

MISSOURI JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

Promoting justice for children, youth, and families



Leadership Teams Overview

Leadership Teams are the backbone of the efforts of the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association. Each focuses on a functional area of the organization, developing an annual plan and priorities consistent with the long range plan of the organization. Leadership Teams are an excellent way to participate in leadership for the organization, develop skills, and represent member interests.

Each Leadership Team is chaired by one Board of Directors member (appointed by President). Membership of Leadership Teams is made up of people nominated by the membership, by themselves, or by Board of Directors. Nominations are solicited from membership in December of odd number years, with nominations due in January of the next year. Leadership Team members are recommended by the nominating committee to the Board of Directors. Terms are for two years, renewable for total of four years. Leadership Teams meet once every quarter (or more often as necessary), and chair reports to Board of Directors. Leadership Teams consist of approximately 4 – 5 individuals. Each Leadership Team member must be a member of MJJA.

Four Leadership Teams will be established in 2008:

- 1) **Policy Leadership Team:** assumes responsibility for advising and working with the organization about policy issues such as Administrative Concerns, legislative issues, and detention issues.
- 2) **Program Leadership Team:** assumes responsibility for advising and working with the organization in conference planning, training development, and other program areas.
- 3) **Public Education Leadership Team:** Public Education Leadership Team: assumes responsibility for advising and working with the organization concerning awards, web site, MJJA promotional materials, and other public education issues.
- 4) **Development Leadership Team:** assumes responsibility for advising and working with the organization on fundraising, membership development, and mechanisms for other resource development.

MJJA encourages members to nominate themselves or others for consideration as members of the leadership teams. What a great way to build networks, skills, and leadership in the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association!