



EDJJ: The National Center on Education, Disability and Juvenile Justice  
is pleased to announce a National Call-to-Action Summit

## Achieving Positive Outcomes for Court-Involved Youth: Prevention, Education, Transition

June 24-26, 2004 Denver Marriott City Center, Colorado

Join your colleagues for a unique national summit to learn “**what works**” to achieve better outcomes for court-involved youth. This major event will address key topics about youth with educational disabilities and poor literacy skills who are at high risk for school dropout, arrest and incarceration. Participation in the conference will provide unparalleled opportunities to develop specific skills and practical knowledge organized within three strands: delinquency prevention, education and special education for detained and committed youth, and transition from court-ordered placements to schools and communities. Exciting, interactive workshops, panel discussions and plenary sessions will describe how to implement the latest, evidence-based practices to work with youth at-risk for contact with the courts, and youth already involved in the justice system.

The conference will feature a keynote address by Judge David Mitchell, Executive Director, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and a luncheon address by author and poet Jimmy Santiago Baca. Visit <[www.jimmysantiagobaca.com](http://www.jimmysantiagobaca.com)> for Baca's biography and previews of his work, including *A Place to Stand*, a powerful account of his involvement in juvenile courts and corrections.

The unique and interactive conference format will include:

- . • Panel presentations describing the most critical challenges and effective strategies for delinquency prevention, education services for incarcerated youth, & transition/aftercare
- . • Choice of workshops for in-depth examination of specific topics
- . • Small group, roundtable discussions with your colleagues from around the country to synthesize and learn how to apply strategies to local programs
- . • A Film Festival showcasing documentaries related to conference topics

Participants will receive extensive resources about effective programs and practices to use as references during and after the conference. The conference is specifically geared for everyone concerned with making a positive difference in the lives of court-involved youth including correctional educators, clinicians and administrators; law enforcement, court and justice officials; community-based delinquency prevention practitioners; state and local education administrators; researchers; policymakers; advocates and family members.

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**Join us at the EDJJ National Conference June 24-26, 2004 to identify solutions to these challenges:**

- . • Youth with poor academic and behavioral skills are at great risk for school dropout and adjudication as delinquent
- . • Most national and state funding does not support delinquency prevention programs – even though these programs are more effective and cost-efficient than secure care settings
- . • Youth with learning disabilities, emotional or behavioral disorders, and mental retardation are substantially more likely than their non-disabled peers to be incarcerated
- . • Juvenile correctional facilities frequently have difficulty providing special education services
- . • Transition services are often the most neglected aspect of educational programming for incarcerated youth
- . • Youth with behavioral, mental health and substance abuse problems may be incarcerated because their communities lack appropriate treatment services
- . • According to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, minority youth comprise approximately one-third of the population under age 18, but approximately two-thirds of all incarcerated youth



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