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Legal Education Advocacy Program (LEAP) wins award!

LEAP was awarded the 34th Annual Good Government Award for managerial excellence by San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR)



(Jennifer Paschal Bruce Forrester Photography, 2014)

Through LEAP, the San Francisco Public Defender's Office and CJCJ work collaboratively to improve educational outcomes for justice-involved youth. The LEAP program is now in its second year and serves up to 100 youth annually. Of the youth who have been through the program, only 13% have reoffended.

[Learn more about LEAP >>](#)

On March 11, 2014, [San Francisco Planning and Urban Research \(SPUR\)](#) awarded one of five annual Good Government Awards to LEAP for its contribution to public safety and youth investment. The Good Government Awards honor San Francisco employees who perform exceptionally and act as models for other jurisdictions to learn from.

[Watch a video](#) about LEAP featuring CJCJ's Educational Advocate, Marc Babus, and CJCJ's Board Member and San Francisco Juvenile Public Defender, Patti Lee!

CJCJ testifies at the legislature's justice reinvestment hearing

Assembly Select Committee on Justice Reinvestment acknowledges critical need for data-driven decision making

On March 18, 2014, California's Assembly Select Committee on Justice Reinvestment heard testimony from juvenile justice experts on what the state could do to improve public safety outcomes for youth.

CJCJ's Brian Goldstein testified on the importance of strengthening data collection systems, elevating innovative community-based models of care, and integrating best practice requirements into state funding allocations. The concluding panel raised up the voices of youth who had been impacted by the system. [Learn more >>](#)



Overall, the hearing demonstrates that the legislature has not forgotten about juvenile justice reform. As the legislative session moves forward, policymakers and advocates must continue to highlight issues of data collection and accountability to ensure California keeps moving towards a 21st century juvenile justice system.

[Watch the hearing >>](#)

Justice Policy Journal (JPJ) Spring 2014 edition out now

JPJ Volume 11, Number 1 includes six articles on international and domestic criminal and juvenile justice issues.

Articles in this edition include examinations of the nexus between immigration and criminal justice, disproportionate justice-involvement among the American Indian population, and modern developments in prison architecture and design. This edition also features a special contribution of poems from a former prison guard.

[Read the latest edition of JPJ >>](#)

We're hiring! Please circulate widely

Want to join the CJCJ team?

The Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJCJ) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to reduce society's reliance on incarceration as a solution to social problems. CJCJ is currently hiring for three positions:

1. Children's Waiting Rooms (CWR) Childcare Specialist.
2. Sentencing Service Program (SSP) Policy and Program Specialist.
3. Community Assessment and Service Center (CASC) Transitional Services Specialist.

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