



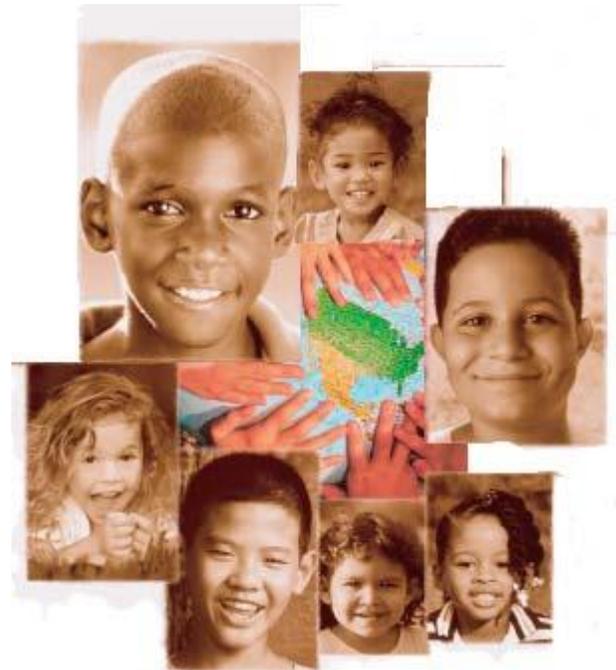
Call for Presentations:

Ensuring Safe and Fair Treatment of Youth in the Juvenile Justice System

Workshop Presentation Opportunities

Conducting Reliable DMC Assessments: Mechanisms Contributing to DMC

This session will provide examples of reliable assessments to show how states and localities have determined the extent of disproportionality and how it will be addressed. The session will also identify contributing mechanisms of disproportionality (differential processing, justice by geography, mobility effects, statistical aberrations, laws/policies/procedures that have a disproportionate impact, differential offending, differential access to treatment services, accumulated disadvantage, etc.).



Diversion Programs and DMC Reduction

This session will provide best practices from empirical research, literature, OJJDP's Model Programs Guide, and/or the DMC Best Practices Database. Best practices and evidenced-based models include: community service, informal adjustments, family group conferences, victim impact panels, victim-offender mediation, mentoring, teen courts, restitution, and other restorative justice strategies that have reduced DMC.

Effective Strategies for Systems Improvement: DMC in Rural Communities

This session will provide strategies of how to address DMC in rural communities which include determining the extent of disproportionality when the volume of minority youth is low and implementing systems improvement activities (alternatives to detention effective diversion programs, effective use of probation, etc.) to mitigate disproportionality.

Implementing Risk Assessment Instruments (RAIs) to Reduce DMC

This session will provide strategies of how to implement and administer objective assessment instruments to reduce disproportionality at various contact points in the juvenile justice system (referrals to juvenile court, cases diverted, cases involving secure detention, cases petitioned, charges filed, cases resulting in delinquent findings, probation placement, and those resulting in confinement in secure correctional facilities).

Promising Tribal Youth Systems Improvement Efforts to Reduce DMC

This session will provide examples of system improvement efforts in specific states and localities to mitigate disproportionality of American Indian/Native American and Alaska Native youth at various contact points in the juvenile justice system.

Promising Approaches: Emerging Immigrant Populations and DMC

This session will provide examples of system improvement activities in jurisdictions working to reduce disproportionality of juveniles from emerging minority groups (Hmong, Chamorro, Chicanos, Hispanics, Latinos, Somalis, etc.).

OJJDP DMC Reduction Model: The Toolkit for Success

This session will provide an overview of the five phases of the DMC Reduction Model (identification, assessment/diagnosis, intervention, evaluation, and monitoring). It also includes innovative ways to fund state/local DMC coordinators, strategies for implementing state/local DMC committees, and effective ways to involve State Advisory Groups and local committee members in DMC reduction planning.

Disproportionality in the Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Systems

This session will provide evidenced-based strategies and/or best practices designed to reduce or mitigate disproportionality and enhance collaboration between the systems.

Measuring DMC When the Minority Population is Small

This session will provide best practices on how to identify and determine the extent of DMC when the volume of activity is small based on OJJDP's Relative Rate Index and other statistical measures. Small numbers may refer to the overall numbers of minority youth throughout the juvenile justice system.

Guidelines for Submission of Proposals

Abstract

Please provide a brief abstract of your proposed presentation/session/workshop in no more than of 100 words, typed, double spaced.

Workshop Description

Provide a 500 to 1,500 word typed, double-spaced description of the proposed presentation. Explain the presentation in sufficient detail to enable reviewers to understand what is proposed and why it should be included in the conference. Workshops will be 75 minutes long, and some will allow for several presentations. Indicate equipment needs (projector, laptop, Internet access, chart paper, markers, etc.).

Title Page and Biographical Summary

Include a page listing each presenter, with title and agency affiliation, and a brief biographical summary or no more than 200 words. Include complete contact information for each presenter.

Due Date

Proposals must be submitted by Friday June 5, 2009, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. They should be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to:

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Presenters will be notified of acceptance of their proposal by June 26, 2009.

