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OJJDP Acting Administrator

On January 20, 2017, Eileen M. Garry was named Acting Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Ms. Garry first joined OJJDP in 1995 as Director of the Information Dissemination and Planning Division. She later served as Deputy Administrator, overseeing the agency's state, local, and tribal programs and child protection activities. Ms. Garry rejoined OJJDP as Deputy Administrator in October 2016 after serving 15 years as Deputy Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

As Deputy Director of BJA, Ms. Garry administered the budget formulation and execution process, legislative affairs, performance measurement and evaluation, planning, communications, tribal affairs, and oversaw general operations and management. She also administered and coordinated BJA's grant programs and served as the agency's direct line of communication to states, territories, and tribal governments.

Ms. Garry joined BJA in September 2001 as Director of the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program. Her responsibilities included managing death and education benefits processing for public safety officers killed or injured at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. She also coordinated the State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training Program and the Counter-Terrorism Training Work Group. Ms. Garry was actively engaged in the criminal justice infrastructure recovery and relief efforts in the Gulf region after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. From 2012 to 2014, during her BJA tenure, Ms. Garry served as Deputy Executive Director for the Indian Law and Order Commission. She was instrumental in the development of the Commission's final report, A Roadmap for Making Native America Safer, to the President and

Congress.

In 2006, Ms. Garry became a member of the Senior Executive Service, the highest-level appointment for career civil servants. Ms. Garry has twice received the Assistant Attorney General's Award, among other awards. She is the author of more than 20 publications on criminal and juvenile justice issues. Ms. Garry holds a Master's Degree in the Administration of Justice and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, with honors, both from American University in Washington, DC.



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CJJ Announces New Executive Director

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice is pleased to announce that Naomi Smoot, J. D. has been named new Executive Director. As Executive Director, she will be responsible for the execution of CJJ's strategic goals, cultivating external relations, and fundraising and resource development. Ms. Smoot is excited to lead CJJ through this period of transition and rebirth.

"The Executive Board is extremely pleased to have Naomi return to CJJ in this critical role," said CJJ Board Chair Cecely Reardon. "We are confident that her significant institutional knowledge of the organization and its constituents as well as her experience working with a variety of juvenile justice stakeholders, will ensure our forward momentum. We are inspired by her passion and impressed with her vision for a stronger and more versatile CJJ. We look forward to our work together."

CJJ's Executive Board and Ms. Smoot have plans to launch several major projects in 2017. In the coming months, CJJ will publish a new set of recommendations that focus on ways that stakeholders can work together to ensure that justice involved youth do not become homeless. The recommendations will also include ways to help ensure that unaccompanied youth - those who are homeless and without a parent or family - do not become involved with the juvenile justice system solely as a result of their housing status. This project was made possible by generous support from the Tow Foundation, the Melville Charitable Trust, and the Raikes Foundation.

CJJ will also host its Annual Conference and Hill Day on June 14-17 in Washington D.C.

"CJJ is a vibrant organization and plays an important role as the voice of the states. I look forward to working with the State Advisory Groups to help empower them to be leaders of change in their jurisdictions, and to help ensure that all of our children have an equal chance at a brighter future," Ms. Smoot said.

Prior to her appointment as Executive Director, Ms. Smoot served as the lead on CJJ's federal policy initiatives, helping to lead the charge on the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Ms. Smoot was also responsible for developing, managing, and implementing nationwide initiatives in juvenile justice reform with CJJ's state members and partners across all states, territories, and DC. Ms. Smoot drafted model policies for status offense reform, and worked with State Advisory Groups to build their capacity for leadership. Ms. Smoot was also the project director for CJJ's work with the Pew Charitable Trusts Public Safety Performance Project.

Prior to her work with CJJ, Ms. Smoot represented young people in the District of Columbia and Virginia in delinquency and special education matters. Before that, she worked as a print journalist in Maryland and West Virginia for nearly a decade, amassing nearly a dozen awards for her news, investigative, and features news reporting. In her spare time, Ms. Smoot is a long distance runner, and oversees volunteer hypothermia programs to provide shelter for those in need during the winter months. She resides in Virginia with her partner, Shaun, and their dog.

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Join Us As We Welcome New Faces and Bid Farewell to Others



Welcomes and Farewells

This month we ask you to join us as we say hello to new faces at the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, and bid a fond farewell to some of our CJJ family.

We welcome Judge Steve Teske, who will be serving as CJJ's interim National Vice Chair pending formal election at our June Council of SAGs meeting. Judge Teske is no stranger to CJJ, having previously served as the Southern Region Chair and Chair of Georgia's State Advisory Group. He is Chief Judge of the Clayton County Juvenile Court and is nationally renowned for his work to reduce incarceration for low level offenses and efforts to halt the school-to-prison pipeline.

Judge Teske has graciously agreed to take on this interim role upon the retirement of our current National Vice Chair, Judge George Timberlake. As many of you know, during his career, Judge Timberlake was instrumental in helping to reform Illinois' juvenile justice system and the national juvenile justice landscape. He was key to helping reduce the number of chronically absent youth who are incarcerated, and was a vocal part of the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change initiative. For the past two years he has been

a committed and much respected member of our Executive Board, whose contributions have been invaluable. We thank Judge Timberlake for all he has done for CJJ, and for our country's youth.

We also offer hearty congratulations to Miguel Garcia. Miguel was recently appointed Acting Chair of CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee, pending our June elections at the Council of SAGs meeting. Miguel is a member of the California State Advisory Group. He has been a student at the University of California, Riverside and a legal assistant at Daniel H. Cargnelutti, Esq. since 2016. Miguel will be serving the remainder of current Emerging Leaders Committee Chair Hernan Cervante's term. Hernan, a former Spirit of Youth and Champion for Change Award recipient, has served in this position for the past two years. Hernan is taking time off from his work with CJJ to focus on his family and his juvenile justice reform efforts at the Vera Institute for Justice. We appreciate all that Hernan has done and continues to do to help raise the bar on youth collaboration in juvenile justice reform.

We say a fond farewell to our longtime CJJ employee, Jessica Russell Murphy. Jessica joined CJJ in 2010 and has been a friendly and familiar face for our members. Jessica planned and executed CJJ's Annual Conferences, Youth Summits, DMC Conferences, and Models for Change Conferences. Jess will be missed by our members, our staff, and our Executive Board. We offer her our congratulations as she moves on to her new role at Institute for Current World Affairs.

Notes of thanks or welcome to anyone listed above can be sent to info@juvjustice.org and will be forwarded accordingly. Cards and well wishes can also be sent by mail to the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, 1319 F Street Suite 402, Washington, DC 20004.

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