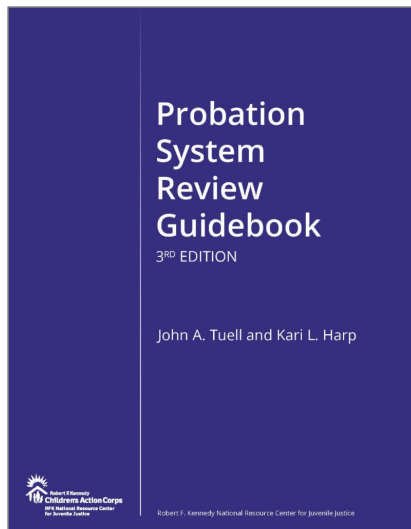




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Probation System Review Guidebook, 3rd Edition

We are pleased to announce the availability of our NEW [Probation System Review Guidebook, 3rd Edition](#), developed to support the transformation of probation and juvenile justice policy and practice in your jurisdiction. This resource features the seminal framework that the RFK National Resource Center has used in partnership with twenty-five jurisdictions across nearly one-third of the states and territories to

achieve substantial improvements in youth outcomes and system performance. This latest edition includes: an increased focus on the translation of adolescent development into practice; renewed emphasis on resiliency and positive youth development; improved and updated tools and guidance related to risk-needs-responsivity instruments; specific benefits to undertaking a system review; updated jurisdictional examples; lessons learned; testimonials; and many more useful features!

To access this resource, please visit:

<https://rfknrcj.org/resources/probation-system-reform/>.

Upcoming Events

APPA 2019 Winter Training Institute

Tribal Justice Probation System Reform: Experiences in Tribal Justice Communities that Improve Youth Outcomes

The RFK National Resource Center will present a session on its Tribal Justice Probation System Review project (highlighting the conduct of probation assessments of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Tucson, Arizona and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Pendleton, Oregon) on March 11 at the APPA Annual Conference in Miami, Florida. Executive Director John A. Tuell will co-present with Nan Benally, Council of State Governments, with whom we have partnered in this project for the past two years. The project will produce a

Meet Our Peer Mentors!

The RFK National Resource Center is delighted to offer **Peer Mentorship**, a valuable opportunity for leaders, practitioners, and collaborative teams from sites embarking on reform efforts to learn from the experience and expertise of the RFK National Resource Center's Practice Networks. Members of Dual Status Youth (DSY) and Probation System Reform (PSR) Practice Networks represent communities from across the nation that have championed change, leading to enhanced system performance and improved outcomes for children and families. Practice Network Members have a deep understanding of the processes, challenges, barriers, and benefits of juvenile justice and child welfare reform efforts. With their on-the-ground experience, members of our Practice Networks are uniquely qualified to offer peer-to-peer mentorship, guidance, and support to other communities.

Click here to meet our Dual Status Youth Peer Mentors!

Click here to meet our Probation System

Tribal Justice Probation System Review Guidebook to support future reviews in tribal communities. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2019-Miami/attend/>.

NCJFCJ National Conference on Juvenile Justice *Three Ways to Make Your Juvenile Justice System Even Better*

Executive Director John A. Tuell will present as part of a panel for a conference session at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. John will join distinguished panel partners (Kim Godfrey, Performance-based Standards, and Teri Deal, National Center for Juvenile Justice) to discuss successful juvenile justice reform efforts being conducted throughout the country. The presentation will also feature the **Dennis M. Mondoro Probation and Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Project** and highlight the competitive site selection process for the second cohort of three participant sites scheduled to be initiated late this summer. To learn more about the conference, please visit: <https://www.ncjfcj.org/2019-national-conference-juvenile-justice>.

CWLA 2019 National Conference: Advancing Excellence in Practice & Policy *Proven Effective Methods and Practices that Create Futures of Opportunity for Youth Involved in both Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Systems*

On April 12, the RFK National Resource Center will present a special session on Dual Status Youth Reform at the CWLA Annual Conference Training Institute being held in Washington, DC. John A. Tuell will be joined by Linda Spears, Commissioner for the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families; Patrick Sparks, Attorney-in-Charge, Youth Advocacy Division Committee for Public Counsel Services in Massachusetts; and Nicholas Juliano, Director of Regional Advocacy & Public Policy for Boys Town (Omaha, Nebraska). The session will report on independently evaluated results of dual status youth policy and practice reforms in Hampden County, Massachusetts and Douglas County, Nebraska, as well as speaking to the implications from the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). To learn more about the conference, please visit: <https://www.cwla.org/cwla2019/>.

From the Field

Studying Drivers of Risk and Needs Assessment Instrument Implementation in Juvenile Justice

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has released [*Studying Drivers of Risk and Needs Assessment Instrument Implementation in Juvenile Justice*](#). This bulletin describes OJJDP-supported research findings on factors that promote effective implementation of risk and needs assessment instruments in the juvenile justice system. Quality implementation has been shown to reduce reliance on formal system involvement and decrease recidivism. Using a framework based in implementation science, the authors analyzed qualitative and quantitative data to identify the following drivers of successful implementation:

- Positive staff perceptions about the reliability, credibility, and applicability of the instrument to the needs of their local jurisdictions.
- Engagement of staff and other stakeholders in the initial strategic planning, goal setting, and problem solving to ensure early buy-in.

Reform Peer Mentors!

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

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/

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- A pilot period that focuses on training of staff and other stakeholders.
- Ongoing supervisory support and training.
- Standardized operating procedures and written policies in state and local agencies and the ability to share information among multiple stakeholders.
- A strong data infrastructure, including both user-friendly technological systems to support data collection and staff data expertise.

To access this resource, please visit:
<https://www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/251809.pdf>.

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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.

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.