



Speak Up! Be Heard! Join the Action!

How to Join:

NJJA remains committed to include youth in our annual conference, despite the challenges posed by the pandemic. We will follow CDC guidelines and best practices, as well as local directed health measures, at the time of the conference. Up to 40 youth can join for Youth Day Keynote, two breakouts, and the Call to Action discussion. Masks will be given out to all participants.

Reserve your spot:

Reserve spots for up to 4-6 youth and one staff from your agency by [contacting Schali-sha Walker at swalker@neappleseed.org](mailto:swalker@neappleseed.org) by **April 22, 2022**.

Expectations:

Attendees are asked to actively participate, especially in the Youth Call to Action Session at 3:00 pm. For those joining in-person, participants should coordinate all travel and supervision plans with their adult supporter. Youth under 19 are expected to have an adult supporter. Youth: Adult supporter ratios should be 3:1.

What's the cost?

FREE registration with lunch. Youth and adults attending beyond the Youth Day will be required to obtain a regular registration at conference rates.

What is youth day?

Bringing together juvenile justice professionals, judges, youth advocates, and current or former system-involved youth to learn together. Attendees will participate in workshops, visit with community resources and hear from keynote speaker Cyntoia Brown and break-out sessions on the system you've lived within.

WHEN: Thursday, May 5.

WHERE: 2022 NJJA Conference, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE.

WHO: Up to 40 youth participants with current and former involvement in the juvenile justice system and their support people.

Workshops

9:05-10:15am

- KEYNOTE: Double Edged Sword: Service Provision and Youth Outcomes — Cyntoia Brown

10:30-11:45am

- You Have Options: Learning to Advocate for Yourself — Cyntoia Brown
- Tough Conversations: Balancing Transparency and Compassion
- Where There is Smoke There is Fire: Or Is There? Vaping and Teens — Kenneth Zoucha, MD
- An Examination of Chronic Absences among Nebraska Youth — Dr. Julie Garman, Dr. Anne Hobbs

1:30-2:45pm

- Menu for Authentic Youth Engagement — Shelby Rice, Hannah Burdess
- Douglas County Behavioral Health Initiative — Dr. Abby Carbaugh, Dr. Megan Davidson
- Trauma-Informed Care in a Residential Program: Research Findings & Implications for Juvenile Justice — Patrick Tyler, PhD, LIMHP, LPC
- Are you really leading or are you just taking a walk? — Monica Miles-Steffens, Michele Lueders

3:00-4:30pm

- Youth Call to Action Workshop (Youth Participants only)