



July 2022 Newsletter

CCE's FY23 Budget Wins: New and Increased Investments in Justice

Each spring, the D.C. Council holds hearings and votes to approve the local budget for the coming fiscal year. This year, CCE testified **six times** before D.C. Council to ensure the District was committing adequate funding for a wide range of our research-based recommendations and coalition priorities. CCE's policy staff also met with Councilmembers to provide background materials, data details, and other educational resources to help inform their budget deliberations. We are delighted to share just a few of our FY23 budget wins!

- \$251 million in the capital budget - with \$4 million in FY23 for planning and design - to build a reimagined, modernized annex to our current correctional facilities. This reflects the first major step toward eventually closing the aging D.C. Jail.
- \$1 million to study ways that D.C. can prevent the displacement of long-term D.C. families through supporting heirs through the legal process of inheriting real estate property;
- Funding to develop and implement a public portal for Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) decisions, an employee to support unrepresented litigants at the OAH Resource Center, and for a benchmark study for OAH;
- Dedicated funding for a full-time staff attorney for D.C.'s Clemency Board; and
- Funding a cost study of the School Based Behavioral Health program, as well as maintaining funding to ensure its continued success in serving D.C.'s school children.

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Celebrating our 25th Annual Justice Potter Stewart Award Dinner (In Person!)

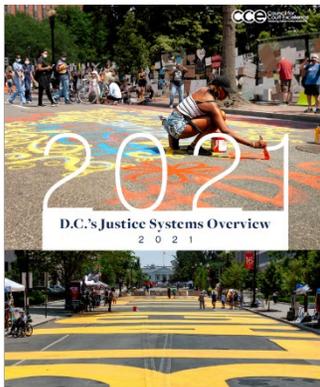
On May 25, 2022, CCE hosted our 25th Annual Justice Potter Stewart Award Dinner. After last year's event being virtual, we were pleased to gather in person as we celebrated D.C. justice system trailblazers. CCE was delighted to honor **Benjamin F. Wilson** for his inspiring legal career and his impacts on justice in D.C. CCE also honored the **ACLU National Prison Project, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia**, and **Covington & Burling LLP** for

their work representing the plaintiffs in *Jerry M. v. District of Columbia*, a decades-long and ultimately transformative class action lawsuit on behalf of children in the District’s juvenile detention facilities. These honorees have demonstrated tenacious and innovative approaches to advocacy for the advancement of the justice in the District of Columbia.

Thank you to [all of our 2022 sponsors](#) for their continued support and commitment to the mission of CCE and for making this event a success.



CCE Publishes D.C.’s Justice Systems Overview 2021



On May 27, 2022, CCE published [D.C.’s Justice Systems Overview 2021](#). This new report offers a data-forward look into the significant challenges and innovations in the District of Columbia’s adult and youth criminal legal systems during the last year. With the support of [Public Welfare Foundation](#), our research provides the most recent available data in five areas of concern: Policing and Violence; Adult Prosecution and the Courts; Incarceration; Reentry; and Youth Justice. In this report, CCE presents short, easy-to-read updates on the most significant trends, legislative advancements, and events in D.C.’s criminal legal system, as well as data visualizations to highlight new and important data. CCE has begun working on the next edition of the report, *D.C.’s Justice Systems Overview 2022*, which will be published in 2023.

CCE’s Crossover Youth Audit

Young people who are especially vulnerable due to involvement in both the child welfare and juvenile delinquency systems are sometimes referred to as “crossover” or “dual jacketed” youth. Starting this spring, CCE, with support from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, began an audit analyzing the policies, procedures, and practices of the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) and the Department of Youth and Family Services (DYRS) used to serve crossover youth or youth at risk of entering the crossover pathway in D.C. Like our prior performance audit projects, the resulting report –

expected in 2023 – will describe the current status and scope of the issue, and will likely provide recommendations for policies and practices that would better address the unique needs of crossover youth.

The staff lead for the audit is Senior Policy Counsel [Jennifer Ubiera](#). To guide this project, CCE has assembled a distinguished Steering Committee from our Board: **Rebecca Cady, Dr. Ramona Edelin, David Grosso, Melissa Gohlke, Sam Kaplan, Victor Long, David Mills, Fritz Mulhauser, Maggie O'Donnell, Gina Rossman, and Jennifer Short**. In addition to serving on the Steering Committee, CCE Board Director **James Tuite**, has generously agreed to come on board as a Senior Advisor to the CCE staff, supporting the audit and several other policy projects.

Our Team Says Farewell to Emily Tatro

After seven impactful years of service at CCE, we said goodbye to Deputy Director **Emily Tatro** last month. During her time at CCE, Emily helped raise more than a million dollars of funding; researched, drafted, or edited 16 published reports; successfully advocated for the passage of four bills at D.C. Council; envisioned and facilitated of the District Task Force on Jails & Justice; led the way on moving nearly \$260 million in the District's budget, and much more. On behalf of both CCE's staff and Board, we thank Emily for the passion she brought to the organization and wish her the best of luck on her new endeavors!



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