



# Children & Family Justice Center PROJECT UPDATE



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## Three Design-Build teams competing for contract

The Request for Qualifications process conducted last year resulted in three exceptional Design-Build teams invited to compete for the contract to build the new Children and Family Justice Center. The teams are guided by a Request for Proposals that was shaped by more than a decade of planning and community and stakeholder input.

The quality of these Design-Build teams puts the project on a strong path to meet the goal for an efficient, safe, culturally sensitive building that will help the County provide model justice services to children and families for the next 50 years.

The Design-Build team finalists in alphabetical order are:

- Balfour Beatty Construction (known locally as Howard S. Wright), HOK, and Integrus Architecture
- Hoffman Construction and KMD Architects
- Mortenson Construction and NBBJ Architects



Final proposals are expected in April 2014 and a contract negotiated in June with the preferred team. Public review of the schematic design will be in Summer 2014.

*Justice*

*Safety*

*Dignity*

*Respect*

*Hope*

*Rehabilitation*



Marvin Oliver's *Spirit of Our Youth*

Two public artworks, beloved by neighbors and users of the Youth Services Center, will be relocated as part of the project. 4Culture, the county's designated cultural service provider, will oversee the re-siting of Marvin Oliver's *Spirit of Our Youth* and Nhon T. Truong's *Making Choices* as well as the commission of new artworks and art experiences that promote engagement with youth and families served through the CFJC.

### 2014 Project Schedule

#### January - June

- Seek Land Use code amendment from City of Seattle
- Select Design-Build Team
- County Council review and approval of Design-Build contract
- Neighborhood Advisory Committee meetings
- Quarterly newsletters

#### June - December

- Schematic design public event
- Apply for Master Use Permit from City of Seattle
- Public art selection processes begin
- Neighborhood Advisory Committee meetings
- Quarterly newsletters

# A King County Youth Task Force and Action Plan will improve services and the futures of at-risk children and youth

King County is unique in the State of Washington in the "significant investments" it makes in the futures of infants, children and youth, according to retired Washington Supreme Court Justice Bobbe Bridge, founder of the Center for Children and Youth Justice. Justice Bridge's remarks were made at a presentation to the King County Council's Committee of the Whole. On January 21, the Council adopted an ordinance to create a New Youth Task Force that will write a Youth Action Plan.



*From left: Bobbe Bridge, retired Washington State Supreme Court Justice; Kelli Carroll, County Council Senior Analyst; Wesley Saint Clair, Chief Juvenile Court Judge; Mike Heinisch, Executive Director of Kent Youth and Family Foundation brief King County Council*

"We have the will, brain power and passion" to coordinate, collaborate and get even more from the \$75 million already spent annually to improve the health, education, quality of life and futures for at-risk infants and children, Justice Bridge said. The Youth Task Force will be asked to identify the gaps in funding and services across County departments, how to improve private philanthropic partnerships and recommend a more uniform way to coordinate, collaborate and collect data on outcomes.

The King County Executive and County Council will each make nominations to the task force, which will have one year to create an action plan. Councilmember Rod Dembowski, the legislation's prime sponsor, said there "is a buzz in the community that King County is paving the way" to use our collective knowledge to make the right investments in children, youth and young adults.

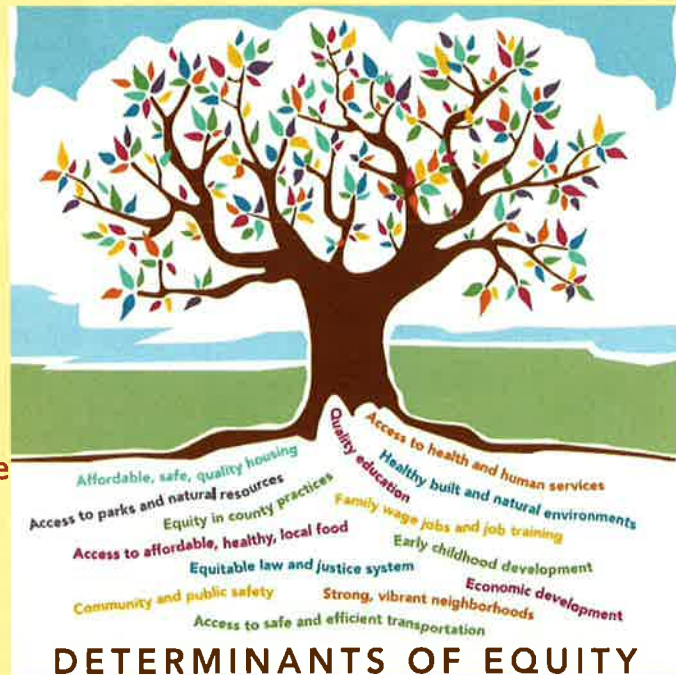
See full legislation on <http://1.usa.gov/1fEOnEK>

## Equity and Social Justice Annual Report

Every King County department looks at its policies and programs through an equity and social justice lens. Recently, the county detailed its progress with the 2012 Equity and Social Justice Annual Report.

"This report is a snapshot of the progress we have made in establishing an honest integration of equity and social justice principles into how we govern as a county. I applaud how far we have come in a short time, but as the report shows, there's still much work left to do." King County Council Chair Larry Gossett, October 2013.

See full report [www.kingcounty.gov/equity](http://www.kingcounty.gov/equity)



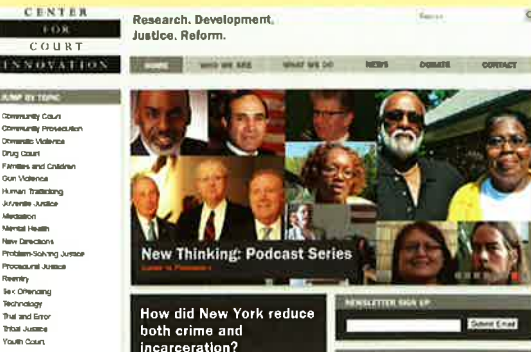
## National training video to feature King County's Juvenile Drug Court

King County Juvenile Court's acclaimed and highly successful Drug Court will soon be featured by the Center for Court Innovation in a training video for use by other courts across the nation.

A video production crew spent two days in January at the 12th and Alder Youth Services Center filming and interviewing staff and participants, including court in session and a graduation ceremony.

The video will be used in a new National Juvenile Drug Court Online curriculum that is under development by the Center for Court Innovation in partnership with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. The video will include information from the Center for Court Innovation's new study that shows drug courts have reduced drug addiction and recidivism.

Drug court connects addicted offenders to drug treatment and involves rigorous judicial monitoring. There are 2,300 drug courts nationwide for adults and youth.



Visit the webpage at:  
<http://www.courtinnovation.org/>

## Community volunteers hold youth accountable

Restorative Justice has been part of King County Superior Court's practices and philosophy since the turn of the new century. One especially successful program is Partnership for Youth Justice, which had a 93 percent success rate for the nearly 1,280 youth who participated in 2012.

The program allows youth who are charged with a misdemeanor offense to meet with a Community Accountability Board (CAB) comprised of volunteers from the youth's community. The CAB makes no findings of innocence or guilt.

The CAB and the youth enter into a written agreement about what consequences will be imposed for the youth's behavior. The agreement may include restitution to the victim, community restitution work (i.e., community service), a fine, counseling, informational or educational classes, and other options. State law defines the types and extent of consequences that may be imposed.

By appearing at the diversion meeting, the youth is able to take responsibility for his or her actions without obtaining a criminal record. After successfully completing diversion, a youth may truthfully say that he or she have not been convicted of a crime.



*See a CAB in action and hear the thoughts and experiences of youth and volunteers in this video: <http://1.usa.gov/LXhVos>*



*Renton Accountability Board (above) is one of 22 boards located across King County.*

### In the news...

*"Keeping kids in school is best crime prevention policy" By King County Prosecutor Dan Satterberg*  
<http://bit.ly/LEYvnj>

### Did you know...

The courthouse and program services portion of the Children and Family Justice Center will be approximately 40,000 square feet **larger** than the current space, and the detention portion will be 25,000 square feet **smaller** than the current facility.



*The Children and Family Justice Center will ease courthouse crowding and provide more room for successful programs like Parentsfor Parents that Elise Hegle (above) is part of. Hegle faced seven years in prison when a judge gave her one last chance to beat drug addiction, take parenting classes and gain custody of her daughter, now age five. Hegle is finishing college and works part-time mentoring parents involved in dependency court. She is an American Bar Association Reunification Hero.*

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