



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS GUIDELINES

31st National Symposium on Juvenile Services

Dates: October 1 – 3, 2025

Location: Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL

Sponsored by: National Partnership for Juvenile Services

The **31st National Symposium on Juvenile Services** will be held on October 1-3, 2025, in Orlando, FL. The theme for the Symposium is **Courage to Change**.

The National Symposium on Juvenile Services is a unique forum that brings together field expertise across the continuum of care. Administrators, frontline professionals, clinicians, probation officers, advocates, educators, trainers, community supports, all coming to one location in the spirit of collaboration and professional development. The Symposium offers an irreplaceable opportunity to network and share innovative program services as well as real-life solutions to common barriers experienced across the nation (and sometimes beyond).

Ideally located on Orlando's International Drive, Rosen Plaza Hotel is adjacent to the Orange County Convention Center and across the street from the Pointe Orlando shopping and entertainment complex. Well-appointed accommodations and state-of-the-art facilities make the Rosen Plaza Hotel Central Florida's premier meetings destination.

To make this Symposium a success, we need juvenile services professionals to share their experiences and expertise.

The 2025 National Symposium on Juvenile Services will focus on the following topic areas:

Content and Topic Areas:

Improving Systems

*Shaping organizational **culture** through sound policy and practice. Examples include presentations that demonstrate:*

- Effective strategies that ensure fair and equitable justice
- Lay the foundation to Improve System Readiness for Change
- Demonstrate effective evaluation of organizational culture/climate and apply that information to a strategic plan.

Improving Personnel Performance

Recruiting, training, and retaining quality professionals. Examples include presentations that demonstrate:

- Utilize a Practice-based evidence approach to continuous quality improvement.
- Innovative approaches to recruitment which raises the professionalism of the organization.
- Successful staff engagement in practices that are responsive to the diversity of youth in service.
- Approaches that reinforce a continuous learning atmosphere to include continuing Education.
- Approaches that improve staff wellness and demonstrate improvement in staff retention.

Improving Youth, Family and Community Outcomes

Promoting Innovative Strategies to Support Positive Youth Development. Examples include presentations that demonstrate:

- Improved response to the lived experiences of the youth, families, and staff (mental, physical, behavioral health).
- Improved educational and career development strategies for youth.
- Effective de-escalation and redirection strategies to interrupt escalating behavior.
- Effective community engagement and reintegration programming.
- Development of client (youth) advocacy competencies in staff.
- Application of predictive analytics in the field of JJ to align youth/families with the most appropriate service.

Improving Access to Resources

Addressing needs of youth with complex mental, physical and/or other behavioral health needs through cross-system collaboration. Examples include presentations that demonstrate:

- Engagement with new partners outside of the traditional JJ system (family, school, health and community support).
- Authentic communication between stakeholders.
- Increased family engagement/involvement in developing long-term support services for youth.
- Continuum of care/case management support for youth and families.

Implementation of Performance Improvement Practices

*Demonstrating **compliance** with local/state/federal mandates. Examples include presentations that demonstrate:*

- Effective strategies for demonstrating compliance with local, state, and federal mandates.
- Effective strategies for improving professional interactions with regulatory agencies.
- Implementation of Program Evaluation, Quality Improvement, and application of internal controls to ensure long-term Accountability.
- Effective approaches to respond to crisis events and laying a foundation for Ongoing program readiness.

Leveraging Technology

Enhancing outcomes through technological innovation and integration. Examples include presentations that demonstrate:

- Utilizing technology to improve decision-making through real-time data collection and analysis.
- Innovations in case management software to enhance service delivery and track outcomes.
- Implementing virtual and augmented reality tools for training, engagement, or therapy.
- Improving communication and engagement with youth and families through digital platforms.
- Cybersecurity best practices for juvenile justice agencies to protect sensitive data.
- Exploring the use of AI to predict trends, identify risks, and customize interventions.
- Technology-driven strategies to enhance collaboration between agencies and stakeholders.

NPJS Audience:

Behavioral Health / Clinical Services

- Clinical Care Providers
- Therapists
- Social Workers
- Psychologists
- Psychiatrists

Community-Based Services

- Family-based/In-home Service Providers
- Reentry Support Staff
- Diversionary Program Staff

Court & Probation Services

- Family Court Judges
- Court Administrators
- Chief of Probation & Probation Officers
- Court Appointed Representatives
- Other Court Staff

Congregant Care Facilities (i.e. Short Term Shelter/Juvenile Detention, Long Term Residential/Juvenile Corrections)

- Superintendents/Directors
- Supervisors/Middle Managers
- PREA Coordinators
- Direct Care Staff
- Support Services

Educators of At-Risk and Justice-Involved Youth

- State Department of Education Staff
- School Administrators
- Educators in Secure Care Facilities
- Alternative Education Staff
- Guidance Counselors
- After-School Programming Staff
- Post-Secondary Education Instructors

Staff Trainers

- Instructional Designers
- Program Training Staff

Symposium Location:

All National Symposium workshops, general sessions, exhibit showcase, and special events will take place at:

Rosen Plaza Hotel

9700 International Dr
Orlando, FL 32819

Lodging Rate: \$155/night plus applicable taxes

Reservation Link: Coming Soon!

Submission Guidelines:

All submissions must be made through the [online webform](#). Applicants must submit all required information for each speaker on the proposal. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Presenters may not use a workshop as an opportunity to spotlight a company, product or service. NPJS reserves the right to edit or modify all session descriptions for inclusion in symposium materials. If selected, all speakers must be available to speak during any timeframe of the symposium (unless otherwise noted) and may not request a change of the workshop date assigned.

By submitting a proposal, you are giving NPJS permission to video record your session.

Successful submissions will:

- Align with one of the symposium topic areas
- Be interactive and engaging
- Leave time for questions and answers
- Offer tangible, take-away ideas or skills

All proposals for consideration must be received no later than **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**. Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance of proposals will be on or before **May 5, 2025**.

Workshop Dates:

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 (AM/PM)

Thursday, October 2, 2025 (AM/PM)

Friday, October 3, 2025 (AM ONLY)

Workshop Format:

Conference Workshops should be **75 minutes** in length allowing time for questions and answers. A 60-minute presentation and 15 minutes for Q&A is recommended.

Poster Session Date/Time:

Thursday, October 2, 2025 – 1:30-2:30pm

Poster Session Format:

The one hour Poster Session is where visual storytelling takes center stage. Create a captivating display that visually represents your work, sparking interest and conversation. This format allows for a more casual and intimate exchange of ideas, offering a unique chance to network with a diverse group of attendees.

Handouts:

We encourage you to upload any handouts and visual aids to our Conference App. If handouts are to be copied, they are done so at the expense of the presenter.

Review and Selection:

Submission of a proposal does not infer automatic inclusion in the Symposium. Workshop proposals will be reviewed with preference given to workshop proposals that are based on relevancy, best practices, audience participation and skill-building. The proposal review process will be conducted by NPJS content experts who will review the submitted proposals and make final decisions. NPJS receives many excellent proposals, but not all can be accepted due to time and space restraints.

Presenter Registration:

Regrettably, no honoraria will be given to workshop/poster presenters. **All accepted workshop/poster presenters are entitled to an exclusive speaker registration rate of \$425. All accepted workshop/poster presenters are responsible for registering for the symposium by July 15, 2025 and paying the exclusive speaker registration fee.** Please plan and budget accordingly before submitting your proposal. NPJS does not reimburse any speaker-related expenses, travel expenses, online tools, assessments, books or other presentation materials.

Proceedings:

Individuals whose session abstracts are selected for presentation during the Symposium will be invited to prepare a written version of their presentation to be published in the Proceedings of the 2025 National Symposium on Juvenile Services. The proceedings will be published and made available to all symposium participants.