



JJC NEWS

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HIGHLIGHTS

At JJC, we are excited to share the essential work we have accomplished in the past month! We could not achieve this without your continued support, advocacy, and passion for a better future for our youth.

Packed with Policy

August has been a month of small wins with a big impact. TaKasha Smith, JJC Executive Director, was asked to join the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee of the Ohio Sentencing Commission. This commission includes a diverse group of professionals such as judges, prosecuting and defense attorneys, behavioral health professionals, academics, and more. This is a paramount win for JJC because we get to have our voice at the table to ensure that youth aren't given unfair, discriminatory sentences that will cause their rehabilitation to decline.

TaKasha has continued to meet with DYS to continue to promote community-based care initiatives to the leadership team.

Another significant policy win in the community is that Columbus City Schools District will be following Board Policy 5771, which directs that no student be searched without reasonable suspicion or in an unreasonable manner. This is in response to the unconstitutional policy CCS implemented to do random searches upon student arrival to school. Students should always feel safe going to school, not afraid that their rights will be infringed on.

Communities Coming Together

Don't forget that JJC will be hosting our first monthly coalition meeting in September via Zoom. You will not want to miss it! We will be giving you updates on what we're working on, brainstorming as a team, and creating tangible action steps you can take today to help support the work we do.

JJC has continued to have an impactful presence in the CCJDC through our book club. The youth always look forward to having dedicated volunteers who care and want to build relationships with them. We are thankful to our volunteers from OCVJC for taking the time to invest in our youth and their futures.

A Passion for Partnerships

We are overcome with gratitude for our new and continued partnerships and their impact throughout the past month. Alleana Moss, Community Outreach Coordinator, had the privilege of meeting the youth leadership group at the Center for Disability Empowerment (CDE). We are always excited to see new young faces eager to join our cause.

TaKasha and Alleana had the pleasure of meeting with The Ohio State University's Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ) Organization to discuss how they can be an active ally in the work we do.

We are also proud to be a sponsor for OFUPAC's upcoming event for O22 (International Day Against Police Brutality). To lose someone you love to law enforcement, a system that's meant to keep us safe, is unimaginable and this is where the community needs to band together to show our love and support.

WHAT'S NEXT

- Our first monthly Coalition Meeting is September 27th @ 6pm via Zoom. Email alleana@jjcoho.org to join!
- Attend our Bindover Event October 24th 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Columbus Metropolitan Library Main Auditorium!
- Sign up to be a volunteer in our CCJDC Book Club and RJ Program!



DID YOU KNOW?

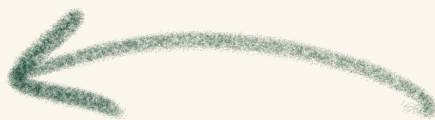
Nationwide, more than 70% of students involved in school-based arrests or law enforcement referrals are either black or Latinx according to the U.S. Department of Education.

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GET INVOLVED!

- ✓ Attend our first monthly coalition meeting starting in September! It will be the last Wednesday of every month from 6pm-7pm.
- ✓ Attend our Bindover Event October 24th @5:30pm-7:00pm at CML Main Campus.
- ✓ Share our campaigns and posts on social media!
- ✓ Share your thoughts in our Community Forum! New question posted weekly. <https://tinyurl.com/VolunForum>
- ✓ Volunteer to go into the Cuyahoga County JDC with us! email alleana@jjcoho.org for more information.