

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

DUPAGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL



RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The JJC's website launched in October 2017 and has had over 650 visitors. The purpose of the website is to serve as a centralized location for information and resources likely to be of benefit to youth and families, particularly those already involved or at-risk of becoming involved with the juvenile justice system. This website is a resource that can be shared with families by law enforcement, community providers, or concerned others. The majority of service-related links connect families with free or low-cost interventions. Most are found within DuPage County but some are national resources and offer 24/7 support with youth-friendly accessibility via phone, text, and chat.

www.dupagejjc.org



Free Training Opportunity Shining A Light on Mental Health Issues in Schools

When: Friday March 2, 2018
8:00am - 3:00pm

Where: 115 N. County Farm Rd Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Health Department
Community Center - Multipurpose Room
Register: <http://www.dupageplt.org/events/>
Training presented in partnership by
NAMI-DuPage, PLT, and JJC

EXPUNGEMENT

Public Act 100-0285 became effective 1/1/18 and includes changes to the expungement process for juveniles. When specific timeframes and requirements are met, expungement of law enforcement and juvenile court records is automatic. The new law requires written notice be provided to minors pertaining to the expungement process.

For full details visit <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-0285>



Get Involved

The Juvenile Justice Council is seeking volunteers for two newly formed subcommittees. These groups will meet monthly to delve deeper into understanding needs of youth in DuPage County and will actively work to identify ways to affect positive change.

The **Trauma** Subcommittee will review brief screening tools to identify youth who may benefit from services related to acute trauma reactive symptoms. The group will collaborate with community stakeholders to adopt universal screening and follow-up procedures. This subcommittee will also work to establish a network of local providers able to offer youth and families trauma-specific interventions.

The **Data and System Analysis** Subcommittee will use data generated by DuPage County entities to determine needs specific to our community. They will evaluate interventions and supports currently available in addition to those which do not yet exist but may assist in filling gaps related to juvenile delinquency.

Please contact Jennifer Hess at Jennifer.hess@dupageco.org if you are interested in volunteering your time and talent to a subcommittee

FEBRUARY 11-17, 2018

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

Random Acts of Kindness offer opportunities to engage in or observe others demonstrating prosocial behavior. From a juvenile justice perspective, the act of demonstrating or observing this type of interaction can be an important life lesson linked to decreased criminal thinking and behavior. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is a process in which five core competencies are targeted. These include self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Some SEL curricula have been deemed evidence-based practices. One such program is Lions Quest, a project on which the JJC collaborated. Random Acts of Kindness are linked to SEL opportunities through an established curriculum available to anyone. Simply visit <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/> to sign up for free lesson plans and review ideas for facilitating SEL opportunities for youths in your professional and personal lives.

To learn more about SEL visit http://rak-downloads.s3.amazonaws.com/RAK_CASEL_study.pdf