



Joint Juvenile Justice Conference

Shanty Creek Resort

September 16 – 18, 2026

Conference Agenda

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Registration

1:00 PM Welcome by Presidents of Juvenile Justice Membership
Organizations: JJAM, MAFCA, MJDA, NMJOA

1:10 PM Welcome by Hon. Stacey L. Truesdell, Probate/Family Judge,
Antrim County

1:20 PM Beyond the Caseload: Compassion Satisfaction & Compassion
Fatigue in Juvenile Justice, Dr. Cassie Torres, Assistant Professor,
Bellevue University

2:30 PM Break

2:45 PM Beyond the Caseload continues

3:45 PM Vendor Presentations and Raffle

4:00 PM MJDA Facility Awards

6:30 PM Mingling / 7 PM Awards Dinner – Grand Ballroom

Thursday, September 17, 2026

8:00 AM Breakfast & Registration

9:00 AM The Lionheart Experience, Joe Vercelino,
<https://thelionheartexperience.com/>

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM The Lionheart Experience continues

Noon Lunch Provided

1:00 PM Hosted Break Out Sessions

JJAM 1-3 PM Results Mindset, Leading with Purpose: Mastering
Essential Leadership Skills, Jamie McClintic

MAFCA & NMJOA 1-2 PM Pre-Arrest Diversion, Kareem J.
Bowen, Executive Director, H.E.L.P. Saginaw

MJDA 1 – 2:45 PM Juvenile Justice Advisory Council, MDHHS

2:30 PM Break

Time Varies Member Only Business Meetings & Roundtables

2:00 PM MAFCA and NMJOA

3:00 PM JJAM

3:00 PM MJDA

4:00 Raffle – Bellaire Ballroom

Dinner on Your Own

8:00 PM Music, Dancing and Cash Bar- Bellaire Ballroom

Friday, September 18, 2026

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Youth Center Best Practices, New Features and Participant Questions and Feedback on Use of Youth Center, Dave Valko

10:00 AM Ben Bodkin, Partner, Capitol Services

10:30 AM Keynote: Justice Kimberly Thomas: Inspiring Juvenile Justice Professionals – Two Years on the Road to Reimagining Juvenile Justice in Michigan!

11:00 AM Raffle Drawings & Conference Closing Remarks