



RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice E-Newsletter

Upcoming Event

Symposium on the Future of Juvenile Community Supervision

The Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice is partnering with the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center and American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), with the support of the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 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 formal probation are re-arrested within two years as well as two-thirds of youth released from incarceration. To address this challenge, the goals of the symposium are to 1) review the current state of the field on implementing what research shows works 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 the 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. These 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*

For more information on the APPA 43rd Annual Training Institute, please visit: <http://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2018-Philly/attend/>.



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

[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 facilitated activities aimed at applying the information to each

On the Ground

Message from Our Executive Director, John A. Tuell

The RFK National Resource Center is privileged to continue its extensive field-based technical assistance partnerships in numerous jurisdictions across the country. In the past two months, we concluded [Probation System Reviews](#) in **Lancaster County, Nebraska; Clark County, Nevada; Fairfax County, Virginia; and Davidson County (Nashville Metro area), Tennessee**. We continue Probation System Reviews in **Cobb County, Georgia; Cook County, Illinois; Washington County, Minnesota; and the State of Delaware**. We also continue our support in **Milwaukee County, Wisconsin** to implement the recommendations from our Probation System Review completed in 2017.

We also recently concluded a [Dual Status Youth Reform](#) project in **Summit County, Ohio**. In **North Dakota**, a statewide Dual Status Youth Reform initiative will conclude in July, while our work continues on the Dually Involved Youth initiative in **Santa Clara County, California**.

Earlier in June, we met with the **South Dakota Juvenile Justice Oversight Council** in Pierre, South Dakota and sat on a plenary panel at the **Delaware Office of Defense Services and Criminal Justice Council Summit** to discuss adolescent development and best practices in the juvenile justice system.

Ahead, we are scheduled to provide [Information Sharing Training](#) for multi-system youth and families in **New York and Indiana**; present opening remarks to the **Nebraska-South Dakota-Iowa Tri-State Summit**; and launch implementation support for **Lancaster County, Nebraska** and **Clark County, Nevada**. We are exploring several new partnerships that may produce additional opportunities to achieve our shared mission, goals and objectives on behalf of our nation's youth and families.

Due to the outstanding leadership of juvenile justice stakeholders in these jurisdictions, progress toward positive change is being made that will benefit youth and families for years to come. We look forward to partnering with your jurisdiction in the remaining months of 2018 and into 2019.

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New Resource

Guide on the Disclosure of Confidential Information

The Massachusetts Court Improvement Program recently published its online *Guide on the Disclosure of Confidential Information: For Professionals in Massachusetts Working with Children, Youth, and Families*. Staff from the RFK National Resource Center served as consultants in the development of this guide and witnessed first-hand the dedicated efforts of a collaborative group of attorneys and practitioners, including Probation System Review Practice Network Member John Millett.

The sharing of information among youth- and family-serving systems is a critical component of collaborative and effective work; however, a client's interest in the confidentiality of sensitive and personal information is just as vital. Understanding how to balance those interests and understanding the relevant laws and regulations is a complex task. An easily accessible and navigable guide such as this provides needed guidance, thus facilitating the lawful exchange and protection of essential information. We

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?

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congratulate the Massachusetts Court Improvement Program on its excellent product, and firmly believe that this will serve as a model for other jurisdictions throughout the nation. To access this guide, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/handbook/guide-on-the-disclosure-of-confidential-information>.

From the Field

Juvenile Justice Reform Can Help Young People 'Turn Their Lives Around'

Pew Charitable Trusts recently released a Q&A with Deputy Sheriff and former Kansas State Senator Greg Smith on why he champions new strategies in juvenile justice. In this feature, he discusses the passage of S.B. 367 in 2016, in which the state prioritized out of home placements and intensive system responses for the highest risk juveniles and shifted resources toward evidence-based alternatives for others. "What was really huge for me was the data on the adolescent brain, especially how long it takes for the prefrontal cortex—the decision-making part of the brain—to develop. That research and data on Kansas was convincing, and it all started to make sense. That's why I championed S.B. 367," Smith shares. [Click here to read more!](#)

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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.

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