

# Mutual Aid Exchange

*...through timely conversations, sharing ideas and lifting each other up we can advance the field and make the conditions of confinement better for the youth in our care.*

OJJDP's National Conference

October 12, 2011~10:00 am-6:00 pm

## Using Data to Monitor Conditions of Confinement

Kim Godfrey

"What really happens to youth and staff inside facilities? Join in on the discussion regarding how to use performance outcomes to reform, improve and manage risk in youth facilities."

*Open Discussion: 10:00-11:00 am  
Individual TA 11:00-12:00 noon*

## Case Management & Reentry Services

Ned Loughran

"Aftercare should not be an afterthought! Join in the discussion on why it is important to plan a youth's reentry from the day of commitment."

*Open Discussion: 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
Individual TA 2:00-2:45 p.m.*

## Detention/Corrections Education: What would we share with

**Secretary Arne Duncan if he were here with us**  
*(maybe he will be)*  
Carol Cramer Brooks

Join leaders in detention/corrections education as we discuss agenda-shaping issues we would like to share with representatives from the Department of Education.

*Open Discussion: 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Individual TA 3:00-4:00 p.m.*

## Staff Development

David W. Roush, PhD

"If the most effective way to restore juvenile offenders to a law-abiding lifestyle is through **healthy** relationships with **healthy** adults in **healthy** environments, what are the best approaches to developing healthy adults and healthy relationships?"

*Open Discussion: 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Individual TA 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

## The Heart & Soul of Leadership

Tim Decker

"Exemplary leaders inspire a commitment to mission, culture, exceptional practices and results. Share perspectives on leadership with others

who are determined to improve and transform the juvenile justice system"

*Open Discussion: 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
Individual TA 5:00-6:00*

## Open Discussion -

To participate in the Open Discussion, just drop by the NC4YC Mutual Aid Exchange Station (off the Exhibit Hall) at the designated time.

## Individual TA Time -

To schedule individual TA time with the NC4YC Discussion Leaders, e-mail Carol Cramer Brooks at [carol.brooks1959@att.net](mailto:carol.brooks1959@att.net)

## General Discussions led by NC4YC Partner members and guests

## Individual Technical Assistance Sessions

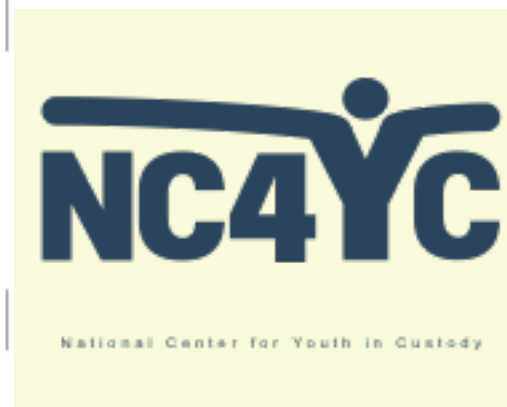
# What is Mutual Aid?

*Mutual - Shared, Common, Reciprocal*

*Aid - Assist, Support, Relieve*

The National Center for Youth in Custody (NC4YC) envisions a youth in custody continuum committed to an innovative application of the time-honored principles of mutual aid and reciprocity as a means to access the strengths and resources of the system to foster best practices and overcome traditional challenges such as cost, fragmentation, isolation of leaders and systems, gaps in technical expertise, political will, and sustainability.

NC4YC accomplishes Mutual Aid through the Mutual Aid Exchange, a deliberate, cost-effective, and methodical peer-to-peer technical assistance and resource sharing that improves policies and practices, builds capacity, and ultimately benefits young



people, families, and communities served by "youth in custody" agencies and partners.

### Sharing in Mutual Aid

As part of the NC4YC Mutual Aid Exchange, members contribute their time and resource materials on an in-kind basis by either reciprocating assistance they were provided or with the understanding that future support is available through the NC4YC to address their challenges and opportunities.

The "entry" point into the NC4YC Mutual Aid Exchange for a jurisdiction may be a

promising practice or resource a jurisdiction may want to offer; or an identified challenge or issue such as conditions of confinement, recidivism rates, behavior management or rehabilitative strategies, abuse or safety allegations, or others.

These challenges are rarely linked to one specific problem, nor do they generally reflect issues that have not previously been identified, researched, or creatively overcome by others. At the same time jurisdictions and their partners have strengths that may contribute to meeting the needs of others. In some cases, this may be sharing their process, progress, lessons learned, and results achieved in addressing a particular issue that may contribute to the learning process for others facing similar difficulties. This is why NC4YC models, supports and believes in mutual aid.

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*Together, we make it better for Youth in Custody.*