

# National Juvenile Defense Standards & Juvenile Training Immersion Program

**Two complementary products** created to alter the landscape of juvenile indigent defense practice

## National Juvenile Defense Standards

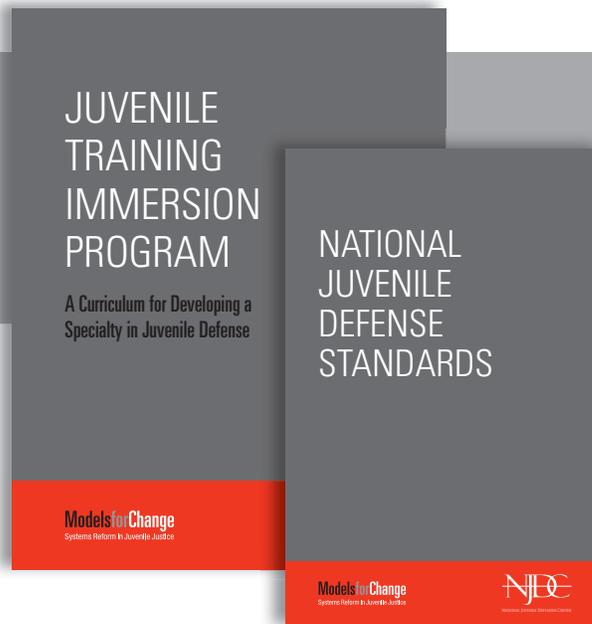
The National Juvenile Defense Standards are comprehensive in scope and seek to guide and inform the ethical and professional performance of juvenile defense attorneys. The Standards provide a synthesized, exhaustive statement of high-quality representation of juveniles and present a national approach to systematizing zealous, competent, and diligent performance. Clearly defining the role of defense counsel in juvenile court and articulating a set of practice standards elevates the practice of juvenile law and provides a framework to enhance the delivery of legal services to youth. As state and local governments strive to more effectively manage their juvenile indigent defense systems, the Standards provide a guidepost for developing local standards or practice protocols.

### The Standards Are Organized Into 10 Parts:

- The Role of Juvenile Defense Counsel
- The Attorney-Client Relationship
- Arrest to Initial Proceedings
- Pre-trial
- Adjudicatory Hearings and Trials
- Disposition Hearings
- After Disposition
- When the Client Faces Risk of Adult Prosecution
- Supervisory Standards
- Addressing System Deficiencies

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## Juvenile Training Immersion Program (JTIP)

JTIP is a highly specialized, comprehensive 40-lesson juvenile defense trial advocacy training program. Designed to enhance the capacity of juvenile defense attorneys across the country, JTIP provides the foundation for high-quality, meaningful representation. The program is structured to help defenders meet their obligations at every stage of the delinquency system, providing a substantive overview of juvenile and criminal law and developing effective trial advocacy skills. JTIP is designed to encourage interactive and dynamic learning through interactive exercises, hypothetical case scenarios, facilitated discussions, guides for developing legal arguments, and other training tools.

### JTIP Lessons Are Organized Into 12 Topical Units:

- Introduction to Juvenile Defense
- The Client
- Arrest and Detention
- Winning the Case out of Court
- Case Planning
- Pre-trial Decisions
- Transfer to Adult Court
- Motions Practice
- Trial Skills
- Special Challenges on the Juvenile Docket
- Disposition and Post-Disposition
- Holistic Juvenile Defense Advocacy