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 Humans 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  

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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@vjja.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.