

RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice E-Newsletter

Events

Symposium on the Future of Juvenile Community Supervision

With the support of the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, and American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) have partnered to host an unprecedented symposium at APPA's 43rd Annual Training Institute on the future of juvenile community supervision.

As juvenile incarceration rates have declined nationally by over 50 percent in the last decade, community supervision agencies are increasingly challenged to serve youth that have a higher risk of reoffending. Research shows that up to half of youth on probation and two-thirds of youth released from incarceration are re-arrested within two years. To address this challenge, the goals of the symposium are to: 1) review the current state of the field on implementing what research shows is working to improve outcomes for youth, and 2) propose a new vision for how juvenile community supervision agencies should operate and use limited resources most efficiently to enhance public safety and improve outcomes for youth. National experts will join staff from the CSG Justice Center and RFK National Resource Center to host three workshops to describe the key components of this new vision, and leading jurisdictions will highlight strategies that they have employed to transform their policies and practices. The three sessions will take place on Monday, July 30 and include:

- *Envisioning the Future of Juvenile Community Supervision*
- *The Future of Juvenile Community Supervision: Supervision Conditions, Monitoring, and Accountability*
- *The Future of Juvenile Community Supervision: Probation and Parole Officers as Agents of Positive Youth Behavior Change*

To attend the symposium and register for these sessions, please register for the APPA 43rd Annual Training Institute at <http://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2018-Philly/attend/>.

Space is Limited - Register now for the Child Welfare League of America's National Conference!

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Have You Scheduled an On-Site Training in Your Community?

Only a few slots remain for on-site training this spring and summer. Don't delay! [Contact us now](#) to ensure your jurisdiction has the opportunity to learn how to best address critical topics in juvenile justice.

The [Training Institute](#) brings experts and experienced facilitators into local jurisdictions, ensuring that all vital leaders, staff, and stakeholders have the opportunity to benefit from the experience. Our curriculum utilizes well-established frameworks for reform that have been applied in numerous jurisdictions throughout the nation, while also incorporating current research and emerging best practices. The training approach balances traditional presentation with dynamic discussions and



The Child Welfare League of America's 2018 National Conference is being held April 26-29 in Washington, DC. During this event, the RFK National Resource Center will provide an extended learning opportunity as part of CWLA's Training Institute. In this training, staff from the RFK National Resource Center will provide dynamic guidance on the tools, approaches, and recommended practices to improve outcomes for dual status youth, thereby

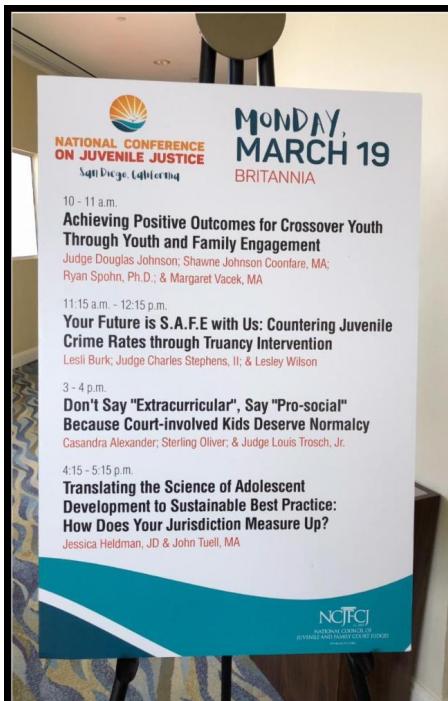
strengthening the systems and agencies serving these important young people. For more information, and to register for this exciting opportunity, please visit: www.cwla.org/resilience2018/.

On The Ground

NCJFCJ National Conference on Juvenile Justice

On March 19, RFK National Resource Center's Executive Director, John Tuell, and Associate Executive Director, Jessica Heldman, served as conference faculty at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' National Conference on Juvenile Justice in sunny San Diego, California. John and Jessica were pleased to have the opportunity to present the conference session entitled "Translating the Science of Adolescent Development to Sustainable Best Practice: How Does Your Jurisdiction Measure Up?" to a

receptive audience of judges, probation staff, attorneys, educators and service providers. The session was based on the RFK National Resource Center's recent release of a brief on the topic of adolescent development, which can be found [on our website](#). We are grateful to the National Council for having us as part of the conference, and we enjoyed seeing many of our partners in the field representing organizations and jurisdictions committed, as we are, to the goal of an effective and fair juvenile justice system.



Second Chance Act Community Supervision Grant Project Expands Site-Based Work

We are pleased to share that the RFK National Resource Center is expanding upon our partnership with the Council of

facilitated activities aimed at applying the information to each individual jurisdiction. As a result, participants leave both well-informed and poised to begin taking action immediately.

The Training Institute includes the following programs:

Dual Status Youth: Improving Outcomes for Youth Involved in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice ([Learn More](#))

Dual Status Youth: Implementing and Sustaining Reforms ([Learn More](#))

Advancing Best Practices in Youth Justice Seminar ([Learn More](#))

Probation System Review Training ([Learn More](#))

Multi-System Information & Data Sharing ([Learn More](#))

Our training staff and consultants look forward to talking with you to discuss how we can meet your jurisdiction's unique training needs!

To learn more about the Training Institute, please visit our website: rfknrcij.org/training-institute/

How Can We Serve Your Community?

To find out how the RFK National Resource Center can support reform in your community using proven frameworks for technical assistance, please [Contact Us!](#)

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State Governments (CSG) in the implementation of the Second Chance Act Community Supervision grant program. With support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Probation Departments of Cook County, Illinois and Cobb County, Georgia will be receiving a comprehensive Probation System Review with the goals of reducing recidivism and improving other outcomes for youth that come in contact with their juvenile justice systems. Over the course of the next 12 months, both Cook and Cobb Counties will undertake this intensive assessment of probation system functioning and performance to develop an action plan to implement policy, practice and funding changes. We look forward to working closely with CSG to support these two counties in their reform efforts while expanding and broadening the Probation System Review process.

Probation System Review Launched in Washington County, Minnesota

Update Provided by our Executive Director, John A. Tuell

The RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice concluded its initial technical assistance site visit on March 1-2 in Washington County, Minnesota as we launched our partnership to conduct a Probation System Review. We encountered an impressive array of passionate and experienced juvenile justice system stakeholders from multiple disciplines. The consulting team (Kari Harp, Probation System Reform Program Director and I) began the two days by speaking with nearly 40 key stakeholders that included Minnesota Community Corrections leaders and probation staff, judges, county attorney, law enforcement, school administrators, and child welfare, behavioral health and community service providers to outline the Probation System Review process. We then began our interviews and analysis in greater depth by meeting with individual groups within the juvenile justice system, and facilitating in-depth discussions about policies, practices, strengths and challenges with a terrific group of probation staff. We left the site invigorated by the belief that there is a courageous willingness by everyone to examine how to improve youth outcomes and system performance. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Washington County in this important review and look forward to continuing our collaborative work for the remainder of 2018.

To learn more about our site-based work, please [visit our website!](#)

From the Field

VIDEO - How Courts and Attorneys Help Strengthen Families

On February 28, the National Center for State Courts held its first Court Improvement Program (CIP) Talk, How Courts and Attorneys Help Strengthen Families. A video recording of the CIP Talk is [available online](#).

EVENT - Children's Rights are Human Rights: 20 Years of Fearless Lawyering for Children

Join the ABA Children's Rights Litigation Committee for a day-long symposium to celebrate its anniversary as well as the victories in the field during the last 20 years. The event will convene a dynamic and interactive conversation among all attendees, who will include both the pioneers of children's law as well as the newest generation of children's justice advocates, focused on where we need to be going next for

All of our publications and tools are made available on our website to support jurisdictions undertaking reform, with or without technical assistance. Our Online Resource Library is designed to provide a user friendly experience for accessing our practical and informative resources, as well as presentations and materials from our events.

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our child clients. For more information or to register for this free event, being held May 1 at the University of San Diego, [click here](#).

NEW RESOURCE - Preventing Homelessness for System-Involved Youth

A new article featured in NCJFCJ's Family & Court Journal (Vol. 69, Issue 1) considers three strategies to combating homelessness, which is common among those exiting child welfare and juvenile justice systems - coordinating transition and re-entry plans, insisting on effective legal representation of youth, and utilizing sound judicial leadership. Preventing Homelessness for System-Involved Youth is [available online](#).

About Us

Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, led by Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, uses proven models, frameworks, tools, resources and the best available research to serve local, state, and national leaders, practitioners and youth-serving agencies to improve system performance and outcomes for youth involved with the juvenile justice system. RFK National Resource Center focuses primarily on youth with prior or current involvement in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems (dual status youth), the review and improvement of juvenile probation systems, and the use of a model framework to address the state and national laws and policies governing the exchange and sharing of data, information, and records for youth and families. To learn more about us and how we can serve your jurisdiction, please visit www.rfknrcjj.org.

Every Child Deserves a Childhood

Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps is a private, non-profit licensed child welfare agency providing community-based services, education, foster care and adoption, residential treatment, and juvenile justice programming to individuals and families in crisis. Our programs are focused on helping children and adolescents deal with past hurts, develop self-esteem, and have a chance for a brighter future as contributing members of society. All that we do at RFK Children's Action Corps is based on the belief that every child deserves the chance to lead a happy, healthy, and productive life. For more information and to get involved, visit www.rfkchildren.org.