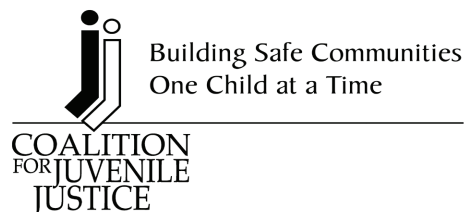


## *Call for Presentations*



### ***Ensuring School Engagement and Success for Youth at Risk***

On April 10-13, 2010, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) will host its national spring conference in Washington, DC.

Each year, CJJ hosts a national conference uniquely focused on improving juvenile justice and delinquency prevention systems, services and policies. The theme for our 2010 conference is **“Ensuring School Engagement and Success for Youth At-Risk.”** It is expected that more than 250 juvenile justice practitioners and advocates from across the U.S. and its territories will attend. For more information about recent CJJ National Conferences, please visit [www.juvjustice.org](http://www.juvjustice.org).

#### **Location**

Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, 999 Ninth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 898-9000, <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasrb-renaissance-washington-dc-hotel/>

#### **Content Breakout Sessions**

For concurrent workshops to be held on April 10-12, CJJ will select **no more than 12** proposals for **75 minute** workshop presentations. In order to be selected, your workshop must be designed to support the overall conference objectives, which include:

- Highlighting best practices, policies and innovations in reducing the over-representation of youth of color throughout the juvenile justice continuum or preventing the failure to identify youth eligible for special education services.
- Addressing how schools engage students and families in proactive ways to support student re-engagement and success when students fall behind, are truant, or are transitioning back to school from out-of-home placements or court mandated programs.
- Demonstrating how cross-system collaboration among school mental health professionals, community-based organizations and juvenile justice personnel results in improved school outcomes for youth and fewer referrals to the juvenile court. Of special interest would be ways in which such community based collaborations have reduced/eliminated over-representation of youth of color and/or special needs youth being subject to school exclusion (expulsion/suspension) or court-referral.
- Showcasing partnerships among local law enforcement, school resource officers, school personnel, community providers, parents and others that have resulted in fewer referrals to the juvenile court and to successful reintegration (to school and in community) following placement in juvenile detention or other out-of-home settings.

- Exploring ways that legislators, school districts and schools ensure school safety without excluding students or relying on overly broad applications of “zero tolerance” or similarly directed school disciplinary policies.
- Learning more about educational initiatives in juvenile court services or in special education services that show demonstrable improvement in youth and family engagement and youth achievement in schools, particularly those premised on Positive Youth Development.
- Affording youth (and their families) the opportunity to tell their stories of overcoming obstacles to school success and how these stories serve as catalysts for change.

## Guidelines for Submission

**Please provide no later than February 19, 2010, at 5:00 pm EST:**

- A 50-75 words abstract of your session/workshop.
- A 500-1,500 word description, including a suggested workshop title, which includes: (a) up to three learning objectives; (b) why your ideas have promise—including any evaluation results and data; (c) how such an approach could be supported by public stakeholders such as the governor-appointed JJDP State Advisory Groups and other juvenile justice practitioners and advocates; and (d) any other unique features or impacts.
- Please list your specific audio-visual needs or set-up requirements, including room arrangements that differ from “classroom style.”
- Please list each proposed presenter (no more than three in total), with title and agency affiliation. **Include a brief biographical summary for each person of no more than 200 words.** Be sure to include all contact information, including telephone numbers and email addresses.
- Please list strategies you and the other presenters will employ to ensure audience understanding and participation. The audience will be principally composed of state and local juvenile justice professionals, practitioners, policy experts, youth and family members, and advocates.

## Selection Criteria

Presentations will be selected based on:

1. Overall relevance to the conference theme and focus.
2. The degree to which the proposed presentation adds value to the conference as a whole, so that a range of approaches are presented.
3. Whether the program, practice, policy or system innovation presented has the potential to be replicated through other state and/or local efforts.

4. The degree to which the presentation promotes interaction and resources for attendees to take home.
5. Whether the presenter and presentation bring new/fresh content to the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) audience. We are unlikely to select a presenter or content that has been part of a recent CJJ event.

**Deadline for submission of presentation proposals: February 19, 2010, 5 pm EST**

**Please send to:**

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**Notice of selection:**

Presenters/workshop leaders selected to present at the CJJ national conference will be notified by **March 5, 2010**, via telephone and email.

**Support for presenters/reimbursements:**

- CJJ will cover the expenses related to conference registration and 1-2 nights of hotel accommodations (no extras) for selected presenters.
- **CJJ regrets that we cannot provide travel support or honoraria. Travel and per diem costs must be borne by the presenter(s).**

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**About the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ)** Visit us on the Web: [www.juvjustice.org](http://www.juvjustice.org)

For 25 years, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) has served as a nationwide association of state advisory groups on juvenile justice. CJJ is based in Washington, DC, yet reaches every U.S. state and territory. More than 1,500 state advisory group volunteers, from the public and private sectors—juvenile court and youth-serving professionals, concerned citizens, and advocates for children and families—participate in CJJ. The organization also includes individual and organizational members, who share our interests and goals.

CJJ was among the first national juvenile justice organizations to exercise positions opposing the juvenile death penalty, opposing prosecutorial waiver and other policies that automatically send youth to adult court, and exposing disproportionate minority confinement and disparate treatment of youth of color. CJJ is a prominent champion for a strong focus on preventive, developmentally appropriate and racially just services and supports in all federal grants that flow to the states and localities for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.