risk among youth ages 12–18 involved with the juvenile court. It includes measures of static and dynamic risks that can assist with post adjudication case planning. Created specifically for administration by probation officers, it is a tool that is widely used by probation offices in the United States.

Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY):¹⁸ The SAVRY is a comprehensive risk assessment for adolescents. It contains measures of structured static and dynamic risk factors and protective factors to be combined with professional judgment in deriving the youth's level of risk. Although the SAVRY originally was intended to assess violence risk, research indicates that it also has high accuracy for predicting general delinquent reoffending.

Risk & Resiliency Checkup (RRC):¹⁹ The RRC is a comprehensive risk assessment with semi-structured interview designed to assess behaviors that place a youth at risk of reoffending. It contains both risk and protective factors. J-SAT allows juvenile justice agencies to add items to the existing validated instrument in order to meet the needs of the agency. Both San Diego (SDRRC) and Los Angeles (LARRC) have versions of the RRC.

Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability: Adolescent Version (START-AV):^{20, 21} The START-AV is an adolescent risk assessment focusing on harm to others and harm to the adolescent while also focusing on strengths. The START-AV orients professionals to the adolescent's strengths, vulnerabilities, and risks in order to assist in management and safety planning for youth.

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Appendix IV

JUVENILE JUSTICE-SPECIFIC INITIATIVES AND RESOURCES

The goal of this appendix is to provide a comprehensive listing of the various organizations, initiatives and resources related to educational and/or reform-based work in the juvenile justice system. Many of the resources listed here are also organized within their corresponding modules within the resource guide.

Organizations

The following organizations focus on advocacy and initiatives related to youth in the juvenile justice system and their families. Many of these organizations are the drivers of the initiatives listed in this guide.

NOTE: Please note that this list is not meant to be comprehensive, but rather a snapshot of some of the advocacy organizations that might not be familiar to mental health professionals in non-justice settings.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF)



**THE ANNIE E. CASEY
FOUNDATION**

AECF is a private philanthropy based in Baltimore that provides funding to organizations and communities looking to “create more innovative, cost-effective responses to challenges facing children and young people.” AECF focuses on initiatives that strengthen families, build stronger communities and ensure access to opportunities.

AECF also advances “research and solutions to overcome the barriers to success, help communities demonstrate what works and influence decision makers to invest in strategies based on solid evidence.”

Resource Link

<https://www.aecf.org/about>

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Phone	410.547.6600
Address	701 St. Paul Street Baltimore, MD 21202 503 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21201

Center for Youth Justice at Georgetown University (CYJ)

The Center for Youth Justice at Georgetown University supports and educates leaders across systems of care to advance a balanced, multi-system approach to improving outcomes for, and promoting the positive development of, youth at risk of juvenile justice involvement.

The Center works to focus the nation's juvenile justice and related systems of care on the key principles embodied in an evidence-based juvenile justice reform agenda, utilizing a multi-system approach. These include:

- An effective balance of prevention and intervention services
- An individualized system of justice for youth
- Implementation of proven and effective practices
- Strong linkages to the community
- Significant public engagement and building of public and political will



The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform's Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project (JJSIP) is designed to help states improve outcomes for juvenile offenders by better translating knowledge on "what works" into everyday practice and policy.

Resource Links

CJJR's Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project: <https://cyj.georgetown.edu/our-work/juvenile-justice-system-improvement-project/>

CYJ's Crossover Youth Practice Model: <https://cyj.georgetown.edu/our-work/crossover-youth-practice-model/>

Contact Information

Website	https://cyj.georgetown.edu
Email	centerforyouthjustice@georgetown.edu
Address	Capitol Hill Office 500 1 st Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ)



CJJ is a nationwide coalition of State Advisory Groups (SAGs), organizations, individuals, youth, 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 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's substantive areas of work include:

- Promoting evidence-informed policies and practices in delinquency reduction and prevention;
- Educating the public and advising federal policymakers on state and local juvenile justice issues;
- Assisting the states (including territories and the District of Columbia) in meeting the core requirements of the [Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act](#);
- Improving racial/ethnic fairness, accessibility, and overall quality of community and court-based policies and practices; and
- Linking national, state, and local advocates and organizations to pursue a common mission.

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Council for Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA)

CJJA is a national non-profit organization, formed in 1994 (as CJCA) to improve local juvenile correctional services, programs and practices so the youths within the systems succeed when they return to the community and to provide national leadership and leadership development for the individuals responsible for the systems.



CJJA represents the youth correctional CEOs in 50 states, Puerto Rico and major metropolitan counties. CJJA fulfills its mission through educational activities and programs as well as research and technical assistance projects.

Resource Links

<https://cjja.net/resources/>

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Juvenile Law Center (JLC)

Since 2008, JLC's Youth Advocacy Program has prepared young people to lead advocacy and policy reform efforts. Youth Advocacy featured programs are listed below.

Resource Links

<https://jlc.org/about>

<https://jlc.org/youth-advocacy>

JLC Youth Advocacy Programs: Featured Programs

[Operation: Education](#)

[Engaging Older Youth in Permanency Planning](#)

[Conditions in Youth Prisons](#)

[Empowering Youth in Court](#)

[Juvenile Justice Fines & Fees](#)

[Access to Higher Education](#)

[Expunging Juvenile Records](#)

[Improving Access to College](#)

[Aging Out of Foster Care](#)

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<https://jlc.org>

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Address	1800 JFK Blvd, Suite #1900B Philadelphia, PA 19103

National Center for Youth Law (NCYL)



NCYL has worked for more than four decades to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and youth. NCYL leads campaigns, weaving together research, public awareness, policy development, technical assistance and litigation to ensure governmental systems provide the support these children and youth need to thrive.

NCYL works directly with many state and local public agencies to develop model practices and policies in the areas of:

- Information sharing between agencies
- Addressing implicit bias
- Interagency coordination and collaboration
- Minor consent and confidentiality
- School discipline
- Use of psychotropic medications on children in foster care
- Meeting the educational needs of system involved children and youth
- Creating an inter-agency response to child trafficking

NCYL is available for consultation, technical assistance and training in each of these areas.

Resource Links

<https://youthlaw.org/about/#for-pro>

Contact Information

Website	https://youthlaw.org
Email	info@youthlaw.org

Phone	(510) 835-8098
Address	1212 Broadway Suite 600 Oakland, CA 94612

National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN)



The NCTSN is a network of frontline providers, family members, researchers, and national partners committed to changing the course of children's lives by improving their care and moving scientific gains quickly into practice across the U.S.

The NCTSN is administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and coordinated by the UCLA-Duke University National Center for Child Traumatic Stress (NCCTS).

To accomplish the NCTSN mission, grantees and Affiliates work to:

- Provide clinical services
- Develop and disseminate new interventions and resource materials
- Offer education and training programs
- Collaborate with established systems of care
- Engage in data collection and evaluation
- Inform public policy and awareness efforts

Resource Links

<https://www.nctsn.org/resources>

Contact Information

Website	https://nctsn.org
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Phone	(310) 235-2633 (UCLA) (919) 682-1552 (Duke University)

Address

11150 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 650
Los Angeles, CA 90064

1121 West Chapel Hill Street Suite 201
Durham, NC 27701

National Youth Justice Network (NYJN)

The logo for the National Youth Justice Network (NYJN) features the words "NATIONAL YOUTH JUSTICE NETWORK" in a bold, sans-serif font. "NATIONAL" and "NETWORK" are in white, while "YOUTH JUSTICE" is in yellow. The text is set against a dark blue background with a white diagonal line crossing through it.

Our mission is to clear a broad path for people of color to lead us toward justice system reform. We seek to elevate the leadership of people of color who know how to transform the oppressive systems harming communities of color.

Resource Links

<https://nyjn.org/about-us/>

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Vera Institute for Justice

The logo for the Vera Institute of Justice features the word "Vera" in a large, bold, red serif font, followed by "INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE" in a smaller, bold, red sans-serif font. The text is set against a dark blue background.

Vera Institute for Justice is a national organization that strives to end mass incarceration. Employing researchers, advocates and activists, Vera works alongside governments, local organizations and communities to develop and pilot programs that address the root causes of incarceration.

Relevant initiatives include [Reshaping Prosecution](#) and Ending Girls' Incarceration. Click on this [video](#) to learn more about the organization.

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Juvenile Justice Specific Initiatives

Below is a list of juvenile justice specific initiatives, organized by topic area. Many of these initiatives can also be found within their corresponding modules throughout the resource guide.

Alternatives to Confinement: Reducing Incarceration

Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)



Using a model rooted in eight core strategies, JDAI has effectively helped participating jurisdictions create alternative programs for juvenile offenders, thus safely reducing their detention populations, which can reduce the odds that youth will be found delinquent and committed to corrections facilities and increase the odds of future success.

Resource Links

Juvenile Detention Resources: <https://www.aecf.org/topics/juvenile-detention/>

Mental Health Related Resources: <https://www.aecf.org/search/?q=mental+health>

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Justice Policy Institute's Smart, Safe, and Fair Initiative
(Strategies to Prevent Youth Violence, Heal Victim's of Crime, and Reduce Racial Inequality)



In consultation and with the support of victims of violent crime, The Justice Policy Institute's Smart, Safe, and Fair Initiative advocates for community based solutions for youth charged with violent offenses rather than inefficient, costly and unjust confinement.

Resource Links

http://www.justicepolicy.org/research/12222?utm_source=%2fsmartsafefair&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=redirect

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Website	https://justicepolicy.org
Email	info@justicepolicy.org
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**Justice Policy Institute (JPI) Defining Violence Initiative
(Reducing Incarceration by Rethinking America's
Approach to Violence)**

In Defining Violence, JPI says it's impossible the U.S. will be able to lower its incarceration rate significantly without changing how the justice system treats violent crimes. To address this complicated issue, we need to rethink how the justice system responds to violent crimes, starting with how these crimes and behaviors are defined, and how that affects prison populations. Who defines a behavior as violent, how the justice system treats these behaviors, and whether the approach to violent crime makes us safer needs to be scrutinized if we are ever going to make meaningful reductions in the use of incarceration.

Resource Links

<http://www.justicepolicy.org/research/10708>

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**MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice
Challenge Network**

The Safety and Justice Challenge is providing support to local leaders from across the country who are determined to tackle one of the greatest drivers of over-incarceration in America—the misuse and overuse of jails. Within the Challenge Network, 28 Implementation Sites are receiving substantial funding and expert technical assistance to implement ambitious reforms to make their local justice systems fairer and more effective. Twenty-Four Innovation Sites are receiving short-term support to design and test a single innovative reform program or project.

The Challenge Network sites represent 51 cities and counties, across 32 states, that are modeling and inspiring reform.

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Vera Institute of Justice Reshaping Prosecution Project (and Prosecutor's Guide for Advancing Racial Justice)

Through the Reshaping Prosecution program, Vera is helping reform-minded prosecutors rethink their role in delivering justice and pursuing public safety. Vera is partnering with prosecutors to put their campaign promises into action as concrete, data-informed policies and practices. The goal of these partnerships is to develop strategies for prosecutors to reduce incarceration and promote racial equity in their work, and increase the public's confidence in their office.



Unlocking the Black Box of Prosecution is a tool developed by the Vera Institute of Justice for interested community members and prosecutors to better understand what prosecutors can do to advance equal justice.

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Best Practices in Juvenile Justice Facilities

CYJ Youth in Custody Practice Model

Informed by research on “what works” in serving youth in custody, as well as professional standards and the field’s preeminent the Youth in Custody Practice Model on best practices, the (YICPM) initiative is designed to assist state and county juvenile correctional agencies and facility providers in implementing a comprehensive and effective service delivery approach.

The Youth in Custody Practice Model offers guidance on essential practices in four key areas:



1. Case planning;
2. Facility-based services (e.g., education, behavioral health, behavior management, rehabilitative programming);
3. Transition/reentry; and
4. Community-based services.

Resource Links

<https://cyj.georgetown.edu/our-work/crossover-youth-practice-model/what-is-the-cypm/>

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Restoring Promise, an initiative of VIJ and [MILPA](#), works with prisons and jails to address the root causes and consequences of mass incarceration in how it manifests in prisons and jails. We work directly with prisons and jails to transform the culture, climate, rhythms and routines that define the prison system, starting with young adults.

Young adults are “mentees” who participate in meaningful daily activities, deepen their connection to their culture and healing, cultivate an ideology of self-determination, and restore relationships with family and community. Mentors (people over the age of 25) support them in their personal growth. Staff undergo intensive training to become agents of change in support of this mission

Resource Links

<https://www.vera.org/projects/restoring-promise-young-adult-reform-initiative>

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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003 to “provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.” (Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003). In addition to creating a mandate for significant research from the Bureau of Justice Statistics and through the National Institute of Justice, funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Corrections supported major efforts in many state correctional, juvenile detention, community corrections, and jail systems. The act also created the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission and charged it with developing draft standards for the elimination

of prison rape. Those standards were published in June 2009, and were turned over to the Department of Justice for review and passage as a final rule. That final rule became effective August 20, 2012.

NATIONAL PREA RESOURCE CENTER

In 2010, the Bureau of Justice Assistance funded the **National PREA Resource Center** to continue to provide federally funded training and technical assistance to states and localities, as well as to serve as a single-stop resource for leading research and tools for all those in the field working to come into compliance with the federal standards.

Resource Links

<https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title34/subtitle3/chapter303&edition=prelim>

National Prison Rape Elimination Commission Report:
<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/226680.pdf>

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Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

NCYL Collaborative Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation Initiative

NCYL advocates on behalf of this highly vulnerable population with the goal of preventing trafficking and effectively intervening with children that do fall victim. NCYL raises public awareness about the plight of these children and young adults and helps formulate and implement public policies that address their needs as victims, not criminals.

**National Center
for Youth Law**

The California Child Welfare Council's Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Action Team is a multidisciplinary body, comprised of substantive experts from across the state, dedicated to researching and identifying promising prevention and intervention practices, collaborating with survivors, providing guidance to county agencies and community partners, and conducting evaluation to ensure policies improve outcomes for children.

Resource Links

<https://youthlaw.org/focus-areas/commercial-sexual-exploitation>

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Crossover Youth

CYJ Crossover Youth Practice Model



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The Crossover Youth Practice Model is a nexus between research and best practices that outlines systemic changes youth serving systems can make to improve their ability to serve youth.

The CYPM has four overarching goals:

1. Reduction in the number of youth crossing over and becoming dually-involved;
2. Reduction in the number of youth placed in out-of-home care;
3. Reduction in the use of congregate care; and

4. Reduction in the disproportionate representation of youth of color, particularly in the crossover population

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NCTSN Resource Guides for Working with Youth Involved in Multiple Systems

Trauma-Focused Practice Supplement for the Crossover Youth Practice Model

NCTSN
The National Child
Traumatic Stress Network



Trauma-Focused Practice Supplement for the Crossover Youth Practice Model

This practitioner guide is designed for those working with youth involved in multiple systems using the Crossover Youth Practice Model. This supplement is a brief version of A Trauma-Informed Guide for Working with Youth Involved in Multiple Systems developed specifically for staff working with youth who are currently or have been involved in the child welfare, juvenile justice, and other systems. After a brief description of the CYPM, real world examples are provided that highlight five distinct steps of trauma-informed practice with crossover youth.

Resource Links

<https://www.nctsn.org/resources/a-trauma-informed-guide-for-working-with-youth-involved-in-multiple-systems>

A Trauma-Informed Guide for Working with Youth Involved in Multiple Systems

This resource guide uses two case vignettes throughout to illustrate the concepts within.



A Trauma-Informed Guide for Working with Youth Involved in Multiple Systems

It describes what trauma and recovery might look like for YIMS, trauma-informed practices that could be beneficial, using trauma-informed screening and assessment with YIMS, engaging in trauma-informed case planning and intervention, and managing secondary traumatic stress for providers. Guidance is provided to help those working with youth involved in multiple systems (YIMS) and their families to use a traumatic stress perspective and provide trauma-informed care.

Resource Links

<https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources/resource-guide/trauma-focused-practice-supplement-for-the-crossover-youth-practice-model.pdf>

Developmentally Appropriate Trial & Sentencing for Youth in Juvenile Justice

NCYL Ending the Practice of Trying and Incarcerating Youth in the Adult Criminal System Initiative

**National Center
for Youth Law**

Each year, nearly 1,000 California youth are prosecuted, sentenced and incarcerated as adults, despite research and legal holdings finding youth to be especially capable of rehabilitation. Together with key partners, NCYL is leading a campaign that ensures California's justice system treats youth in a manner appropriate for their age, cognitive development and ability to change.

This campaign addresses closing pathways to the adult system as well as creating meaningful opportunities for release of prisoners serving lengthy sentences for crimes committed as youth.

Resource Links

<https://youthlaw.org/laws-policy/keeping-14-and-15-year-olds-out-adult-criminal-justice-system-2018>

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NCYL Reforming the Juvenile Justice System to Treat Children in a Developmentally Appropriate Manner Initiative

The goal of this project is to transform California's Juvenile Justice system to ensure children and youth are treated in a developmentally appropriate manner. This requires completely eliminating the practice of prosecuting and incarcerating youth as adults, as well as eliminating the practice of trying children under the age of 12 as delinquents.

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<https://youthlaw.org/focus-areas/youth-justice>

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JLC Juvenile Life without Parole Initiative

Juvenile Law Center

Fighting for the rights
and well-being of youth

JLC is a leading advocate nationwide in the fight to end juvenile life without parole and other harsh sentences for youth. JLC has been actively engaged in challenges to juvenile sentencing in the US Supreme Court and they provide ongoing litigation support, training and technical assistance for the implementation of sentencing reforms.

Resource Links

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Family and Court Readiness

National Center for State Courts (NCSC) and Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (IAALS) Family Justice Initiative (and Court Readiness Assessment for Implementing FJI Principles)



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AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM



NCSC promotes the rule of law and improves the administration of justice in state courts and courts around the world. The Family Justice Initiative is a national collaborative of children's attorneys, parents' attorneys, educators, researchers, and national policy advocates who

share a common goal: to increase access to high-quality legal representation for children and parents in child welfare cases. Judicial leadership and courts considering implementation of the Family Justice Initiative (FJI) Principles are offered a self-assessment tool designed to help court leaders highlight priority areas and foresee potential barriers to implementation.

Resource Links

<https://www.ncsc.org/services-and-experts/areas-of-expertise/children-and-families/family-justice-initiative>

https://www.ncsc.org/_data/assets/pdf_file/0024/18690/fji_readiness_checklist.pdf

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Females in the Juvenile Justice System

Vera Institute of Justice Initiative to End Girls' Incarceration

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The Vera Institute of Justice (Vera) believes that we can end the incarceration of youth on the girls' side of the juvenile justice system by building stronger, safer, and more equitable communities where girls and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender-nonconforming (LGB/TGNC or "gender expansive") youth—particularly youth of color—are no longer criminalized for the violence and discrimination they face.

Through its Initiative to End Girls' Incarceration, VIJ aims to end the confinement of girls within 10 years by partnering with jurisdictions to build new reforms and programs that will better support the safety and well-being of girls and gender expansive youth in their communities, address the root causes of their incarceration, and close the doors to girls' juvenile detention and placement facilities.

Resource Links

<https://www.vera.org/projects/the-initiative-to-end-girls-incarceration/learn-more>

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Vera Institute of Justice Girls Matter Project

This initiative centers gender in status offense reform. Within a comprehensive gender-responsive framework, it is especially urgent to focus on girls, whose experiences have been left behind in a reform field focused largely on boys, and for whom the toll of sexism, racism, and misogyny is often exacerbated by justice involvement.

Resource Links

<https://www.vera.org/girls-matter>

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Foster Care

JLC Extended Foster Care Review

In an effort to provide a comprehensive resource on how each state handles the extension of foster care to youth over 18, JLC surveyed states to create the National Extended Foster Care Review. This tool provides readers with information on the laws, procedures and policies in states related to extended foster care. See below for the link and additional resources.

Resource Links

Juvenile Law Center's Extended foster care page: <https://jlc.org/resources/national-extended-foster-care-review-50-state-survey-law-and-policy>

This executive summary describes the National Extended Foster Care Review—a tool for advocates, policymakers, and other stakeholders to enhance how we serve and support older youth in the child welfare system:

<https://jlc.org/sites/default/files/attachments/2018-05/2018-NationalEFCReview-ExecSummary.pdf>

Finding Your State's Policy on Extended Foster Care: <https://jlc.org/issues/extended-foster-care>

Supporting Young People Transitioning from Foster Care:

<https://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/SYPTFC-Findings-from-a-National-Survey-11.29.17.pdf>

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NCYL Defending Reproductive and Sexual Health Access for Youth in Foster Care

NCYL believes that young people in the child welfare system must have the ability to take ownership of their own bodies and reproductive decisions in order to have a fair start in life.



To do so, foster youth must have access to comprehensive and complete sexual health education that addresses their unique needs and circumstances, the opportunity to access confidential reproductive and sexual health care on their own when they want it, the ability to make their own decisions about pregnancy and when to become parents, and the ability to make their own decisions about when and with whom to share reproductive and sexual health information.

Resource Links

<https://youthlaw.org/policy/reproductive-and-sexual-health-access-for-youth-in-foster-care/>

<https://youthlaw.org/initiatives/empower-youth-lead-and-make-decisions-about-their-sexual-and-reproductive-health>

Information about Laws Impacting Adolescent Health Care Access:
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Immigration

JPI Crimmigration Initiative



JPI highlights the mounting costs federal immigration policies have on local taxpayers through additional law enforcement deployment, increased spending on jail beds, lawsuits from residents, and losses to the labor force when noncitizens are removed from the community. While costing counties and cities more, immigration enforcement also undermines public safety as residents fear interacting with local law enforcement, and policing resources are deployed away from more effective crime prevention and enforcement activities.

Resource Links

<http://www.justicepolicy.org/research/11453>

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NCYL Protecting the Due Process Rights of Children in Federal Immigration Custody

The goals of this campaign are:

- Reduce the number of undocumented children placed in detention facilities
- Ensure undocumented children in detention facilities are quickly reunified with their families or placed with caring adults whenever possible
- Ensure undocumented children receive the constitutional due process protections to which they are entitled

Resource Links

<https://youthlaw.org/policy/protecting-due-process-rights-children-federal-immigration-custody/>

<https://youthlaw.org/initiatives/uphold-and-expand-rights-detained-immigrant-youth>

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NCYL and Center for Trauma Recovery and Juvenile Justice (CTRJJ)

Primer for Juvenile Court Judges: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Judicial Decision-making for Newcomer Immigrant Youth in Juvenile Justice Proceedings

PRIMER FOR JUVENILE COURT JUDGES:

A Trauma-Informed Approach
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Resilience Center

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This guide introduces key factors that juvenile court judges should consider in order to take a trauma-informed approach when newcomer immigrant youth come before them in juvenile justice cases. This primer discusses the definition of newcomer immigrant youth, case studies to provide clarity, the role of trauma in newcomer immigrant youth's lives, pathways from trauma exposure to the juvenile justice system, traumatic stress within the juvenile justice system, legal implications of involvement in the justice system on immigration status, cultural considerations, how to strengthen protective factors, and what judges can do.

The primer also includes a number of helpful appendices on the unique experiences of unaccompanied minors, Supreme Court jurisprudence, adolescent brain development, as well as glossaries.

Resource Links

<https://www.nctsn.org/resources/primer-juvenile-court-judges-trauma-informed-approach-judicial-decision-making-newcomer>

Guidance for Mental Health Professionals Serving Unaccompanied Children Released from Government Custody

Providing effective mental health services to unaccompanied children released from federal immigration custody is both critically important and incredibly challenging. Developed by children's rights attorneys and mental health experts on trauma and immigration, this Guide is grounded in the voices and experiences of unaccompanied children. The Guide provides context on the distinctive experiences unaccompanied children carry with them and offers guidance on how to meet the therapeutic needs of these children. Featured quotes from detained unaccompanied children throughout the Guide come from interviews conducted by attorneys representing children in federal custody. As a mental health provider, you may be the first adult who understands the multi-layered impact that trauma has had on your client. Although each child's experience is distinct, there are commonalities that can help you to provide trauma-sensitive and culturally responsive care for children who have faced the unique dangers, challenges, and losses involved in the journey to this country as an unaccompanied child. Without a deeper understanding of who unaccompanied children are, and what traumatic stressors their journey to and within the U.S. has entailed, even a seasoned clinician with expertise in child trauma may struggle to effectively provide mental health services to this population. This Guide is intended to support mental health providers in effectively serving unaccompanied children released from immigration custody.

Guidance for Mental Health Professionals Serving Unaccompanied Children Released from Government Custody

Stanford Early Life Stress and Resilience Program
National Center for Youth Law
Center for Trauma Recovery and Juvenile Justice

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To that end, the Guide includes:

- An overview of the layers of trauma unaccompanied children may experience throughout their journey – beginning in home country, through their time in federal immigration custody, and upon release into the community
- An overview of the distinctive traumatic stressors impacting unaccompanied children
- General and specific characteristics of the type of government custody where unaccompanied children are placed that increase the likelihood of traumatic stress
- Priorities for mental health professionals working with unaccompanied children

Resource Links

https://youthlaw.org/sites/default/files/attachments/2022-03/2021_Guidance-for-Mental-Health-Professionals-Serving-Unaccompanied-Children-Released-from-Government-Custody.pdf

LGBTQ Youth

Center for Youth Justice Supporting System-Involved LGBTQ Certificate

The Supporting the Well-Being of System-Involved LGBTQ Youth Certificate Program is designed to help juvenile justice, child welfare, and other system partners target and improve outcomes for at-risk LGBTQ youth.



The program will focus on the particular challenges faced by LGBTQ youth in child-serving systems (including juvenile justice, child welfare, education and behavioral health) as well as strengths and protective factors common to the population, and will highlight effective policy and practice reforms that promote positive youth development and take a holistic approach to addressing their needs.

While individuals are accepted this is recommended for teams for up to 7 from the same organizations including directors and senior leaders who are responsible for, and capable of, effectuating change

Resource Links

<https://cjjr.georgetown.edu/certificate-programs/supporting-lgbtq-youth/>

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Additional NCTSN resources related to LGBTQ youth can be found here:

<https://www.nctsn.org/what-is-child-trauma/populations-at-risk/lgbtq-youth/nctsn-resources>

Race and the Juvenile Justice System

Center for Youth Justice Reform Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities Certificate



The Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice Certificate Program is an intensive training program designed to support local jurisdictions in their efforts to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in their juvenile justice systems.

While there are no minimum education or experience requirements to apply, a preference will be given to those in a professional position to move reform efforts forward upon completion of the program. Participants can be individuals working on best practices for diversion at the local, state, or national level.

Resource Links

<https://cyj.georgetown.edu/certificate-programs/advancing-racial-justice-and-equity/>

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NYJN Youth Justice Leadership Institute



“NYJN’s Youth Justice Leadership Institute (YJLI), is a year-long leadership development program for BIPOC advocates, organizers, healers, and creatives with leadership experience to expand and elevate their advocacy efforts.”

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School to Prison Pipeline

NCYL Defending the Civil Rights of Students Initiative



NCYL uses a wide range of strategies to defend the civil rights of students and to make schools safe places for where everyone can learn and thrive. Today, far too many students face bullying and other barriers to education based on their race, religion, national origin, gender identity, disability, first language, or sexual orientation. Immigrant children continue to be illegally denied the right to enroll in school.

Increasingly divisive and hateful rhetoric and growing anti-Muslim and White nationalist sentiment only serve to exacerbate the threats to already marginalized students. Through this campaign NCYL and key partners are reminding state and local education agencies of their obligations under the law, assisting those who need help in complying with legal mandates and holding accountable schools, districts and states that fail to meet these obligations.

Resource Links

<https://nyjn.org/youth-justice-leadership-institute/>

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NYCL Shutting Down the School to Prison Pipeline Initiative

Across the nation, schools' districts are implementing punitive disciplinary policies that push students out of school. Law enforcement is also gaining a greater role on campuses leading to increased arrest and referrals to juvenile courts. The "school-to-prison pipeline" is a phenomenon documented in a growing body of state and national research. Disrupting class, using profanity, misbehaving on a school bus, student fights, and truancy once meant a trip to the principal's office. Now they often lead suspension, ticketing and arrest.



NYCL seeks to interrupt this destructive cycle and prevent the loss of more young people to the "school-to-prison pipeline" through early interventions focused on creating positive school environments that address students' academic and behavioral needs.

NYCL has launched a campaign to ensure all California students receive educational instruction to stay on the path to graduation and out of the criminal justice system.

Resource Links

<https://youthlaw.org/policy/disrupting-school-prison-pipeline-2/>

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Status Offenses

Vera Institute of Justice Status Offense Tool Kit

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Resources for developing and implementing effective status offense reform strategies.

Resource Links

<https://www.vera.org/publications/status-offense-toolkit>

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