

Trainings and Information Sessions

CfJJ offers trainings and information sessions as a part of our mission to educate the public on key juvenile and youth justice issues. These trainings and information sessions can be customized to meet the needs of youth, parents, community-based and grassroots organizers. Some of our options include standalone, one-time trainings on a particular issue or part of the system, or a series of advocacy trainings that leads up to a policy campaign or a legislative meeting on a particular topic or issue.

Please contact Jillie Santos at jilliesantos@cfjj.org to coordinate trainings and information sessions.

1. Juvenile Justice 101

- Explores how Massachusetts young people become involved with the juvenile justice system, how they move through it, and how different groups of young people are impacted by the decisions our system makes for them.

2. What Trauma Looks Like in the Classroom: Advocating for Trauma-Impacted Youth in Educational Settings

- Focuses on the factors that lead youth to go from being pushed along, excluded, and punished for behaviors related to trauma.

3. Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System

- Explores how racial and ethnic disparities impacts a young person as they enter and exit the juvenile/criminal justice system.

4. School Discipline and the Law

- Informs youth or parents about their rights regarding the school discipline process and how to advocate and exercise those rights.

5. Social Media and the Law

- Informs young people or parents of the potential legal repercussions - including school discipline and juvenile/criminal justice system involvement - that can arise through social media use.

6. The Collateral Consequences of Juvenile Court Involvement

- Outlines potential long-term barriers that can impact court-involved youth and how youth and advocates can break down those barriers.

7. Advocacy and Planning a Campaign or Legislative Meeting

- Supports and assists youth or parents to identify issues that they care about, develop a policy position or campaign based upon their identified issue, and connect to relevant system decision makers where they can advocate their policy position.

8. Protest and Civil Disobedience for Youth

- Informs young people about their legal and constitutional rights under the First Amendment to peacefully assemble and express their views through protest and direct action.

9. Sexting: Legal, Social, Emotional, College Career Implications

- Informs young people or parents of the potential legal, social, emotional, college and career repercussions that can arise through the sharing of sexually explicit messages or photos through an electronic device.

10. Your Vote Matters

- This is a series of trainings and information sessions that informs young people about the value of their vote, and how they can help to increase the voter turnout rate in their community.

11. Know Your Rights During Police Encounters

- Informs participants of their rights when they have encounters with police officers, including if they are stopped, searched, or arrested. This covers encounters with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

12. Special Education 101

- Informs young people and their parents about the legal protections and educational processes for students with disabilities under both Federal and Massachusetts Law.

13. Bullying: Massachusetts Law and the Link to Justice

- Explores the impact of bullying on youth mental health, and how it increases the chances of system involvement. This training also teaches participants about the legal protections students have against bullying and cyberbullying, as well as the special protections that apply to students with disabilities.