

NEW YORK STATE YOUTH COURT CONFERENCE

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SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

Association of New York State Youth Courts

The Association of New York State Youth Courts was incorporated in 2002. Its mission is to act as a catalyst for the comprehensive development of youth courts across New York State, to maintain a juvenile justice alternative that is operated for and by youth, and to promote youth courts as an important service that seeks to improve justice system outcomes for all community youth. The Association holds quarterly meetings open to directors and staff from all youth courts across the state, publishes a quarterly newsletter, and recently created scholarships for deserving youth court members whose courts are part of the Association. Association representatives have also been active on the national stage, working closely with members of 19 other state associations to develop a national association of youth courts. For more information, visit www.nysyouthcourts.org.

Center for Court Innovation

The winner of the Peter F. Drucker Award for Non-Profit Innovation, the Center for Court Innovation is a unique public-private partnership that promotes new thinking about how the justice system can solve difficult problems like addiction, quality-of-life crime, domestic violence, and child neglect. The Center functions as the New York State Unified Court System's independent research and development arm, creating demonstration projects that test new approaches to problems that have resisted conventional solutions. The Center's problem-solving courts include the nation's first community court, as well as drug courts, domestic violence courts, youth courts, mental health courts, reentry courts and others. The Center contributes to the national conversation about justice through original research, books, white papers, roundtable conversations that bring together leading academics and practitioners and by contributing to policy and professional journals. The Center also provides hands-on technical assistance, advising innovators throughout the country about program and technology design. For more information, visit www.courtinnovation.org.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

New York Bar Foundation

Established in 1950, the New York Bar Foundation is a nonprofit, philanthropic organization that receives charitable contributions from individuals, law firms, corporations or other entities, and provides grants to further its goals of promoting and advancing service to the public, improvements in the administration of justice, legal research and education, high standards of professional ethics, and public understanding of legal heritage. The Foundation makes grants to financially support law-related programs of legal services organizations, nonprofits, bar associations, and other organizations throughout New York State. The Foundation membership consists of the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association. For more information, visit www.tnybf.org.

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New York State Courts Access to Justice Program

The mission of the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program is to ensure access to justice in civil and criminal matters for New Yorkers of all incomes, backgrounds, and special needs by using every resource, including self-help services, pro bono programs, and technological tools, and by securing stable and adequate nonprofit and government funding for civil and criminal legal services programs. For more information, visit www.nycourts.gov/ip/nya2j/index.shtml.