



# Justice Advisory Council Newsletter

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*The Justice Advisory Council's newsletter is a platform to communicate and disseminate information to Cook County residents demonstrating the efforts being made to reduce the overreliance on incarceration for adolescents and adults.*

## A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The sad reality as summer approaches is that not all of us are looking forward to warmer weather. The truth is that for many of our communities across Cook County, warmer weather brings an increase in violence. Violence in turn traumatizes everyone involved including victims, perpetrators and bystanders.

President Preckwinkle has long advocated for a comprehensive and strategic plan to combat violence and we stand by the report, [Building A Safe Chicago](#), released in November 2016 by our partner, the Northwestern University Law School, as a blue-print for what a successful plan looks like that includes a public health approach, reduction of the availability of illegal handguns, well trained and accountable policing and an investment in direct services.

We must all work together and do our part. For the County, that means advocating for more collaboration amongst our law enforcement partners, supporting legislation that stem the tide of illegal guns into our black and brown communities and investing in direct services that seek to interrupt violence at the street level. The services we have supported through our grants include pro-social and emotional support for our young people, restorative justice programs in schools and in the communities, trauma-informed care for those most impacted, and opportunities for employment.

The JAC is proud to announce a new initiative, Career Launch, that offers job readiness and employment for opportunity youth, ages 16-24, including those who have criminal justice system involvement. Career Launch, part of a broader County employment program led by the Office of the President will provide employment and training services for 200

## Upcoming Events

### WEBINAR OPTION NOW AVAILABLE FOR ICJIA LUNCH AND LEARN ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On May 23, 2017, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority in collaboration with the DePaul College of Law will be hosting a free Lunch and Learn event on the topic of Human Trafficking in Chicago. National experts will present a lecture focused on “Resolving the Data Wars on Human Trafficking” and lead a discussion on ways to shed light on the hidden and clandestine crime of human trafficking. Feel free to bring your lunch.

[Click here to register for in person participation through Eventbrite >>](#)

[Click here to register for online Webinar participation >>](#)



### Mikva Challenge Action Civics Showcase

Mikva’s Annual Action Civics Showcase is a celebration of youth activism and youth voice in Chicago. Hundreds of young people from schools all around Chicago present their advocacy and activism work to their peers and community leaders.

Please join us in celebrating youth voice and youth action on Tuesday, May 23rd from 4:00-6:00pm at the Chicago Cultural Center. RSVP here:

<http://tinyurl.com/ACShowcaseRSVP>

young men and women in Back of the Yards, South Shore, Austin and the South Suburbs. Please encourage young men and women to apply for this program via our online application which will be released soon.

As always, thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lanetta Haynes Turner".

Lanetta Haynes Turner, Esq.

## Grant Highlights

### JAC Grantee Roundtable

On Wednesday April 26, 2017, the Justice Advisory Council facilitated a Grantee Roundtable for current grantees that are recipients of the FY 17 Violence Prevention,

Recidivism Reduction and Restorative Justice county grants. The event was hosted by the Chicago Urban League and held at their office in the historical Bronzeville neighborhood of 4510 S. Michigan. The room was filled with twenty five agencies that were represented from all over the Cook County area, forty one seats were occupied by the audience, and seven panelists took the stage to discuss “Marketing & Branding for Recruitment along with Engagement and Retention”. The panel discussion was moderated by LaToscha Hoover of the Justice Advisory Council.

The panelists included an Associate Publisher who explained the difference between marketing and branding of an organization, Executive Directors of nonprofit organizations who shared with the audience the need to include young people in the decision making process,

and other experts who provided insight on how to identify partners during the planning process. The audience was able to gain a better understanding of how to



## Upcoming Events (continued)

In light of May being National Mental Health Awareness Month, the National Association of Mental Health (NAMI) Cook County North Suburban offers free Family to Family Education Programs which provide education and support for families who have adult relatives with mental illness.

The NAMI Family - to - Family Education Program is a 12 week course for families and close friends of adults with mental illness. The program will be held:

Every Tuesday Evening  
June 6 - August 29  
6:30 - 9:00 pm,  
at  
Skokie Hospital  
9600 Gross Point Rd  
Skokie, IL

Classes are free but registration is required, please call 847-716-2252 to register.

For more info click on the link below.

<http://www.namiccns.org/index.php/2017/04/27/register-today-2017-summer-family-family-adults-class/#sthash.lbjGoCN6.ubNhlBfa.dpuf>

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### The People's Tent Revival

Join the Chicago Poor People's Campaign for a day of fellowship, praise, community, political education and organizing.

Saturday, May 27  
1:00 - 7:00pm  
at  
3709 W. Chicago Avenue

There will be free food, live music and performances. This event is open to the general public. For more information call 773-940-2319

grow their organizations through the various branding and marketing points, share their own experiences for best practices in the retention of participants, and most importantly, to have the opportunity to network with organizations who share the same missions.

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## Criminal Justice Reform

### HS Diploma - Raise the Age?

In the State of Illinois, young people are unable to earn a high school diploma after age 21 and often referred to adult education programs to earn a GED.

Dr. Linda Goodwin of Pnuema Institute has been exploring this issue. She stated that reenrollment in high school for students age 19 years or older is not feasible. Providing program options for students up to age 25 to earn a high school diploma and not a GED thru local and city colleges should be considered, as this will provide a positive impact on communities, housing and overall employment rates.

All young adults should have an option to access programming to earn a high school diploma. This should be considered because of the message it sends to society about the critical importance of a high school diploma in today's global economy.

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## Legislative Reform

### 2017 Legislative Update

This legislative session the Justice Advisory Council has been supporting the Youth Opportunity and Fairness Act (HB 3817/SB2021), which strengthens protections given to Juvenile court and law enforcement records and expands automatic expungement of those records. Currently, Illinois has some of the most restrictive and dysfunctional expungement rules, resulting in only three of every one thousand juvenile arrests being expunged, while at the same time failing to protect sealed records from being shared as detailed in the report *Burdened For Life: The Myth of Juvenile Record Confidentiality and Expungement in Illinois* by the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission.

## Did You Know?

Obama Presidential Center is Estimated to Support Thousands of Jobs in City of Chicago and the South Side during Construction and Ten Years of Operations

Earlier this month, the Obama Foundation released an Economic Impact Assessment that estimates the potential economic impact that the Obama Presidential Center (OPC) will have on the South Side of Chicago, Cook County and the State of Illinois. The economic impact includes both potential jobs created as well as the estimated increase in tax revenue attributed to construction and ongoing operations of the OPC.

In Cook County, the assessment predicts that the construction of the OPC will support 4,945 direct, indirect and induced jobs created during the construction phase and 2,536 direct, indirect and induced jobs after the Center is open. Additionally, the analysis estimates the total number of annual visitors on a long-term basis is expected to range from 625,000 to 760,000.

Other key findings for Cook County include: an economic impact of \$3.1 billion during the construction period and first ten years of operations for Chicago, with \$675 million resulting from the construction phase and an annual impact of \$246 million after the Center is open. In addition, the construction phase is anticipated to result in \$16.5 million in indirect and induced state and local tax revenue.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle spoke on this important issue. “It’s time we recognize that the arrest records of young people who have made only minor mistakes can serve as impediments to their future growth and development, and even create obstacles to such basics as finding housing and employment as they get older,” Preckwinkle said. “I am grateful to Rep. Nekritz and Sen. Hastings for their advocacy on this measure, which continues our efforts at reforming antiquated and damaging juvenile justice laws.”

Currently, the bill has passed the Illinois House and is awaiting passage in the Senate.

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## JAC Trivia

Let’s see who knows some little known facts about Cook County the best! The following questions are all about Cook County and the JAC. Please send your responses to [JAC.Info@cookcountyiil.gov](mailto:JAC.Info@cookcountyiil.gov). The first person to answer all questions correctly will be mentioned in the next edition of the JAC newsletter. And without further ado...Let’s play!



1. What is the longest continuous street in Cook County?
  - A. Cicero Avenue
  - B. Harlem Avenue
  - C. Western Avenue
  - D. Halsted Street
2. The Village of Des Plaines is home to the first what?
  - A. Holiday Inn
  - B. Mc Donald’s
  - C. Beer Garden
  - D. Turtle Race

## Did you Know? (continued)

### An Examination of Juvenile Sex Offenders in the Illinois Juvenile Justice System

Juvenile adjudications for a sex offense can result in lifelong consequences, including sex offender registration. Further, there can be repercussions financially, emotionally, and socially for a juvenile and his/her family that extend throughout the individual's life. Given the potential negative impact of having to comply with sex offender registration, it is important to understand the implications of the registry within the larger context of youth development and juvenile justice. This report analyzes characteristics of youth arrested, detained, and admitted to corrections in Illinois in 2014 and associated trends from 2004 to 2014. For the full report click below:

<http://www.icjia.state.il.us/articles/an-examination-of-juvenile-sex-offenders-in-the-illinois-juvenile-justice-system>

### Gun Violence in Cook County

For April 2017, there were 52 gun homicides in Cook County, with 47 being in Chicago. Of Cook County homicides, 44 were black victims, with 40 of those cases being in the City of Chicago. Of the 52 gun homicide victims in Cook County, eight victims were identified as latino, with seven of those cases occurring in the City of Chicago.

For YTD (January 1, 2017-April 30, 2017), there have been 220 gun homicides in Cook County, with 191 occurring in Chicago. Of Cook County homicides, 182 are black victims, with 159 deaths occurring in Chicago. Of the 220, gun homicide victims in Cook County, 29 were latino victims, with 26 of those deaths occurring in Chicago.

3. In what year did Cook County adopt a resolution creating the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council, which later became known as the Justice Advisory Council (JAC)?
  - A. 1973
  - B. 1985
  - C. 1931
  - D. 2001
4. Which village/municipality is NOT in Cook County?
  - A. Countryside
  - B. Northbrook
  - C. Crete
  - D. Sauk Village
5. Which of these statements is NOT true about Cook County founder Daniel Pope Cook?
  - A. He was good friends with John Quincy Adams
  - B. He was the first Attorney General of Illinois
  - C. He was a purveyor of Cuban cigars
  - D. He led lobbying efforts to prevent legalization of slavery in Illinois
6. The counties of Illinois that border Cook County are commonly referred to as "collar" counties. How many collar counties does Cook County have, and what are they?
  - A. 3; Will, DuPage, and Kankakee
  - B. 5; DuPage, Kendall, Will, Lake and McHenry
  - C. 4; Will, McHenry, Lake and Kane
  - D. 5; Kane, Lake, DuPage, McHenry and Will
7. Cook County is home to 132 municipalities.
  - A. True
  - B. False
8. What areas do the Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC) award grants in? (Short answer)

Again, please send your responses to: [JAC.Info@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:JAC.Info@cookcountyil.gov) and thank you for playing JAC Trivia!

