

The Youth Justice Convening Agenda

Thursday November 7, 2024
Anderson Conference Center
Macon, GA

8:15 – 9:15	Breakfast
8:45 – 8:55	Welcome Welcome remarks provided by Melissa Carter, Executive Director, Barton Child Law & Policy Center, Emory Law School Opening provided by DJJ Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb
8:55 – 9:00	Short Film, Stuck
9:00 – 10:15	Juvenile Justice Data Landscape National and Georgia <i>Moderator:</i> Melissa Carter, Executive Director, Barton Child Law & Policy Center, Emory Law School <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Christy Doyle, Senior Research Associate at the Georgia Health Policy Center of Georgia State University• Ms. Allyson Richardson, Deputy Commissioner of Administrative Services, DJJ• Ms. Windy Hix, Director, Office of Classification, DJJ• Ms. Cathy Dravis, Program Coordinator, DJJ• Ms. Lesley Kelley, Senior Policy Analyst, Voices for Georgia’s Children• Mr. Joe Vignati, Senior Policy Analyst, Voices for Georgia’s Children
10:15 – 10:30	Break ~ Short Film, Waiting Short film will be played from 10:15 – 10:20
10:30 – 12:00	Georgia’s Grassroots: The Strengths of Grassroot Programming <i>Moderator:</i> Felix Rodriguez, Program Manager of Civic Innovation Fellowships, Center for Civic Innovation Atlanta <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Omar Howard, Founder, Freedom is a Choice, Atlanta, Georgia• Ms. Tekesia Shields, Founder, Mothers Against Gang Violence, Atlanta, Georgia• Ms. Najiva Timothee, Founder & Executive Director, Girls Dig Deeper Initiative, Macon, Georgia• Mr. Julius Campbell, Life Navigator, Deep Center, Savannah, Georgia• Ms. Marisa Arnold, Director of Youth Programs, Deep Center, Savannah, GA <i>Young Adult Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curtis Trimble• Ade’ Ison, Jr.

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- 12:00 – 12:45** **Lunch ~ Short Films, Dream and Chillin’**
Short films will be played from 12:00 – 12:05 and 12:40 – 12:45
- 12:45 – 2:15** **Promising Practices: The Research to Practice Continuum of Evidence Based Programming**
Moderator: Dr. Christy Doyle, Senior Research Associate at the Georgia Health Policy Center of Georgia State University
Panelists:
- Dr. Briana Woods-Jaeger, Associate Professor, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University
 - Dr. Kristine Jolivette, Paul W. Bryant and Mary Harmon Bryant Endowed Professor, University of Alabama
 - Dr. Sara Sanders, Assistant Research Professor, University of Alabama
 - Dr. Gabrielle Chapman, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Human and Organizational Development, Peabody College at Vanderbilt University
- 2:15 – 2:30** **Break ~ Short Film, I Care**
Short film will be played from 2:15 – 2:20
- 2:30 – 3:30** **HEY! Let’s Talk About Empowering Youth**
Presentation by KaCey Venning, Director of HEY! (Helping Empower Youth) that addresses the plight of the “Water Boys” and their pathway to entrepreneurship with HEY! Hydrate
- 3:30 – 3:35** **Short Film, Hope**
- 3:35 – 4:00** **Endnote Address**
Endnote address provided by OJJDP Administrator Liz Ryan
- 4:00 – 5:00** *Optional:* Audience Meet & Greet with Panelists
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