

Florida Juvenile Justice Association

Member

Update

Friday – February 17th 2012

New FJJA Leadership

Jon Howard has resigned his position as FJJA president. Incoming President Donnie Read has assumed the FJJA presidency effective February 14, 2012. *To read letter, [click here](#).*

FJJA Board Meeting Change

Our next FJJA board meeting date has been rescheduled to April 23rd from 2:00pm - 5:00 pm at the 2012 Adolescent conference in Orlando. More details will be coming soon.

Adolescent Conference Update

Progress is being made in the planning of the 17th annual adolescent conference. This year's theme: **Unsung Heroes: Making a Difference** acknowledges the thousands of men and women who work every day with at risk youth. The conference offers an array of presentations and workshops that span the continuum of cutting edge topics which highlight promising practices, evidence-based programming, and clinical strategies that effectively serve at-risk, delinquent and substance involved youth. The 2-day conference will be held at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando on April 23-24, 2012 with the **"National Girls Institute Day"** post conference planned for Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

"National Girls Institute Day" will be held on April 25, 2012, the third day of our Annual Adolescent Conference. The **"National Girls Institute"** is the national training and technical assistance provider for OJJDP and provides multi-level training and technical assistance to improve job performance of individuals and service delivery systems of organizations working with justice involved girls and their families.

For more information on the 2012 Adolescent conference, [click here](#).

Secretary Walters Announces Plan to Review Juvenile Justice Statute: Findings Will Inform Legislation.

Secretary Wansley Walters will soon announce the formation of a cross section of stakeholders to review the current Juvenile Justice Statutes (Chapter 984 and 985). Leading the charge will be Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente, chair of the Supreme Court's Steering Committee on Families and Children, and Alan F. Abramowitz, Executive Director of the Guardian ad Litem Program.

The review process will begin soon and will continue through the summer with recommendations finalized for the beginning of next legislative session. Working with the Department of Juvenile Justice in this very important endeavor, FJJA has formed a small committee to gather recommendations from our members as we participate and finalize recommendations to assist in this process.

FJJA/DJJ to Host Roundtable Discussions at 2012 Adolescent Conference

During the adolescent conference, FJJA and DJJ will be hosting discussions relating to the Georgetown University Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project (JJSIP) as well as a discussion on DJJ's efforts to enhance Civil Citation efforts.

Georgetown University Center for Juvenile Justice Reform selected Pinellas County, Florida to participate in an 18-month project, which is designed to help states improve outcomes for juvenile offenders by better translating knowledge on "what works" into everyday practice and policy. DJJ has plans roll this out beyond the initial pilot in Pinellas County and looks to inform thought leaders around the state on the status of this project.

In 2011, HB997/SB1300 gave DJJ the responsibility of developing new guidelines on implementation of civil citation programs to 1st time misdemeanants as well as requiring data entry into the JJIS system. This roundtable discussion will take a look at current status of that effort, lessons learned and recommendations to improve going forward.