In the beginning...

Illinois Juvenile Court Act of 1899

• Created a separate court system

• Distinguished between neglected and delinquent juveniles

• Established a system of probation for juveniles

• Created a special set of procedures for juveniles

• Separated juveniles and adults in the correction system
Illinois by the numbers

• 12,869,257 citizens
• 3,101,490 under 18 years (24%)

Department of Juvenile Justice

• 976 youths in detention (over half from 7 communities)
• 8 Illinois Youth Centers
• 17.7 Average age
• 61% Black
• 27% White
• 11% Hispanic
Therapeutic Model of Care

Trauma as the underlying problem

Community Violence

Child Maltreatment

Child Trauma

Poor School Performance

School Misconduct

Delinquency
The **Performance Sandwich**

- **The Bread** = People
- **The Meat** = Policy
- **The Special Sauce** = Politics
- **The Plate** = Place
Proper Place

A Platform of Trauma Informed Treatment
Key People

Director, Advocates, AFSCME, Staff
Good Policy

Aftercare Step down Redeploy
Politics

All Politics Are Local
Who's buyin' lunch?
The Feds!

- Federal Claiming
- 2nd Chance Act
- Medicaid 2014
Dessert

There should always be a cherry on top
And in the end... Clean Up

Tracking performance measures
“There is a paradox at the core of penology, and from it derives the thousand ills and afflictions of the prison system. It is that not only the worst of the young are sent to prison, but the best –that is, the proudest, the bravest, the most daring, the most enterprising and the most undefeated of the poor. There starts the horror.”

- Norman Mailer