



# Top 10 Reasons to Join VJJA

## PUBLICATIONS

As part of your membership, you'll receive the **Advocate**, a quarterly professional journal and newsletter.

## RECOGNITION

Each year VJJA recognizes professionals who have made extraordinary contributions in their field. Meritorious awards are presented in the areas of: *Administration, Court Services, Residential Care and Community Service.*

## COMMUNICATION

One of the most important parts of VJJA's mission is to foster communication among its members. To that end, in addition to our print publication, we've enhanced our web presence and e-communication. We've established our own domain, [VJJA.ORG](http://VJJA.ORG), issued e-mail accounts to each of our Board members and developed several list serves to distribute juvenile justice related news and facilitate direct communication and collaboration between our members.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

VJJA awards academic scholarships to members to further their education and development. Members are eligible to make application following their second consecutive year of membership.

## NETWORKING

VJJA's members are what make it a great association! Our 1000+ members represent court/probation services, the judiciary, indigent defense, prosecution, correctional centers, detention homes, wilderness academies, psychiatric hospitals, group homes, social services, mental health, education and more. They are line workers, supervisors and administrators/managers. With a membership that diverse, the opportunities for learning & networking are endless!

## CONFERENCES

VJJA brings nationally acclaimed speakers to Virginia for conferences in March and November. Members enjoy priority registration and reduced registration fees.

## TRAINING

In addition to state-wide conferences, the association provides over 40 hours of local training annually. Local training sessions are available to members at no cost.

## ADVOCACY

What unites our diverse membership is a shared passion for working with children. VJJA provides a Standards Committee Chair and a Legislative Liaison to advocate for quality services, to promote alternative approaches to resolving youth problems and to research, develop and present legislation recommendations to policy-setting bodies.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / LEADERSHIP

Whether an elected officer, a member of the association's Board of Directors or an active participant on your Local Advisory Board (LAB), opportunities for professional development abound. Our active members develop skills in marketing, event planning, budgeting, legislative advocacy, public speaking and more.

## VALUE

With annual membership dues set at an unbelievably low \$20, we know you'll agree joining the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association is a great value. You'll receive all of the above and more. Join Today!