



February - the time of year to begin planning for your attendance at the **National Symposium on Juvenile Services**. The 2013 Symposium will be held October 20 – 24 at the Galt House Hotel located in beautiful and historic Louisville, Kentucky. This annual event offers a unique national forum for bringing together leadership, and specialized and direct care practitioners from the field of juvenile services. The Symposium is a “ONE OF A KIND” event that offers innovative training and professional networking opportunities for anyone serving youth at risk.

SYMPOSIUM GOALS

- *To convene a diverse representation of juvenile service practitioners, trainers, and educators*

The Symposium is widely known for bringing together a diverse group of practitioners serving at-risk and delinquent youth. From administrative leadership to providers of direct services, including educators, trainers, and other juvenile services personnel, the Symposium has something for everyone. While the list of specific training sessions and tracks are still being identified, you can be assured there will be professional development opportunities that address issues practitioners are facing daily. In addition, the NPJS is excited to announce new partnerships that will lead to the inclusion of tracks for members of the judiciary, state juvenile justice specialists and members of State Advisory Groups (SAGs).

- *To provide an open forum for the exchange of ideas and a discussion of issues, and*
- *To build partnerships for enhanced service delivery*

There are numerous opportunities throughout the Symposium, both formal and informal, for participants to network and discuss ideas, issues and “best practices” with colleagues from across professional categories and jurisdictions. Members of our field are more than willing to share their successes, and the partnerships built through your participation at the Symposium can be of tremendous benefit to both you personally and your organization.

- *To be innovative in planning for the profession’s future*

The release of a new Desktop Guide will be announced at the 2013 Symposium. Complementary in design to the previous Desktop Guides focused on Good Juvenile Detention, Probation and Reentry, this Desktop Guide Series will be electronic in format and will focus on informing evidence-based and best practice as it relates to the care and custody of youth in juvenile detention and corrections, and youth being served in adult jails and prisons. The Desktop Guide Series will address the background principles, concepts, and knowledge that are at the core of juvenile custody programs and institutions, and provide the foundation for applying principles, skill acquisition, and skill development.

- *To educate all participants on the critical issues in juvenile justice*

The governing boards and committees of the four founding member organizations of the NJPS meet annually at the National Symposium. At these meetings, critical issues are discussed and position statements are finalized, after which time this information is disseminated to the field through the NPJS membership list serve and/or website. Participation in committee and governing board meetings is open to all Symposium participants unless otherwise indicated in the Symposium program.

- *To share best practices*

As the field is impacted by new legislation, i.e., PREA and initiatives, i.e., JDAI, our work evolves and best practice is identified. The Symposium offers an excellent annual venue for dissemination of information related to promising programs and services and research-based best practice in the field of juvenile services.

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- *To celebrate our successes*

Opportunities are provided to celebrate individual and organizational success and achievement at the Symposium's Night of Distinguished Professionals. There is no better reward in this field than being recognized by your peers for the work you do, whether through a formal awards ceremony or by having a colleague replicate your work.

Symposium learning experiences are provided through workshops and plenary sessions that include Current and Emerging Issues, information on PREA implementation and updates, cutting edge technological and other developments in staff training, information on advances in educational programming for at-risk and delinquent youth, leadership development training, and much, much more.

So, if you are interested in improving upon and/or enhancing the services you provide to youth, you are encouraged to attend the 19th National Symposium on Juvenile Services, as every aspect of this event is designed to provide you with the best possible "return on your investment." There is no more relevant or cost effective venue for obtaining knowledge about juvenile justice issues and juvenile services. We hope to see you all in Louisville and to hear what you have to share with us!!!!

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