

In recognition of Governor Herbert's 2015 declaration which designates October as Juvenile Justice Awareness Month, the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice and community partners are hosting a <u>free, public event</u> later this year. <u>Learn Their Truth: Elevating Youth Voice in Utah's Justice System</u> will be held on October 8, 2019, at the Viridian Event Center in West Jordan from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. We hope you can join us!

Learn Their Truth will showcase the voices of those who have experience in the juvenile justice system through a variety of formats including spoken word, visual art, and written work. Leaders, both youth and adult, will be awarded for their service and commitment to the juvenile justice system (see below for award nomination details). The event will also highlight legislation passed earlier this year which amends provisions of Utah's Indigent Defense Act to ensure appropriate legal representation at all proceedings for all youth appearing in juvenile court.

Emerging Leader Award

As part of this annual celebration we will honor select individuals who are currently, or were previously, involved in the juvenile justice system and who are making strides toward positive outcomes for themselves, their families, and their communities. For more information and to nominate someone for the Emerging Leader Award please go here. Nominations are due by August 23rd.

Youth Advocate of the Year Award

At the event, we will also present awards to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Utah's juvenile justice system and the youth, families, and communities it serves. For more information and to nominate someone for the Youth Advocate of the Year Award please go here. Nominations are due by August 23rd.

Feel free to distribute this information. Thank you!