



CALL FOR PRESENTERS

31st Fall Juvenile Justice Training Institute
November 7-9, 2007 • Roanoke (The Star City), Virginia
(and other '07 venues)

The Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) has issued a "Call for Presenters" for the 31st Fall Juvenile Justice Institute scheduled for November 7-9, 2007, in Roanoke, VA. Plenary session and workshop slots are available. All proposals for consideration must be received no later than **Friday, April 13, 2007**.

Conference Information

Location: Wyndham Airport Roanoke

Dates: November 7-9, 2007

Audience: 400-500 professionals from nearly every discipline that touches court-involved children: juvenile justice policy makers & administrators, probation directors, supervisors and officers, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, detention workers, correctional officers, correctional counselors, CSA Coordinators, community-based and residential treatment providers, mental health clinicians, mentors, foster care workers, social workers, educators, school resource officers, prevention specialists, child advocates, group home workers, and more.

Goals to expose participants to innovative and promising practices in juvenile justice; to maintain a well-trained juvenile justice workforce; to provide a forum for networking and information sharing; and to foster communication and enhance relationships across agencies

The City of Roanoke, the "star" city, will provide the backdrop for the 31st Fall Institute (Working Title: "*When All the Stars Align: Improving Outcomes for Court-Involved Children*"), the premier juvenile justice training event of the year. More than 400 professionals and 50 exhibitors from across the Commonwealth will come together to engage in both formal and informal learning opportunities.

Topics

Proposals on traditional juvenile justice topics are always welcome, but VJJA is most interested in receiving proposals in the following areas:

Improving Outcomes / Reducing Recidivism
Model Programs / Promising Practices
Juvenile Justice Data / Trends (Reality v. Hype)
Trying Kids As Adults (transfers, blended sentences, etc.)
Strength-Based Approaches to Juvenile Justice
Promising Partnerships & Effective Collaboration
Evidence Based Practice / What Works in Juvenile Justice
Successfully Diverting Cases from Juvenile Court
Cognitive-Behavioral Strategies for Changing Behavior
Enhancing Intrinsic Motivation To Change
Service Brokerage: Selecting Quality Service Providers
Building a Continuum of Alternatives to Incarceration
Decision-Making: Developing Sanctions & Disposition Grids
The Inherent Dangers of Incarceration
Mental Health Issues Among Court-Involved Youth
Developmentally Appropriate Expectations & Sanctions
Adolescent Brain Development
Effective Intervention Strategies for Corrections Staff
Managing Behavior in Corrections & Residential
Reducing Serious Incidents & Liability in Residential
Juvenile Justice Strategies for Rural Communities
Verbal Intervention / De-escalation / Negotiation
Legal Advocacy: Ensuring Quality Legal Representation
Truancy: Fostering School Engagement & Offering Incentives

Maintaining Resilience Through Retirement
Succession Planning in Human Services / Public Safety
Creating a Culture to Attract and Retain Employees
Guarding Against Compassion Fatigue
Promoting Civic Engagement Through Meaningful CSW
Faith-Based and Other Community Initiatives
Risk-Based Supervision / Structured Decision-Making
CHINs Cases: Responding to Non-Compliance
Re-entry / Transition Planning
Moving Beyond Assessment to Service Planning
Multisystemic Therapy (MST) with Juvenile Offenders
Functional Family Therapy with Juvenile Offenders
Disproportionate Minority Confinement / Contact (DMC)
Successfully Managing Juvenile Sex Offenders
Gender Responsive Programming
Promoting and Effectively Using Volunteers and Interns
Zero Tolerance Policies (Impact of)
Using Technology to Enhance Services and Efficiency
Impact of Technology on Delinquency and Victimization
Grant / Proposal Writing for Human Service Agencies
Engaging Juvenile Justice Youth in Decision Making
Impact of Methamphetamine Use on Families/Communities
Using Mediation With Adolescents
Group Supervision / Maximizing Time Through Group Work

Schedule of Events

Board of Directors Meeting	November 6	Workshops	November 7-9
Other Association Meetings	November 6	President's Networking Reception	November 7
Pre-Registration & Reception	November 6	Local Facility Tours	November 7
Registration	November 7	Leadership Mixer	November 8
Welcome & Opening Remarks	November 7	Networking Social	November 8
Plenary Sessions	November 7-9	Farewell and Door Prizes	November 9

Submission Requirements

SUBMISSION FORM (to include the following sections):

- A. Proposed Workshop or Session Title
- B. Workshop Target Audience
- C. Workshop/Session Length
- D. Abstract/Description of Workshop/Session
- E. Equipment & Material Needs/Requests
- F. Contact Person/Submitter's Name and Contact Information
- G. Presenter's Contact Information (for each presenter)
- H. Presenter's Biography/Credentials and Digital Photograph
- I. Speaker's Experience and References
- J. Requested Fees (if any)
- K. Availability and Interest by Venue

Additional submission forms are available at: www.VJJA.org. Submit questions and proposals (on or before **Friday, April 13, 2007**) to: instituteplanning@vija.org or call Katherine Farmer, Institute Planning Chair at (804) 501-4417 or Beth Stinnett, VJJA President at (804) 786-0486.

Additional Information About the Conference Host

Founded in 1966, the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) is an organization comprised of professionals representing court services, juvenile correctional facilities, DJJ central & regional administration, the judiciary, indigent defense, detention homes, halfway houses, group homes, mental health clinicians, educators, law enforcement personnel, social workers, and others with an interest in youth and family services. The organization is administered by an elected board of directors and is committed to child advocacy and advancing the professional interests and competencies of its members. State and local events are held annually, with a state conference in November. Learn more at www.VJJA.org.