



JEFF WALLACE, MCJ

Jeff Wallace, MCJ, brings a rare combination of lived experience and professional expertise to juvenile-justice audiences. After entering the system as a youth and later spending six years incarcerated (four of those in solitary confinement), Jeff earned a Master of Criminal Justice and built a career focused on improving outcomes for young people. He has served as a social worker and crisis interventionist, taught as an assistant professor of criminal justice, and worked as a youth-facility inspector—just to name a few of the roles that have given him a practical, systems-level perspective.

His keynote, “Thriving After Resiliency,” moves beyond familiar trauma-informed language to focus on how anyone can sustain positive change. Jeff blends personal insight with proven approaches and provides straightforward strategies and tools attendees can apply immediately, professionally and personally.

Jeff’s TEDx talks and public presentations are well received by juvenile-justice professionals. He continues to serve in leadership roles that support reform and improved outcomes for youth affected by the system. He is the founder of Jeff Wallace Speaks LLC and is regularly invited to speak to multidisciplinary audiences across juvenile justice, child welfare, corrections, and community services.

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