

NEW YORK STATE YOUTH COURT CONFERENCE

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Welcome to the New York State Youth Court Conference!

We are thrilled to have over 90 people participating from all over New York State. The participants reflect the breadth of youth courts in our state—some have been running programs for a decade, some are planning to launch new youth courts, and others are affiliated with and provide external support for these programs. Our goals for the conference are to foster more communication among youth court practitioners and to provide new ideas and strategies for you to bring back to your program—whether it has been around for ten years or is just getting started.

The day is divided into three sessions: one plenary session and two sets of concurrent small group sessions. The plenary session will be held in the Great Hall. The small group sessions will be conducted in the Lawyer's Lounge, the Peck Room, and the Great Hall. Attendees have been assigned to the sessions based on preference and capacity. If at any point you are uncertain about where to go, please speak with conference staff at the registration table.

At the end of the day, you will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the conference and the sessions. Your input will help us learn how to best support New York State youth courts and what information and activities should receive attention in the future.

We also encourage you to sign up for the New York State Youth Court listserv, if you are not already a subscriber. The listserv is an open forum for sharing ideas and news, discussing challenges, and reaching youth court practitioners throughout the state. To sign up, email your request to youthcourts@courtinnovation.org or sign up at the registration table.

We hope you enjoy the conference!

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9:00 AM – 9:30 AM **Check-in**

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM **Opening Session**
Great Hall

Welcome: Nancy Fishman, Project Director, Center for Court Innovation

Opening Remarks: Stephen Younger, President-Elect, New York State Bar Association

Keynote: Hon. Judith S. Kaye (ret.)

Overview of the Recommended Practices Project: Nancy Fishman

10:30 AM – 11:30 PM **Exploring and Expanding Referral Sources**
Great Hall

- Moderator: Hon. Joseph Lauria (ret.)
- Scott Drake, Chief of Police, Elmira Police Department
- Hon. Frank Geraci, Adult Court Judge, Rochester
- Hon. Kate Hogan, District Attorney, Warren County
- Jim Palumbo, Principal, Fowler High School, Syracuse
- Colleen Breslin, Supervisor, Albany County Department of Probation

11:45 PM – 12:45 PM **Concurrent Morning Sessions**

1. Measuring Success: Strategies for successful program evaluation and data management

Lawyer's Lounge

- Rachel Swaner, Research Associate, Center for Court Innovation

2. Beyond Community Service: Sanctions as opportunities for promoting youth development and restorative justice principles

Peck Room

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- Katherine Chambers, Chauncey Southworth III and Mikaela Suders, Warren County Youth Court
- Melissa Gelber, Red Hook Youth Court
- Toni Fisher and Bunny Dugo, Center for Youth

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM

Lunch

Remarks: Hon. Fern A. Fisher, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, New York City Courts

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Concurrent Afternoon Sessions

1. Building Relationships: How youth courts can develop and support mentoring within core programming
Lawyer's Lounge

- Hon. Michael Corriero, Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City
- Kathleen Zeitlin, Salt Lake City Peer Court
- Judy Wolfe, Jimmie McCurdy and Jeffrey Schiano, Syracuse City School District Student Court Program
- Carol Owens, Rochester Teen Court

2. Facebook, Twitter and Blogs: How to use online tools to promote and strengthen youth courts
Great Hall

- Linda Baird, Youth Justice Board
- Debbie Boar, Upper Manhattan Reentry Task Force
- Shaina Harrison, New Yorkers Against Gun Violence

3. Innovative Practices in Youth Court Hearings: Three youth courts share their work
Peck Room

- Patty Lockart, Town of Colonie Youth Court
- Laurie Peterson, Cattaraugus County Youth Court
- Katherine Chambers, Warren County Youth Court

3:10 PM – 4:00 PM

Concluding Session

Great Hall

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Meeting, Association of New York State Youth Courts

Lawyer's Lounge