

Web Resources on Justice Initiatives

Individuals and organizations pursuing justice initiatives do not have to “reinvent the wheel.” There is a large body of free, web-based resources on goals, programs, and results. This article provides a non-exhaustive list of those resources.

Court-sponsored Websites

The Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department for the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, provides a website at <http://www.cookcountycourt.org/services/programs/juvenile/balanced.html>. The site details “Balanced and Restorative Justice Initiatives,” including a community liaison program, violence intervention program, jump-start program for high-school dropouts, and victim advocacy program.

The New York State Unified Court System maintains a site at <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ip/justiceinitiatives/index.shtml>.

Resources include a report on self-represented litigants in family and housing court.

The Municipal Court of Seattle, Washington, has a community justice program that seeks “to transform the way people think about crime—not just as cases to be processed but as problems to be resolved and relationships to be developed and maintained.” Visit <http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/courts/comjust/cominvjus.htm>.

The National Center for State Courts has a comprehensive online Court-Community Initiatives Resources Guide, including online articles and reports, at <http://www.ncsconline.org/WC/Education/CtCommGuide.htm>.

Bar Association Websites

The American Bar Association’s Coalition for Justice maintains a comprehensive website at <http://www.abanet.org/justice/>. Resources include surveys of justice system reform and other publications.

Our own State Bar of Michigan, in cooperation with the State Bar Committee on Justice Initiatives, also provides comprehensive web resources at <http://www.michbar.org/programs/justiceinitiatives.cfm>. Topics include Equal Access Initiative, Justice Policy Initiative, Pro Bono Initiative, and Resource Development Initiative/Access to Justice Campaign.

For those interested in international law, the New York City Bar Association’s Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice Initiatives maintains a website at <http://www.abcny.org/VanceCenter/index.htm>.

School Websites

A number of schools have websites providing information on school-sponsored justice initiatives. Sites include the City University of New York at http://www.law.cuny.edu/app/justice_initiatives.jsp, Columbia University at http://www.law.columbia.edu/center_program/social_justice, and Southern Maine Community College at <http://www.smccme.edu/docs.php?section=3&navid=83&dclid=117>.

Other Organizations

For those interested in private organizations that advocate for justice initiatives, helpful sites include the Coalition for Juvenile Justice at http://www.juvjustice.org/initiatives/index_initiatives.html, the Global Network for Justice Initiatives at <http://www.gnji.net/index.cfm>, and the Open Society Justice Initiative at <http://www.osji.org/>. ♦

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