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New Resources

Building a Brighter Future for Dual Status Youth



In collaboration with [The Children's Partnership](#), we are excited to share our new roadmap, ***Building a Brighter Future for Youth with Dual Status: A Policy Roadmap Forward***, which outlines useful policies, practices, tools, and frameworks supporting jurisdictions working to improve outcomes for youth with dual status. Our new report documents findings compiled at our April 2018 national convening, *Developing a Trauma-Informed Roadmap to Prevent Juvenile Justice Involvement of Child Welfare Youth: A Moral and Fiscal Imperative*, that brought together federal, state, and local leaders to identify solutions and opportunities to support the healthy development of youth in our child welfare system who have had contact with, or are at-risk of entering, the juvenile justice system. Our recommendations not only highlight the challenges we are facing, as evidenced by the findings, but also offer valuable insights into what more can be done to improve the experiences of youth with dual status. In promoting collaboration, innovation, and a culture shift, these recommendations seek to create a more responsive and equitable approach to support the healthy development of youth with dual status.

[Click here](#) to access this new resource!

Coming Soon - Probation System Review Guidebook, 3rd Edition

The RFK National Resource Center is working on the 3rd edition of the Probation System Review Guidebook which will include updates, lessons learned from the diverse array of state and local jurisdictions with whom we have partnered over the past three years, and new resources to support jurisdictions who undertake the Probation System Review process. Please be looking for this important new contribution to the field as we enter the 2019 calendar year.

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Have You Scheduled an On-Site Training in Your Community?

[Contact us now](#) to ensure your jurisdiction has the opportunity to learn how to best address critical topics in juvenile justice.

The [Training Institute](#) brings experts and experienced facilitators into local jurisdictions, ensuring that all vital leaders, staff, and stakeholders have the opportunity to benefit from the experience. Our curriculum utilizes well-established frameworks for reform that have been applied in numerous jurisdictions throughout the nation, while also incorporating current research and emerging best practices. The training approach balances traditional presentation with dynamic discussions and facilitated activities aimed at applying the information to each individual jurisdiction. As a result, participants

The [Probation System Review Guidebook, 2nd Edition](#) is currently available on our website.

On the Ground

Update on the OJJDP Community Supervision Review and Enhancement Training and Technical Assistance Grant Project (Second Chance Act)

Since finalizing our acceptance of the grant award, the RFK National Resource Center is now poised to launch our field-based activities. Our early priorities will include partnering with the Impact Center at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill to facilitate critical training focusing on the principles and important tenets of Implementation Science. This training will include representatives from the three jurisdictions that will be selected in the initial cohort of participant sites, as well as our full consultant team. Through the work of this grant, we will grow our opportunities to improve the sustainable performance of our probation and juvenile justice systems so that we effectively protect public safety and help every youth realize a future of positive opportunities. We look forward to identifying three additional sites for participation in the project by the end of the summer in 2019.

RFK National Resource Center Training Institute: Recent Field-based Training Events

In recent months, the RFK National Resource Center has completed numerous training events throughout the country, including: a Dual Status Youth Training event in McKean County, Pennsylvania (1.5 days in November); Information Sharing/Dual Status Youth Training event in Indianapolis, Indiana (1.5 days in October); and a multi-date Information Sharing/Multi-system Youth Training in New York that occurred in July (2 days) and September (3 days). We were thrilled with the active engagement of a wide array of youth-serving professionals during each event. We remain committed to providing these **field-based training events** so that we can maximize the number of local participants in a cost efficient, interactive learning approach. We offer this reminder that our Training Institute features five primary training curricula to support your jurisdiction. We look forward to partnering with you in 2019 to advance your state and local jurisdictions' efforts toward improved system performance and youth outcomes. Please [visit our website](#) for more information and feel free to contact John A. Tuell (jtuell@rfkchildren.org) or Kari L. Harp (kharp@rfkchildren.org) with questions or inquiries about how to schedule a training.

[Click here](#) to access a one-page, printer-friendly overview of our Training Institute and Technical Assistance Initiatives.

From the Field

Bridging Research and Practice in Juvenile Probation

leave both well-informed and poised to begin taking action immediately.

The Training Institute includes the following programs:

Dual Status Youth: Improving Outcomes for Youth Involved in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice ([Learn More](#))

Dual Status Youth: Implementing and Sustaining Reforms ([Learn More](#))

Advancing Best Practices in Youth Justice Seminar ([Learn More](#))

Probation System Review Training ([Learn More](#))

Multi-System Information & Data Sharing ([Learn More](#))

Our training staff and consultants look forward to talking with you to discuss how we can meet your jurisdiction's unique training needs!

To learn more about the Training Institute, please visit our website: rfknrcjj.org/training-institute/

How Can We Serve Your Community?

To find out how the RFK National Resource Center can support reform in your community using proven frameworks for technical assistance, please [Contact Us!](#)

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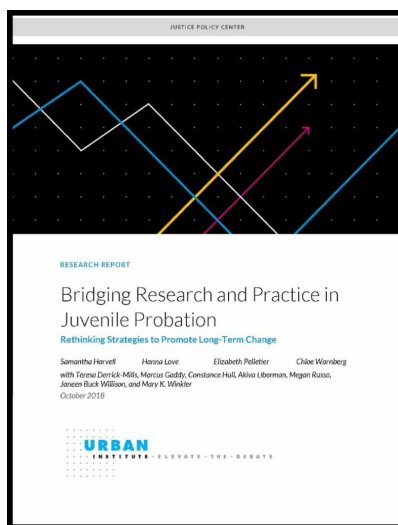
Over the past several decades, the knowledge base on how to improve public safety and outcomes for youth has expanded substantially, yet probation officers that work with these young people lack guidance on how this research can inform their work. This report, entitled ***Bridging Research and Practice in Juvenile Probation: Rethinking Strategies to Promote Long-term Change***, offers practical tips for frontline juvenile probation officers to align their practice with research on successful strategies for reducing recidivism and improving outcomes for youth, their families, and the communities in which they live. The report describes five core practice areas:

- screening, assessment, and structured decision-making;
- case planning;
- matching services and promoting positive youth development;
- structuring supervision to promote long-term behavior change; and
- incentivizing success and implementing graduated responses.

For each area, the report highlights relevant research findings, identifies core focus areas for bridging research and practice, and offers concrete strategies for probation officers and agencies to hold youth accountable, prevent future delinquency, and promote healthy development.

To access this resource, please visit:

<https://www.urban.org/research/publication/bridging-research-and-practice-juvenile-probation>



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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.

Every Child Deserves a Childhood

Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps is a private, non-profit licensed child welfare agency providing community-based services, education, foster care and adoption, residential treatment, and juvenile justice programming to individuals and families in crisis. Our programs are focused on helping children and adolescents deal with past hurts, develop self-esteem, and have a chance for a brighter future as contributing members of society. All that we do at RFK Children's Action Corps is based on the belief that every child deserves the chance to lead a happy, healthy, and productive life. For more information and to get involved, visit www.rfkchildren.org.