

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

DUPAGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL



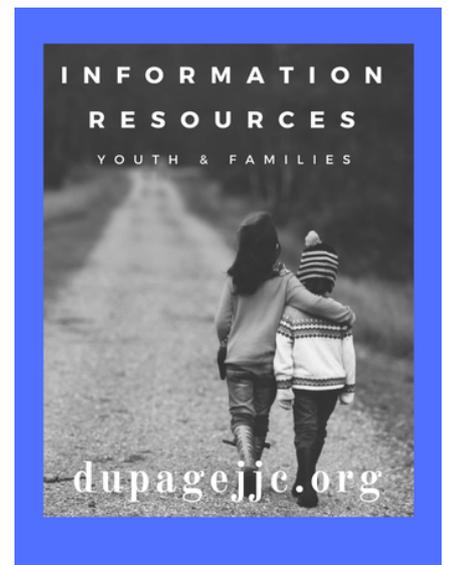
RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The JJC now has three subcommittees - Law Enforcement Training & Outreach, Trauma, and Data & Systems Analysis. Each group works to gather information, understand trends in DuPage County, and identify strategies for meeting needs specific to youth and families in our community. Anyone interested in sharing their knowledge, experience, and time is encouraged to join.

Probation continues to routinely screen youth for histories of traumatic events and mental health symptoms that may be experienced following difficult events. Probation will be working with Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services, Wheaton Youth Outreach, 360 Youth Services, and the JJC's Trauma Subcommittee to expand screening to other community partners and engage local clinicians interested in providing a trauma-specific treatment modality to juveniles. This opportunity is possible thanks to funding awarded by the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission. To learn more about JJC Subcommittee meeting times and locations or opportunities related to expanded trauma screening and treatment certification support please contact Jennifer Hess at (jennifer.hess@dupageco.org).



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Did You Know?

The JJC's website launched in October 2017.

It is a centralized database of information, educational resources, and services available to youth and families in DuPage County. While there is not a link to every service imaginable, community supports likely to aid youth involved with the juvenile justice system are highlighted.

Visit the "[For Youth](#)" section to learn more about text and chat helplines available 24/7. The "[For Caregivers](#)" section includes links to family support services as well as various mental health and substance use resources. Check out the "[DuPage Resources](#)" section to learn about county-funded and other local programs.



Inspiring Hope

Check out this video to learn more about Kids at Hope from founder Rick Miller.

https://youtu.be/vlpDKHw1O_c



Mental Time Travel

To learn more about steps to visualizing the future and benefits to this exercise visit

<https://youtu.be/3fdr5S9xAN4>

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AT HOPE...NOT RISK

On June 22, 2018, the JJC partnered with the DuPage County Child Welfare Issues Committee to start a conversation to challenge the way we think about youth. An intentional change in language can influence our thinking, philosophy, and interactions with adolescents, in turn focusing on the potential and positive assets of each juvenile we encounter. Kids at Hope believes all children are capable of success, no exceptions. When both believed and practiced, the Kids at Hope framework encourages maximization of youth potential through quality adult relationships where opportunities for success are created.

"It's not risk or trauma that prevents success, it's the absence of hope."

-Rick Miller, Founder, Kids at Hope

Kids at Hope emphasizes a child's future. Spending time thinking about where they want to go and what they want to achieve is crucial. Finding strong, positive adults to encourage and support adolescents on their journey is an important component in the Kids at Hope philosophy. Meaningful adult relationships are just as important as existing programs intended to address individual needs.

"I imagined myself as somebody."

*-Antwone Fisher, Film & Literary Writer,
Kids at Hope Board Member*