

Washington's State Advisory Group:

The Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (WA-PCJJ)

Washington's former state advisory group, the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, was sunset and the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice was established via Executive Order 10-03 in September 2010. WA-PCJJ members were appointed beginning November 2010 with three-year terms.

The WA-PCJJ meets the requirements for state advisory group membership per 42 U.S.C. 5633, Sec. 223(a)(3)(A) of the federal JJDP Act, including that at least one-fifth of the membership be under the age of 24 at the time of appointment. Liz Mueller, Vice Chair of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Council, was appointed Chair of the WA-PCJJ, and Judge Frank Cuthbertson, Pierce County Superior Court, was appointed Vice Chair. The Council is staffed by the Office of Juvenile Justice, DSHS.

SAG Membership in 2012:

Liz Mueller, *Chair*

Vice Chair of Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Council
Sequim

The Honorable Frank Cuthbertson, *Vice Chair*

Judge
Pierce County Superior Court
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Olympia

Kathleen Sande

Supervisor, Institutional Education Program
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Olympia

The Honorable Val Stevens

Washington State Senator
Arlington

The Honorable Jim Street (ret. Judge)

Citizen Volunteer
Seattle

Eric Trupin

Director, Public Behavioral Health and Justice
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University of Washington
Seattle

Maurice Ward

Executive Director
Come Clean (MCS, Ltd)
Seattle

Kelly Williams

Youth Member

Volunteer Mentor
Lakewood

Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles

Vision:

We envision a future in which all the youth of Washington State are nurtured, healthy, safe, educated and contributing to their communities.

Mission for Council/SAG:

Promote partnerships and innovations that improve outcomes for juvenile offenders and their victims, to build family and community capacity to prevent delinquency, and to provide analysis and expertise to state and local policymakers.

Mission for Washington's Juvenile Justice System:

- **Fairness** – All hearings and decisions under the Juvenile Justice Act and all services and strategies implemented to achieve System missions are provided in a fair and unbiased manner to all participants.
- **Community Protection** – All Washington's citizens deserve to be and feel safe from crime.
- **Youth Accountability** – Youth offenders understand the impact of their actions on the victim and the community, accept responsibility for their actions and experience consequences that balance the impact of their actions with what will be effective for their rehabilitation.
- **Victim Restoration** – A juvenile who commits a crime harms the victim of the crime and the community, and thereby incurs an obligation to repair that harm to the greatest extent possible.
- **Youth Rehabilitation** – Juvenile offenders have strengths, are capable of change, can earn redemption, and can become responsible and productive members of their communities.

Guiding Principles for Washington's Juvenile Justice System

To define and determine the functioning of Washington's juvenile justice system, the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice presents the following guiding principles. These principles are consistent with the principles contained in existing state law. They are also consistent with the Council's understanding of best practice in juvenile justice system implementation. They should guide the overall operation of the juvenile justice system and be reflected in the nature of all programs and services provided. They should shape policy decisions within the system, as well as relationships forged with victims, offenders and their families and the general public.

Prevention

Our Belief: Reducing the involvement of youth in the juvenile justice system begins with prevention, and prevention requires collaboration among all youth serving systems.

Rehabilitation

Our Belief: Juvenile offenders have strengths, are capable of change, can earn redemption, and can become responsible and productive members of their communities; brain science has established that there are fundamental developmental differences between adolescents and adults which must be taken into account in designing programs of prevention and intervention.

Community Protection

Our Belief: All Washington's citizens deserve to be and feel safe from crime.

Youth Accountability / Restorative Justice

Our Belief: Youth offenders should understand the impact of their actions on the victim and the community, accept responsibility for their actions and experience consequences that balance the impact of their actions with what will be effective for their rehabilitation.

Victim Support

Our Belief: A juvenile who commits a crime harms the victim of the crime and the community, and thereby incurs an obligation to repair harm to the greatest extent possible.

Fairness

Our Belief: All hearings and decisions under the Juvenile Justice Act and all services and strategies implemented to achieve system missions should be provided in a fair and unbiased manner to all participants.

Disproportionate Minority Contact

Our Belief: The juvenile justice system must be free of any bias based on race or ethnicity; the well being of minority communities and of our whole society requires affirmative steps to reduce disproportionate minority contact with the justice system.

Juvenile Justice System Operations

Our Belief: Washington's juvenile justice system should be driven by its mission, focused on outcomes, and measured by its performance.

Strategies and Approaches:

The Council fulfills their mission by collaborating with other public and private partners to:

- Promote and sustain partnerships to improve juvenile justice outcomes at the state and local levels.
- Implement the provisions of the federal JJDP Act, including DSO, DMC, jail removal and sight and sound separation.
- Develop funding priorities and award federal JJDP funds, as well as other public and private funds, to local communities, and advocate for delinquency prevention and improvements in the juvenile justice system.

- Inform and educate elected officials, policy advisors, community leaders and the public on juvenile justice trends, best practices and implications for juvenile justice reforms through research and policy briefs.
 - Promote research-based preventive and rehabilitative programs.
 - Support juvenile justice reform initiatives and work to reduce disproportionate minority contact in the juvenile justice system.
 - Encourage responses to juvenile delinquency that are restorative for both youth and communities.
 - Serve as an information resource for juvenile juvenile and delinquency prevention issues.
 - Sponsor and promote public education programs on juvenile justice issues.
 - Provide education and training for and facilitate information exchange between stakeholders on juvenile justice related best practices.
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Standing Committees:

In addition to an **Executive Committee**, there are five standing committees of the Council:

- **Behavioral Health Committee**
Dr. Eric Trupin, Chair
- **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee**
Judge Frank Cuthbertson, Co-Chair
Maurice Ward, Co-Chair
- **Grants and Technical Assistance/Fiscal Committee**
Judge Raquel Montoya-Lewis, Chair
- **Legislative Committee**
Anne Lee, Chair
- **Youth Committee**
John Clayton, Advisor
Starcia Ague, Co-Chair
Jessica Pina, Co-Chair

Ad hoc committees may also be established by the WA-PCJJ; currently, there is one ad hoc committee:

- **Governance Committee**
Judge James Orlando, Chair
- **Member at Large**
Judge Jim Street, Ret.

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