



## Family-Based Justice Center

### Greetings from the Family-Based Justice Center



The [FY2023 Family-Based Alternative Justice Program](#) solicitation is still open. Eligible applicants include community-based organizations, local courts, and federally recognized tribal governments (see the solicitation for all eligible applicants) as they implement new, or enhance existing alternative programs that provide culturally competent, community-based supports to strengthen emotional, physical, and social well-being for children and families. OJJDP will support potential models that divert justice-involved parents/primary caregivers from the prison system, promote unification of families, and prevent children from entering the foster care or juvenile justice systems. The deadline for submission is **May 15, 2023**.

OJJDP hosted their solicitation webinar on April 10, 2023; please click [here](#) for the recording.

The Family-Based Justice Center also hosted a webinar on April 13, 2023, providing an overview of family-based diversion and alternatives to incarceration; please click [here](#) for the recording.

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#### Staff Highlights:



From left to right: Valerie Rode (Program Specialist, Lehigh County Office of Children & Youth Services), Janelle Prueter (Co-Director, Family-Based Justice Center), and Isabel Coronado (Coordinator, Family-Based Justice Center).

The week of April 17, the Family-Based Justice Center visited OJJDP's first Family-Based Alternative Justice Program grantee, the Lehigh County (Pa.) [Family Alternative Sentencing Program \(FAST\)](#). The team met with stakeholders including the District Attorney's Office, Pretrial Services, Public Defender's Office, Adult and Juvenile Probation, Office of Mental Health, Office of Children and Youth Services, and their two contracted community-based organizations, the Salvation Army and Pinebrook Family Answers.

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### In the News:

The Council of State Governments recently released *Strengthening and Maintaining Family Connections: Best Practices for Child-Friendly Video Visiting*. You can read the report [here](#) and view the webinar [here](#).

Julie Poehlmann has compiled research and resources related to children of incarcerated parents. Click [here](#) to subscribe to her blog.

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### OJJDP Updates:

On May 11, 2023, OJJDP will host a webinar, *Culture as Prevention: Tribal Notification When Native Youth Are Involved in State or Local Juvenile Justice Systems*. Register for the webinar [here](#).

### RESOURCES:

- Read about OJJDP's [priorities](#).
- [Visit](#) OJJDP's webpage on racial/ethnic disparities.
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