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# Youth Justice Fellows Second Convening

Arizona Grand Resort & Spa | 8000 South Arizona  
Grand E, Phoenix, AZ 85044  
December 3-5, 2025

## Meeting Objectives

*Increase knowledge of evidence-based strategies to improve youth justice.*

*Have a deeper understanding of youth justice policy and the importance of planning for implementation.*

*Build connections with legislative peers and learn from experts.*

*Develop individual action plans related to youth and young adult policy issues.*

*Receive NCSL staff support and technical assistance.*

## AGENDA

### Wednesday, December 3, 2025

**5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

*Las Palmas 1*

#### **Registration & Opening Reception**

Welcome to Phoenix! Pick up your name tag and join the networking reception.



## **Thursday, December 4, 2025**

**8:00 – 9 a.m.**

*Palm Patio 2*

### **Breakfast**

**9 – 9:10 a.m.**

*Palm 2AB*

### **Welcome**

Representatives from NCSL and The Annie E. Casey Foundation will welcome the Fellows and provide an overview of the agenda.

- Anne Teigen, associate director, Criminal and Civil Justice Program, NCSL
- Jennifer Ubiera, senior associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation

**9:10 – 10:15 a.m.**

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### **Catch Up with Fellows and Faculty Experts**

Meet with faculty experts Brian Lovins and Xavier McElrath-Bey, say hello to additional faculty, and hear updates from each Fellow on youth justice in their state.

**10:15 – 10:30 a.m.**

### **Break**

**10:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

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### **Youth Mental Health Services**

More than 65% of youth involved with the justice system have mental health conditions and addressing mental health issues among youth within the juvenile justice system is of paramount importance to overall youth health. Hear how states are funding and delivering mental health services and how crisis response fits into the care continuum.

- Michael T. Compton, M.D., M.P.H. professor of psychiatry at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons
- Discussion

**11:45 – 12:15 p.m.**

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### **Children’s Behavioral Health & Youth Justice Integration Case Study: New Hampshire**

Comprehensive systems of care for children’s behavioral health can serve as both prevention and intervention for youth justice systems when appropriately resourced and designed. Former division director for New Hampshire’s Division for Children, Youth and Families will walk through the design and implementation of their model which substantially reduces over-reliance on probation, detention, and commitment.

- Joseph Ribsam, director, Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Policy, The Annie E. Casey Foundation



**12:15 – 1:15 p.m.**

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### **Lunch**

Enjoy lunch and hear an update from faculty expert Xavier McElrath-Bey.

- Xavier McElrath-Bey, executive director of the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth

**1:15 – 2:15 p.m.**

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### **From the Bench: Two Juvenile Court Judges' Perspective**

Juvenile court judges decide thousands of cases involving children who are caught up in the justice system every year. Two judges from Arizona will share their experiences on the bench and their efforts to ensure fairness and rehabilitation for those who go through the justice system.

- Honorable Anna Young, presiding juvenile court judge, Yavapai County, Ariz.
- Honorable Lori Bustamante, presiding juvenile court judge, Maricopa County, Ariz.
- Discussion

**2:15 – 2:30 p.m.**

### **Break**

**2:30 – 3:45 p.m.**

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### **RECLAIM Ohio and Juvenile Assessment Centers**

Learn how the state of Ohio has created funding initiatives to support community-based services and how it created a statewide network of juvenile assessment centers to provide early intervention and diversion for youth.

- Brian Lovins, president, Justice System Partners
- Corey Shrieve, bureau chief, Community Reinvestment, Ohio Department of Youth Services
- Discussion

**3:45– 4:30 p.m.**

*Palm 2AB*

### **Policy Deep Dive with Experts**

Use this time to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the policy issues and options while thinking about updating your individual action plan.

**4:30 p.m.**

### **Adjourn**

**Evening**

### **Dinner on your own**



## **Friday, December 5, 2025**

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**

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### **Breakfast and Group Photo**

**9:00– 10:15 a.m.**

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### **Successful Deflection and Diversion**

Learn about successful deflection and diversion programs from around the country and how these approaches achieve better public safety outcomes at a lower cost to taxpayers.

- Logan Seacrest, resident fellow, R Street Institute
- Discussion

**10:15– 10:35 a.m.**

### **Break and Hotel Check-out**

**10:35 – 11:15 a.m.**

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### **Action Planning Update**

Fellows will revisit their action plans, share and receive feedback with each other, and map out what goals they have for themselves and their states in 2026.

**11:15 – 12:00 p.m.**

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### **Action Plan Report Out**

Fellows will identify steps to put their new knowledge to use, report to the group on their action planning exercise and communicate with NCSL staff and faculty experts on the information and support they need to complete their plan.

- Moderator: Anne Teigen, associate director, NCSL

**12:00 –1:00 p.m.**

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### **Lunch Closing Celebration**

Congratulations! You have completed NCSL's Youth Justice Fellows Program. It's time to celebrate!

*\*NCSL is your organization, and we're here to help you meet the needs of your constituents with research requests, committee testimony, workgroup presentations and connections to leading experts.*

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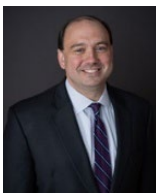
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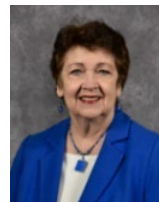
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