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Greetings!

Welcome to our redesigned e-newsletter! Our "new look" still contains the information that members have come to expect from the Florida Juvenile Justice Association.

Our E-Newsletter goals remain constant:

To promote good practice in programming that serves at risk youth. Innovative policies, emerging trends and juvenile justice programs across the nation and here in Florida will be highlighted, including news articles, reports and publications.

To highlight the great work of our member agencies who make a significant impact on the youth they serve.

Please drop us an email and share what's happening in your organization. We want to know what new programs and initiatives have been launched, how staff are making a difference in the lives of youth, and how youth are achieving success and preparing for their futures.

To keep you informed of the work of FJJA and to provide useful, actionable information. Whether a legislative priority needing your support, a professional development opportunity for your staff or important information on upcoming events, we promise to keep you up-to-date and well informed.

Cathy Craig Myers
Executive Director
Florida Juvenile Justice Association

DJJ Updates Roadmap to System Excellence

After gathering feedback throughout the state, FLDJJ has released an updated version of the **Roadmap to System Excellence**. Important areas of focus now include:

- Prevention efforts for special populations

Upcoming FJJA Meetings

OCTOBER 2013

Executive Committee
Conference Call
10:00 am
October 8, 2013

NOVEMBER 2013

Executive Committee
Meeting
8:00 - 9:00 am
Thursday, Nov 14, 2013

Quarterly FJJA Board
Meeting
9:30 - 4:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 14, 2013

Location:

Center for Drug Free
Living
5151 Adanson Street
Orlando, Florida

DECEMBER 2013

Executive Committee
Conference Call
10:00 am
December 10, 2013

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- Identification of risks and needs of at-risk youth
- Preventing youth from going deeper in system
- Prevention awareness activities
- Faith-based community strategic plan
- Connecting every youth with mentors
- Gender-specific services
- Resources for schools to prevent truancy
- Civil Citation focus on over-represented populations
- Prevention and diversion through education efforts
- Family engagement and involvement
- Services for youth younger than 12 years old
- Neighborhood Accountability Boards
- Evening Reporting Centers
- Human Trafficking victim identification and services
- Improvement of oversight for electronic monitoring
- Collaboration w/judges to reduce failure to appear
- Addressing violations of probation issues
- Expanded life skills training
- Trauma-informed care environments/services
- Vocational programs and certification
- Improving behavior management systems
- Expansion of Juvenile Assessment Centers
- Juvenile Diversion Alternatives Program (JDAP)
- Increased mental health/substance abuse services
- Legislative fixes to civil citation, juvenile records, county cost share
- Increased communication and collaboration
- Coordination with child protective investigations
- Partnering with workforce providers
- Building better relationships with stakeholders
- Examining serious, violent, and chronic offenders

MacArthur Foundation Announces New Partnership to Advance Juvenile Justice Reform

Building on its nearly 20-year, \$150 million investment in supporting juvenile justice reform, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation recently announced an additional commitment of \$15 million to the field, in part to establish the new Models for Change Resource Center Partnership. The Partnership will provide public defenders, judges, policymakers, advocates, probation officers, mental health and social service agencies, and others with much needed technical assistance, trainings, tools, and resources to help advance juvenile justice reform across the country.

The Partnership is based on nearly twenty years of research, practice, and reform efforts that have reached more than 35 states, much of which was made possible by the Foundation's Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice Initiative.

[For more information about the Partnership](#)

FJJA 2014 Adolescent Conference
The Way Forward: Our Communities, Our Youth, Our Future

FJJA has announced the 2014 Annual Adolescent Conference, "***The Way Forward: Our Communities, Our Youth, Our Future***" to be held on May 12-15, 2014 at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando. The conference will offer an awards event and will include a leadership track and a youth track. The call for presentation and awards nomination process will be announced on the FJJA website in November.

For more information, contact Lynn Redmond, FJJA Project Director, at lynn@fjja.org or 850-671-3442.

Focus on Reforming Criminal and Juvenile Justice System Continues

The process of reforming Florida's criminal and juvenile justice systems has support in both Republican and Democratic sides of the Legislature.

Recently the U.S. Department of Justice made clear the intention of the Obama Administration to find a better balance between public safety and fiscal responsibility of its citizens.

Attorney General Eric Holder recently called for federal criminal justice reforms that are grounded in the successful state reforms occurring across the nation. To read more, <http://www.justice.gov/ag/smart-on-crime.pdf>

There are implications for Florida's juvenile justice system. The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice is currently undertaking a review of Chapters 985 to determine revisions to how youth are charged, sentenced, committed and transitioned.

To read FJJA's recommendations to Chapter 985: [FJJA's Recommendations.](#)

In the News

STAR Tribune.com: *Proposal Would Return 17-Year-Olds to Juvenile Justice System*
<http://www.startribune.com/politics/national/222569451.html>

TBO.com: *Juvenile Court Unnecessary*
<http://tbo.com/list/news-opinion-editorials/juvenile-court-unnecessary-20130907/>

Christian Science Monitor: *In Juvenile Justice, Kids Need Protection from False Confessions*

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/Opinion/2013/0826/In-juvenile-justice-kids-need-protection-from-false-confessions>

Tampa Bay Times: *A Court to Give Juveniles a Chance*

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/courts/a-court-to-give-juveniles-a-chance/2139148>

Juvenile Justice Information Exchange: *New Hope: Health Care for Justice-Involved Youth*

<http://jje.org/op-ed-new-hope-health-care-for-justice-involved-youth/>

Upcoming Events

2013 Human Trafficking Summit, October 3, 2013, Tampa, Florida, University of South Florida, Marshall Student Center. <http://www.djj.state.fl.us/human-trafficking-summit>

"Our Children, Our Future: Restoring Hope, National Faith Symposium, November 6 2013, presented in partnership by the Department of Children and Families, Department of Juvenile Justice and the Florida Faith-and Community-Based Advisory Council.

<http://faithsymposium.dcf.state.fl.us/index.shtml>

2014 FJJA Adolescent Conference "The Way Forward: Our Communities, Our Youth, Our Future" will be held on May 12-15, 2014 at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando. E-mail Lynn Redmond at lynn@fjja.org for additional information.

2014 Justice Summit - The Summit is an opportunity for thought leaders across the state interested in justice reform to discuss and promote smart justice initiatives. For information about the 2014 Justice Summit, go to

<http://smartjusticealliance.org/>.

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