

# Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

## RESOLUTION 2023-1

### Supporting Enhanced Mentoring Efforts and Non-punitive Forms of Engagement

1 Resolution: To expand non-punitive forms of engagement by investing in mentorship, leveraging  
2 workforce development, and increasing investments in the arts.

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4 PURPOSE: For the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group of the District of Columbia (JJAG) to build  
5 on the Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) reform recommendations by making mentoring a  
6 Title II funding priority. Additionally, the JJAG Youth Leaders in Action (YLA) committee seeks  
7 further partnership with the Bowser Administration, the Mayor's Office on Returning Citizens  
8 Affairs (MORCA), local juvenile justice and human service agencies, and community partners to  
9 develop a 2-year plan to guide citywide implementation and programming.

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11 WHEREAS: The JJAG provides active consultation to the Mayor and government agencies to  
12 ensure the provision of comprehensive delinquency prevention programs and programs  
13 designed to reduce status offense behaviors that meet the needs of youth through the  
14 collaboration of many local systems with which a youth may interface.

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16 WHEREAS: Mentorship provides an opportunity for individuals with lived experience to enter  
17 a rewarding field while improving the quality of life of system involved or at-risk youth and young  
18 adults.

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20 WHEREAS: The YLA shall create a framework to support youth interested in shaping the  
21 development of strategic recommendations on mentoring, alignment of youth mentorship  
22 services, and creating standard practices and supports for District-wide mentoring programs.

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24 WHEREAS: The JJAG supports investments and enhancements that align with the PINS Report  
25 and its recommendations, including the re-alignment of resources that enhance responses to  
26 youth needs and risk behaviors in the community and to enhance training for all District  
27 employees and service providers.

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29 THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the JJAG supports investments in mentoring and alignment of  
30 youth mentorship services in the District of Columbia, while acknowledging the various  
31 approaches to mentoring among partners.