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2012 Annual Report

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A 2012 report to  
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Dear supporters, colleagues and friends,

“Justice in the life and conduct of the State is possible only as first it resides in the hearts and souls of the citizens.”

Those words were spoken by Plato more than 2,000 years ago, but they are meaningful to the Center for Children & Youth Justice today.

When we set out to make lasting reforms in the “state’s conduct” of its juvenile justice and child welfare systems, we knew that our task would be long and difficult. Systemic change – the kind that shifts policy, improves practices and makes a tangible difference in kids’ lives – takes determination, creativity, collaboration and patience.

But, we were undeterred because we knew that you – our loyal and generous supporters – held a desire for justice deeply in your hearts and souls. Your belief fueled the founding of CCYJ in 2006. Today, your support is making it possible for us to create better systems and better lives.

We share with you in this report a few examples of the real and tangible difference that CCYJ-led reforms are making for children and youth. As the only nonprofit in our state dedicated solely to effecting systemic changes in foster care and youth justice, we are deeply grateful for your continuing belief in and support for our mission.

Very truly yours,



**Justice Bobbe J. Bridge** (ret.)  
Founding President and CEO



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### OUR MISSION

To advance justice for and enhance the lives of children and youth through juvenile justice, child welfare, and related systems reform.

## Quality study seeks to improve young lives

What can attorneys do to improve the lives of their young clients who are the subject of a child abuse and neglect proceeding?

CCYJ, the Washington State Supreme Court Commission on Children in Foster Care and the University of Michigan Law School’s Quality Improvement Center on the Representation of Children in the Child Welfare System (QIC) are collaborating on a four-year, \$1.2 million dollar study to find some answers.

While official study results won’t be available until 2015, one QIC-trained attorney shared a story of the training’s impact on her representation of her child client.

In this case, a 13-year-old girl had been removed from her mother’s care, and the attorney was assigned to represent the girl at the initial court hearing.

The attorney normally would have focused immediately on where the girl would live, when her mom could visit and other



services. But recent QIC training brought an additional perspective: What is good for the girl right now? The attorney secured a court-ordered referral to a local program that gave the girl new clothes, a swimsuit and a visit to camp for the summer.

“She was really excited about her new clothes and camp experience,” attorney Shannon Gould says. “The QIC training helped me look at the girl as a kid, not as a party in a case.”

“A lot of young adults who have been in foster care don’t understand that they have rights. Imagine spending years being told who you have to live with, what you have to do, when you have to go to court and being moved from foster home to foster home. When kids get out of foster care, they can feel lost and helpless. Thanks to all the work that the Center for Children & Youth Justice is doing, kids who leave the foster care and youth justice systems will be better prepared to stand on their own.”

**Brenda Ortega**, former foster youth who received free civil legal help through CCYJ’s Lawyers Fostering Independence program. LFI served 50 percent more young adults in 2012 than in 2011.



## Project Respect changes the way Washington responds to youth forced into prostitution



Thanks to CCYJ's Project Respect, communities across Washington now have detailed guidelines to address the way law enforcement and the courts respond to children who are sexually exploited for the financial gain of others.

This new statewide protocol – one of the first of its kind in the nation – establishes ideal practices and a coordinated, consistent approach to treating these young people like the victims they are. By decriminalizing treatment of prostituted youth and offering them help instead of punishment, these victimized young people will have a better chance at life.

The protocol was developed through a series of summits that CCYJ held around the state in 2012. The meetings involved legislators, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, police and sheriff's officers, juvenile court officials, human service nonprofits and others involved in the issue of sexually exploited youth.

In 2013, CCYJ is training local task forces in how to use their own unique resources and strengths to adapt and implement the protocol for their communities.

## Innovative programs keep youth in school and out of the juvenile justice system

Because truancy is nearly always a precursor to later juvenile justice involvement, CCYJ develops and supports programs through its Models for Change initiative – funded by the MacArthur Foundation – that succeed in keeping at-risk youth in school and out of the system. Here are two shining examples.

### Spokane truancy board becomes a model for change



When a child chronically misses school, who should fix the problem? Parents? Schools? Courts?

Two groups in Spokane have stopped pointing fingers and started working together to battle truancy, keeping an impressive 94 percent of cases out of court.

West Valley School District and Spokane County Juvenile Court established the West Valley Community Truancy Board. The partnership was solidified when the Court placed one of its probation counselors with the district to mentor students and support families as they moved through the mediation process.

"At first, nearly 68 percent of our truancy cases ended up in juvenile court," says Bonnie Bush, juvenile

courts administrator in Spokane. "By 2008, we had brought that number down to 20 percent, and in 2013, only 6 percent of truancy cases need court intervention."

The truancy board concept is being replicated to benefit neighboring districts in East Valley, Mead and Spokane, potentially serving more than 45,000 students. Other districts in Washington and groups in 20 states across the country have requested more information.



# Keep kids in school justice system

## Pasco program 'reclaims' students who've dropped out

Any program for troubled kids that touts a 90-percent success rate isn't just doing something right – it's a program that others should use as a "how to" for keeping kids in class and out of the courts.

Christy Rasmussen is principal of New Horizons High School in the Pasco School District, which "reclaims" 90 percent of the 50 to 60 dropouts it sees each year.

"People have this misconception that kids don't come to school because they're lazy," Christy says. "In reality, there are usually serious problems such as abuse or neglect going on in these students' lives."

New Horizons began offering a transitional program at the end of the school day, targeting dropouts and working to integrate them back into the school population.

Today, those students have access to leadership classes, online education, opportunities to earn their GEDs or diplomas, and innovative vocational courses. They also can access a teen parenting program, an onsite addiction counselor and other social, mental and health services.



## THE JUSTICE CIRCLE

In 2012, CCYJ created a unique opportunity for you to make an even more powerful contribution to our mission by becoming a founding member of The Justice Circle.

Members pledge to donate at least \$1,000 a year over three years. This long-term commitment allows us to plan and implement innovative programs over time and gives you special access to events, recognition and communications reserved for Justice Circle members.

Please contact Pat Patterson ([ppatterson@ccyj.org](mailto:ppatterson@ccyj.org)) to learn more.

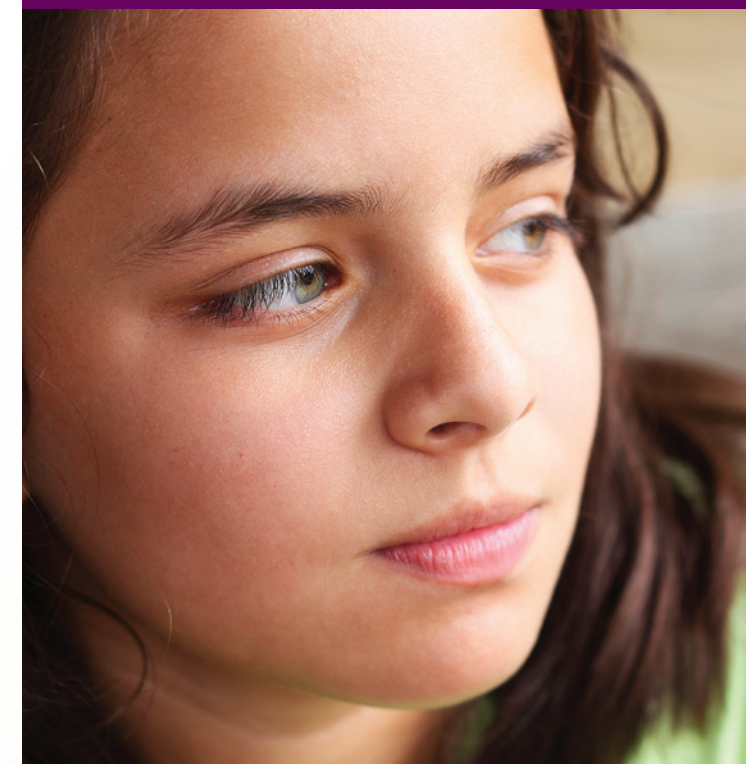
## 2012 FINANCIALS

Revenues	2012	2011
Contributions, grants and contracts	\$ 1,397,709	\$ 693,901
Interest and other income	35,127	10,124
Prior year remaining funds	959,483	1,616,593
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,392,319</b>	<b>\$ 2,320,618</b>
Expenses	2012	2011
Programs	\$ 1,196,935	\$ 1,006,122
Administration	172,608	180,658
Fundraising	182,411	174,355
<b>Total funds used</b>	<b>\$ 1,551,954</b>	<b>\$ 1,361,135</b>
<b>Year-end remaining funds</b>	<b>\$ 840,365</b>	<b>\$ 959,483</b>

The above financial summary is an excerpt from CCYJ's audited financial statements, which are audited by Clark Nuber, P.S.

## ABOUT THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH JUSTICE

Washington State Supreme Court Justice Bobbe J. Bridge's lifetime commitment to children and youth led her to found the Center in 2006. Grants from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation spurred initial projects. Generous gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations sustain the Center's ongoing work.



## OUR VISION

Through the work of the **Center for Children & Youth Justice**, more children and youth will be diverted from entering Washington's juvenile justice system. Those children and youth who are involved in the juvenile justice, child welfare and related systems will maximize their potential to become more successful and productive members of their communities. They will have the support of integrated systems staffed by highly-skilled practitioners, utilizing evidence-based practices, in an environment of fair and unbiased decision making.

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