

Efforts to establish a national network of youth justice service providers began in 2013, with representatives from 11 Provinces & Territories participating. The National Youth Justice Network meets monthly via videoconference and annually in person to discuss current issues in youth justice, build opportunities for national collaboration, and share knowledge regarding youth justice.

### **Bringing together youth justice sector leaders from across Canada**



#### **Our Vision:**

Healthy, safe adolescents and young adults who are free of involvement in the criminal justice system.

#### **Our Mission:**

The National Youth Justice Network (NYJN) provides a forum to strengthen youth-centered justice services in Canada through interagency collaboration, discussion of common issues, advocacy, and sharing information on best/promising practices and research.

#### **Our Goals:**

- establish and maintain a representative network of key stakeholders in the youth justice sector from across Canada, including Indigenous and racialized communities;
- increase knowledge and understanding of the operation of the youth justice system across jurisdictions and about best/promising and innovative practices for youth justice services;
- support multisectoral collaboration among and between community service providers, federal and provincial/territorial governments, and other stakeholders with an interest in youth justice services;
- advocate for and support practices that contribute to community safety by reducing the rate of recontact with the youth justice system and reducing the trajectory of youth/adolescents toward the adult correctional system;
- advocate for and support initiatives to reduce the over-representation in custody of Indigenous youth (e.g. support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #38) and youth from other racialized communities;
- identify linkages between youth justice involvement and socio-economic factors beginning with homelessness;
- advocate for sustainability of relevant supports in the best interests of young people involved in the justice system.

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