



**Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
December 14, 2023 9:30 AM
Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family
Hybrid Meeting**

1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A general meeting of the **Arizona Juvenile Justice Council (AJJC)**
was convened on **December 14, 2023**, notice duly given.

Members Present (15)	Members Absent (7)
Cindi Nannetti, Chair	Jane Kallal
Tracy Darmody, Vice Chair	Shaun Rieve
Alice Bustillo	Dorothy Wodraska
Donald Walker	Earl Newton
Doug Sargent (Proxy, Howard Wykes)	Guadalupe Durazo
Erica Maxwell	Jose Gonzales
Helen Gandara	Suzanne Nicholls
Joseph Kelroy	
Nicole Schuren	
Vada Jo Phelps	
David Lujan	
James Molina	
Maria Dodge	
Shawn Cox (Proxy, Cheryl Howell)	
Joseph Grossman	
Staff and Presenters (6)	
Dr. Adam Fine (Presenter)	Emily Uline-Olmstead, GOYFF
Howard Wykes (Presenter)	Shayne Johnson, GOYFF
Grace Kuruvilla, GOYFF	Chantel Hutchinson, GOYFF

Call to Order

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, called the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC) to order at **9:33 AM** with **15** members and six staff/guests present, and **seven** members absent. She reviewed the Commission meeting procedures and thanked the attendees for their flexibility.

Welcome / Introductions / Roll Call

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, asked members to acknowledge their attendance during roll call.

Approval of Minutes

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, stated reaching quorum and requested a review of the May 4, 2023, and the September 14, 2023, meeting minutes.
 - **Joseph Grossman** moved to accept both meeting minutes.
 - **Alice Bustillo** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes at **9:39 AM**.

Interstate Commission for Juveniles | Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC)

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, introduced **Howard Wykes** of the [Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections \(ADJC\)](#) to speak on the [Interstate Compact for Juveniles \(ICJ\)](#).
- **Mr. Wykes** began his presentation by mentioning that 2023 marks the 15th anniversary of Arizona's participation in the ICJ, adding all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands currently participate.
- **Mr. Wykes** mentioned that since he was initially supposed to speak at the September 2023 Meeting and usually provides a yearly update, the stats are from August to keep it consistent for future years. He explained the definitions of provided statistics: incoming youth means youth residing in Arizona even though they are under probation in another state, and outgoing youth means youth on probation in Arizona and moving to another state.
- **Mr. Wykes** showed a breakdown of the counties where youth from Arizona lived before moving out of state under the ICJ. He noted an observation that many kids living in Mohave County are a part of the ICJ and unsure what the correlation is but are monitoring it to see if it becomes a trend.
- **Mr. Wykes** ended his presentation by stating that every other year is a rule voting year for the ICJ, and 2023 was a voting year; one rule related to supervision was approved and will take effect in April 2024.
- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, asked how Arizona compares to other states with juveniles entering the state.
 - **Mr. Wykes** responded that Arizona is in the lower 1/3 of the nation, adding the State is in tier 2 of 4 and primarily has West Coast participants.
- **Cheryl Howell (Proxy for Shawn Cox)** asked about the main reason for transfers.
 - **Mr. Wykes** responded that parents of kids on probation usually move in/out of Arizona because of legal guardianship transfer.
- To view **Mr. Wykes'** presentation, [click here](#).

ASU Youth Justice Lab

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, introduced **Dr. Adam Fine** from [Arizona State University \(ASU\) Youth Justice Lab \(YJL\)](#).
- **Dr. Fine** began his presentation by discussing his background and involvement with youth justice, which led to the topics of different programming and efforts the ASU YJL implemented.
 - Tutoring program for juveniles in short-term detention
 - The program launched in 2021 in Maricopa County and has since expanded to Pinal and Mohave County. ASU Students are mentors and earn school credit for their time, while the counties and youth benefit by getting free support from mentoring and tutoring. ASU YJL is trying to expand its in-person tutoring to go virtual to serve more youth throughout the state.
 - Destruction of Records
 - This project came from a conversation about juvenile records destruction being a confusing process and that roughly 7,000 individuals in Maricopa County alone could be eligible for record destruction, an adjudication set aside, record expungement, or to have their civil rights restored in Maricopa County for a juvenile offense.
 - Holds two in-person events annually where individuals can go through the process with help from volunteers to see if they are eligible and get them seen by a judge on the spot. A public website with instructions on how to walk through the e-file process is also available if individuals want to do it themselves (averages 250 views per month).

- It can be confusing to read statutes to determine eligibility. Hence, another online tool helps break them down into easy-to-understand information and provides suggested next steps for youth. The lab is also working on translating all these resources into Spanish.
- Family-Youth Engagement Project
 - This project aims to amplify the voices of the people going through the system and show counties where they excel and where they could improve.
 - ASU Students work as county interns to understand the current experiences that kids and families have while on probation by surveying them after probation to get multiple vantage points throughout the process and see how things have changed.
 - A dashboard houses survey responses so the counties and probation officers can use them to show real-time data on what the kids and families are experiencing.
 - This project is utilized to evaluate and have theoretical conversations to try and answer some of the questions: What promotes kids' belief in themselves? Ways that probation officers are reaching kids (how are they communicating with their students?) What incentives work best for youth: praise/recognition, autonomy/restrictions, monetary? Asking kids, do you care about these incentives?
 - Money is the least incentivizing, the second least in autonomy, and the most impactful incentive, according to kids and families, is praise and recognition, showing the value of elevating youth and family voices to understand better.
 - Moving to a 2.0 version with the new interest of knowing how kids and families are doing after the probation ends and a goal to provide access to community resources they individually identified as helping them succeed.
 - Kids surveyed three months and six months post probation and check on them, not to see if they will re-offend, but to ensure they have the tools they need to be successful, and if not, provide access to those.
 - Dashboards are available to counties like the 1.0 version and broken down into how the kids and families feel so that departments can see how they are doing. Dashboards also aggregate the data to help the counties see how the youth compare the different survey timelines (three months in probation, end of probation, three months post probation, six months post probation).
 - The dashboard also houses the survey responses from the short-term detention center to show trends over time. They survey the kids when they enter detention and when they leave, providing a caregiver survey to those picking them up. Youth can access the survey(s) quickly and on their own time via a tablet.
- **Dr. Fine** ended his presentation by discussing how ASU YJL has created true partnerships where everyone has a common goal of improving kids' experiences while going through the system and how critical it is to change.
- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, commented on the idea of probation reviews being a positive practice for all judges in all counties.
- **Joe Kelroy** mentioned that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) can provide this training to the judges and encourage it as a best practice.
- **Tracy Darmody** added that she is a juvenile judge and will always tell kids she is proud of them. She echoed the importance of a positive feedback system.
- **Joseph Grossman** stated treating youth 'fairly' is subjective and asked how ASU gauges this.

- **Dr. Fine** responded that they use procedural justice research; when youth feel treated fairly, they are more likely to see you as an ally and trusted person. ASU asks youth how much they feel their probation officer cares about them.
- **Erica Maxwell** commented on the excellent data collection before asking how ASU sees this translating into transforming the juvenile system. What impact is it having, if any?
 - **Dr. Fine** responded by speaking with community members about the available resources and then tracking the dashboard, reminding counties and probation offers that it is available and getting them to use the data they are collecting.
- To view **Dr. Fine's** presentation, [click here](#).

R/ED Workgroup Restarting

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, stated that the Commission will restart the Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) Workgroup and introduced **Helen Gandara**, Workgroup Chair, to discuss the next steps.
- **Helen Gandara** gave a brief background of the R/ED Workgroup and stated that they were holding a meeting before the February meeting. If Commissioners want to join the workgroup or know of any external stakeholders who would add value, contact her for more information.

Upcoming Meeting

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, reminded Commission Members that the next meeting will be on **February 1, 2024, at 9:30 AM** in the Executive Tower and in a hybrid format. Commission members are welcome to attend in person or virtually.

Adjournment

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, thanked everyone for being part of the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn.
 - **Vada Jo Phelps** moved to adjourn.
 - **Maria Dodge** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes. The meeting adjourned at **10:41 AM**.

Dated December 15, 2023
Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
Respectfully Submitted By:
Shayne Johnson
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