

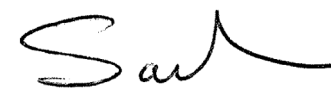
## WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear NJJN Community,

NJJN's Forum is a bit like a family reunion for the families and tribes we choose -- a dedicated time to reconnect and bond with people whom you don't get to see enough throughout the year but with whom you carry a shared set of values and a deep commitment to mutual support. Being with one's tribe in this way can be both energizing and restorative -- a much-needed break and recharge from our usual work. But there really hasn't been anything "usual" about this year. The politics of our nation have been tumultuous and terrifying as the most vulnerable members of our community have been under fire and as our government institutions have all lined up to reinforce existing power structures that favor the white and the wealthy.

We are facing moral questions of historic proportions as the discrimination and oppression of our government unfolds before our eyes. The policies fall like dominoes -- attacking Muslims, immigrants, LGBTQI protections, voting rights, a woman's right to choose, worker's rights, and it doesn't stop. In our neck of the woods, they've demonized black and brown youth as gang members, detained immigrant youth, sanctioned police brutality, rescinded guidance on DMC reduction, rescinded federal guidance for protection of youth with disabilities in facilities, rescinded protections for transgender students, resurrected failed drug policies, pushed for state-level transfer laws, and it doesn't stop.

*In solidarity,*



Sarah Bryer

When is the moment that we can say our society has slid too far into the quicksand of autocracy? When is the moment that our failure to engage daily in protest indicates complicity in the immoral actions taken by our government in our name? Thankfully, we can struggle together with these questions. At this gathering, you will find a community of like-minded advocates who understand that the politics of these times emerge from the deep roots of the founding of this country on stolen land and on the backs of slaves. You will find a community who understands that above all we need action.

This is our NJJN tribe. We are right now continuing our creation of an intentional community that seeks to agitate against complicity in the immoral acts taking place around us. This year, our NJJN tribe collectively agreed to pursue justice transformation with an anti-racist agenda. We are working together to change the way we advocate for justice so that we don't sacrifice our means in the pursuit of our ends. So that as we seek to create a justice system that doesn't oppress, we as individuals and organizations don't reinforce oppressive structures. This is what it means to be an NJJN member.

Thank you NJJN for your commitment to justice, for your collective spirit, and for your belief in the power of our tribe to fight oppression.

# National Juvenile Justice Network Annual Forum

July 16-18, 2018  
Duke University School of Law  
210 Science Dr., Durham, NC 27708

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## AGENDA AT A GLANCE

### SATURDAY, JULY 14

10 AM—9 PM Youth Justice Leadership Institute Alumni Retreat

### SUNDAY, JULY 15

11 AM—7 PM Youth Justice Leadership Institute Alumni Retreat

6 PM—9 PM Meet & Greet and Poster Making for Vigil for Niecy | Hotel Lobby

### MONDAY, JULY 16

#### MEMBERS ONLY DAY

10 AM—8 PM Young Leaders Field Trip to Greensboro

9 AM—10:30 AM Pauli Murray Racial Justice Walking Tour | 906 Carrol St

11 AM—2 PM NJJN Board Meeting | 4042

2 PM—3 PM Performance and Presentation | Room 4045

3 PM—5 PM NJJN Membership Advisory Council Meeting | 4042

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6 PM—7 PM Collective Action: Demand Justice for Niecy | Durham County Detention Center

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9 AM—10 AM Opening Plenary: North Carolina's Pursuit of Justice | Room 3041

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- Positioning Youth at the Head of the Table | Room 4047  
- Identifying How Systems of Oppression Become Institutionalized in Organizations | Room 4045  
- Tap into Funding by Tapping into Your Confidence | Room 4042

12 PM—2:15 PM Lunch and Membership Meeting | Room 3041

2:30 PM—4:30 PM Racial Justice Community Conversation | Room 3041  
Young Leader Breakouts | Room 4042

4:30 PM—5 PM Word Quilt Activity | Room 3041

5:30 PM—7:30 PM NJJN Awards Reception | Parizade, 2200 W Main St

## AGENDA AT A GLANCE

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

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8 AM—8:50 AM Registration and Breakfast | Room 3041

9 AM—10 AM Keynote: "The Struggle for a More Perfect Union," James Williams Jr. | Room 3041

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- Fortifying Public Defense | Room 4042  
- Defining Safety: Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline | Room 4047  
- Gang Databases and an Anti-Immigrant Climate—the Perfect Storm and How We Push Back | Room 4045

11:45 AM—1:15 PM **Lunch and Table Talks | Star Commons**  
- Continuum of Care  
- Diversion  
- Emerging Adults  
- Expungement  
- Juvenile Bail

**Young Leader Debrief | Room 4042**

1:30 AM—3 PM **Breakouts**  
- No Kid Left Behind: Reforming System Responses to Young People Who Commit Violence | Room 4047  
- Restorative Justice | Room 4042  
- Intersectional Justice in Practice | Room 4045

3 PM—3:30 PM Forum Closing | Room 3041

## FULL AGENDA

### MONDAY, JULY 16

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- 11 AM—2 PM**         **NJJN Board Meeting | Room 4042**
- 2 PM—3 PM**           **Performance and Presentation | Room 4045**  
Ise Lyfe, a nationally renowned artist and justice advocate, presents a performance lecture, *SmallasaGIANT* - an engaging presentation addressing long term court sentencing of children.
- 3 PM—5 PM**           **NJJN Membership Advisory Council Meeting | Room 4042**
- 4 PM—5:30 PM**      **Pauli Murray Racial Justice Walking Tour (pre-registration required) | 906 Carrol St**  
Join us for a 75 minute walk into Durham’s history of racial segregation. You will hear stories about the significance of black Civil War soldiers, the Freedman Schools movement, unsung shero Pauli Murray—her multi-racial ancestry and heritage, and Pauli’s long history of activism. Dress comfortably and bring water as this is a walking tour and it will be hot.
- 6 PM—7 PM**           **Collective Action: Demand Justice for Niecey | 219 S Mangum St, Durham, NC**  
Demand justice for Niecey Fennell, a 17-year-old girl who died while being held in Durham County Detention Center, an adult facility. Advocates will join her family in holding a candlelight vigil in her honor outside of the detention center. Speakers will demand justice for Niecey and call on Durham to end its practice of housing 16- and 17-year-olds with adults as they await trial.

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- 8 AM—8:30 AM**        **Registration and Breakfast | Room 3041**
- 8:30 AM—9 AM**      **Welcome and Group Poetry | Room 3041**
- 9 AM—10 AM**        **Opening Plenary: North Carolina’s Pursuit of Justice | Room 3041**  
North Carolina sits at the epicenter of the national movement for justice. From voting rights to LGBTQ liberation to reforming the criminal and juvenile justice system, NC advocates and activists are leading the movement for justice. During our opening plenary, we will hear from leaders working at the forefront of each of these issues. We will learn about NC’s rich history of organizing and what it takes to build an intersectional movement.  
  
**Speakers:** - Rebekah Barber, Research Associate, Institute for Southern Studies  
                  - D’atra “Dee Dee” Jackson, Co-Director, IGNITE NC  
                  - Jaclyn Maffetore, Staff Attorney, Southern Coalition for Social Justice  
                  - Representative Marcia Morey, District 30  
**Moderators:** - Jorren Biggs, Youth Leader, Youth Justice Project (NC), NJJN member  
                      - Ricky Watson, Co-Director, Youth Justice Project (NC), YJLI alum, NJJN member

### TUESDAY, JULY 17

#### MEMBERS ONLY DAY

- 10:15 AM—11:45 PM**   **Breakouts**  
**Breakout 1: Positioning Youth at the Head of the Table | Room 4047**  
Join us for an interactive session hosted by NJJN's Youth Justice Leadership Institute Alumni and youth leaders from Connecticut, Ohio and California for a discussion about supporting, recruiting, and sustaining justice-involved youth leadership in state youth justice campaigns. Session attendees will learn about the forthcoming YJLI Toolkit on justice-involved youth leadership and how organizations across the country are working with youth and young adults to develop youth-led justice movements in their states.  
  
**Moderator:** LaShunda Hill, Director of Federal Legislative Affairs, Families Against Mandatory Minimums, YJLI alum, NJJN member  
**Speakers:** - Shamare Holmes, CT Youth Justice Advisors, Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance, NJJN member  
                  - Illiana Pujols, CT Youth Justice Advisors, Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance, NJJN member  
**Emcee:** Jeree Thomas, Policy Director, Campaign for Youth Justice, YJLI alum, NJJN member  
  
**Breakout 2: Identifying How Systems of Oppression Become Institutionalized in Organizations | Room 4045**  
As advocates we are dedicated to recognizing and reforming policies that are rooted in oppression. Yet we are often so busy fighting injustice, we don’t take the time to reflect on how oppression can manifest itself within our own organizations. Structural racism and systems of oppression exist, in part, because they are embedded in our society’s culture. This session carves out space for participants to step back, look at our culture and tease out ways in which our society’s power structures are replicated within our own organizations. Attendees will break into small groups to discuss a short reading and work together to identify ways to disrupt these strong cultural currents.  
  
**Speakers:** NJJN staff  
  
**Breakout 3: Tap into Funding by Tapping into your Confidence | Room 4042**  
Skilled fundraiser Erin Byrd Dale will share insights on how best to position the work of family and community-led organizations to appeal to funders. This session will work with participants to address the social dynamics of asking for funding and aims to increase attendees’ confidence in making asks of foundations. Open to all participants and especially useful for community-led and youth-led organizations just starting development work.  
  
**Moderator:** Tracey Tucker, Consultant, Campaign for Youth Justice, YJLI alum, NJJN member  
**Speaker:** Erin Byrd Dale, Executive Director, Blueprint NC



TUESDAY, JULY 17

MEMBERS ONLY DAY

- 12 PM—2:15 PM** **Membership Meeting and Lunch | Room 3041**  
Grab lunch and then join us for our annual membership meeting. Learn about NJJN’s anti-racism work, weigh in on NJJN’s policy positions and vote for new leadership.
- 2:30 PM—4:30 PM** **Racial Justice Community Conversation | Room 3041**  
It is critical that we embrace an anti-racist approach as we advocate for youth in contact with the law. In this year’s community conversation, Tema Okun will share her thoughts on what is needed to move our anti-racist work forward. We will then discuss our new membership criteria to conduct an anti-racist organizational self-assessment and how to initiate, accelerate and/or deepen that process.  
**Speaker:** Tema Okun, Writer and Anti-Racist Activist  
**Moderators:** Racial Justice Steering Committee
- 4:30 PM—5 PM** **Word Quilt Activity | Room 3041**
- 5:30 PM—7:30 PM** **NJJN Awards Reception | Parizade, 2200 W Main St.**  
In the spirit of seeking justice and building a reform movement, we will celebrate and honor the hard work of youth justice advocates and their allies.  
  
Beth Arnovits Gutsy Advocate for Youth Award  
**LaShunda Hill**, Director of Federal Legislative Affairs, Families Against Mandatory Minimums, YJLI alum, NJJN member  
  
Youth Justice Emerging Leader Award  
**Valerie Slater**, Executive Director, Rise for Youth (VA), YJLI alum, NJJN member  
  
Awards for Leadership in Juvenile Justice Reform  
**Brandy Bynum Dawson**, Associate Director, Rural Forward NC  
**Representative Marcia Morey (D-30)**  
  
Story of Justice Media Awards  
**Melissa Boughton**, Law and Courts Reporter, NC Policy Watch  
**Kari Travis**, Associate Editor, Carolina Journal

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- 8 AM—8:50 AM** **Registration & Breakfast**
- 9 AM—10 AM** **Keynote: James Williams Jr. | Room 3041**  
According to the eminent historian John Hope Franklin, "if this house is to be set in order one must begin not with the present but with the past." In his plenary speech, civil rights activist James Williams Jr. challenges us to acknowledge our past, enabling us to march forward.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- 10:15 AM—11:45 AM** **Breakouts**  
**Breakout 1: Navigating the Justice System Maze: Fortifying Public Defense | Room 4042**  
The justice system is a complex maze without a playbook. Often, young people are forced to face the system alone without a sense of the process or the potential outcomes that lie ahead. This session will begin with an interactive activity in which participants will journey through a court process without an attorney. Speakers will then identify two meaningful ways that advocates can shore up public defense in their jurisdictions.  
  
**Moderator:** Eric Zogry, Public Defender, North Carolina Office of the Juvenile Defender  
**Panelists:** - Christina Gilbert, Senior Staff Attorney and Policy Counsel, National Juvenile Defender Center  
- Andrea “Muffin” Hudson, Director of Participatory Defense, All of Us or None  
- Mary Stansell, Juvenile Chief, Wake County Public Defender’s Office  
  
**Breakout 2: Defining Safety: Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline | Room 4047**  
As states seek to respond to recent school shootings, advocates are battling policy shifts focused on ensuring hardware secure schools. But what do students and parents think? When the conversation is framed around “what does safety mean for students,” solutions shift from a focus on metal detectors and armed guards to feeling welcomed and supported in classrooms. This session will explore how to shift the narrative around student safety and state policy efforts to ensure safe and supportive classrooms.  
  
**Moderator:** Peggy Nicholson, Co-Director, Youth Justice Project (NC), NJJN member  
**Panelists:** - Tavon Bridges, Organizer, The Youth Organizing Institute  
- Letha Muhammad, Executive Director, Education Justice Alliance (NC)  
- Alani Rouse, Youth Leader, Youth Justice Project (NC), NJJN member  
- Jennifer Story, Supervising Attorney, Legal Aid Justice Center (NC)  
  
**Breakout 3: Gang Databases and an Anti-Immigrant Climate — the Perfect Storm and How We Push Back | Room 4045**  
The current Administration’s war on black and brown immigrants means that from walking the streets of their neighborhoods to attending schools, immigrant youth of color face grave risk of justice system involvement and deportation. One of the biggest intersections with the justice system involves the expanded use of gang databases by many state and local law enforcement agencies. These databases have been found to be rife with errors and disproportionately used on youth of color, making them a point of pressing concern for all youth justice advocates. This session will explore gang databases and other attempts to criminalize immigrant youth, tools to fight back, and how to be an ally to local grassroots immigrant rights activists.

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**Moderator:** Melissa Goemann, Senior Policy Counsel, NJJN

- Panelists:**
- Martha Hernandez, El Comité de Acción Popular
  - Kim McGill, Organizer, Youth Justice Coalition (CA), NJJN member
  - Jared O'Brien, Youth Leader, Youth Justice Coalition (CA), NJJN member
  - Anthony Robles, Youth Leader, Youth Justice Coalition (CA), NJJN member
  - Sejal Zota, Legal Director, National Immigration Project

11:45 PM—1:15 PM

**Lunch and Table Talks | Star Commons**

Join your colleagues from around the country for table talks around pressing state issues.

**Expungement Strategies**—Whitley Carpenter, Criminal Justice Staff Attorney, Southern Coalition for Social Justice

**Juvenile Bail**—Josh Spickler, Executive Director, JustCity (TN), NJJN member

**Continuum of Care**—Valerie Slater, Executive Director, Rise for Youth (VA), YJLI alum, NJJN member

**Emerging Adults**—Garien Gatewood, Director of Policy Advocacy, Juvenile Justice Initiative (IL), YJLI alum, NJJN member

- Hannah Legerton, Emerging Adult Justice Project Coordinator, Citizens for Juvenile Justice (MA), NJJN member

**Diversion Models**—Lee Nave, Community Engagement Coordinator, Citizens for Juvenile Justice (MA), YJLI alum, NJJN member

**Emcee:** Alyson Clements, Director of Advocacy and Membership, NJJN

11:45 PM—1:15 PM

**Youth Leader Breakout | Room 4042**

1:30 PM—3 PM

**Breakouts**

**Breakout 1: No Kid Left Behind: Reforming System Responses to Young People Who Commit Violence | Room 4047**

As states successfully expand diversion and close youth prisons, many young people are closer to home. And yet, young people who commit violence are often excluded from these reforms and sometimes are even pushed deeper into the system through expansion of transfer. This session will explore policy reforms aimed to ensure young people who commit violence are not left behind. It will look at successful efforts to reform mandatory minimums (DE), service young people in their communities (NY), and change the narrative that surrounds violence (IL).

**Moderator:** Susan Dunn, Legal Director, ACLU of SC, NJJN member

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- Panelists:**
- Khadijah Benson, Youth Organizer, Communities United, NJJN member
  - Kirstin Cornell, Director of Operations, Delaware Center For Justice, NJJN member
  - Doshawa Irving, Youth Leader, Communities United, NJJN member
  - Tiffany Williams, Dept. of Probations Agency Coordinator, Credible Messenger Justice Center, YJLI alum, NJJN member

**Breakout 2: Restorative Justice | Room 4042**

From New Zealand to the United States, more communities, schools, and justice systems are utilizing restorative justice practices as an alternative way of handling youth in contact with the law. This session will explore different approaches to using these practices, benefits and challenges, and the importance of community engagement for sound restorative practice.

**Moderator:** Melissa Goemann, Senior Policy Counsel, NJJN

- Panelists:**
- Annette Love, Faith Community Advocate, Restorative Justice Durham
  - Jon Powell, Director, Juvenile Justice Mediation Project, Campbell Law School
  - Kacey Reynolds Schedler, Coordinator, Restorative Justice Durham

**Breakout 3: Intersectional Justice in Practice | Room 4045**

What does it mean to center the most marginalized in your policy advocacy? How can all boats rise when the needs of our most vulnerable youth are addressed? Recent data has shown that by their percentage in the population, LGBTQ youth of color are the most likely to enter the justice system. Yet, rarely do we check our policies to ensure that they incorporate and address the needs of these youth. What are best policy practices for LGBTQ youth in the justice system? And how can supporting these youth be more centered in our advocacy?

- Presenters:**
- Currey Cook, Counsel and Youth In-and Out of Home Care Project Director, Lambda Legal
  - Ames Simmons, Director of Transgender Policy, Equality NC
  - Loan Tran, Director of Special Projects, Southern Vision Alliance

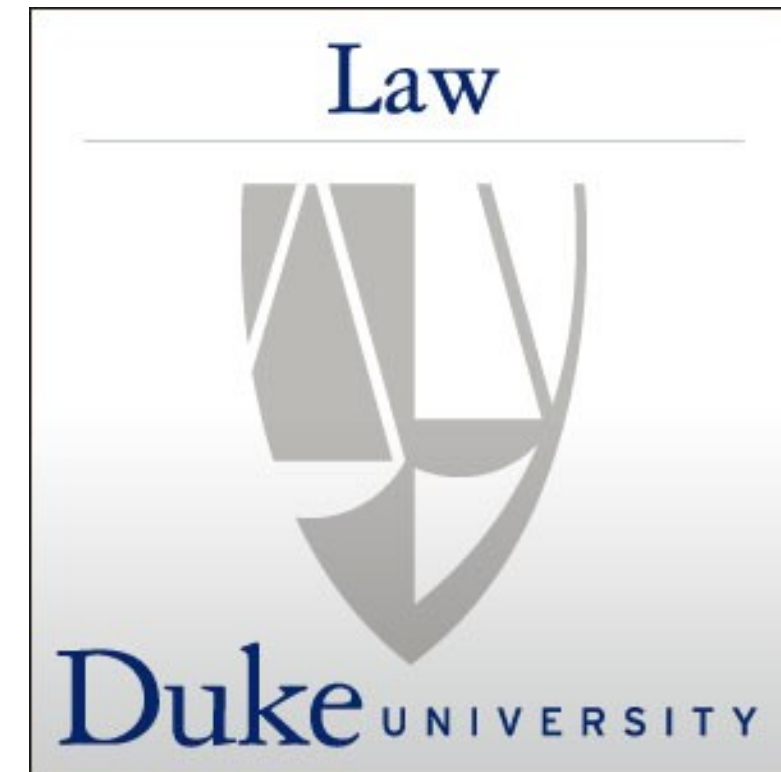
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**Forum Closing — Next Steps for NC | Room 3041**

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