



# COLLABORATION WORKS

*Douglas County Juvenile Justice Collective Impact Newsletter*

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## Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act

Established in 1974 and most recently authorized in 2002, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) is based on a broad consensus that children, youth, and families involved with the juvenile and criminal courts

should be guarded by federal standards for care and custody, while also upholding the interests of community safety and the prevention of victimization.

### JJDPA Four Core Requirements:

#### Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO):

A status offender is a juvenile charged with or adjudicated for conduct that would not, under the law of the jurisdiction in which the offense was committed, be a crime if committed by an adult. The most common examples of status offenses are chronic or persistent truancy, running away, violating curfew laws, or possessing alcohol or tobacco. This requirement focuses on alternatives to placing juveniles into detention facilities for status offenses.

#### Adult Jail and Lock-up Removal:

This requirement focuses on removing juveniles from adult jails and detention facilities.

#### Sight and Sound Separation:

This requirement ensures that accused and adjudicated delinquents, status offenders, and non-offending juveniles are not detained or confined in any institution where they may have contact with adult inmates.

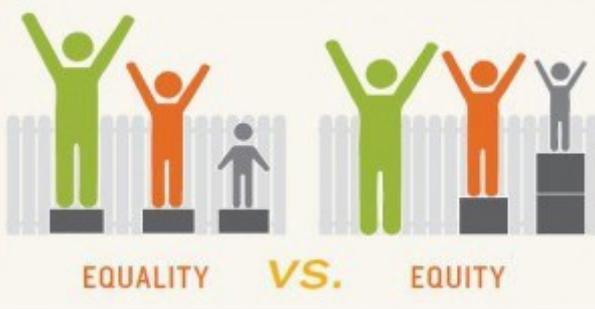
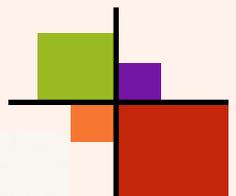
#### Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC):

This requirement focuses on reducing the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. (<http://www.juvjustice.org/>)



"I hope that today's hearing will help us understand if there are more innovative methods than locked confinement to improve outcomes for these nonviolent juvenile offenders. Ensuring the stability and future prosperity of these youths might call for something other than a stint in a juvenile detention facility..."

*US Senator Charles Grassley*



# IMPACT SPOTLIGHT



## Juvenile Justice Jeopardy™

This game is aimed at teaching teens the workings of the juvenile justice system, their rights and obligations, and how to interact with officers respectfully and avoid confrontations. The game takes 90 minutes to play and is aimed at being realistic: that is, it focuses on what happens in police/youth interactions. (*strategiesforyouth.org*)

Fifty-nine professionals attended the Juvenile Justice Jeopardy facilitator training in Omaha from a range of organizations including: Omaha Police Department, Nebraska State Probation, Outward Bound, Heartland Family Services, Hope Center for Kids, DCYC - Epic Program, Metro Area Youth Services, Girls Inc., Douglas County Commission, Suder Law Office, Hopkins Law Office, and the Center on Children Families and the Law.

## Implicit Bias Training:

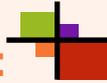


Engage in a conversation about how implicit bias is embedded in institutions, systems, and structures. Most individuals are unaware of their biases and how they impact decisions and actions. It is critical we come together to begin addressing implicit bias in ourselves and our community. The afternoon session will focus on developing a community action plan that can be integrated into current working groups and efforts already in place. Come prepared to engage into a dynamic conversation with National and Local Facilitators.

DATE & TIME: THUR. 3/23/17 1:30 PM—4:30 PM

REGISTER: [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/](https://www.eventbrite.com/)

## Moving the Dial on DMC:



The DMC committee held a community training on January 28th at North High that was a success. **March 29th**, the regular DMC committee meeting will be held at North High School at **6:00 PM**.

A second DMC community training will be hosted in South Omaha on **April 29th**. This meeting will be from **10 AM—12:30 PM** and is open to the public. Look for more details from the DMC committee soon!

*“Despite positive trends regarding juvenile interactions with the justice system, racial disparities remain as a persistent problem. African-American youth comprise 17 percent of the population, but comprise 31 percent of all arrested youth.”*

- The Sentencing Project, 2014



DMC Co-Chair Mark LeFlore Presents at DMC Community Meeting





# RESOURCES:

## Gender Injustice:

**System-Level Juvenile Justice Reform for Girls:** To facilitate developmental juvenile justice system reform for girls, this report will: 1) Map girls' current paths into and through the juvenile justice system; 2) Describe the social contexts driving girls' behavior and involvement in the juvenile justice system; and 3) Detail recommendations for an alternative, developmental approach to redesign juvenile justice systems to address harmful social contexts and girls' resulting behaviors, rather than penalize and punish girls for challenges beyond their control.

[http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/ed\\_rp\\_gender\\_injustice.pdf](http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/ed_rp_gender_injustice.pdf)

## Knowledge Exchange & JJPF

The Juvenile Justice and Provider Forum is the youth-serving community engagement arm of Operation Youth Success. Knowledge Exchanges are open community events intended to form connections between individual work groups and the broader system reform effort.

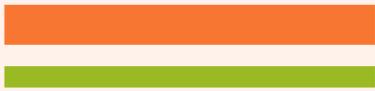
### Meeting Goals:

- Understand how juvenile justice system reform work groups act together to transform the juvenile justice system.
- Share details of what each work group is working on and how we are confronting "burning issues."
- Communicate and collaborate with community-based youth serving organizations.
- Exchange ideas and discuss next steps to move forward.

### Save the JJPF Knowledge Exchange Dates:

- ◆ 4/24/17—2 PM—4 PM
- ◆ 7/31/17—2 PM—4 PM
- ◆ 10/30/17—2 PM—4 PM

**Location:** Douglas County Extension Office, 8015 W Center Rd



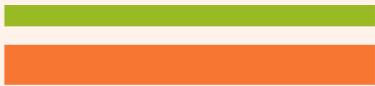
## NJJA 2017

**What:** 2017 Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Annual Conference

**Where:** Younes Conference Center Kearney, NE

**When:** May 17-19, 2017

**Who:** All stakeholders involved in juvenile justice in the state of Nebraska are invited and encouraged to attend.



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## Human Trafficking Information and Investigations Strategy Toolkit - A Guide

**to Developing a Law Enforcement Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking** - The Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies, in partnership with the Office of the Program Manager—Information Sharing Environment, developed the toolkit. This toolkit was designed to help state law enforcement agencies form specialized strategies appropriate for their jurisdictions for combatting human trafficking; however, other law enforcement entities and partners can benefit from this guide as well. The toolkit is available for download at:

[https://www.ascia.org/pdf/news/human\\_trafficking\\_toolkit082016\\_copy.pdf](https://www.ascia.org/pdf/news/human_trafficking_toolkit082016_copy.pdf)

