

Travel Approval Form

Department: Juvenile Services

Event Name: JJAT Spring 2025 Conference

Location: Sugarland, TX

Event Dates: March 30, Thru April 2, 2025

Purpose: ☒ Required Continuing Education/Certification
☒ Job Training
☐ Other: _____

Name of Attendees:

Steve Gant _____

Court Decision: <small>This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</small>

1-27-2025

Required Documents Checklist:

**** Same-Day Travel - Commissioners Court Approval is not required ****

Overnight Travel

- ☒ Travel Approval Form
- ☒ Registration Information or Confirmation
- ☒ Itinerary, Agenda, or Breakdown
- ☒ Hotel Information, Confirmation, or Hotel Reservation Request Form

For Out of State Travel, please also include:

- ☐ Cost Estimation Breakdown for Trip with Airfare, Rental Car, Meals, Hotel, Etc.
- ☐ Narrative as to why the Out of State Travel is necessary

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:



Steve

JJAT Spring 2025 Conference

"Whatever It Takes"

To Heal The Whole Child



Save the Date

Sunday, March 30th – Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025

Houston Marriott Sugar Land

16900 City Walk

Sugar Land, TX 77479



HOTEL AND REGISTRATION

Early Registration Discount

The early registration begins November 1, 2024 and the discount is available to anyone registering via e-mail or mail, on or before March 15, 2025. The regular registration begins on March 16, 2025

The conference location is:

Houston Marriott Sugarland

16090 City Walk

Sugar Land, Texas 77479

Reservations can be made by calling

1-888-236-2427 or by following this [link](#).

Refer to rooms blocked under "Juvenile Justice Association of Texas Spring Conference".

Hotel reservations must be made no later than March 9, 2025

Room rates are : \$149.00 Per Night

HOTEL ROOM POLICY

It is the responsibility of the participant to make hotel room reservations. If you attempt to make a reservation and are told that the room block is full or sold out, please contact Joanne Bradley at jbradley@co.kendall.tx.us or 830-377-4697. Joanne will attempt to add more rooms to the block.

We expect more than 300 juvenile justice professionals to attend, so please make your reservations EARLY!! You can always cancel within the guidelines of the hotel policy if your plans change.

Conference Registration by E-mail:

You may e-mail registration forms to jjattx@gmail.com. If you are paying by credit card or at the conference please notify us on the registration form

Conference Registration by Mail

You may mail registration forms and payment to :
Juvenile Justice Association of Texas
P.O. Box 98715, Lubbock Texas 79499

Registration Refund Policy

Full refunds will be given to those who cancel in writing a minimum of ten (10) working days prior to the conference. Written cancellations should be e-mailed to: jjattx@gmail.com

- A \$40 Administrative Fee will be assessed for cancellations after the deadline.

Training Hours are pending.

TJJD – 14.0 Hours (includes 7.5 Management Hours)
TCOLE – 14.0 Hours (Course #3617 – Juvenile Issues)
CLE – 13.25 Hours (includes Ethics 1.0 Hour) (Course #174254991) CLE

Please complete the form below and e-mail it to jjattx@gmail.com to register.

Name: Steve Gant

Title: Director

Agency: Johnson County Juvenile Services

Address: 1102 E. Kilpatrick, Ste C.

City: Cleburne State: TX

Zip Code: 76031 Telephone #: 817-556-6880

Please provide the e-mail address of the participant:

Steve.g@johnsoncountytexas.org

REGISTRATION FEES

Early Registration Discount (on or before 3/15/2025)

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\$225.00 per person

Regular Registration (3/16/2025 or after)

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\$235.00 per person

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CHECK HERE IF PAYING BY CHECK

Check # _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Payment Information

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CHECK HERE IF WISHING TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD. PLEASE PROVIDE THE CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE NUMBER:

CONTACT NAME

TELEPHONE NUMBER

All credit card transactions will incur a \$8.25 convenience fee per registration.

Please Make Payment To "JJAT"

Mail Registration and Payments to:

Juvenile Justice Association of Texas

P.O. Box 98715



JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS CONFERENCE AGENDA

2025 JJAT SPRING CONFERENCE | MARCH 30th - APRIL 2nd, 2025 | SUGAR LAND, TX

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH

3:00pm Registration and Sales begin.

Lobby

6:00pm **Opening Session**
Welcome from Judge Teana Watson & Judge Toni Wallace
Fort Bend County Sherriff's Post the Colors
Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Sugar Land Ballroom

MONDAY, MARCH 31ST

7:30am Registration

Lobby

8:30am Welcome

Sugar Land Ballroom

8:45am **Keynote Speaker – Mayor John Whitmire**
Brandon Johnson (Former NBA Player)
Tyrone Smith (Former NFL Player, Author)

Sugar Land Ballroom

10:00am Break

10:15am **General Session**
What the Heck Did I Just See?
The Rise of Unethical Behaviors and Environments
Chris Ellison, Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Sugar Land Ballroom

11:45am Lunch – On Your Own

1:15pm **Concurrent Sessions**

**From the Odd Couple to Love Island: How to Improve Your
Relationship with the Judge in Your Court**
Judge Wallace, Fort Bend County Court of Law No. 4

Cane Room

Mental Illness: The Changing World of Juvenile Justice
Judge Morales, Fort Bend County Court of Law No. 1

Ballroom VIII

Dealing with Difficult Employees
Chris Ellison, Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Magnolia Room (Management)

MONDAY, MARCH 31ST continued...

2:45pm Break

3:00pm Concurrent Sessions

Inter-County Transfer Process: Tips and Tricks
Dan Reeves, 1st Judicial District Juvenile Probation Officer

Cane Room

Grief & Ambiguous Loss
Blanca Maldonado-Stevens, Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation

Ballroom VIII

Becoming a Hero in Juvenile Justice: Creating a Culture of Felt Safety
Darius Payne, Boyd Montgomery, Zymryck Frazier, Hollis Cooper, Harris County Juvenile Probation

Magnolia Room (Management)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST

8:30am Concurrent Sessions

Nurturing Yourself to Nurture Others: Wellness Insights for Juvenile Justice Professionals
Karla DeCuir, Sneha Nayar- Bhalerao, University of Houston – Victoria

Cane Room

It Takes a Village – Combating the Influence of Gangs in Our Community
Victor Bedolla, Harris County Juvenile Probation

Ballroom VIII

Pirates and Professionals: 7 C's of Leadership
John Kinsey, Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Magnolia Room (Management)

10:00am Break

10:15am Concurrent Sessions

Education Justice: Ensuring Educational Success for Justice-Involved Youth
Sarah Beebe, Disability Rights Texas

Cane Room

Neurobiology of Trauma
Maribel Arredondo, Purple Door

Ballroom VIII

#GenZ: Beyond Hashtags & TikTok – Understanding the Real Deal
Maurice "Moe" Hobson, Harris County Juvenile Probation

Magnolia Room (Management)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST continued....

11:45pm Lunch – On Your Own

1:15pm	General Session Bias: What You Don't Know Can Hurt Others Jarvis Parson, Brazos County District Attorney	Sugar Land Ballroom
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2:45pm Break

3:00pm Concurrent Sessions

From Pills to Vapes Leandra Henderson, Fort Bend County Regional Council	Cane Room
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Breaking Barrier Between Fatherhood Engagement Joshua Williams & Ernie Agbobock, DePelchin Center	Ballroom VIII
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Recognizing Professional Burnout and Compassion Fatigue: How Managers and Supervisors Can Assist in Prevention Dr. Philip Kerne, Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation	Magnolia Room (Management)
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND

8:30am	General Session Texas Juvenile Justice Department Updates & Final Remarks
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10:30am	End of the Conference! Thank you for coming. Hope you enjoyed your time in Sugar Land, Texas.
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FUTURE CONFERENCE DATES:

POST LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET CONFERENCE July 20-23, 2025

San Marcos, Texas

2025 FALL CONFERENCE October 19-22, 2025

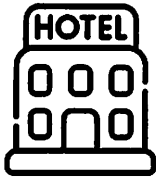
San Antonio, Texas

2026 SPRING CONFERENCE April 12-15, 2026

Lubbock, Texas

2026 FALL CONFERENCE October 18-21, 2026

Frisco, Texas



TRAVEL HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST

(EMAIL TO PURCHASING at pur@johnsoncountytexas.org)

DATE: 01/08/2025

DEPARTMENT: Juvenile Services

PERSON SENDING REQUEST: Ellen Peveto EXT: 1460

Person (s) Name Attending:

1. Steve Gant

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*If LEOSE Funds are being used to pay for the room upon check out, please check LEOSE FUNDS below:

☐ LEOSE FUNDS

Function Attending: JJAT Spring 2025 Conference

Hotel Name: Houston Marriott Sugarland

Hotel Address: 16090 City Walk

City: Sugar Land State: TX Zip: 77479

Hotel Phone# 1-888-236-2427

Special Requirements:

Conference Hotel Block Code: Juvenile Justice Association of Texas Spring Conference

Conference/Training Website: <https://jjat.com/event/spring-2025-conference/>

How many rooms needed: 1

Date of Check In: 3/30/25 Date of Check Out: 4/2/25

NOTE: When the Purchasing Department reserves the hotel room, payment will be processed and paid for on the travel credit card. ALL Travel PO's MUST be in place prior to travel. The hotel receipt will need to be receipted on your PO upon return. If the traveler does not obtain a hotel receipt upon check out, it's the travelers responsibility to call the hotel and obtain a copy for receipting.