Professional Development Workshop for Criminal Justice Faculty and Administrators at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the Mid-Atlantic Region
The Juvenile Justice Strategy Group (JJSG) of the Center for System Innovation (CSI) work focuses on a subset of the Casey population

**Casey Result:** All U.S. children have a bright future

**CSI Result:** All children and youth have a nurturing and supportive family

**JJSG Result:** Children in the juvenile justice system remain with their families in safe communities and successfully transition to adulthood
JJSG Result: Children in the JJ system remain with their families in safe communities and successfully transition to adulthood

JJSG STRATEGIES

- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)
- Reforming the Deep End of the System
- Improving Frontline Practices
Led by JDAI’s presence in 39 states and DC, JJSG’s strategies are impacting young people in nearly every part of the country.

**JJSG Strategies**

- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
- Reforming the Deep End of the JJ System (State/Local)
- Replacing Youth Prisons
- Improving Frontline Practices
  - Family Partnership
  - Youth Partnership
  - Probation Practice
  - Talent Pipeline

![Map showing the distribution of JJSG strategies across the United States](image)
JJSG Frontline Practice Work

- **Youth Partnership**
  - Established an advisory council of 12 young people who are formerly and currently involved in the juvenile justice system across 10 states
  - Providing technical assistance to deep end sites

- **Family Partnership**
  - Developing and disseminating tips and aids for the field
  - Providing technical assistance to deep end sites
  - Building the capacity of family-led organizations

- **Probation Practice**
  - Supporting probation innovation projects within two sites:
    - Lucas County (OH) & Pierce County (WA)
  - Exploring other promising approaches:
    - Positive Youth Justice model
    - Youth and Family Team Meetings
  - Promoting new vision for probation

- **Talent Pipeline**
  - Supporting development of training curriculum grounded in positive youth developed for front-line staff in Massachusetts now being piloted in Pima County, Arizona.
  - Collaborated with HBCUs to develop a new juvenile justice courses and curriculum to improve the emerging juvenile justice workforce.
The positive youth development approach supports youth in making successful transitions from adolescence to early adulthood by encouraging young people to develop useful skills and competencies, and to build stronger connections with pro-social peers, families, and communities.

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Influence Future
Juvenile Justice Practitioners
Talent Pipeline: Florida HBCUs

- The four Florida HBCUs are a significant source of professional for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (a unified state system).
- The initiative built upon an existing juvenile justice-focused partnership among the four schools.
- Criminal Justice is the most popular major at each of the four schools.
- The initiative seeks to prepare criminal justice students to enter the juvenile justice system by developing and refining courses & curricula that give them a theoretical and historical understanding, along with critical-thinking skills and a race equity lens.
- “Students enrolled in reform-focused juvenile justice courses are prepared to enter the workforce as change agents, rather than perpetuators of the status quo.”
Each school developed a course. The courses were shared across the four (4) HBCUs.

- Bethune Cookman University
  *Ethics, Crime and Justice*

- Edward Waters College
  *The Juvenile Justice System: Through a reform lens*

- Florida A&M University
  *Juvenile Law*

- Florida Memorial University
  *The Color of Law*
Highlights

- 650 students have completed one or more of the juvenile justice courses
- This spring BCU awarded 25 certificates to students who completed all 4 courses
- FMU & FAMU are seeking to establish a juvenile justice minor
- The Justice Reform Faculty Learning Community (JR FLC) successfully launched in November of 2017
- Five Florida HBCU students were selected for paid summer internships with national juvenile justice policy and advocacy organization in 2017.
- A 2018 HBCU Justice Reform Network Change Campaign was a product of the student sessions gathered with faculty during a spring 2017 convening.