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NEW NAME, SAME MISSION, MORE INTENTION.

The National Juvenile Justice Network is undergoing a transformative change, marking a new chapter in its journey as it formally transitions to the National Youth Justice Network. This evolution signifies a profound shift towards a more inclusive and equitable approach to working with and among the youth, families, and communities we serve.

This rebranding is not merely a change in nomenclature but a deliberate move towards fostering anti-racist initiatives within the organization, our membership, and our work.

With an increased focus on the agency and protagonization of young people, the National Youth Justice Network is committed to empowering and amplifying the voices of marginalized communities and youth impacted by the broken juvenile justice system.
The National Youth Justice Network developed the Youth Justice Leadership Institute (YJLI) to elevate, support and follow the leadership of those most directly affected. The voices and determination of communities of color, youth and family members are crucial to transformative change.

Since 2011, The Youth Justice Leadership Institute has been an instrumental tool in transforming the youth legal system by developing and supporting advocates of color who are committed to dismantling the oppressive systems harming youth and communities.
At a young age, we are taught the art of humility. And for many of us, especially in the partnership-reliant justice field, we are reminded of the necessity of being humble. As Executive Director of the National Youth Justice Network, I find it important to grandstand our work; alas, it is necessary to shout from the mountaintops the impact of our Youth Justice Leadership Institute. So please, indulge me.

Yes, I am a proud leader in the national fight to change the way our legal system treats our young people. But in order to hone my expertise, it took other leaders who not only understood my commitment, but shared my worldview to feel solidified and confident in my leadership. I am one of nearly 100 leaders around the country, who found those mentors in NYJN’s Youth Justice Leadership Institute.

YJLI’s mission is to clear a broad path for people of color to lead us toward abolition by elevating the leadership of people of color who are working to dismantle the oppressive systems harming communities of color.

Our mission and vision has come to fruition. As a result of Youth Justice Leadership Institute’s impact, our alumni are at the helm of organizations, foundations, courts and more.

Learning from leaders of color helps with the intentionality of training and sustaining existing and future organizers, advocates, directors, judges and policymakers that share the lived experience of our fellows, and in turn, the communities our alumni work within.

With continued support from foundations, corporations and individuals, and a repetitive sounding of the bullhorn to leaders in training, NYJN’s Youth Justice Leadership Institute will have a long-lasting impact on the policies, treatment and promising futures of young people.

Learn about the people who we have touched, the methods that we use, and the change that has happened thanks to YJLI.

And forgive my pride for NYJN’s YJLI, and desire to spotlight its successes; I’m not only the executive director of NYJN—I’m also an alumna of the Youth Justice Leadership Institute. Shout out to the cohort of 2015!

TRACEY TUCKER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NYJN
YJLI COHORT 2015
THE LEGACY OF YJLI

I have been reflecting recently on what transformation really means. During these philosophical ponderings, I turn to the Earth to teach me. Did you know the same poppies that grow in the lands of California also blossom on the shores of Gaza? This similarity is the Earth reminding us of our interconnectedness.

The struggle and the love we experience within our local communities resonates across land and sea to touch distant communities. The Youth Justice Leadership Institute (YJLI) exemplifies the rippling and transformative impacts of heart-centered advocacy. At this pivotal moment, we are intentionally taking an opportunity to celebrate and honor YJLI and its continued legacy.

For over a decade, YJLI has served as a capacity-building and resource-sharing community for system-impacted BIPOC leaders in the field of youth justice.

Diana Onley-Campbell recognized the harm of white saviorism in the field of youth justice, and passionately cultivated YJLI to build the power of Black Indigenous advocates of color who had the wisdom of lived experience to effectuate radical change. As a 2019 fellow (shout out to my Ohana), I intimately know the life-changing impact YJLI has through deep relationship-building, self-reflection, and access to an abundance of support.

From investing in community-centered healing spaces, launching youth-driven culturally authentic projects, to uplifting and supporting one another, the leaders at YJLI have created pathways for youth and communities to flourish. YJLI has been the compass at NYJN directing our intentional focus on anti-racism, youth agency, and healing, and manifesting the Division of Transformative Leadership. The Division will carry on the legacy of YJLI welcoming new cohorts into the YJLI family; hold the Young Stewards of Justice for system-impacted younger leaders, and provide Healing Justice offerings for all NYJN members. This Division is a testament to the paradigm-shifting impacts of your leadership and represents the infinite possibilities for healing and liberation when we stay connected.

This Lookbook is a snapshot of the vast landscape of your incredible work. May it serve as a reminder of our interdependence as we continue this journey of healing, liberating, and blossoming like the poppies across land and sea.

AMORE ALVARENGA, THEY/THEM
DIRECTOR OF TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP
YJLI COHORT 2019
This lookbook highlights the impact of the Youth Justice Leadership Institute, the National Youth Justice Network’s premier coaching fellowship for leaders of color.

Learn about the fellowship, read the narratives from alumni and consider getting involved with YJLI - as a fellow, facilitator, mentor or supporter.
The National Youth Justice Network developed the Youth Justice Leadership Institute (YJLI) to elevate, support and follow the leadership of those most directly affected because the leadership of youth, families, and communities of color is integral to sustainable, impactful change.

YJLI guides fellows through in-person and remote activities aimed to provide a deeper knowledge of the youth legal system, develop Healing Justice focused advocacy strategies, and connect with peers and mentors. Our fellows learn how to deconstruct cultural barriers that impact leaders of color. NYJN works with facilitators like Eva Young, Diana Onley-Campbell and Xochitl Bervera, who are experts at transformative leadership and activism.

**Resources**
Fellows access policy platforms, research briefings, and workshops to better understand the current landscape of the youth legal system. Fellows receive teachings on Transformative Justice, Healing Justice, and Civil Rights organizing strategies to enhance their advocacy.

**Relationships**
Fellows cultivate deep, supportive relationships with their cohort and the just over 100 YJLI alumni. The extensive network made up of BIPOC leaders and peers offers sustained support during the fellowship and beyond.

**Mentorship**
Fellows connect with mentors, BIPOC advocates who have led transformative wins to positively impact youth and communities. Fellows receive guidance and encouragement throughout the year-long fellowship.
YJLI: Building a Movement

YJLI was created by Onley-Campbell who witnessed an exchange during an annual conference. According to her, a white organizer-activist from California stood up in a meeting and said, ‘We all know who the system harms the most: Black and Brown kids. But everybody in this room is old and white. We need to do something about that.’ Out of that, came the idea to create a leadership program for youth of color.

There was no discussion about systemic racism at NYJN prior to the institute. NYJN realized it had to do more,” said Onley-Campbell. “That did not exist, and would not exist but for the presence of the institute. The institute is very much the agent of change.”

Funders, however, didn’t gravitate to the idea of supporting a program for teenagers and young adults, she said. “Ultimately, it was an adult-learning framework, whereby we pushed info out, structured in such a way people could accomplish what they needed to accomplish, relatively at their own pace,” she said. “We’ve had folks as young as 20. We’ve had a couple of folks in their mid 20s, some folks in their 50s and everything in between.”

The proof is in the increase of Black and Brown leaders across the country. The impact is the reform we are seeing year after year in each state and federally.

Onley-Campbell’s ideas included beating the drum for natural-born leaders who were justice-involved, and those who had family members who touched the criminal legal system. She wanted to address the trauma of being Black and Brown in America, and the growth and progress that could come from that.

Now that just over 100 alumni are in the world making change—and counting—we look forward to steering NYJN programming to developing young leaders, in addition to receiving an uptick in donor support.
The Legacy of Leaders of Color

Just over 100 Youth Justice Leadership Institute fellows have learned how to take up space in order to effectively advocate for justice. Some YJLI alumni you know and see on local and national news. Others appear behind the scenes as ghostwriters, program planners and outreach leaders. Many have led national and international campaigns that have impacted and roused thousands, even millions of engaged people. Other fellows have changed policies in grassroots campaigns that have impacted school districts, small communities and state legislation.

We know that while there is a robust advocacy movement for youth legal system transformation, if advocates and organizers do not appropriately reflect the communities most affected by the youth legal system, their activities will likely mirror—and may in fact perpetuate—the power imbalances, inequities and patronizing approaches that plague the youth legal system today and that have done so historically.

Youth justice solutions that are crafted without the critical knowledge of people of color are of little long-term value in freeing communities from oppression. Leaders of color connected to, proud of, and hopeful for their communities will be integral to the fundamental changes needed for true justice.

When you explore the Youth Justice Leadership Institute’s role in the youth justice field, you can see the extent of its impact on past fellows and the wider community impacted by youth legal systems.

The Youth Justice Leadership Institute’s mission is to clear a broad path for people of color to lead us toward justice transformation. We seek to elevate the leadership of people of color who know how to transform the oppressive systems harming communities of color.

“If we honestly believe Black Indigenous leaders of color are the ones best suited to do it, then we have to meet their needs.”

Diana Onley-Campbell, YJLI Creator
“It was very much and still is a program that encourages and supports people of color to look inwardly and consider who they are as people in the world and then take that and look outward.”

Diana Onley-Campbell
YJLI Creator
When Garien Gatewood reflects on his 2015 Youth Justice Leadership Institute fellowship, he gets excited. He beams with pride while recalling the intense workshops, professional development sessions and starting life-long relationships. Following his experience, Gatewood was ready to take over the youth justice world, with a newfound level of confidence and camaraderie.

“One thing that stood out to me and still stands out to me now is the ‘where I’m from exercise’ done to make you more vulnerable and also to understand you belong in any room that you step in,” said Gatewood.

“That honestly helped me better understand perspectives from my Brown brothers and sisters. What you heard was similar struggles across the board. Native American, Asian, Latine - you heard the same struggles and triumphs and that just blew my mind.”

When Gatewood started his fellowship, he was the youth reentry advocate at Children’s Law Center in Covington, Kentucky. Following that role and over the course of the last eight years, Garien’s leadership has been felt across the country. He served as Program Director then Policy Director at the Juvenile Justice Initiative, then as the Executive Director of the Illinois Justice Project and currently, as the Deputy Mayor of Community Safety with the City of Chicago.

“YJLI gave me a level of confidence.
I had never done direct service work, I didn’t understand the impact that I could have until I connected with other advocates. They helped me start to understand and know that I could walk into any room - that I could wrestle with anybody.”
Alumni Highlight

Garien Gatewood: ‘Creating an Army to Dismantle Harmful Systems’

Gatewood is a proponent of organizations and foundations supporting culturally competent leaders who reflect the community of impacted people they work with, and says NYJN’s fellowship is a major boost for the future of youth legal system transformation. “You can’t get work done without investing in the people,” he said. He added that a banning together of all Youth Justice Leadership Institute alumni, merging their expertise, influence and networks creates a massive powerhouse.

“I have not made a major life decision without connecting with my YJLI cohort. They are the ones that helped me make the decision to leave Kentucky and go to Chicago,” said Gatewood who said he, too, advises cohort members on professional and personal decisions.”

“When you think about Carmen Perez-Jordan who organized the Women’s March on Washington, Rickell Howard Smith who ran for juvenile court judge in Cincinnati, and people like me who helped lead the work that eliminated cash bail in Illinois and closed a youth prison, we’re all bi-products of the Youth Justice Leadership Institute.”

“YJLI has created an opportunity to build a pipeline of new leaders across the country.”
"There’s a fair number of folks in the [YJLI] alumni corps who either had direct experiences or where their family or loved one was involved in the justice system."

“We see the value of and the power of having young people who know the most about the so-called justice system, being the ones to lead the effort to remove it, change it, and have some impact on that system,” said Diana Onley-Campbell, YJLI Creator
Carmen Perez-Jordan, one of the organizers for the Women’s March on Washington, said NYJN’s Youth Justice Leadership Institute increased her network and provided her with a traditional how-to guide to couple with her historic analysis of justice. Those pairings allowed her to grow in a field that would lead her in a short amount of time from running a juvenile detention program and orchestrating the internationally acclaimed Women’s March on Washington, to becoming the leader of The Gathering for Justice, a nonprofit founded by Harry Belafonte.

“When I was part of the cohort, I was running a program inside a juvenile detention center in the Bronx. Now I am a CEO and president,” said Perez-Jordan.

“One of the things YJLI did for me was that it brought me to understand that I could be a leader toward justice reform. It also allowed me to connect to other people and really elevated my leadership as it pertained to being in rooms with leaders making decisions about Black and Brown bodies.”

Carmen received what she’d hoped for—a cohort of young professionals that she could grow with and depend on throughout the trajectory of her career. She’s called on them while organizing the Women’s March on Washington, in addition to sending a text to check in on how her cohort members are doing in their professional and personal lives.
Alumni Highlight

Carmen Perez-Jordan: ‘Being Seen as Leaders Within’

What Carmen remembers about YJLI is its efforts to make everything accessible to ensure success. As she was transitioning from California to New York, YJLI offered her a laptop to use during the fellowship. She also recalls her first retreat which featured a somatic training where she and her cohorts were paired up and instructed to place their hands on one another’s hearts.

We were young people of color that were invisible to the broader landscape of juvenile justice and criminal justice that was predominately white,” said Perez-Jordan who is also the founder of Justice League NYC.

“There were so many moments that made me feel seen, and feel part of a community. We understand our relationships are not transactional; they are transformative.”

“It’s important for people of color working in the field of justice reform to be connected to each other and not work in isolation,” said Perez-Jordan. “It’s been the place where I was able to recharge from working in police brutality, prisons. There was room for us to connect, build, chat, be silly.”

“That was the first time that I got to connect with my generation, leaders of color that were as committed to the work as I was, even though I had been working in the field of youth justice for 10 or 11 years prior,” said Perez-Jordan. “And we also had fun. YJLI was probably one of the few fellowships that I’ve done in my life and probably the most profound.”

“Participating in the institute offered a network of support, tutelage about decision-making, and resources on how to practice wellness.”

“There were so many moments that made me feel seen, and feel part of a community. We understand our relationships are not transactional; they are transformative.”
We have been wounded but we have the capacity to heal, to become whole, and to be powerful.

That’s what I witnessed in the fellows. Each year was the same, I could see their trepidation and eagerness to be vulnerable, heal and grow together,” said Eva Young, leadership consultant and coach.
Alumni Highlight
Jeree Thomas: ‘What Makes Movements Strong’

From a legal aid staff attorney to a program director at the largest racial justice philanthropic intermediary, Jeree Thomas has used what she learned during the Youth Justice Leadership Institute throughout her career. Whether launching a statewide campaign to close youth prisons at the Legal Aid Justice Center, leading national youth legal system policy change at the Campaign for Youth Justice, or grant-making to nonprofits seeking to end violence at the hands of police at Borealis Philanthropy, Thomas remembers the call to “take up space as a leader.”

“To have people with connections who can give you ideas, and build you up is really invaluable. It’s what makes movements strong.”

It’s really invaluable to have programs that help Black folks and other folks of color connect when they’re doing justice work of any kind because it can be so isolating. It can be difficult and wear on people’s soul and psyche.

During her time in the fellowship, Thomas learned that no matter what position title comes after her name, she will always be a leader. She says in addition to the facilitators, her cohort members really made an impact on her current and future career roles and how she would step into her leadership.

“I really appreciated the emphasis on the program being ‘you all are leaders,’” recalled Thomas who represents the cohort of 2015. “I am in a much different role than what I had before when I was in the fellowship. It’s very similar in terms of supporting groups and building capacity of grassroots groups trying to end police violence, conflict and harm in the community.”
Thomas’ fellowship experience brought out a lot of emotion around being confident as a leader. She spent time during retreats deconstructing what she was taught about humility, roles and cultural stigma in work environments.

Doing so in the confines of an intimate gathering with leaders and participants of color made all the difference. It wasn’t easy, though, she said.

“We had to actively unlearn the negative things we hold about ourselves in a very public way. To do that in a group was very powerful and really set the tone for all of the sessions we had after that, and the following year,” said Thomas.

“That was really hard for a lot of us. It brought out a lot of emotion around our confidence. We are in a society that tells us certain things about ourselves, and everyday we have to unlearn those things.
“This is a pivotal moment for justice. The institute supports and promotes leaders who are ready and capable of leading the needed transformation of the youth justice system.”

“YJLI Fellows wanna have a positive impact, and I trust them because of their passion, commitment, moral compass, and integrity,” said Eva Young, Leadership Consultant and Coach.
Alumni Highlight

Tiffany Williams: ‘Retreats, Recognition, Reputation’

For Tiffany Williams, the Youth Justice Leadership Institute retreats were everything. Whether during the Washington, DC, or Tennessee retreat convening, Williams says she got the most out of bonding with cohort members and learning from facilitators like Diana Onley-Campbell.

“Diana never gave us the answers but guided us to our outcomes. She facilitated our conversations and revelations,” said Williams. “YJLI in-person retreats are really powerful. It’s that special sauce that makes things come together.”

What stands out is the Highlander retreat for all it represents historically and for our people. We were there for a week participating in different workshops and conversations.

“The Retreat] was the first time I unearthed that the juvenile justice system was there to fuel the criminal justice system. It took that level of processing and being out of other spaces to see the system for what it is.”

When Williams joined the Youth Justice Leadership Institute fellowship in 2016, she was on the up-and-coming side of government as a special projects coordinator for New York’s Administration of Children’s Services, where she shaped programs and special initiatives for the Division of Youth and Family Justice.

“When advocates in New York were pushing for Raise the Age legislation, I was able to speak in detailed points of reference about how other systems made progress, thanks to what I learned from YJLI,” recalled Williams. “YJLI catapulted my career. Learning with leaders in other regions and referencing their progress legitimized my work.”
Alumni Highlight

Tiffany Williams: ‘Retreats, Recognition, Reputation’

Williams now leads Victorious Consulting, a NY-based firm supporting operations and institutional advancement for non-profit organizations nationwide.

“I’ve done well for myself, and I credit it to the fellowship experience,” she said. “I’ve served in senior leadership positions. I credit my progress to the fellowship distinguishing me alongside powerful alumni. It does the same thing that going to Harvard or Yale does.”

“[The institute] provides a network of excellence.”

Tiffany Williams

“When you look at folks’ past, they are doing phenomenal things. [The institute] validates the collective and us as individuals.”
“Given that most of the fellows were impacted by the system, it became clear that healing was central to the fellowship.”

“The work is not just external. It starts with knowing who you are, your mind and body connection, and your values,” said Eva Young, Leadership Consultant and Coach.
# of YJLI Alumni: 105

# of States Alumni Represent: 36

# of Years YJLI has Existed: 12

# of YJLI Cohorts: 12

# of YJLI Alumni in Leadership Positions: 72
ALUMNI AT A GLANCE

2011 COHORT

National Youth Justice Network - YJLI Lookbook
“The Youth Justice Leadership Institute was my introduction to the national youth justice reform movement.

That experience, and the fellowship that I continue to have with the YJLI alumni network, have supported my professional/personal growth as an advocate for youth justice system reform.”

JASON SMITH
YJLI COHORT 2011, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MICHIGAN CENTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE
Carmen Perez  
New York, NY  

Delores Moody  
Brooklyn, NY  

Erika Stallworth  
Michigan City, IN  

Helen Gándara Scottsdale, AZ  

Jody Owens  
Jackson, MS  

Madelyn Roman-Scott  
Harrisburg, PA  

Rodolfo “Rudy” Soto  
Portland, OR  

Tanesha Ingram  
New York, NY  

Teresa King  
Silver Spring, MD  

ALUMNI AT A GLANCE  
2012 COHORT  

YJLI  

2012
“Participating in the YJLI was an amazingly unique experience that words truly cannot explain. The program curriculum and activities have been instrumental in my professional development and success. However, it was the family that I gained during my year-long fellowship that I cherish the most. These relationships have remained steadfast over the test of time and distance. Being a YJLI Fellow was life-changing for me.”

ERIKA STALLWORTH
YJLI COHORT 2012,
JUVENILE MAGISTRATE,
LA PORTE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
ALUMNI AT A GLANCE
2013 COHORT

Alicia Virani
Long Beach, CA

Elissa Johnson
Jackson, MS

Kelly Gilbreth
Albuquerque, NM

LaShunda Hill
Washington, D.C.

Nadiyah Sherreff
San Francisco, CA

Natalie Collier
Jackson, MS

Nick Allen
Seattle, WA

Not Pictured:
Sabrina Leshore, Raeford, NC
Usha Maharajh, Stuart, FL
ALUMNI AT A GLANCE
2014 COHORT

Anthony DiMartino
Long Beach, CA

Chaz Arnett
Baltimore, MD

Ekundayo Igeleke
Columbus, OH

Elijah Wheeler
North Bethesda, MD

Kathy Wright
Wharton, NJ

Maheen Kaleem
Washington, D.C.

Not Pictured:
Darnell Williams, Bedford, MA
Donna McHenry, Phoenix, AZ
Theo Shaw, New Orleans, LA

2014
ALUMNI AT A GLANCE
2015 COHORT

Marion Andrew Humphrey
Washington, DC

Ashley C. Sawyer
Philadelphia, PA

Dustina Gill
Sisseton, SD

Garien Gatewood
Cincinnati, OH

Jeree Thomas
North Chesterfield, VA

Rene Casas
Salinas, CA

Rodd Monts
Detroit, MI

Tracey Tucker
Columbia, SC

Not Pictured:
Amy Huang, Seattle, WA
Carlos Cruz, Pasadena, CA

2015
"YJLI offers you the tools needed to move your work forward from a place of love, compassion, empathy, and justice.

The experience of YJLI has allowed me to find my voice and has elevated my understanding of what is needed to transform the systems that have caused hurt to communities of color."

RENE CASAS
YJLI COHORT 2015, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
YOUTH ALLIANCE
YJLI ALUMNI AT A GLANCE
2016 COHORT

Candace Johnson
St. Louis MO

Ebony Howard
Montgomery, AL

Joi Owens
Clinton, MS

Joshua Bates
Columbus, OH

Lee Nave, Jr.
Boston, MA

Ricky Watson
Durham, NC

Sadric Bonner
Greensboro, NC

Samantha Wiggins
Upper Marlboro, MD

Tiffany V. Williams
New York, NY

2016
YJLI absolutely catapulted my career. I don’t have a Masters degree. I credit my progress to the fellowship distinguishing me alongside powerful alumni. 

*It does the same thing that going to Harvard or Yale does.*

TIFFANY WILLIAMS, YJLI COHORT 2016, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER FOR GIRLS FOR GENDER EQUITY
ALUMNI AT A GLANCE
2017 COHORT

Cheyenne Blackburn
New Orleans, LA

Erin Keith
Washington, D.C.

Esché Jackson
Los Angeles, CA

Mar Velez
Oakland, CA

Nanyamka A. Shakura
Montgomery, AL

Rickell Howard
Cincinnati, OH

Sarah Yousuf
Chicago, IL

Terrence Wilson
East Point, GA

Treshika Melvin
Jackson, MS

Valerie Slater
North Chesterfield, VA

2017

National Youth Justice Network - YJLI Lookbook
“YJLI is the community of leaders I needed to advance youth justice at home and across the country. My cohort and I leaned on one another to learn about best practices in our current work and also think outside the box of what a youth justice system that addresses root causes of violence and centers healing could look like for young people today.”

MAR VELEZ, COHORT 2017, DIRECTOR OF POLICY AT LATINO COALITION FOR A HEALTHY CALIFORNIA
YJLI ALUMNI AT A GLANCE
2018 COHORT

Arturo Quiros
Los Angeles, CA

Courtney Warren
Fort Washington, MD

Kenya Lee
New York, NY

LaTasha DeLoach
Iowa City, IA

Latashia Crenshaw
Pearland, TX

Lenore Wyant
Chambersburg, PA

Maria León
Bryan, TX

Travis Andrews
Redmond, WA

Sheba Williams
Richmond, VA

2018
2019 COHORT

Valerie Salazar
Ventura, CA

Natasha Santana-Viera
Miami, FL

Jennifer Ubiera
Washington, DC

Amore Alvarenga
New York, NY

Dominique Morgan
Omaha, NE

Jade Morgan
Jackson, MS

2019

Valerie Salazar
Ventura, CA

Yamanda Wright
Boston, MA

Jade Morgan
Jackson, MS

YJLI ALUMNI AT A GLANCE

National Youth Justice Network - YJLI Lookbook
"The Youth Justice Leadership Institute provided me with the support and resources to step into my power. The institute was transformative; it deepened my advocacy and connected me to my purpose. Through YJLI, I gained a family of advocates who joyously ground me through personal and professional challenges and nurtured my overall growth.

Words can't quite summarize all that the YJLI experience and Ohana (2019 Cohort) means to me, but the power, community, wisdom, and innovation woven throughout is a source of continuous inspiration and strength. Bless yourself and join."

AMORE ALVARENGA, YJLI COHORT 2019, DIRECTOR OF TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP, NYJN
ALUMNI AT A GLANCE

2020 COHORT

Darius Swift
Hampton, VA

Dominque Jones-Johnson
New Orleans, LA

Jasmine Jackson
Upper Marlboro, MD

Korynna Lopez
Berwyn, IL

Melissa Centeno
Brooklyn, NY

Rebecca Burney
Silver Spring, MD

Racquel Henderson
Omaha, NE

Tierra T. Ellis
Los Angeles, CA

Victor Cabral
Reading, PA

2020
ALUMNI AT A GLANCE
2021 COHORT

Alejandra Whitney-Smith
Washington, D.C.

Alexis Hicks
Jackson, MS

Alycia Castillo
Austin, TX

Aneesa Khan
Baltimore, MD

Cindy Similien
Brooklyn, NY

Derrell Frazier
Baltimore, MD

Kizzy Rogers
Memphis, TN

LaTrisha Gandy
St. Louis, MO

Porsche Phelps
Seattle, WA

2021
ALUMNI AT A GLANCE
2022 COHORT

Daniel Sampson
Colorado

Erika Ovalle
Arizona

Kiana Calloway
Louisiana

Lisa Maria Rhodes
Louisiana

Nephtalie Jacques
Florida

Tena Hahn
Nebraska

Tiana Jones
North Carolina

2022
With Your Support

Whether you decide to support National Youth Justice Network by making a donation, applying to be in the next Youth Justice Leadership cohort, or offering your expertise as a facilitator or mentor, we are looking forward to partnering with you. Our network of activists, leaders and facilitators need you.

Your financial support will allow us to continue this groundbreaking fellowship that prepares organizers of color to lead with confidence by maintaining our corps of facilitators and mentors and covering retreat space.

Your fellowship application will afford us the opportunity to further hone your leadership skills, conduct deep dives into why youth justice is your calling, and offer mentorship throughout your career.

Your mentorship will impact and inspire fellowship participants to understand their calling, update their toolkit of best practices, and address barriers unique to leaders of color who are ready to change the trajectory of our young people.

Spread the word about the Youth Justice Leadership Institute
The National Youth Justice Network would like to thank: all of our YJLI alumni! You have foraged a legacy transformation!

Thank you to Ms. Diana Onley-Campbell who’s vision and relentless advocacy manifested a family of warriors for justice and change.

Thank you to our donors for investing in and elevating the leadership of people of color. Your support has sustained a legacy of meaningful impact.

Thank You!
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