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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
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, 2026, through December 31, 2026, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval. 100% Federal Funds.

**05-95-042-421410-79060000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS
DEPT, HHS: DIV CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES, JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES, OJJD**

Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Title	Activity Code	Amount
2026	026-500251	Organizational Dues	42140617	\$6,000

EXPLANATION

Membership in this association is essential to ensure the State of New Hampshire has a voice at the national level as it relates to juvenile justice issues, concerns, and programing. Membership in this association would be of great value and benefit for the Department for the following reasons detailed 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?
 - A. 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?
 - A. No.
3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

- A. Fifty-six other states, territories and tribes 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.)
 - A. The \$6,000 state membership fee is standard for all states. 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?
 - A. The State of New Hampshire benefits by having a voice at the national level as it relates to juvenile justice issues, concerns and programming. This membership allows New Hampshire to remain informed on system-wide initiatives occurring throughout the United States and educated on nationwide Juvenile Justice Practice. The 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.
 - A. Training and educational/research materials are included in the membership. Training and technical assistance are provided through membership while the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention is undergoing federal staffing reduction, contract cuts, and the federal shutdown. Trainings directly support state program specialist positions at the Division for Children Youth and Families who monitor and coordinate the State's compliance with associated federal laws and Title II funding. 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 and related costs. 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.
 - A. 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.
 - A. 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.
 - A. The following state agency employee is directly involved with the organization:

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

The Division for Children, Youth and Families has a voice through the Juvenile Justice Reform Commission Chair on voting matters of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. This 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 members within the organization on several committees. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention allocates funds for the Juvenile Justice Specialist, and the Juvenile Compliance and Disparities Coordinator to attend conferences related to juvenile justice.

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.
- A. 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 is 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 also had State Advisory Group members serve as the Northeast Regional Coalition for Juvenile Justice Chairs, and had New Hampshire youth serve as national representatives. The Juvenile Justice Specialist was the Northeast Regional Specialist representative and 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 Juvenile Justice Reform Commission 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,



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INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
2026 NH	01/01/2026	\$6,000.00	02/14/2026	5% discount if paid by Jan 31	

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
2026 SAG Membership CJJ Dues for 2026 Membership	1	6,000.00	6,000.00

PAYMENT
BALANCE DUE 6,000.00

Pay invoice