On the Ground

Executive Director to Travel to China to provide Technical Assistance

We are pleased to announce our involvement in an exciting technical assistance trip to the People's Republic of China to meet with China's Supreme People's Court (SPC) on November 8-9. The trip will include a team of five juvenile justice experts, including RFK National Resource Center Executive Director John Tuell, led by the Honorable Leonard Edwards, retired judge and past-President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). The two days in the Shenzhen province will include presentations, meetings and discussions with Chinese justice system experts and practitioners designed to export a greater understanding of best practices within our juvenile justice systems. The primary objectives include contributing to China's juvenile trial reform and the development of the rule of juvenile law and the connection of governmental and institutional experts to accelerate a best-practice approach to juvenile justice reform in China. The trip is sponsored and organized by the Dui Hua (meaning "dialogue" in Chinese) Foundation, a nonprofit humanitarian organization that seeks clemency and better treatment for at-risk detainees through the promotion of universally recognized human rights in a well-informed, mutually respectful dialogue with China.

3rd Annual Juvenile Probation Reform Academy Held in New York City

The RFK National Resource Center, in partnership with the Council of State Governments and the American Probation and Parole Association, held the 3rd Annual Juvenile Probation Reform Academy in New York City on August 30-31. Thirty-nine juvenile probation leaders from twelve individual counties and/or states attended the two-day event. The event provided instruction to probation and parole directors and managers on the core principles demonstrated by research to reduce recidivism and improve other outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system. Working within their jurisdictional

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We are proud to present an important NEW publication
teams, participants developed action plans that included strategies for applying this research to their own agencies and identified methods to conduct analyses of their agency policies, practices, and performance improvement when they returned home.

From the Field

5 Ways Juvenile Court Judges Can Use Data
The National Center for Juvenile Justice, with support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, has developed an issue brief highlighting the ways juvenile court judges can use data to improve court functioning and youth outcomes. This helpful brief features RFK National Resource Center Dual Status Youth Practice Network member Hon. Sheri Roberts, Chief Judge, Alcovy Judicial Circuit Court, Georgia. Click here to learn more.

Applying Principles of Adolescent Development in Delinquency Proceedings
The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the National Juvenile Defender Center, and the State Justice Institute recently partnered to develop a new bench card, titled Applying Principles of Adolescent Development in Delinquency Proceedings. The bench card provides guidance to judges to ensure that courtroom procedures reflect the important principles of adolescent development. The RFK National Resource Center is pleased to note that this resource is dedicated to the late Judge Willie Lovett, who was a treasured member of our Dual Status Youth Practice Network. To access this resource, please click here.

In the Media

Getting Restorative Justice Approved By Your State Political Body Is Worth the Trouble
Op-Ed by Sen. Dave Marsden (D-Virginia)
Featured on the Juvenile Justice Information Exchange: JJIE.org

A Transformative Shift for Juvenile Justice
By Feather O’Connor Houstoun (senior adviser to the Wyncote Foundation)
Featured in Governing Magazine: Governing.com

Center a Safe Place for Kids in Domestic Violence-Related Situations to Cool Down
By Jessica Blackburn (University of Arizona journalism student)
Featured in the Arizona Daily Star: Tucson.com

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All of our publications and tools are made available online to support jurisdictions undertaking reform, with or without technical assistance. In an effort to enhance that support, we recently updated our website to provide a more user friendly experience for accessing our practical and informative resources, as well as presentations and materials from our events.

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About Us
Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, led by Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps, uses proven models, frameworks, tools, resources and the best available research to serve local, state, and national leaders, practitioners and youth-serving agencies to improve system performance and outcomes for youth
involved with the juvenile justice system. RFK National Resource Center focuses primarily on youth with prior or current involvement in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems (dual status youth), the review and improvement of juvenile probation systems, and the use of a model framework to address the state and national laws and policies governing the exchange and sharing of data, information, and records for youth and families. To learn more about us and how we can serve your jurisdiction, please visit [www.rfknrcjj.org](http://www.rfknrcjj.org).

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