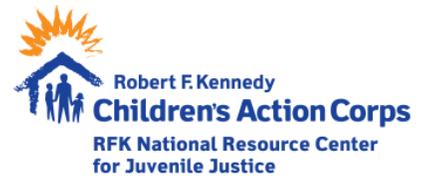


# Dual Status Youth Symposium: *Working Together for Our Youth*



April 5 – 6, 2016 | Omni Parker House Hotel | Boston, MA

## Workshop Descriptions

**All Workshop Breakout Rooms are located on the Mezzanine (M) level.**

### Session A Workshops | Tuesday, April 5 (10:15 – 11:45 AM)

#### ALCOTT B ROOM

##### **A Balancing Act: Risks and Benefits of Information Sharing in Dual Status Youth Reform**

*Presenters:*

- Jessica Heldman, Associate Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps
- Mary Ann Scali, Deputy Director, National Juvenile Defender Center

The key to successfully improving outcomes for dual status youth is effective collaboration and coordination among a variety of youth and family serving systems. Such cooperation requires professionals from different agencies to engage in some level of information sharing to ensure that decisions and recommendations are based on the most relevant and meaningful information about the youth and family. However, determining and understanding the parameters of legal and appropriate information sharing is a significant challenge for those involved in reform efforts. Balancing the benefits of sharing information against the risk of potential harm from improper disclosure or the misuse of information can be a daunting task. In this workshop participants will hear from experts who have developed resources to assist in finding this balance as well as the experience of an attorney who managed the information sharing aspects of a dual status youth initiative.

#### KING ROOM

##### **Dynamic Practice Improvements & Assessment Opportunities Resulting from Process Mapping – No Really!**

*Presenters:*

- John Tuell, Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps
- Gina M. Vincent, PhD, Associate Professor, Law & Psychiatry Program, University of Massachusetts Medical School; President, National Youth Screening & Assessment Partners
- Christina Ball, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Marion Superior Court Probation Department - Juvenile Services Division

The workshop will identify the important methods for the conduct of a detailed case flow mapping process that identifies key decision points in a juvenile case unique to your local jurisdiction. Participants will learn how to create a multi-system understanding of critical decision points and practices around which improvements or reforms may be developed and/or planned on behalf of youth involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice system. The session will highlight the opportunities to implement risks-needs-responsivity that support improved decision making and case planning and feature the outstanding work from a member of the Marion County, IN Dual Status Youth team in creating a detailed map and narrative that has led to practical reforms on behalf of their dual status youth population and feature a facilitated question and answer with participants.

**PRESS ROOM****Education: An Essential Ingredient for Dual Status Youth Success***Presenters:*

- John (Mick) Moore, PhD, Independent Education Consultant, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps
- Leigh Mahoney, Director of National Education & Program Development, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

*Moderator:*

- Jenny Collier, Project Director, Robert F. Kennedy Juvenile Justice Collaborative; Collier Collective, LLC

*Panelists:*

- Bruce Knutson, (Retired) Director of Juvenile Court Services, Juvenile Court Services, King County Superior Court
- Atasi Uppal, FosterEd-Juvenile Justice Attorney, National Center for Youth Law
- Kathleen Sande, Institution Education Program Supervisor, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (Olympia, Washington)

This workshop will provide information related to the successful engagement and participation of education system stakeholders as full partners with the juvenile justice and child welfare systems on behalf of dual status youth. The session will focus on successful strategies to achieve, maintain and foster authentic educational partnerships by jurisdictions serving dual status youth, and will include examples of current practice while providing specific suggestions for audience participants.

**STOWE ROOM****Improving Collaboration by Addressing Organizational Culture Change***Presenters:*

- Mark Mertens, MSW, Administrator, Delinquency and Court Services Division, Milwaukee County Health and Human Services Department
- Melissa Blom, MSW, Children Youth & Family Division Manager, Outagamie County Department of Health and Human Services
- Brian Richart, Chief Probation Officer, El Dorado County Probation Department

This workshop is intended for administrators and managers looking to create the impetus for organizational change that promotes collaboration across systems. Participants will explore the assumptions, values, and artifacts of their own organizational culture and discuss how they may be assets or barriers to coming together to partner around service delivery. The presenters will highlight the common needs and necessary tasks of personnel at each level of an organization involved in the transformation of organizational culture. Experiences from Outagamie County, Wisconsin and El Dorado County, California will be highlighted.

**Session B Workshops | Tuesday, April 5 (2:00 – 3:30 PM)****ALCOTT B ROOM****Do No Harm: Lessons Learned From the Healthcare Industry on Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity in Quality of Care***Presenters:*

- Rey Cheatham Banks, Senior Program Manager, The Justice Management Institute
- Franklin Cruz, Chief Operating Officer & Program Director, The Justice Management Institute

This workshop provides strategies and tools, using a healthcare model, to reduce racial and ethnic disparities and provide information and skills to operationalize the necessary systemic change to address disparate treatment and impact institutional and implicit biases. Participants will identify effective responses to advancing racial, ethnic, and linguistic equity in all youth-facing systems through the use of both the justice and public health lenses. Session highlights will include similarities between providing services in the fields of healthcare and justice; examining a research based model for increasing justice and equity; practical lessons from the healthcare industry; exploring how implicit biases shape decisions; and understanding how the implicit bias frame translates into policies and practices that can reduce racial and ethnic disparities.

**PRESS ROOM****Effective Alternatives to Detention for Dual Status Youth***Presenters:*

- Mark Werner, Deputy Chief, Clinical Division, Cook County Juvenile Probation and Court Services
- Barbara Duey, CWLS (Child Welfare Law Specialist), Care Project Director, Children's Law Center of California
- William Pieroth, MPA, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Cook County Juvenile Probation
- Jessica Heldman, Associate Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps

Research shows that foster youth are more likely to be detained than their non-foster youth peers and that they tend to remain detained for longer periods of time. Several jurisdictions have utilized the dual status youth framework to address this inequity and to develop alternatives to detention. The presenters of this workshop will provide examples of policies and programs developed in Los Angeles County, CA and Cook County, IL used to reduce the inappropriate use of secure detention for foster youth.

**STOWE ROOM****How to Implement the Dual Status Youth Data Improvement Planning Framework***Presenter:*

- Gene Siegel, Consultant, GCS Consulting, LLC

This interactive workshop will describe the essential and largely non-technical aspects of the suggested data planning approach with particular emphasis on practical and pragmatic implementation. Additional emphasis will be placed on how dual status youth initiatives can become more "data driven" and the importance of aspiring for and developing internal capabilities to more actively track cases, performance indicators, and outcomes. Participants who attend this session will gain a basic understanding of how to apply the data framework and how it can be useful in clarifying and prioritizing local data needs.

**KING ROOM****Understanding and Responding to the Traumatic Event Exposure and Chronic Survival Coping of Dual Status Youth***Presenter:*

- Keith R. Cruise, PhD, Associate Professor, Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies, Department of Psychology, Fordham University; Associate, National Youth Screening & Assessment Partners

This session will review current knowledge on the rates of polyvictimization in child welfare and juvenile justice samples and discuss system responses to the chronic survival coping of youth who experience multiple types of traumatic event exposures. Using an interactive case presentation and discussion, participants will explore how affect dysregulation is targeted through trauma-specific interventions and consider how a multi-system response can meet the needs of dual status youth.

**Session C Workshops | Wednesday, April 6 (10:30 AM – 12:00 PM)****STOWE ROOM****Accentuate the Positive: Strength-Based Positive Youth Development and Juvenile Justice Practice***Presenter:*

- William H. Barton, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Indiana University School of Social Work

In this workshop, attendees will be encouraged to view juvenile justice practice through the lens of positive youth development. The juvenile justice system has vacillated historically between emphases on punishment and treatment, neither of which has proven effective. Even more recent attention to criminogenic risks and needs still tends to promote "doing to" rather than "doing with" youth. A consideration of adolescent biological and social development leads to a different paradigm, Positive Youth Justice (Butts, Bazemore, & Meroe, 2010), supported by principles of strength-based practice. Implications for direct practice and for agency culture will be explored.

**KING ROOM****Community Engagement: Broadening the Circles of Support for Dual Status Youth***Presenters:*

- Mark M. Mertens, Administrator, Delinquency and Court Services Division, Milwaukee County Health and Human Services Department
- Nick Juliano, Senior Director of Community Impact, Boys Town Nebraska/Iowa
- Marcus Stubblefield, Systems Integration Coordinator, Uniting for Youth: A partnership of youth-serving systems in King County, Office of King County Executive

While it is imperative that systems work together to address the needs of dual status youth, systems alone cannot adequately ensure positive outcomes for youth. Therefore, it is critically important that stakeholders, youth, parents and the community at large all have a voice in effecting change and improving outcomes for youth. This workshop will demonstrate how leaders and practitioners can effectively engage with their communities to solve problems and utilize resources to address the needs of dual status youth. Participants will learn effective strategies and tools to enhance their community engagement efforts.

**ALCOTT B ROOM****Dual Status Girls: Decriminalizing Trauma and Advancing a Gender Responsive Approach within Juvenile Justice***Presenters:*

- Neha Desai, Staff Attorney, National Center for Youth Law
- Sarah Walker, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, Division of Public Behavioral Health & Justice Policy, University of Washington School of Medicine

Rates of girls' involvement in the juvenile justice system are growing disproportionately at a time when arrest rates for boys are declining. Girls often enter the juvenile justice system for minor offenses that are manifestations of unaddressed mental health needs stemming from childhood trauma. For many girls, involvement in the juvenile justice system exacerbates the vulnerabilities that led them into the system in the first place. This workshop will provide insight into (1) girls' pathways into the juvenile justice system, including the criminalization of commercial sexual exploitation, (2) how we can disrupt these pathways, and (3) what a gender-responsive juvenile justice approach involves.

**PRESS ROOM****Setting the Table with Families – Best Practices for Empowering and Advocating with Families to Partner through Shared Decision Making***Presenters:*

- Laura Garnette, Chief Probation Officer, County of Santa Clara
- Elorie Stevens, Western Regional Intensive Placement Coordinator, Department of Children and Families
- Jennifer Wilds, System of Care Administrator, Community Programs, View Point Health
- Kristen Solaras, Family Support Specialist, Parent Professional Advocacy League (PPAL)

When people are the architects of their own destiny, their ability to achieve positive outcomes increases. Planning that includes child serving agencies and families must be a highly intentional process that includes common goals, shared accountability, enhanced communication and willingness to make changes to best meet the needs of families and communities. In this session, representatives from three local jurisdictions will discuss effective practices for shared decision-making and family inclusion within multi-disciplinary team meetings for dual status youth. Participants will increase their understanding of how to incorporate family members throughout the child welfare and juvenile justice involvement process and learn from the personal perspective of a family member, who will share about her experiences and current work with system-involved families.