

Eye on the Field

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Resources

[Resources Compiled Regarding COVID-19 and Vulnerable Populations](#)

As the United States grapples with the global COVID-19 pandemic, the National Juvenile Justice Network has compiled resources for its members and other youth justice advocates to provide some guidance in working with local governments to protect youth in the system.

[Resources for Supporting Children's Emotional Well-being during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Child trauma experts at Child Trends and the Child Trauma Training Center at the University of Massachusetts have assembled a list of guidance, recommendations, and resources related to supporting children's emotional well-being during the current pandemic. Resources are presented for a variety of audiences, including caretakers, educators, and care providers.

[Moving Mental Health Systems from Perpetuating Disparities to Promoting Culturally Relevant Healing](#)

This webinar recording from the Annie E. Casey Foundation explores how mental health and juvenile justice systems serve youth who need help managing their behavior with programs relevant to their cultural backgrounds. The webinar includes examples of efforts to promote healing relevant to participants' culture, such as the Community Healing Initiative in Multnomah County, Oregon—home to Portland—that employs a culturally specific model centered on healing individual and collective trauma, accountability, family transformation, heritage and spirituality, self-esteem and self-determination, leadership, education, safety, and collaboration.

Opportunities

[Applications Requested for Youth in Custody Certificate Program](#)

The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) recently released a Request for Applications for the Youth in Custody Certificate Program, which will be held at Georgetown University on July 20-24, 2020. The training is designed to help juvenile justice system leaders and child-serving partners improve outcomes for youth in custodial settings. Following the program, upon approval of a Capstone Project Proposal initiating or building on local reform efforts, participants receive an Executive Certificate from Georgetown University and join CJJR's Network of over 1,300 Fellows.

Application deadline: April 24, 2020

[OJJDP FY 2020 Second Chance Act Youth Offender Reentry Program](#)

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) Second Chance Act Youth Offender Reentry Program encourages collaboration between state agencies, local government, and community- and faith-based organizations to address the challenges that reentry and recidivism reduction pose for moderate- to high-risk youth offenders returning to their communities from juvenile residential or correctional facilities.

Application deadline: April 28, 2020

[OJJDP FY 2020 Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program](#)

OJJDP's Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program supports proposals to develop and implement a cross-system collaborative approach to improve responses and outcomes for youth with either mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance use who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

Application deadline: May 4, 2020

Upcoming Events

[Innovative Strategies for Outreaching and Engaging Young People in Behavioral Health Services](#)

April 8, 2020 | Online

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