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of Youth?"*

A National Juvenile Justice Summit

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AGENDA

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*All times listed are EDT and approximate

- 3:00PM Pre-conference Site Activities; Test Slate
- 3:30 PM Video overview highlighting history of the Juvenile Court
- 3:33 PM Welcome and opening comments of Moderator
- 3:36 PM Review of Conference Goals by Bernardine Dohrn, Director, Children and Family Justice Center, Northwest University School of Law
- 3:39 PM Video overview of Resolution #1: *Promote children’s emotional, physical, mental and spiritual well being.*
- 3:40 PM Report by Jill Ward, Violence Prevention Director, Children’s Defense Fund & Co-Chair, Juvenile Justice Coalition
- 3:46 PM Questions and Answers concerning Resolution #1
- 3:56 PM Video Overview of Resolution #2: *Nurture and unleash the full human potential of children through the arts, sports, recreation and education.*
- 3:57 PM Report by Miriam Rollin, Public Policy Director, National Network for Youth
- 4:03 PM Questions and Answers concerning Resolution #2
- 4:13 PM Video Overview of Resolution #3: *Invest in community-based programs to care for neglected, abused and delinquent youth.*
- 4:14 PM Report by Nancy Gannon, Deputy Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- 4:20 PM Questions and Answers concerning Resolution #3

- **4:30 PM** **Video Overview of Resolution #4: *Give kids who are in trouble with the law a chance to make a better choice.***
- **4:31 PM** **Report by Jeremy Estrada, Juvenile Court Graduate & Pre-Med Student, Pepperdine University**
- **4:37 PM** **Questions and Answers concerning Resolution #4**
- **4:47 PM** **Video Overview of Resolution #5: *Provide humane confinement for serious offenders, and only as a last resort.***
- **4:48 PM** **Report by Marc Schindler, Staff Attorney, Youth Law Center & Co-Chair, Juvenile Justice Coalition**
- **4:54 PM** **Questions and Answers concerning Resolution #5**
- **5:04 PM** **Video Overview of Resolution #6: *Ensure fair and equal justice for all children and youth.***
- **5:05 PM** **Report by Michael Finley, Soros Foundation Fellow, Building Blocks for Youth**
- **5:11 PM** **Questions and Answers about Resolution #6**
- **5:22 PM** **Closing Remarks**
- **5:30 PM** **Adjournment**

“How Shall We Respond to the Dreams of Youth?”
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Summit Overview

“How shall we respond to the dreams of youth?” This question, first asked by the founders of the Juvenile Court in 1897 will be addressed yet again by participants at the National Juvenile Justice Summit in Washington, D.C. on June 6 and 7. The Summit, hosted by the Juvenile Court Centennial Initiative, will bring together delegates from more than 100 national organizations that share a common commitment to help neglected, abused and delinquent children and youth.

The National Juvenile Justice Summit is designed to:

1. Build awareness of the challenges and opportunities to improve the juvenile justice system.
2. Highlight effective strategies, model programs and interventions addressing the needs of troubled children and youth.
3. Stimulate debate about ways to strengthen and revitalize the juvenile justice system.
4. Expand the juvenile justice network and promote collaboration among those serving at risk children, youth and families.

Declaration for Juvenile Justice for the 21st Century

Summit delegates will develop and ratify a *Declaration for Juvenile Justice for the 21st Century*. The *Declaration* will summarize effective interventions and identify opportunities and challenges to strengthen the capacity of the juvenile justice system to do the following:

- Promote children’s emotional, physical, mental and spiritual health and well being.
- Nurture and unleash the full human potential of children through the arts, sports, recreation and education.
- Invest in community-based programs to care for neglected, abused and delinquent children.
- Give kids who are trouble with the law a chance to make a better choice.
- Provide humane confinement for serious juvenile offenders, and only as a last resort.
- Ensure fair and equal justice for all children and youth.

National Juvenile Justice Awards Reception

The Juvenile Court Centennial Initiative will present awards to juvenile justice programs that have developed exemplary models, innovative approaches and enhanced community collaborations to serve troubled children and youth on June 6 at the National Juvenile Justice Awards Gala.

National Juvenile Justice Summit
Core Resolutions and Commitments to Children and Youth

Panel #1: Promoting children’s emotional, physical, mental and spiritual health and well being.

This panel will focus on those key supports that enable children to lead healthy childhoods and keep children safe and out of trouble. These supports can include:

- ◆ Basics such as education, housing, nutrition, health care and social services
- ◆ Access to quality, affordable child care & early childhood development programs (e.g. Head Start);
- ◆ Prenatal care and preventive health care services (e.g. well baby care and immunizations);
- ◆ Family supports (e.g. parenting classes; home visiting programs)
- ◆ Safe play areas and after-school programs (especially during peak crime hours from 3-7 PM)

Panel #2: Nurturing and unleashing the full human potential of children through the arts, sports, recreation and education.

This panel will focus on those key supports that promote youth’s successful transition into adulthood. Those “youth development” supports can include:

- ◆ Mentoring;
- ◆ Leadership training;
- ◆ Career development;
- ◆ Job training;
- ◆ Arts programs;
- ◆ Sports programs;
- ◆ Education programs that support success in school and prevent truancy and school drop-out

Panel #3: Investing in community-based programs to care for neglected, abused and delinquent children.

This panel will focus on the community’s role in caring for children with an emphasis on the critical supports that need to be in place to allow children to grow and thrive in their own communities. Those community-based supports can include:

- ◆ Alternatives to incarceration (e.g. group homes for children and youth in the community; programs that allow children to live at home instead of in an institution such as a day or evening reporting program);
- ◆ Independent Living programs (e.g. supervised group homes or apartments for children who can no longer live at home or with relatives);

- ◆ Foster care placements (e.g. homes in the community where children live with relatives or caring adults)

Panel # 4: Giving kids who are in trouble with the law a chance to make a better choice.

This panel will focus on those key components that need to be in place to support rehabilitation, rather than punishment, and provide viable alternatives to delinquency. Those components include:

- ◆ Maintaining a separate justice system for youth;
- ◆ Individualized justice and adequate counsel;
- ◆ Confidentiality (e.g. confidential proceedings and records);
- ◆ Caring for children in the community, rather than incarceration;
- ◆ Programs that support positive youth development;
- ◆ Keeping children out of adult jails

Panel #5: Providing humane confinement for serious juvenile offenders, and only as a last resort.

This panel will focus on conditions of confinement and how children should be cared for when they are in juvenile detention and corrections institutions, such as:

- ◆ Reducing overcrowding;
- ◆ Improving substandard or unsafe facility conditions;
- ◆ Eliminating inhumane practices (e.g. solitary confinement);
- ◆ Providing health and mental health care services;
- ◆ Providing appropriate and adequate educational services;
- ◆ Providing youth development supports such as mentoring, sports, arts, and recreation programs

Panel #6: Ensuring fair and equal justice for all children and youth.

This panel will focus on how to ensure that all children and youth are treated fairly in the juvenile justice system, especially concentrating on the overrepresentation and disparate treatment of minority youth in the juvenile justice system and assuring that the needs of girls in the juvenile justice system are adequately met.

National Juvenile Justice Summit
June 6-7, 2000
Agenda

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

2:00pm-3:30pm **Opening Plenary**

Bernardine Dohrn

Director, Children and Family Justice Center, Northwest
University School of Law

David Tanenhaus

Juvenile Court Historian, University of Nevada at Las Vegas

Adele Simmons

Vice-Chair, Chicago Metropolis 2020

Granddaughter of Juvenile Court Founder Lucy Flowers

John J. Wilson

Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
Prevention

Prema Mathai-Davis

CEO, YWCA

The Honorable Nancy Salyers

Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois

3:30pm-3:45pm **Break**

3:45pm-5:30pm **Juvenile Justice Leadership Panels**

**Panel #1: Promote children's emotional, physical, mental and spiritual health
and well being.**

Facilitator: **Jill Ward**

Violence Prevention Director, Children's Defense
Fund; Co-Chair, Juvenile Justice Coalition

Presenters: **John Bess & Program Graduate**

President, The Valley Youth Agency

Mark Klaas

President, Klaas Kids Foundation

Sanford Newman

President, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

Chris Siegfried

Senior Director, National Mental Health
Association

Panel #2: Nurture and unleash the full human potential of children through the arts, sports, recreation and education.

Faciliator: **Miriam Rollin**
Public Policy Director, National Network for Youth

Presenters: **Bob Beamon**
Juvenile Court Graduate & Olympic Gold Medalist
Athletic Director, Florida Atlantic University

David Brown
Executive Director, National Youth Employment
Coalition

Jaison Gardner
Board Member, National Council on Youth Policy

Karen Pittman
Public Policy Director, International Youth
Foundation

Panel #3: Invest in community-based programs to care for neglected, abused and delinquent children.

Facilitator: **Nancy Gannon**
Deputy Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Presenters: **Hilda Crespo**
Vice-President, ASPIRA

Andre Dawkins
Juvenile Court Graduate & Financial Consultant

Mai Fernandez
Deputy Director, Latin American Youth Center

Dan MacAllair
Vice President, Center on Juvenile and Criminal
Justice

The Honorable Nancy Salyers
Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

Panel # 4: Give kids who are in trouble with the law a chance to make a better choice.

Facilitator: **Jeremy Estrada**
Juvenile Court Graduate & Student, Pepperdine
University

Presenters: **John Artis**
Co-Defendant of “Hurricane” Rubin Carter
Youth Counselor, Norfolk Juvenile Detention
Facility

Jeffrey Butts
Senior Research Associate, Urban Institute

The Honorable William Gladstone

Senior Circuit Judge, Florida

Terence Hallinan

District Attorney, San Francisco

Sonja Okun & Program Graduate

Director, Career Exploration Program

Center for Alternative Sentencing

Panel #5: Provide humane confinement for serious juvenile offenders, and only as a last resort.

Facilitator: **Marc Schindler**

Staff Attorney, Youth Law Center

Co-Chair, Juvenile Justice Coalition

Presenters: **Jo Becker**

Director of Advocacy, Human Rights Watch

Ned Loughran

Director, Council of Juvenile Correctional

Administrators

Rasheed Newson

Communications Assistant, Coalition for Juvenile

Justice

Mark Steward & Program Graduate

Director, Missouri Division of Youth Services

Dave Utter

Director, Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana

Panel #6: Ensure fair and equal justice for all children and youth.

Facilitator: **Michael Finley**

Soros Justice Fellow, Building Blocks for Youth

Presenters: **Margaret Rose Henry**

Executive Director, Girls Incorporated of Delaware

The Honorable Cindy Lederman

Administrative Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit - Florida

David Miller, Education Consultant

Hilary Shelton, Director

NAACP Washington Bureau

Mark Soler, President

Youth Law Center

Mildred Wurf

Director of Public Policy, Girls Incorporated

6:30pm-8:30pm

National Juvenile Justice Awards Reception

B-339 Rayburn, U.S. House of Representatives

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

9:00am-10:30am Media Plenary

Facilitator: **Vincent Schiraldi**
Director, Justice Policy Institute

Panelists: **Joe Davidson** – *Emerge* & National Public Radio
Dianne Donovan – *Chicago Tribune*
Gary Fields – *USA Today*
Ted Gest – *U.S. News & World Report*
Elizabeth Lewis – National Public Radio
Ben Wittes – *Washington Post*

10:30am-10:45am Break

10:45am-12:15pm Juvenile Justice Working Groups #1-6

12:15pm-1:30pm Luncheon

1:30pm-3:15pm Juvenile Justice Working Groups #1-6

3:15pm-3:30pm Break

3:30pm-5:30pm Closing Plenary and Working Group Presentations

Juvenile Court Graduates Scheduled To Speak at the National Juvenile Justice Summit

The full text of these stories can be found in Second Chances a book by the Justice Policy Institute and the Children and Family Justice Center, and Second Chances: Giving Kids A Chance To Make A Better Choice, a bulletin published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Bob Beamon, Miami, FL - Olympic Long Jumper

At the age of 16, Bob Beamon turned away from a life of petty crime and gang activity and set his sights higher - much higher. In 1968 he shattered the world-record in the long jump at the Mexico City Olympics. Beamon, who was recently named one of ESPN's top 100 athletes of the 20th Century, attributes the change in his life to two people: a grandmother who vowed to take care of him and a juvenile court judge who gave him a second chance.

Jeremy Estrada, Los Angeles, CA - Pre-med Student

By the age of 12, Jeremy Estrada was embroiled in the gang wars of inner-city LA. When his best friend bled to death in his arms after a shoot-out with a rival gang, Estrada turned himself in to the police. Soon afterwards, a Wilderness Challenge Program in Nevada awoke a new passion in the youth - fractions. Today, the 23-year-old is a devoted father and a pre-med student at Pepperdine University, CA.

Terence Hallinan, San Francisco, CA - District Attorney of San Francisco

Hallinan learned to fight to defend himself as a boy growing up in the San Francisco area. Fighting soon landed the bellicose teen in juvenile hall and got him expelled from high school. Hallinan's record stayed with him during his adult life and almost prevented him from practicing law. But today, Hallinan has just been elected for a second term as District Attorney of San Francisco.

Ronald Laney, Washington, DC - Director, Child Protection Division, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice

The system was set to write young Ronald Laney off. At 17, a long history of delinquency threatened to land Laney in an adult prison. But when a juvenile court judge gave the youth a second chance, Laney left his home in Jacksonville Beach, FL to join the Marines. He went on to have a decorated career after two tours of duty in Vietnam. Today the 52-year-old works for the U.S. Justice Department where he directs the federal Division of Child Protection.

Capt. James N. Short, Jr., Washington, DC - Fire Captain

Although his arrests as a youth landed him in the juvenile justice system, Short credits that same system with helping him pull himself together to go on to a career in the Washington, DC Fire Department. Dogged by his troubled past, Short was eventually able to get his juvenile record expunged.

Resource Materials

Additional resource materials are available for videoconference participants at no cost, and are available on the World Wide Web:

Giving Kids A Chance to Make A Better Choice: Community Guide for Youth Advocates”

This user-friendly guide offers ideas for centennial events and activities, action steps to organize these activities at the local and state level, and helpful tips on how to involve the community. The activities and materials will promote public understanding of the ways children and youth are served by the juvenile justice system, while offering hands-on opportunities to see the juvenile justice system at work and to meet successful juvenile court graduates. (Available at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jcci/resources.html>)

Juvenile Justice Fact Sheets

Fact sheets on juvenile court graduates; juvenile court’s rehabilitative approach; juvenile court bibliography; juvenile crime myths and facts; juvenile crime prevention; juvenile justice system basic process; challenges in the juvenile justice system; girls; Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act; minority youth; mental health; and children in adult jails. (Available at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jcci/resources.html>)

Juvenile Justice Reading List

This reading list includes some of the key books, publications and reports on juvenile justice. (Available at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jcci/resources.html>)

Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 1999 Report

Published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, this report is a comprehensive source of information about juvenile crime, violence, and victimization and about the response of the juvenile justice system to these problems. (Available at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org>)

Media Guide for Youth Advocates

This handy guide offers tips on how to work with the media; talking points on juvenile justice issues; and sample press releases, opinion-editorials and newsletter articles on juvenile justice. (Available at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jcci/resources.html>)

National Resource List

This list includes federal, state and local government contacts, and national organizations that provide information on juvenile justice issues. (Available at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jcci/resources.html>)

Second Chances: Giving Kids A Chance to Make A Better Choice

Published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention , this bulletin profiles 12 successful juvenile court graduates, such as former U.S. Senator Alan Simpson, DC Superior Court Judge Reggie Walton, San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan and Olympic gold medallist Bob Beamon. (Available at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org>)

Second Chances: 100 Years of the Children's Court

This publication profiles twenty-five successful juvenile court graduates, including former U.S. Senator Alan Simpson, Olympic gold medallist Bob Beamon, former Deputy Drug Czar Reggie Walton, the U.S. Department of Justice’s Director of Child Protection, Ron Laney; race car driver Ron Ashley; and San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan. (Available at: www.cjcj.org/centennial)

The Juvenile Court Centennial Initiative:

The Juvenile Court Centennial Initiative (JCCI) is a national campaign led by a coalition of national organizations and funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention designed to:

- Commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the juvenile court in the U.S.
- Recognizes the critical role of the juvenile court in the positive development of our nation's children and youth.
- Emphasizes the court's role in the rehabilitation of children in trouble with the law.

JCCI seeks to strengthen and revitalize the juvenile court and to educate the public about its effectiveness in contributing to a reduction in youth violence and crime by working at the national level and in local jurisdictions to:

- Highlight the lessons of the juvenile court through a national media campaign using print, radio and TV ads and articles in the news, professional and advocacy media to promote the unique role of a separate court for children and the achievements of juvenile court graduates.
- Engage the leadership of juvenile justice and youth-serving organizations through conferences, meetings, conference calls, email list serve, web sites, and dissemination of materials to promote effective interventions and to encourage replication of model programs.
- Increase investments to support troubled children and youth through outreach and education to strengthen existing and build new community partnerships focusing on crime prevention and offender rehabilitation.

JCCI supports the ongoing work of juvenile justice practitioners and youth-serving organizations through a series of coordinated activities including:

- Community events in local jurisdictions with juvenile court graduates and citizen visits to juvenile courts, juvenile detention facilities and alternative-to-detention programs.
- National Juvenile Justice Awards Program recognizing model programs with awards to be announced in June at the National Juvenile Justice Summit.
- National Juvenile Justice Summit and ratification of a *Declaration on Juvenile Justice for the 21st Century* in Washington, DC on June 6-7.

Previous Satellite Videoconferences

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Conditions of Confinement in Juvenile Corrections and Detention Facilities

September 1993

Community Collaboration

June 1995

Effective Programs for Serious, Violent, and Chronic Juvenile Offenders

October 1995

Youth-Oriented Community Policing

December 1995

Juvenile Boot Camps

February 1996

Conflict Resolution for Youth

May 1996

Reducing Youth Gun Violence

August 1996

Youth Out of the Education Mainstream

October 1996

Has the Juvenile Court Outlived Its Usefulness?

December 1996

Youth Gangs in America

March 1997

Preventing Drug Abuse Among Youth

June 1997

Mentoring for Youth in Schools and Communities

September 1997

Juvenile Offenders and Drug Treatment:

Promising Approaches

December 1997

Comprehensive Juvenile Justice in State Legislatures

February 1998

Protecting Children Online

March 1998

Youth Courts: A National Movement

May 1998

Risk Factors and Successful Interventions for

Serious and Violent Juvenile Offenders

September 1998

*White House Conference on School Safety:
Causes and Prevention of Youth Violence*
October 1998

Juveniles and the Criminal Justice System
December 1998

Females and the Juvenile Justice System
May 1999

Promising Practices for Safe and Effective Schools
September 1999

Online Safety for Children: A Primer for Parents and Teachers
November 1999

Model Court Practices in Abuse and Neglect Cases
February, 2000

Crowding in Juvenile Detention: A Problem Solving Approach
April, 2000

For Further Information

For videos of previous OJJDP videoconferences, please contact the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse, PO Box 6000, Rockville, MD 20849-6000; call 800-638-8736; fax 301-251-5212; or e-mail askncjrs@ncjrs.org.

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