

Florida Juvenile Justice Association

Member

Update

FJJA Editorial on Roadmap

In an editorial in this week's Tallahassee Democrat, FJJA weighed in on the **Roadmap to System Excellence**, acknowledging the draft plan does a fine job of building on the strengths of Florida's unique statewide system and broadening efforts to put greater emphasis on the front end of the system.

For the most part, the Roadmap builds on recommendations originally put forth by the 2008 Blueprint Commission, including investment in front end services, expanding the use of civil citation and diversion, limiting secure detention and developing alternatives, expanding JAC centers and their assessment services, and further specializing the use of residential beds for youth with the most serious needs.

With recommendations based on a survey of FJJA members, FJJA suggested some revisions and improvements to the draft document based on initial feedback to include: keeping the community based treatment model, addressing education service improvements, reducing the number of youths handled by the adult system and building on expanding gender responsive services.

To read editorial:

<http://www.djj.state.fl.us/news/press-releases/press-release-detail/2012/11/28/tallahassee-democrat-cathy-craig-myers-tweaks-can-make-djj's-plan-even-better>

House and Senate Leadership Positions Announced as Committees Prepare to Meet Next Week

As the Legislature prepares for its first full interim committee the week of December 3, House and Senate Committee assignments have been announced.

Senate President Don Gaetz (R-Niceville) has announced the following: Lizbeth Benaquisto (R-Ft. Myers) Majority Leader, Garrett Richter (R-Naples) President Pro Tempore and Chris Smith (D-West Palm Beach) Senate Minority Leader.

Senate Chair assignments include:

- Sen. Joe Negron (R-Palm City) – Chair, Senate Budget Committee and Chair Select Committee on Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- Sen. Denise Grimsley (R-Sebring) – Chair, Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services Appropriations
- Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Orange Park) – Chair, Budget Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
- Sen. Aaron Bean (R-Fernandina Beach) Chair, Health Regulation Committee
- Sen. Eleanor Sobel (D-Hollywood) – Chair, Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee
- Sen. Greg Evers (R-Crestview) – Chair, Criminal Justice Committee
- Sen. Tom Lee (R-Brandon) - Chair, Judiciary Committee

House Speaker Will Weatherford (R-Wesley Chapel) has announced the following: Rep. Steve Precourt (R-Orlando) Majority Leader, Rep. Marti Coley (R-Marianna) Speaker Pro Tempore, Dana Young, (R-Tampa) Deputy Majority Leader/Majority Whip, Mia Jones (D-Jacksonville) Minority Leader Pro Tempore, Robert Schenck (R-Springhill) Rules Chair, Alan Williams (D-Tallahassee) Minority Whip Rep Perry Thurston, Jr. (D-Ft. Lauderdale) House Minority Leader.



**2013 Adolescent Conference
Online Registration Starts
December 3rd!**

www.2013adolescentconference.org



**Don't Miss: Smart Justice Summit
December 12-14 in Orlando.**

Join judges, legislators, law enforcement officials, drug and mental health professionals, prosecutors, service providers and public defenders. Criminal and Juvenile Justice will be discussed.

FJJA members George Pesta, Jeff McSpaddin and Philip Amorgianos, DJJ staff will participate with other stakeholders on the December 13 Juvenile Justice Panel.

FJJA Executive Director Cathy Craig-Myers will moderate the panel.

See draft agenda on page 3.

For more information:

<http://www.justicesummit.org>

House Chair assignments include:

- Rep. Seth McKeel (R-Lakeland) Chair, Appropriations chair;
- Rep. Charles McBurney (R-Jacksonville) chair, Justice Appropriations Subcommittee;
- Rep. Matt Hudson (R-Naples) chair Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee.
- Rep. Richard Corcoran (R-New Port Richey) Chair, Health and Human Services Committee and Chair, Select Committee on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- Rep. Dennis Baxley (R-Ocala) chair, Judiciary Committee

With Elections Over, Don't Forget to Attend Local Delegation Meetings

Plan to attend your local delegation meetings and give testimony on the importance of investing in programming to serve juvenile justice involved youth. The following Legislative Delegation meetings are allowing public testimony.

<p><u>December 7, 2013 at 8:30am</u> MANATEE County – Deadline for agenda placement is Dec 3. Manatee County Commission Chambers, 1112 Manatee Ave. West, Bradenton, FL Contact the delegation office at (941) 708.4968 or kathi.brown@myfloridahouse.gov to schedule any local legislation or general presentations you wish to be heard before the delegation.</p>	<p><u>December 10, 2013 at 1pm</u> POLK County – Deadline for agenda placement is Dec 7. Polk County Commission Chambers, 330 W. Church St., Bartow, FL Those wishing to be placed on the agenda to speak to the delegation should contact McKeel's office at catherine.fraser@myfloridahouse.gov or at 863-647-4896.</p>
<p><u>December 17, 2012 at 9:00am</u> ST. LUCIE County - Deadline for agenda placement is Dec 7. Main Campus of Indian River State College, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL If you would like to be placed on the agenda contact Carrie Lira with Senator Negrón's district office at (772) 219-1665</p>	<p><u>December 19, 2012 at 9am-Noon</u> INDIAN RIVER County – Deadline for agenda placement is Dec 10. Vero Beach City Hall - Council Chambers, 1053 20th Place, Vero Beach, FL 32960 Contact Audra Robitaille at 772-778-5077 or audra.robitaille@myfloridahouse.gov</p>
<p><u>December 20, 2012 at 9am-Noon</u> SEMINOLE County – Deadline for agenda placement is Dec 10. Seminole County Commission Chambers, 1101 E. First Street, Sanford, FL 32771 If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please fill out Speaker's Form http://bit.ly/WSXtb8 or send an e-mail to Jonathon Little at jonathon.little@myfloridahouse.gov or (407)302-4800</p>	<p><u>January 4, 2013 at 1pm</u> DUVAL County – Deadline for agenda placement is Dec 13. Jacksonville Council Chambers, City Hall - 1st Floor, 117 W. Duval Street. Jacksonville, FL To be placed on the agenda for the Delegation hearing, you must complete a Speaker's Request Form at http://www.coj.net/departments/duval-legislative-delegation/meeting-information.aspx or call for details 904-630-1680</p>
<p><u>January 4, 2013 at Noon</u> PALM BEACH County- Deadline for agenda placement - Nov 30. Location TBA, contact Rachel Ondrus at rondrus@pbcgov.org</p> <p><u>January 11, 2013 at 2pm</u> BROWARD County – Deadline for agenda placement is Jan 9. Juvenile Justice / Criminal Justice Public Hearings South Regional Courthouse, 3550 Hollywood Blvd., Room 230, Hollywood, FL 33021 To be placed on the agenda for the Delegation hearing, you must complete a Speaker's Request Form at http://www.broward.org/LEGISLATIVE/Pages/PublicHearingSchedule.aspx</p>	<p><u>January 10, 2013 at 1pm-4pm</u> CHARLOTTE County – Deadline for agenda placement is Jan 4. Charlotte County Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 All requests for presentation time on the agenda must be submitted in writing to the delegation chairman's office by e-mail to cynthia.beckett@myfloridahouse.gov, and include the name, address and phone number of the presenter. Contact Representative Roberson's office with any questions at 941-613-0914</p>

State Economists Acknowledge Potential Impact of Fiscal Cliff

Florida economists recently met to review the current fiscal projections and have acknowledged that although predictions still indicate a slow and steady recovery for the next several years, the impending "fiscal cliff" will negatively impact any recovery if Congress and the White House are unsuccessful in preventing the scenario of tax cuts expiring and sequestration going into effect. The next general revenue estimate conference will be held on December 14. Governor Scott will utilize this estimate to complete his budget recommendations to the legislature, which he will release in early January.

Don't Miss:

**Juvenile Justice Panel Discussion at the JUSTICE SUMMIT IN ORLANDO
December 13 from 1:15- 2:45pm**

**Panel Discussion: JUVENILE JUSTICE: BUILDING A ROADMAP TO SYSTEM EXCELLENCE
(Part One)**

Moderated by Cathy Craig-Myers, Executive Director, Florida Juvenile Justice Association

- Current Juvenile Justice Trends: *Mark Greenwald, M.J.P.M., Chief of Research, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice*
- Investing and Expanding Public Private Partnerships to Serve Youth in the Community: *Phillip Amorgianos, Gateway Community Services*
- Reinventing Reentry: Transitional Services and Career Education: *Jeff McSpaddin, Twin Oaks Youth Development and Dr. George Pesta, G4S Youth Services*

**Panel Discussion: JUVENILE JUSTICE: BUILDING A ROADMAP TO SYSTEM EXCELLENCE
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Moderated by Cathy Craig-Myers, Executive Director, Florida Juvenile Justice Association

- Diverting Youth While Protecting Public Safety - *Sheriff Susan Benton, Highlands County, Board President, Florida Sheriff's Association*
- Judicial Perspectives on Reform: *Jeanne Howard, Chief Assistant State Attorney 15th Judicial Circuit (Invited)*
- Keeping Juveniles Out of the Adult Prison System: *Senator Chris Smith D-Ft. Lauderdale, Minority Leader (Invited)*

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