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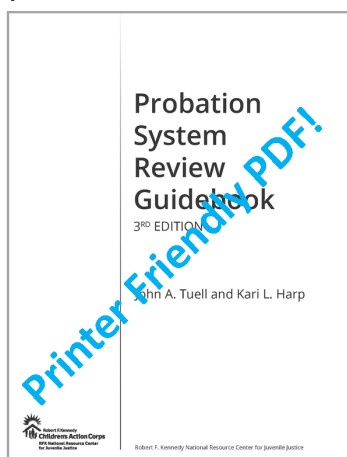
RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice E-Newsletter

Now Available!

Probation System Review Guidebook, 3rd Edition

Printer Friendly Version

We are pleased to announce the availability a **printer-friendly** version of our new [Probation System Review Guidebook, 3rd Edition](#). This resource was developed to support the transformation of probation and juvenile justice policy and practice in your jurisdiction. The Guidebook features the seminal framework that the RFK National Resource Center has used in partnership with 25 jurisdictions across nearly one-third of the states and territories to achieve substantial improvements in youth outcomes and system performance.



To access this resource (as a full-color or printer-friendly PDF), please visit: <https://rfknrcjj.org/resources/probation-system-reform/>.

Events

Register NOW - 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 addressing the implications of the Family First Prevention Services Act. To learn more about the conference, please visit: <https://www.cwla.org/cwla2019/>.

Dennis M. Mondoro Probation and Juvenile Justice System

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, and benefits of juvenile justice and child welfare reform efforts. With their on-the-ground experience,

Enhancement Project

Implementation Science Training

The RFK National Resource Center convened an Implementation Science Training as part of its *Dennis M. Mondoro Probation and Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Project*, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This two-day training was facilitated by Dr. Robin Jenkins (The Impact Center at FPG Child Development Institute, UNC Chapel Hill) with representatives from the project's sites: Clark County, Nevada; Fairfax County, Virginia; and, Lancaster County, Nebraska. The RFK National Resource Center will be adding three competitively selected jurisdictions (Cohort 2) to this project later this year. Please keep an eye on our announcements so you have the opportunity to submit an application for consideration.

On the Ground

Tribal Justice Probation System Review Project



The RFK National Resource Center is partnering with the American Probation and Parole Association to conduct two Probation & Juvenile Justice System Reviews in Indian Country. On March 19-20, we concluded our initial site visit with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) in Pendleton, Oregon. We were privileged to meet with the Chief Judge, Court Administrator, Prosecutor, Board Member for the Trustees, and Delinquency Court Specialists (probation and truancy officers). We were also excited to meet with two members of the Youth Council (pictured in the front row on the left) during this visit. Our project work in the CTUIR tribal justice community has revealed an impressive commitment and dedication to improving opportunities and outcomes for their youth and families in the face of significant challenges. We salute these fine youth-serving professionals - and youth - for the difference they are making.

Probation System Review Launched in Hennepin County, Minnesota

The RFK National Resource Center is pleased to announce a new technical assistance partnership with Hennepin County, Minnesota to conduct a Probation System Review over the next twelve-month period. Our initial site visit is scheduled for April 23-24, 2019. The review will be guided by the recently released *Probation System Review Guidebook, 3rd Edition* and also informed by the *Developmental Reform in Juvenile Justice: Translating the Science of Adolescent Development to Sustainable Best Practice* brief authored in 2017 (to view these resources, please [visit our website](#)). John A. Tuell, Executive Director, and Peg Robertson, Independent Consultant to the RFK National Resource Center, will facilitate the review among a broad array of probation and juvenile justice stakeholders. We are excited about this opportunity and look forward to providing updates on our progress!

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 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

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Your valued contribution directly supports the sustainability and expansion of the RFK National Resource Center's positive impact on children and families nationally. To make a donation, please [click here](#) and type in "RFK National Resource Center" in the "My donation is for a specific program" box. **Thank you!**

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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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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.

