

## **National Association of Juvenile Correctional Agencies (NAJCA)**

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

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The members of the National Association of Juvenile Correctional Agencies, being cognizant of the serious social and economic costs inherent in the national problem of juvenile delinquency and crime are deeply concerned. We are convinced that it is imperative to utilize those preventive and corrective services, skills and facilities as may prove most effective in reducing the incidence and the impact of these issues. Therefore, we:

~ Pledge ourselves to implement and disseminate ideas, experiences and techniques pertaining to function, philosophy and goals of the correctional field as such affects juveniles with particular emphasis on the attention to institutional rehabilitative programs; and to strive to achieve the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency and crime more effectively throughout the United States of America by understanding the causes thereof and the needs of socially maladjusted children.

~ Recognize that to achieve these purposes adequately, we must carry on continuous evaluative research, foster progressive legislation, cooperate with agencies and organizations having kindred interests in the welfare of children and youth, and provide intelligible information to the end that unmet needs of this field may receive due understanding and necessary attention.

~ Believe that the attainment of these ends necessitates the recruitment and retention of qualified personnel. We shall, therefore, be concerned with matter of training, working conditions, remuneration, and all such related factors in order that professional standards relating to personnel may be established.

For the realization of the foregoing aims and in order to implement present and future efforts to achieve these, our Constitution is dedicated and adapted.