

Eye on the Field

IN 2017

800,000

youth under the age of 18 were arrested

45,000

were held in residential placement facilities

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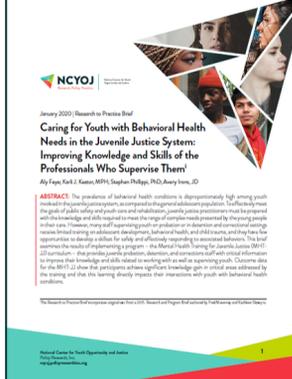
Research to Practice Brief

Caring for Youth
with Behavioral
Health Needs in
the Juvenile
Justice System



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NCYOJ is excited to announce the publication of a new Research to Practice Brief, *Caring for Youth with Behavioral Health Needs in the Juvenile Justice System: Improving Knowledge and Skills of the Professionals Who Supervise Them*. It's known that 70 percent of justice-involved youth have at least one diagnosable mental illness. With eight hundred thousand people under the age of eighteen arrested in 2017, that regularly brings a substantial number of youth with behavioral health issues into contact with juvenile justice professionals who often lack the training necessary to best serve their roles and youths' needs when such conditions are present. NCYOJ's new brief offers analyses of this situation and of a training program designed to improve it, the Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice (MHT-JJ). The curriculum is an eight-hour, interactive training that covers adolescent development, childhood trauma, mental and substance use disorders, effective interventions, practical strategies for working with youth and their families, and self-care approaches to mitigate the harmful effects of secondary traumatic stress in staff.



Download the report below to learn more about this program, which has demonstrated an immediate, real-world impact on the practices of 70 percent of participating justice system professionals.

Download the Report Now

Companion Resources

NCYOJ has also released a short-form version of the document, highlighting the key findings of the brief in a single page, and a video providing information on the MHT-JJ experience. Both can be accessed below.



Learn More about the MHT-JJ and Find Upcoming Trainings

External Resources

[Arrests of Juveniles in 2018 Reached Lowest Level in Nearly 4 Decade](#)

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) "Data Snapshot" presents highlights and trends in juvenile arrests derived from data and estimates from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Overall, juvenile arrests reported in 2018 reached a four-decade low.

[Substance Misuse Prevention for Young Adults](#)

This guide, from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), supports healthcare providers, systems, and communities seeking to prevent substance misuse among young adults. It describes relevant research findings, examines emerging and best practices, identifies knowledge gaps and implementation challenges, and offers useful resources.

Opportunities

[Supporting the Well-Being of System-Involved LGBTQ Youth Certificate Program](#)

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) is accepting applications for the Supporting the Well-Being of System-Involved LGBTQ Youth Certificate Program, which will be held April 20-24, 2020, at Georgetown University. CJJR has partnered again with the National Center for Lesbian Rights and Ceres Policy Research to provide a weeklong training focused on effective policy and practice reforms that promote positive youth development and take a holistic approach to addressing the needs of LGBTQ youth in child-serving systems. As part of the Certificate Program, participants will develop and implement a Capstone Project that applies the learning from the particular training to a local reform effort that is designed to improve outcomes for system-involved LGBTQ youth in their jurisdictions.

Application deadline: February 7, 2020

[OJJDP FY 20 Title II](#)

The OJJDP FY 2020 Title II Formula Grants Program provides funding to support state and local efforts to plan, establish, operate, coordinate, and evaluate policies and projects, directly or through grants and contracts with public and private agencies, for the development of more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs, as well as justice system improvement efforts.

Application deadline: February 14, 2020

[Planning and Developing Infrastructure to Promote the Mental Health of Children, Youth and Families in American Indian/Alaska Natives \(AI/AN\) Communities](#)

SAMHSA, Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2020 Planning and Developing Infrastructure to Promote the Mental Health of Children, Youth and Families in American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) Communities (Short Title: Circles of Care) grants. The purpose of this program is to provide tribal and urban Indian communities with tools and resources to plan and design a holistic, evidence and community-based, coordinated system of care to support mental health for children, youth, and families. These grants are intended to increase the capacity and effectiveness of mental health systems serving AI/AN communities.

Application deadline: March 9, 2020

Events

[Crisis Intervention Teams for Youth](#)

March 4-6, 2020 | New Orleans, Louisiana

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

March 15-18, 2020 | Tampa, Florida

[National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#)

March 22-25, 2020 | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

[Mental Health Training for Juvenile Justice](#)

April 28-30, 2020 | Birmingham, Alabama

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