

Eye on the Field



NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH 2019

30th Anniversary

NCYOJ Spotlight

September is National Recovery Month. A time for collectively raising awareness about mental health issues and substance use—to reduce stigma and increase access to effective solutions for recovery. This year’s theme—Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Are Stronger—reminds us not only that recovery is possible but that the rewards are greater when, together, we get involved to support recovery.

At the National Center for Youth Opportunity and Justice, we value engaging in conversations and efforts that promote practices to ensure the wellbeing of young people.

Join the conversation. **Tell us what you are doing to raise awareness and reduce stigma. We will feature one program in next month’s Eye on the Field!**

[Email NCYOJ](#)

Resources

[Trauma-Informed Juvenile Court Self-Assessment](#)

This tool, produced by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) with support from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, is designed to provide key staff and community partners with a comprehensive review of policies and practices in the juvenile justice system. It offers a framework for examining, reviewing, and rating day-to-day operations based on a set of benchmarks. Through this self-assessment, juvenile justice systems can evaluate how well court operations reflect the content, process, and systems-level procedures presented in the Essential Elements of a Trauma-Informed Juvenile Justice System.

[Practical Tips to Help Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Teams Implement the JDTC Guidelines](#)

This In-Practice Tip Sheet—produced by NCJFCJ with support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)—is a resource for juvenile drug treatment court (JDTC) teams that provides operational steps to implement the JDTC Guidelines. JDTC teams are encouraged to use these Tip Sheets as a starting point as they strive to make program enhancements or operationalize the Guidelines.

[Need a Mental Health Day? Some States Give Students the Option](#)

“An expert called the laws in both Utah and Oregon a ‘win’ and said students who are ‘quietly suffering’ from mental illness will benefit most.”

[Delaware Police to Notify Schools When a Student Experiences Trauma at Home](#)

The state’s new Take Care Delaware law calls for school officials to be informed by police or emergency care providers when a student is involved in or present during a traumatic event.

[American Academy of Pediatrics Addresses Racism and Its Health Impact on Children and Teens](#)

“Racism has a profound impact on children’s health. With the goal of helping all children reach their full potential, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is publishing new recommendations on ways to lessen the impact of racism on children and teens.”

[The Complexity of the Indigenous Historical Trauma Concept](#)

“A recent article, published in the *American Psychologist*, assesses the concept of historical trauma on indigenous populations, or indigenous historical trauma (IHT), in the United States and Canada. In the first comprehensive review of its kind, the authors articulate a collective understanding of the effects of historical injustices across generations. The team of researchers, led by Joseph Gone at Harvard University, also explore whether IHT is ‘most helpfully conceived in metaphorical or literal terms,’ and whether the concept risks pathologizing an already marginalized group.”

[Philly Teens 'Work To Ride' And Change The Face Of Polo](#)

Learn about a program that gives Philadelphia kids from low-income backgrounds the chance to play polo for free, as long as they take care of the ponies.

Opportunities

[Workshop Sessions Proposals Being Accepted for Two NCJFCJ Conferences](#)

The National Conference on Juvenile Justice in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 22–25, 2020, will examine issues facing courts and stakeholders in the juvenile justice system. The audience is multi-disciplinary, including judicial officers, juvenile probation staff, defense and prosecuting attorneys, detention staff, and direct service providers. The 83rd Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada, July 19–22, 2020, is the annual meeting for the NCJFCJ membership. The audience is primarily juvenile and family court judges, and court and community affiliates.

Proposal deadline: [September 30, 2019](#)

[Call for Proposals: 33rd Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health](#)

This conference, taking place March 15-18, 2020, encourages researchers, evaluators, and policymakers to become engaged in developing creative solutions for the issues facing the country’s most challenged children and their families. Presenters and participants share significant accomplishments in the field, including new frameworks, conceptual models, and methodological approaches specific to a wide range of special topic tracks and general topic areas.

Submission deadline: [October 11, 2019](#)

[Apply to Receive Consultation and Technical Assistance to Undertake a Comprehensive Probation System Review](#)

The Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice (RFK National Resource Center) invites jurisdictions to apply to become one of three selected sites to receive consultation and technical assistance to undertake a comprehensive Probation System Review. The competitively selected jurisdictions will partner with the RFK National Resource Center in federal fiscal years 2020-2021. This opportunity is made possible through OJJDP’s Second Chance Act award *Ensuring Public Safety and Improving Outcomes for Youth in Confinement and While Under Community Supervision*.

Application deadline: [October 11, 2019](#)

Events

[Trauma and Brain Science: Why Can't I Think My Way Out of This?](#)

[September 24, 2019 | Online](#)

[On Track: How Well Are States Preparing Youth in the Juvenile Justice System for Employment?](#)

[September 25, 2019 | Online](#)

[Cultural and Structural Considerations for Addressing Psychosis in Young Adults](#)

[September 26, 2019 | Online](#)

[Kindness & Compassion: Building Healthy Communities](#)

[November 7-9, 2019 | Chicago, Illinois](#)

[Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice](#)

[November 12-14, 2019 | Salt Lake City, Utah](#)

[Crisis Intervention Teams for Youth](#)

[March 4-6, 2020 | New Orleans, Louisiana](#)

[Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice](#)

[April 28-30, 2020 | Birmingham, Alabama](#)

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