

JJAT Spring 2025 Conference

"Whatever It Takes"

To Heal The Whole Child



Save the Date

Sunday, March 30th – Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025

Houston Marriott Sugar Land

16900 City Walk

Sugar Land, TX 77479



HOTEL AND REGISTRATION

Early Registration Discount

The early registration begins November 1, 2024 and the discount is available to anyone registering via e-mail or mail, on or before March 15, 2025. The regular registration begins on March 16, 2025

The conference location is:

Houston Marriott Sugarland

16090 City Walk

Sugar Land, Texas 77479

Reservations can be made by calling

1-888-236-2427 or by following this [link](#) .

Refer to rooms blocked under "Juvenile Justice Association of Texas Spring Conference".

Hotel reservations must be made no later than March 9, 2025

Room rates are : \$149.00 Per Night

HOTEL ROOM POLICY

It is the responsibility of the participant to make hotel room reservations. If you attempt to make a reservation and are told that the room block is full or sold out, please contact Joanne Bradley at jbradley@co.kendall.tx.us or 830-377-4697. Joanne will attempt to add more rooms to the block.

We expect more than 300 juvenile justice professionals to attend, so please make your reservations EARLY!! You can always cancel within the guidelines of the hotel policy if your plans change.

Conference Registration by E-mail:

You may e-mail registration forms to jjattx@gmail.com . If you are paying by credit card or at the conference please notify us on the registration form

Conference Registration by Mail

You may mail registration forms and payment to :
Juvenile Justice Association of Texas
P.O. Box 98715, Lubbock Texas 79499

Registration Refund Policy

Full refunds will be given to those who cancel in writing a minimum of ten (10) working days prior to the conference. Written cancellations should be e-mailed to: jjattx@gmail.com

- A \$40 Administrative Fee will be assessed for cancellations after the deadline.

Training Hours are pending.

- TJJD – 14.0 Hours (includes 7.5 Management Hours)
- TCOLE – 14.0 Hours (Course #3617 – Juvenile Issues)
- CLE – 13.25 Hours (includes Ethics 1.0 Hour) (Course #174254991) CLE

Please complete the form below and e-mail it to jjattx@gmail.com to register.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Telephone #: _____

Please provide the e-mail address of the participant:

REGISTRATION FEES

Early Registration Discount (on or before 3/15/2025)

\$225.00 per person

Regular Registration (3/16/2025 or after)

\$235.00 per person

CHECK HERE IF PAYING BY CHECK

Check # _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Payment Information

CHECK HERE IF WISHING TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD. PLEASE PROVIDE THE CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE NUMBER:

CONTACT NAME TELEPHONE NUMBER

All credit card transactions will incur a \$8.25 convenience fee per registration.

Please Make Payment To "JJAT"

Mail Registration and Payments to:

Juvenile Justice Association of Texas

P.O. Box 98715



JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS CONFERENCE AGENDA

2025 JJAT SPRING CONFERENCE | MARCH 30th - APRIL 2nd, 2025 | SUGAR LAND, TX

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH

3:00pm Registration and Sales begin.

Lobby

6:00pm **Opening Session**
Welcome from Judge Teana Watson & Judge Toni Wallace
Fort Bend County Sherriff's Post the Colors
Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Sugar Land Ballroom

MONDAY, MARCH 31ST

7:30am Registration

Lobby

8:30am Welcome

Sugar Land Ballroom

8:45am **Keynote Speaker – Mayor John Whitmire**
Brandon Johnson (Former NBA Player)
Tyrone Smith (Former NFL Player, Author)

Sugar Land Ballroom

10:00am Break

10:15am **General Session**
What the Heck Did I Just See?
The Rise of Unethical Behaviors and Environments
Chris Ellison, Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Sugar Land Ballroom

11:45am Lunch – On Your Own

1:15pm **Concurrent Sessions**

**From the Odd Couple to Love Island: How to Improve Your
Relationship with the Judge in Your Court**
Judge Wallace, Fort Bend County Court of Law No. 4

Cane Room

Mental Illness: The Changing World of Juvenile Justice
Judge Morales, Fort Bend County Court of Law No. 1

Ballroom VIII

Dealing with Difficult Employees
Chris Ellison, Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Magnolia Room (Management)

MONDAY, MARCH 31ST continued...

2:45pm Break

3:00pm Concurrent Sessions

Inter-County Transfer Process: Tips and Tricks

Dan Reeves, 1st Judicial District Juvenile Probation Officer

Cane Room

Grief & Ambiguous Loss

Blanca Maldonado-Stevens, Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation

Ballroom VIII

Becoming a Hero in Juvenile Justice: Creating a Culture of Felt Safety

Darius Payne, Boyd Montgomery, Zymryck Frazier, Hollis Cooper, Harris County Juvenile Probation

Magnolia Room (Management)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST

8:30am Concurrent Sessions

Nurturing Yourself to Nurture Others: Wellness Insights for Juvenile Justice Professionals

Karla DeCuir, Sneha Nayar- Bhalerao, University of Houston – Victoria

Cane Room

It Takes a Village – Combating the Influence of Gangs in Our Community

Victor Bedolla, Harris County Juvenile Probation

Ballroom VIII

Pirates and Professionals: 7 C's of Leadership

John Kinsey, Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Magnolia Room (Management)

10:00am Break

10:15am Concurrent Sessions

Education Justice: Ensuring Educational Success for Justice-Involved Youth

Sarah Beebe, Disability Rights Texas

Cane Room

Neurobiology of Trauma

Maribel Arredondo, Purple Door

Ballroom VIII

#GenZ: Beyond Hashtags & TikTok – Understanding the Real Deal

Maurice “Moe” Hobson, Harris County Juvenile Probation

Magnolia Room (Management)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST continued....

11:45pm Lunch – On Your Own

1:15pm **General Session**
Bias: What You Don't Know Can Hurt Others
Jarvis Parson, Brazos County District Attorney
Sugar Land Ballroom

2:45pm Break

3:00pm **Concurrent Sessions**

From Pills to Vapes
Leandra Henderson, Fort Bend County Regional Council

Cane Room

Breaking Barrier Between Fatherhood Engagement
Joshua Williams & Ernie Agbobock, DePelchin Center

Ballroom VIII

**Recognizing Professional Burnout and Compassion Fatigue:
How Managers and Supervisors Can Assist in Prevention**
Dr. Philip Kerne, Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation

Magnolia Room (Management)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND

8:30am **General Session**
**Texas Juvenile Justice Department Updates &
Final Remarks**

10:30am End of the Conference! Thank you for coming. Hope you enjoyed your time in Sugar Land, Texas.

FUTURE CONFERENCE DATES:

POST LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET CONFERENCE July 20-23, 2025

San Marcos, Texas

2025 FALL CONFERENCE October 19-22, 2025

San Antonio, Texas

2026 SPRING CONFERENCE April 12-15, 2026

Lubbock, Texas

2026 FALL CONFERENCE October 18-21, 2026

Frisco, Texas