

# Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission Membership

The GJJC consists of approximately 20 members.

**GJJC membership may include members that have:**

- training, experience, or special knowledge concerning adolescent development,
- the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency, the administration of juvenile justice, or the reduction of juvenile delinquency
- representatives of law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies, including juvenile and family court judges, prosecutors, counsel for children and youth, and probation workers
- representatives of public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment, such as welfare, social services, child and adolescent mental health, education, child and adolescent substance abuse, special education, services for youth with disabilities, recreation, and youth services
- representatives of private nonprofit organizations, including persons with a special focus on preserving and strengthening families, parent groups and parent self-help groups, youth development, delinquency prevention and treatment, neglected or dependent children, the quality of juvenile justice, education, and social services for children
- volunteers who work with delinquent youth or youth at risk of delinquency
- representatives of programs that are alternatives to incarceration, including programs providing organized recreation activities
- persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and vandalism and alternatives to suspension and expulsion
- persons, licensed or certified by Wisconsin, with expertise and competence in preventing and addressing mental health and substance abuse needs in delinquent youth and youth at risk of delinquency
- representatives of victim or witness advocacy groups, including individual(s) with expertise in addressing the challenges of sexual abuse and exploitation and trauma, particularly the needs of youth who experience disproportionate levels of sexual abuse, exploitation, and trauma before entering the juvenile justice system

**Also, GJJC membership is required to include:**

- an Indian tribal representative (if such representative is available) or other individual with significant expertise in tribal law enforcement and juvenile justice in Indian tribal communities
- a majority of which members (including the chairperson) shall not be full-time employees of the Federal, State, or local government

- at least one-fifth of which members shall be under the age of 28 at the time of initial appointment
- at least 3 members who have been or are currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system or, if not feasible and in appropriate circumstances, who is the parent or guardian of someone who has been or is currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system
- at least one locally elected official representing general purpose local government