



Executive Summary

Models for reforming juvenile justice policy have undergone promising changes in various states. Newer, community-based models have not only reduced re-incarcerations, but also increased savings. The speakers at this Michigan Family Impact Seminar will provide attendees with an outline of the most promising policies for reconstructing juvenile justice in our state.

In **Building a Juvenile System of Tomorrow**, Jeffery Butts details the many policy changes that have occurred in various states under a rubric of three basic strategies. States that use a resolution model focus on leadership, managerial influence, and will power, with interventions centering on youth development and behavioral change. Those that use reinvestment use financial incentives to shift funding from confinement to community-based actions. Finally, realignment models focus on a restructuring of juvenile justice procedures and agency processes for longer-term stability.

In **Fiscal Reinvestment in Illinois**, Elizabeth Clarke shows a specific example of a reinvestment model being used to great success in Illinois. Clarke explains how social services can transform youths and hold them accountable to their communities. Services include needed life-skills training, substance abuse treatments, psychological evaluations, and gender-specific services.

In **Collaborative Community Based Rehabilitation Programs for Juveniles**, the Honorable Frederick Mulhauser details the history and function of court schools as well as some promising substance abuse programs. Mulhauser shows how rehabilitation programs work by combining services from different agencies. He concludes with a look at juvenile drug courts and their “STAR” and “SURE” programs.