



Dual Status Youth and Multi System Reform

The Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, led by Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, has developed multiple frameworks, tools, resources, and models for reform based on a decade-long body of work in multi-system coordination and integration on behalf of youth who come into contact with both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, known as **Dual Status Youth**. The RFK National Resource Center advances this work through publications, the provision of technical assistance, and the formation of a Dual Status Youth Practice Network.

The RFK National Resource Center details established methods of improving outcomes for dual status youth in a collection of **Publications**, including those identified at right.

Utilizing these and other resources, the RFK National Resource Center provides **Technical Assistance** to communities seeking to improve outcomes for dual status youth. Technical assistance is tailored to each site and facilitated by experienced RFK National Resource Center staff to guide jurisdictions through a collaborative exploration of data, practice, resources, and legal matters in order to design, implement, and sustain meaningful reforms. Emphasis is placed on addressing the need for effective use of validated screening and assessment tools and methodologies, enhanced data collection, management and performance measurement, and effective engagement of education personnel in the development of multi-system intervention and service plans.

“Hands down this is the most rewarding work I have done in my 25 years in the probation field. For the first time, there are solutions being generated for very complex issues that are working and benefiting the very youth who have traditionally had the worst trajectory in our system.”

Laura Garnette, Chief Probation Officer, County of Santa Clara, California and Member of the RFK National Resource Center's Dual Status Youth Practice Network

In addition to providing resources and support, the RFK National Resource Center is home to the **Dual Status Youth Practice Network**, which brings together local leaders in dual status youth reform to cultivate leadership, enhance models, and develop additional resources and tools to further accelerate systems reform nationwide in this critical area of youth-serving practice.

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Featured Publications Include:

Guidebook for Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare System Coordination and Integration: A Framework for Improved Outcomes, 3rd Edition

By Janet K. Wiig and John A. Tuell, with Jessica K. Heldman

Dual Status Youth – Technical Assistance Workbook

By John A. Tuell, Jessica K. Heldman, and Janet K. Wiig

From Conversation to Collaboration: How Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Agencies Can Work Together to Improve Outcomes for Dual Status Youth

By Jessica Heldman and Laura Garnette

Dependency and Delinquency in SYNC

By Jessica Heldman and Hon. Sheri Roberts (National Center for State Courts, 2014)

Data Planning in the Dual Status Youth Initiatives: Initial Suggestions

By Gene Siegel

How Can We Serve Your Community?

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