

**Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 and the Michigan Judicial Institute,
In Partnership with the
National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges
Present:**



2024 SPRING TRAINING CONFERENCE

March 14, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



**“The Role of the Judge in Transforming
Juvenile Probation: A Toolkit for
Leadership”**

Juvenile justice reform is moving forward in Michigan!

Juvenile court judges have significant power to influence probation practices and lead probation reform efforts. Join us for a **free, in-person** conference that will examine the role of the judge in transforming juvenile probation and how reforms can be effectively implemented while using NCJFCJ's *Toolkit*. The *Toolkit* is designed to assist judges and staff in determining whether juvenile probation practices are ready to undergo a transformation that would promote youth development and prevent youth from getting deeper into the system. Learn from national and state subject-matter experts, share in the discussions, and explore strategies to improve the landscape of juvenile probation, for the sake of juvenile justice-involved youth, families, and communities.

Conference Description:

This one-day, in-person, training on transforming juvenile justice is specifically designed for judicial officers, probation administrators, and supervisors. The training is informed by the research-based guide, *The Role of the Judge in Transforming Juvenile Probation: A Toolkit for Leadership*, <https://www.ncjfcj.org/publications/the-role-of-the-judge-in-transforming-juvenile-probation-atoolkit-for-leadership> and connects to Michigan's juvenile justice legislation blueprint for reform. The training will focus on specific probation practices shown to promote public safety, positive youth development, and race equity as well as on tools to implement these practices. Additionally, the training will address the role of judges as leaders to support reform and the role of probation officers as "coaches" skilled in engaging young people, especially youth with serious offense histories, in behavior change.

Conference Objectives:

- Participants will learn about diversion as a transformative strategy, how diversion contributes to better outcomes for youth, and ways to create and/or expand diversion programs in their jurisdictions.
- Participants will learn about approaching behavior change for youth with serious offense histories through the lens of adolescent development and about the opportunities, tools, community connections, resources, and

practices that are effective to set youth up for success with probation supervision.

- Participants will engage in planning next steps toward transforming juvenile justice with concrete actions that tie into new Michigan statutes on reform and that reflect a focus on racial equity, community partnership, and meaningful use of data.

General Conference Information

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Grand Valley State University
L. William Seidman Center
50 Front Ave., S.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Welcome and Brief Opening Remarks:

Sandi Metcalf, President, Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20

GVSU President - Invited

Chief Justice Elizabeth Clement, Michigan Supreme Court

John Nizol, Michigan Judicial Institute

Registration: Click [HERE](#) to register for the conference. **Space is limited so register early! Please complete the brief survey on the registration page following the link provided, as well.**

Lunch will be provided.

CEU Credits through GVSU (for licensed professionals). Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 has applied for Michigan Continuing Education Credit for judges and quasi-judicial officers. Additional information forthcoming.

Accommodations: The Holiday Inn Grand Rapids Downtown is conveniently located by GVSU and has a long-standing relationship with Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20. They are offering a small block of rooms at a rate of \$114/night which is a great deal for downtown Grand Rapids. **Reserve your room early to make certain you can take advantage of this offer! The room block will be released on February 20, 2024.**

Questions: smetcalf774@gmail.com

Conference Faculty

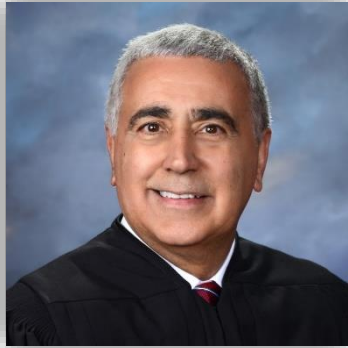
Stephen Bishop



Stephen Bishop is Associate Director for Probation and System Transformation with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and part of the leadership team of its Juvenile Justice Strategy Group and Center for Systems Innovation. Mr. Bishop leads the foundation's investments and initiatives with youth justice system and community partners. His portfolio includes Casey's efforts to transform youth probation, to end the youth prison model, and to reduce inappropriate and unnecessary use of secure detention.

Starting his career in youth justice as a juvenile probation officer and then a supervisor in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Bishop became a trainer, leading the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's statewide training, technical assistance, and research project. The Pennsylvania governor appointed him to the state's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee and the PennSERVE Advisory Board.

Mr. Bishop is also the chair of the state's Juvenile Racial and Ethnic Disparities Committee and a past president of the Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole, and Corrections. He has a Master of Science in Administration of Justice.



Honorable Anthony “Tony” Capizzi

Judge Anthony Capizzi was elected Montgomery County, Ohio Juvenile Court Judge and Administrative Judge in 2004. Previously he was an Acting Judge

for Dayton Municipal Court and had been in private practice for more than 25 years. After serving on the juvenile bench for 18 years, Judge Capizzi

retired in 2022. During his tenure, he oversaw the growth of treatment courts in his jurisdiction that included a Juvenile Mental Health Court, a Family

Mental Health Court, and a Juvenile Drug Treatment Court. He created or strengthened several juvenile justice system services and partnerships such as the Evening Reporting Center with Mt. Enon Baptist Church, the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, and the Court's Reclaiming Futures and

Natural Helpers programs. In addition, Judge Capizzi led his court into the use of 21st Century technology and streamlined the hearing processes with more efficient case action procedures for attorneys and parties.

Along with being active in improving court practices and increasing support for youth and families at the local level, Judge Capizzi has provided leadership for systems improvement at national and state levels. He is Past-President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Association (NCJFCJ), Chair of the NCJFCJ International Committee, General Council Member of the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates, NADCP Project Advisory Board Member for the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (JDTC) Training and Technical Assistance Project. For his home state, Judge Capizzi is also Past-Chair of the Ohio Judicial College Board of Trustees and Past-President of the Ohio Juvenile Judges Association. He was appointed by Governor DeWine in December 2019 to serve on the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council and became Visiting Judge by Ohio Supreme Court assignment in 2023.

Judge Capizzi's international service includes being a member of the U.S. DOJ Global Justice Information Sharing Committee (GAC), a member of the Global Strategic

Solution Working Group, and Task Team Chair for Corrections Management and Reentry.

Currently, Judge Capizzi is a nationally recognized lecturer and much sought after speaker at state, national, and international conferences on the topics of judicial leadership, treatment courts, juveniles' rights in delinquency court, and addressing racial and ethnic disparities in justice systems. He has co-authored several articles on these topics as well.

Judge Capizzi received his J.D. from the University of Dayton and his B.A. from St. Bonaventure University. In recognition of his service to the community and to the law school, he was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2015.



Opal West

Opal West is a Senior Associate with the Annie E. Casey Foundation. As part of the Foundation's Juvenile Justice Strategy Group, her work focuses on youth probation, the disposition most often imposed on young people who enter the nation's juvenile justice system. Ms. West is helping to transform youth probation nationally into a focused

intervention that promotes personal growth and long-term success for youth who pose significant risks for serious offending. Also, she guides juvenile justice agencies to treat families as partners.

Ms. West began her career as a juvenile probation and parole officer in Louisiana. Working for state government of Louisiana, she led efforts to improve conditions of confinement in detention centers across the state and was appointed to serve on a task force to develop standards of care for state-run secure facilities and local detention centers. She also led statewide expansion efforts for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative® approach to building a better and more equitable youth justice system. Ms. West is a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

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