



Juvenile Justice Summit

Friday, November 7, 2025

Agenda

8:30 AM	Welcome!
8:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Maximizing the Use of Risk Needs Assessments in Juvenile Justice
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	From Vision to Implementation: Risk Assessment Policy Shifts in Pennsylvania and Louisiana
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM - 10:50 PM	The Disposition Report: Communicating Risk Assessment Results Effectively
10:50 AM - 11:30 AM	From Vision to Implementation: Oregon System Partners Share Pilot Project Insights
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	System Partner Spotlight: Washington County's Dialogue Program for Restorative Justice
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Break for Lunch
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Collaborating for Court Improvement: Launching a Delinquency Model Court Team
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	From Vision to Implementation: Klamath County Launches Delinquency Model Court Team
2:00 PM	Closing Remarks
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (or as scheduled)	Local Partner Collaboration & Planning Time



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Session Descriptions

Maximizing the Use of Risk Needs Assessments in Juvenile Justice

Gina Vincent, Ph.D., Professor & Co-Director, Law & Psychiatry Program, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

Research indicates that the old adage of “doing the time for the crime” does not have an appreciable impact on re-offending, particularly for adolescents. What does promote success is basing intervention decisions, at least in part, on youths’ level of risk for re-offending and the risk factors that led to their behavior in the first place. Valid risk assessment, if implemented properly, can guide dispositional decisions in a manner that is fair and transparent, while promoting success, conserving resources, and preserving public safety. In this keynote session, Dr. Vincent will provide an overview of risk assessment approaches, best practices for their use in decision-making (risk-need-responsivity), and how to effectively implement these best practices. There will be time reserved for Q&A.

From Vision to Implementation: Risk Assessment Policy Shifts in Pennsylvania and Louisiana

Gina Vincent, Ph.D., Professor & Co-Director, Law & Psychiatry Program, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School; **Beth Fritz, M.S.**, Former Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Lehigh County, PA.; **Kelly Clement, M.S.**, Former State Assessment Coordinator, Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice

Leaders from Louisiana and Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice systems will share their experiences implementing risk assessment tools at a statewide level. This panel will highlight lessons learned, challenges faced, and strategies used to turn policy vision into practical system-wide change.

The Disposition Report: Communicating Risk Assessment Results Effectively

Caroline Meyer, Juvenile Delinquency Analyst, Oregon Judicial Department

This session will walk through the disposition report developed to share youth risk assessment information with the courts in a clear, consistent, and useful format. Created by a multisystem partner workgroup facilitated by the Oregon Judicial Department, the report aims to support informed judicial decision-making while strengthening cross-system collaboration.

From Vision to Implementation: Oregon System Partners Share Disposition Report Pilot Project Insights

Hon. Valeri Love, Lane County Circuit Court Judge; **Jeffrey Meray**, Deputy District Attorney, Lane County Oregon; **Karen Stenard**, Executive Director of Lane County Juvenile Lawyers Association; **Nia Haywood**, Supervisor, Lane County Youth Services

Since May 2025, Lane and Klamath Counties have been piloting the Juvenile Disposition Report to support dispositional decision-making. In this panel, system partners from Lane County will share their experiences and early outcomes implementing this Report in local practice.



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System Partner Spotlight: Washington County's Dialogue Program for Restorative Justice

Jennifer Cearley, Director of Washington County Juvenile Department; **Amy Watts-Padilla**, Program Coordinator for Beaverton's Center for Mediation and Dialogue; **Carley Adams**, Program Operations for Beaverton's Center for Mediation and Dialogue

This session will highlight Washington County's Dialogue Program, a restorative justice program that creates meaningful opportunities for youth to understand the impact of their actions, hear directly from those affected, and engage in accountability and healing. Learn how this collaborative approach supports both youth development and victim voice within the juvenile justice process.

Collaborating for Court Improvement: Launching a Delinquency Model Court Team

Jayne Cooper, Court Programs Division Juvenile Manager, Oregon Judicial Department

This session will introduce the concept of Model Court Teams—collaborative groups of local system partners working to improve court processes within their jurisdictions. The presenter will explore why these teams matter, what resources are available to support them, and how interested communities can begin building their own.

From Vision to Implementation: Klamath County Launches Delinquency Model Court Team

Hon. Kelly Kritzer, Klamath County Circuit Court Judge; **Janae Bly**, Juvenile Defense Attorney; **Dan Golden**, Director of Klamath County Juvenile Department

This panel will spotlight members of Klamath County's Model Court Team as they share their journey from formation to action, including who they involved and key projects they have launched. Attendees will gain insights into how collaborative planning can drive meaningful improvements in juvenile court processes.

Local Partner Collaboration & Planning Time

This open session time provides an opportunity for participants to connect with their local system partners in a format of their choosing (in-person or online) to debrief the summit, reflect on key takeaways, and begin planning next steps. Guided discussion questions are provided, and those unable to meet during this time are encouraged to schedule follow-up meetings in the coming weeks. See the following **Facilitation Guide** and **Local Guided Questions**.



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Local Partner Collaboration & Planning Facilitation Guide

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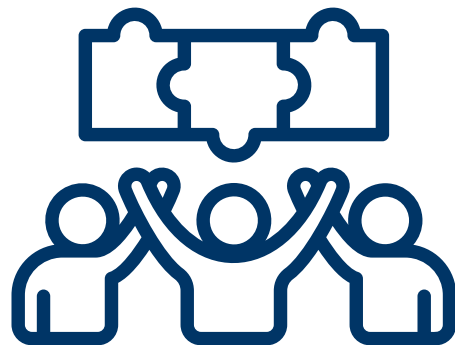
Group Setup and Ground Rules

- Group Size: 5–12 participants. If a large group is meeting in person for the summit, consider breaking into smaller discussion groups.
- Encourage Equal Participation.
- Keep Discussion Focused – Use guided questions on pages 5 and 6 and ensure all participants have a copy of the guided questions.
- Assign a Notetaker – Capture highlights and action items. Notes are for the group and do not need to be detailed or name speakers.
- Respect All Voices – Different roles = different insights.

2

Optional Ideas for Participation

- Sticky notes or whiteboard for idea generation.
- Create “Parking lot” list for off-topic but important ideas.
- List action items and capture who’s doing what.
- Note support contacts for follow-up.



3

Use Local Guided Questions to guide conversation

- Guided questions are meant to engage local partners on topics regarding improving local juvenile justice processes, specifically, use of the Disposition Report and the development of a local Delinquency Model Court Team to generate insight, identify opportunities, and plan next steps.
- Teams may choose to limit their conversation to focus on one of these topics or explore both, depending on their goals and time.

4

After the session

- Share notes with key partners.
- Follow up on action steps and needed support.
- Participate in survey to report on progress.
- Please have 1 member of your team fill out the survey
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJW3JQD>



Questions?

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Local Guided Questions Delinquency Model Court Team

1

Understanding the Concept

- What stood out to us about the Model Court Team presentation?
- How does the Delinquency Model Court Team concept compare to any existing cross-system collaborations we have?

2

Local Applicability

- Would we benefit from a Delinquency Model Court Team in our county?
- What specific issues or goals could a Model Court Team help us address (e.g., reducing delays, improving disposition, increasing coordination)?

3

Team Composition and Function

- Who needs to be involved in a Delinquency Model Court Team in our county (e.g., judges, juvenile department, juvenile attorneys, District Attorney, service providers)?
- Do we want a smaller core team to make decisions and accomplish tasks and a larger team to generate ideas and provide feedback?

4

Resources and Readiness

- What resources (staff time, funding, training) do we need to support a team like this?
- Does the court have staff that can support a model court team with things like agendas, scheduling, and note-taking?
- What external resources are available that we can draw from?

5

First Steps

- Are we ready to move forward with forming a Delinquency Model Court Team? Why or why not?
- What should our next steps be in the next 30–60 days?
- Who will lead the effort to convene this group or explore it further?
- Remember to designate 1 person to fill out this survey to express your interest level and receive follow up information: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJW3JQD>.

Facilitator Notes

Start by exploring interest and fit. Keep focus on what would be realistic and useful locally.

Focus Areas

- How this compares to existing efforts.
- Potential benefits. (e.g., timeliness, outcomes)
- Team structure: who's involved, small vs. large groups.
- Resources needed. (staff, training, admin)
- Readiness and short-term next steps.

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Local Guided Questions Disposition Report

1

Current Practice and Readiness

- Is the JCP routinely used prior to disposition in our county?
- Does the juvenile department currently communicate recommendations to the court prior to disposition? Is risk assessment information from the JCP included in what is provided to the court?
- What is our collective understanding of JDIP's Disposition Report? What value would it add to our court process and decision making?

2

Challenges & Opportunities

- Are there specific elements of the report that system partners (judges, attorneys, juvenile departments) find helpful?
- Are there specific elements of the report that system partners (judges, attorneys, juvenile departments) find challenging to implement?
- How could the Disposition Report improve youth experience and outcomes?

3

Collaboration & Communication

- How could the Disposition Report improve information sharing between the juvenile department and the court?
- How could this improve information sharing between court partners outside of court?

4

Action Planning

- Are we ready to start the Delinquency Disposition Improvement Project with support from JDIP?
- Do we need more information or input from others before we make that decision?
- Remember to designate 1 person to fill out this survey to express your interest level and receive follow up information: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJW3JQD>.

Facilitator Notes

Begin with current practices.
Encourage examples and honest reflection on value and concerns.

Focus Areas

- Current use of risk assessment information. (e.g., JCP)
- Awareness of the Disposition Report pilot.
- What's helpful or challenging in the report.
- Potential to improve communication.
- What's needed for implementation & who to include.

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Speaker Bios

Carley Adams, MA, Program Operations for Beaverton's Center for Mediation and Dialogue

Carley Adams has been with the Center for Mediation and Dialogue (CMD) since 2012. In her role, she oversees program operations, supports staff and volunteers, trains mediators and facilitators, and collaborates with community partners. She also holds leadership roles in statewide mediation and restorative justice organizations.

Ms. Adams began her journey in conflict resolution at age 11 as a peer mediator and continued through high school. She earned a bachelor's degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Hawaii and a master's degree in Conflict Resolution from Portland State University. A lifelong peacemaker, she believes mediation empowers individuals to build empathy and resolve conflicts through new perspectives. Before joining CMD, she taught Conflict Resolution, Art, and English in Colorado, Hawaii, and Oregon.

Janae Bly, Juvenile Defense Attorney

Janae Bly has been practicing law for 11 years, with the past seven focused on criminal and juvenile defense. She has tried a wide range of cases, including drug offenses, property crimes, assaults, and sexual assaults. In addition to delinquency matters, she handles dependency cases and has represented both children and parents. Ms. Bly is a dedicated advocate who ensures the State meets its burden and that her clients' voices are heard and treated fairly within the justice system. She currently serves as an Oregon State Bar delegate for her district and is the President of the Klamath County Bar Association. A Springfield native, she earned her Bachelor of Science from Portland State University and her Juris Doctor from the University of Oregon, where she specialized in juvenile law.

Jennifer Cearley, Ph.D., Director of Washington County Juvenile Department

Dr. Jennifer Cearley is the Director of the Washington County Juvenile Services Department. She joined the department in 2017 as a Research and Evaluation Analyst, later serving as Assistant Director before being appointed Director in May 2025.

Dr. Cearley brings over three decades of experience in youth services and research, including 17 years with Lane County Youth Services and 17 years with the Oregon Social Learning Center. Her post-doctoral work focused on a randomized controlled trial of a long-term professional mentoring program. She holds a bachelor's degree in Family and Human Services, a master's degree in Counseling, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with a focus on Human Services—all from the University of Oregon.

Jayne Cooper, Court Programs Division Juvenile Manager, Oregon Judicial Department

Jayne Cooper (she/her) serves as the Juvenile Manager in the Court Programs Division at the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). In this role, she leads and supports statewide initiatives focused on dependency, delinquency, and state-tribal partnerships—working to strengthen how Oregon's courts serve children, youth, and families.

Before joining OJD, Ms. Cooper spent over a decade in New York City advocating for children and youth involved in the dependency and delinquency systems through direct legal representation, policy and legislative reform, and impact litigation. She is passionate about advancing equitable practices and improving outcomes in Oregon's juvenile courts.

Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, cooking, exploring new cuisines, and spending time with her husband and two sons.

Kelly Clement M.S., Former State Assessment Coordinator, Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice

Kelly Clement retired from the Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) after 28 years of dedicated service. He holds a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from McNeese State University. Over the course of his career, he advanced from Probation Officer to Regional Manager of the New Orleans Regional Office. Mr. Clement played a key role in Louisiana's juvenile justice reform efforts through the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change Initiative, which focused on expanding alternatives to incarceration, increasing access to evidence-based services, and reducing disproportionate minority contact. He also served as OJJ's first State Assessment Coordinator, leading policy development, training, and quality improvement initiatives. In addition to supporting risk assessment implementation across multiple jurisdictions nationwide, Mr. Clement is a NYSAP Associate and currently serves as Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program at Fletcher Technical Community College.



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Beth Fritz, M.S., Former Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Lehigh County, PA

Beth Fritz brings nearly 37 years of experience in the juvenile justice field, most recently serving as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Lehigh County, Allentown, Pennsylvania. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Kutztown University and a Master of Science in the Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University. Throughout her career, Ms. Fritz has been a driving force in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice reform efforts. As a member of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JSES) Leadership Team, she co-chaired the Chiefs' and Case Plan Committee, providing statewide guidance on the implementation of evidence-based practices, including risk assessment and case planning.

Dan Golden, Director of Klamath County Juvenile Department

Dan Golden is the Director of the Klamath County Juvenile Department, where he has served in various roles since 1996. He earned his Juris Doctor from Lewis & Clark Law School in 1990, where he clerked for both the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Klamath County District Attorney. During his undergraduate years at the University of California, he interned at the United States Supreme Court under Chief Justice Warren Burger, working in the offices of communications and federal court judicial administration.

Mr. Golden recently led the project to rebuild Oregon's oldest juvenile detention facility, replacing it with a new residential treatment home for Oregon Youth Authority clients. He has served on the Oregon Government Ethics Commission and chaired the Klamath County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council. A passionate supporter of the Oregon Ducks, he can often be found at Autzen Stadium on fall Saturdays, cheering from his spot next to the band.

Nia Haywood, Supervisor, Lane County Youth Services

Nia Haywood is a Juvenile Department Supervisor with extensive experience in juvenile justice reform, community engagement, and program development. She focuses on building collaborative partnerships and implementing effective practices that support youth success and community safety. At Lane County Division of Youth Services, Nia has led initiatives to strengthen restorative practices, enhance staff development, and improve services for youth and families. Nia holds a Master of Education in Family and Human Services and a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from the University of Oregon.

Hon. Kelly Kritzer, Klamath County Circuit Court Judge

Judge Kelly Kritzer serves on the Klamath County Circuit Court, where she presides over juvenile delinquency proceedings, probate matters, family law issues, and a broad range of other case types. Appointed to the bench on August 2, 2021, Judge Kritzer brings a diverse legal background, having worked as a law clerk, private practice attorney, contract tribal counsel for the Klamath Tribes, and deputy district attorney. She earned her Juris Doctor from Willamette University College of Law, where she was recognized for her dedication and service on the Willamette Law Review and as co-president of the Public Interest Law Project. In addition to her legal career, Judge Kritzer holds degrees in archaeology from the University of Michigan and Ball State University, and served intermittently as an archaeologist at Crater Lake National Park from 1998 to 2021. She is also an active member of various committees and boards, reflecting her commitment to public service and community engagement.



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Hon. Valeri Love, Lane County Circuit Court Judge

Judge Valeri Love was appointed to the Lane County Circuit Court in 2011 and currently serves as the court's Chief Juvenile Judge. She oversees both dependency and delinquency cases and leads Lane County's Juvenile Drug Court. Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Love practiced in both criminal and civil law, including service as an Assistant District Attorney for Lane County and as a civil litigator in private practice. Deeply committed to public service and the well-being of children and families, Judge Love serves as a Board Director for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and is a member of several of its committees, including the Child Welfare and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, Membership Committee, and Military Committee. She also contributes to the Oregon Department of Justice's Trafficking Advisory Committee, the National CASA Judicial Leadership Council, and multiple state juvenile justice advisory boards.

A graduate of Punahou School in Honolulu, Hawaii, Judge Love earned her Bachelor of Arts from Linfield College and both her Master of Management and Juris Doctor degrees from Willamette University. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, spoiling her dogs, cooking, and dancing hula.

Jeffrey Meray, Deputy District Attorney, Lane County Oregon

Jeffrey Meray serves as the Deputy District Attorney for Lane County, Oregon, where he is the sole prosecutor for all juvenile criminal referrals. A Lane County native and U.S. Navy veteran, he earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Oregon School of Law in 2013. Mr. Meray began his legal career advocating for injured workers before joining the Jackson County District Attorney's Office in 2015, where he focused on juvenile delinquency and dependency, domestic violence, and DUII prosecution. He returned to Lane County in 2018 to serve as the designated prosecutor for the county's three Adult Treatment Courts and assumed his current role in 2022. Mr. Meray is committed to ethical, community-centered prosecution that prioritizes accountability, rehabilitation, and meaningful outcomes for youth and families, while ensuring community safety and protecting victims' rights.

Caroline Meyer, Juvenile Delinquency Analyst, Oregon Judicial Department

Caroline Meyer is a Delinquency Analyst with the Oregon Judicial Department's Juvenile Delinquency Improvement Program (JDIP), where she plays a key role in enhancing delinquency practices statewide. One of her signature projects has been launching and supporting a youth-led advisory board of justice-involved youth. Under her leadership, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board (JJAB) has been meeting for nearly two years and is currently developing a Juvenile Justice Handbook to help newly involved youth navigate the system. Prior to joining OJD, Ms. Meyer was a Program Analyst at the Office of Public Defense Services (OPDC), where she helped expand the Parent Child Representation Program (PCRP), advocating for improved legal representation and outcomes for Oregon families. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, gardening, traveling, and spending time with her family, including her two young grandsons.

Amy Watts-Padilla, MA, Program Coordinator for Beaverton's Center for Mediation and Dialogue

Amy Watts-Padilla joined the City of Beaverton's Center for Mediation and Dialogue (CMD) in 2018 as a Program Coordinator, where she supports restorative dialogue and community mediation programs. She holds a Master's degree in Peace, Conflict, and Development Studies from Universitat Jaume I in Spain.

Ms. Watts-Padilla brings a rich background in peacebuilding, community organizing, program management, mediation, and facilitation, both in the U.S. and internationally. She is passionate about guiding individuals and groups through conflict resolution processes that foster understanding and healing. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, paddleboarding, exploring new coffee spots with friends, and planning her next travel adventure.



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Karen Stenard, Executive Director of Lane County Juvenile Lawyers Association

Karen Stenard has practiced in Lane County Juvenile Court since 1999, representing children in hundreds of delinquency cases ranging from misdemeanors to homicides. She is deeply engaged in statewide efforts to improve systems that serve Oregon families, participating in numerous workgroups and task forces. Ms. Stenard also serves as the Executive Director of the Lane County Juvenile Lawyers Association, where she continues to advocate for youth-centered legal practices and systemic reform.

Gina Vincent, Ph.D., Professor & Co-Director, Law & Psychiatry Program, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

Dr. Gina Vincent is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at UMass Chan Medical School, where she also serves as Co-Director of the Law & Psychiatry Program and is a faculty member at the Implementation Science & Practice Advances Research Center (iSPARC). She is President of the National Youth Screening and Assessment Partners (NYSAP), a technical assistance and training center that supports juvenile justice agencies in implementing risk-needs assessments, case planning, and behavioral health screening tools. Dr. Vincent is the author of *Risk Assessment in Juvenile Probation: A Guidebook for Implementation* and has worked with over 50 county and state agencies nationwide. Her research has been funded by NIMH, NIDA, the MacArthur Foundation, OJJDP, and NIJ, focusing on mental health, substance use, and implementation of evidence-based practices in juvenile justice. She has published more than 80 articles on topics including adolescent mental health, risk assessment, callous-unemotional traits, and implementation science.