



## WHO

**Families** of youth who have been in the juvenile justice system . . .

**Young people** who have experienced the juvenile justice system . . .

**Community members** who care about youth in the juvenile justice system . . .

The Board of Juvenile Justice needs to hear from **YOU!**

## WHY

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) runs Virginia's juvenile probation system and juvenile correctional centers (youth prisons).

The Board of Juvenile Justice makes policies for DJJ. They approve regulations for:

- youth prisons, detention centers, and group homes;
- how long kids stay in youth prisons.

Soon they will probably adopt regulations for schools in DJJ facilities.

**BUT NO ONE** on the Board of Juvenile Justice has either had a child or grandchild in the juvenile justice system, or been in it themselves! Our voice is missing!

**The Board agreed to hold their April meeting in the evening, so that more families, youth, and community allies can attend and share our views!**



[www.FAVYouth.org](http://www.FAVYouth.org)

### Who We Are

Families & Allies of Virginia's Youth is a diverse, statewide group of families, youth, and concerned community members.

We support and empower families of youth in the justice system and we work to transform the system so that youth have a better chance for a successful life!

### Hampton Roads (Norfolk) Group

Our Hampton Roads-area group meets for support, information sharing and action. For more information, contact Almeta Harrington, 757-761-3289 or [almeta@favyouth.org](mailto:almeta@favyouth.org)

### Richmond Group

We are starting a Richmond-area support and action group for families of youth involved in the justice system. For more information, please contact Iris Drummond at [drummond.ellen@gmail.com](mailto:drummond.ellen@gmail.com) or at 804-647-3691.

### Northern Va. Group Starts Soon

Contact Liane Rozzell (below) for more info.

#### Families & Allies of Virginia's Youth

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**Families & Allies of Virginia's Youth**

# OCCUPY

## The Board of Juvenile Justice!



**Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 7 pm**

Department of Juvenile Justice Cedar Lodge  
1701 Old Bon Air Road, Richmond, VA 23225

Join us to respectfully "occupy" the Board's public comment time with

**POEMS**

**SKITS**

**LETTERS**

**SONGS**

**ART**

**SHORT STATEMENTS**

from our experiences with youth prisons and juvenile probation!

See inside for details.



## PLEASE JOIN US TO “OCCUPY” THE BOARD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE!

The Board is holding this evening meeting so that more families, youth, and community allies can attend. We will use the short public comment time to share our views creatively!

We will share our experiences with DJJ’s juvenile correctional centers and probation.

We’ll also show that youth in the justice system and their families are whole people, with hopes and dreams — and strengths to contribute to society.

**Here’s how YOU can get involved:**

### GET CREATIVE!

Express the experiences, hopes and dreams you want to share. Please keep it “family friendly.”

- **Write a poem, letter, or short speech .**
- **Create a skit or rap** with friends or family.
- **Draw, paint, or make a photo or collage.**
- **Ask youth who are locked up** to send in a poem, short letter or some of their artwork.

### SHOW UP!

- **Come and share** what you’ve created. If you can’t come, **send it in** for a volunteer to read.
- **Come in solidarity!** Show your support and love for these youth and families.
- **Bring** your friends and family.
- **Volunteer to read** something by a youth who is locked up or a family member who can’t come.

The Board of Juvenile Justice meeting will be **Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm** at **DJJ’s Cedar Lodge, Maple Room, 1701 Old Bon Air Road, Richmond, VA** (Near DJJ’s Reception and Diagnostic Center and Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center.)

### SIGN UP!

- Let us know you plan to come.
- Get info and updates by email, text or phone.
- Transportation may be available from Northern Virginia and Norfolk if enough people sign up **by April 4!**

Sign up: **ONLINE** at [www.FAVYouth.org](http://www.FAVYouth.org)  
**EMAIL:** [Liane@FAVYouth.org](mailto:Liane@FAVYouth.org)  
**TEXT** or **PHONE:** 703-338-3289

### SEND IT IN!

Please send your written and flat art creations **by April 4.** We’ll make copies for the Board and get volunteers ready to read for those who can’t attend.

Mail to 701 S. Wayne St., Arlington, VA 22204 or email [Liane@FAVYouth.org](mailto:Liane@FAVYouth.org)

### GET READY!

In these meetings, we’ll build our skills at sharing our truths to change the justice system for youth. This will be a creative time to focus on the changes we want.

#### BEAUMONT MEETING

**Sunday, March 11, 2012, 11 am–12:15 pm**  
In the parish hall building next to Grace Episcopal Church, 2955 River Rd. W., Goochland, VA.

#### Directions from Beaumont (7 min.):

Turn left when leaving, then left at the traffic light onto River Rd. Drive 1 mile, just past Grace Church on your left, and turn left onto Scott Rd., at the Exxon station. The parish hall is the two-story building on the left, next to the church. We meet on the lower level.

#### HAMPTON ROADS MEETING

**Thursday, March 22, 2012, 5:30–6:30 pm**  
Lafayette Branch Library,  
1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA

#### PHONE MEETINGS

We’ll cover a lot of the same topics and build our power to make change.

**Call 1 (218) 936-7979 and use code 150100#**

**Monday, March 26, 7-8 pm**

**Monday, April 2, 7-8 pm**

