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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families to pay the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (Vendor #166556-B001), Washington, DC, in the amount of \$6,000 for the annual membership fee for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval. 100% Federal Funds.

**05-95-42-421410-79060000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS
DEPT OF, HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES, OJJDP**

Fiscal Year	Class / Object	Title	Activity Code	Amount
2025	026-500251	Organizational Dues	42140617	\$6,000

EXPLANATION

Membership in this association is essential to ensure that the State of New Hampshire has a voice at the national level as it relates to juvenile justice issues, concerns and programing. The Department has determined that membership in this association would be of great value for the reasons outlined below.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization? H

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice has been in existence since 1984. New Hampshire has been a member since 2006 when the Coalition for Juvenile Justice first initiated State Advisory Group memberships. The memberships will continue to support the Juvenile Justice Reform Commission, which has replaced the State Advisory Group.

2. Is there any other organization, which provides the same or similar benefits, which your agency belongs to?

No.

3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

Forty-three (43) other states are members of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. The Division for Children, Youth and Families is the sole state agency that is a member of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)

The \$6,000 state membership fee is standard for all states. The membership fee was established in 2006, and their Executive Board has raised the fee from \$5,000 to \$6,000. Membership dues account for 14% of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice annual operating budget.

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?

The State of New Hampshire benefits by having a voice at the national level as it relates to juvenile justice issues, concerns and programming. New Hampshire is able to remain informed on system wide initiatives occurring throughout the United States and educated on nationwide Juvenile Justice Practice. Division for Children, Youth and Families employees and Juvenile Justice Reform Commission members have access to national conferences, webinars, and monthly conference meetings on reforms, research outcomes, and other juvenile justice priorities.

6. Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.

Training and educational/research materials are included in the membership. Members of the Juvenile Justice Reform Commission are able to remain informed on nationwide information related to Juvenile Justice. When a conference is held a registration fee is required. This helps with additional costs that may be associated with the conference, such as speaker fees, etcetera. Membership provides registration discounts for trainings and conferences available.

7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.

No.

8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership-supported trips.

Travel is not included in the membership fee. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention allocates funds for the State Advisory Group/Juvenile Justice Reform Commission to conduct business. These funds are used to pay for the Coalition for Juvenile Justice membership and any reimbursement for travel and conference costs.

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.

The following state agency employee is directly involved with the organization:

- Jennifer Archer, Juvenile Justice Specialist
- Jasmine Gathright, Compliance Monitor / Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator
- Dr. Samantha Morin, DHHS Affiliate Clinical Director of Sununu Youth Services Center

Although the Division for Children, Youth and Families are not voting members, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice provides New Hampshire with a voice regarding juvenile

justice related concerns and provides a forum and venue for our peers to network among one another for support and to generate ideas for similar issues. We are also given an opportunity to participate as committee members within the organization on several committees. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention allocates funds for the Juvenile Justice Specialist, and the compliance monitor to attend this conference, and other conferences related to juvenile justice. Funding is also set aside for the Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator to attend conferences as needed and required.

The state advisory group, Juvenile Justice Reform Commission, chairperson represents the State of New Hampshire at Coalition of Juvenile Justice annual meetings and voting for the State's membership.

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

New Hampshire would not be engaged in Juvenile Justice Practice at the national level. We would not have an opportunity to participate and engage in committees. New Hampshire has been very active with the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. There have been prior opportunities when State Advisory Group members served as National Chairs of the agency and have also had State Advisory Group members serve as the Northeast Regional Coalition for Juvenile Justice Chairs and have had New Hampshire youth serve as national representatives. The Juvenile Justice Specialist has been the Northeast Regional Specialist representative and has participated on numerous committees, including conference planning committees. New Hampshire would not have access to monthly support conference meetings, technical assistance, training access, and peer support provided by the Coalition of Juvenile Justice.

Geographic Area: The State Advisory Group represents all of New Hampshire.

Source of Funds: 100% Federal.

In the event that the Federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully Submitted,



for:

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INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
1958	11/01/2024	\$6,000.00	02/14/2025	5% discount if paid by Jan 31	

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
2025 SAG Membership CJJ Dues for 2025 Membership	1	6,000.00	6,000.00

BALANCE DUE

\$6,000.00