

Legal and Policy Organizational Resources

Legal Organizations

National Juvenile Defender Center

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The National Juvenile Defender Center began as a project at the Juvenile Justice Center of the American Bar Association; it became a freestanding nonprofit organization in 2005. The Center's mission is to ensure excellence in juvenile defense and promote justice for all children.

Area of focus

- NJDC addresses a wide range of issues, from juveniles' access to effective counsel to their competency to stand trial.
- It has particular expertise in adolescent development and its implications for juvenile justice policies and practices. The Center has been instrumental in the development, testing, and dissemination of Juvenile Court Curriculum, and in Curriculum-based training.

American Civil Liberties Union, Prisoners' Rights

www.aclu.org/prison
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The ACLU's National Prison Project is the only national litigation program on behalf of prisoners. Since 1972, the NPP has represented more than 100,000 men, women and children. The NPP continues to fight unconstitutional conditions and the "lock 'em up" mentality that prevails in the legislatures.

The Innocence Project

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The Innocence Project's full-time staff attorneys and Cardozo clinic students provide direct representation or critical assistance in most of these cases. The Innocence Project's groundbreaking use of DNA technology to free innocent people has provided irrefutable proof that wrongful convictions are not isolated or rare events but instead arise from systemic defects. Now an independent nonprofit organization closely affiliated with Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University, the Innocence Project's mission is nothing less than to free the staggering numbers of innocent people who remain incarcerated and to bring substantive reform to the system responsible for their unjust imprisonment.

Juvenile Law Center

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Juvenile Law Center is one of the oldest and largest public interest law firms in the United States focusing on reform of the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. JLC uses a wide array of legal strategies to divert youth from those systems, to ensure they are not harmed by the systems, and to help them gain access to physical and behavioral health care, basic and special education, housing, employment, and other services necessary to their well-being.

Areas of focus

- JLC's staff has expertise in state and federal statutory and case law, in the operations of the judicial system, and in
- the service delivery system, including system financing and service coordination. Its work encompasses:
- Juvenile justice
- Child welfare
- Physical and mental health issues

- Education

Southern Poverty Law Center

Southern Poverty Law Center
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The Southern Poverty Law Center was founded in 1971 as a small civil rights law firm. Today, SPLC is internationally known for its tolerance education programs, its legal victories against white supremacists and its tracking of hate groups.

The Center on Wrongful Convictions

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The Center on Wrongful Convictions is dedicated to identifying and rectifying wrongful convictions and other serious miscarriages of justice.

Youth Law Center

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The Youth Law Center is a public interest law firm that works to protect children in the nation's foster care and juvenile justice systems from abuse and neglect, and to ensure that they receive the necessary support and services to become healthy and productive adults.

Since 1978, our lawyers have worked across the United States to reduce the use of out-of-home care and incarceration; ensure safe and humane conditions in out-of-home placements; keep children out of adult jails; and secure equitable treatment for children in both systems.

National Juvenile Defender Center Regional Centers

http://www.njdc.info/regional_centers.php

There are nine Regional Juvenile Defender Centers. Each Center coordinates regional activities, including helping to compile and analyze juvenile indigent defense data, facilitating organizing and networking opportunities for juvenile defenders, offering targeted, state-based training and technical assistance, and providing case support specifically designed for complex or high profile cases.

Central Juvenile Defender Center

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Southern Juvenile Defender Center

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National Legal Aid & Defender Association

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National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA), founded in 1911, is America's oldest and largest nonprofit association devoted to excellence in the delivery of legal services to those who cannot afford counsel. For 100 years, NLADA has pioneered access to justice at the national, state and local level through the creation of our public defender system, development of nationally applicable standards for legal representation, groundbreaking legal legislation and the creation of important institutions such as the Legal Services Corporation. NLADA serves as the collective voice for our country's civil legal aid and public defender services and provides advocacy, training, technical assistance and the NLADA Insurance Program to its members, who are comprised of legal professionals, institutions and the people they represent.

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

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The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) is the preeminent organization in the United States advancing the mission of the nation's criminal defense lawyers to ensure justice and due process for persons accused of crime or other misconduct. A professional bar association founded in 1958, NACDL's more than 12,800 direct members -- and 94 state, local, and international affiliate organizations with another 35,000 members

Policy Organizations

Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE)

National Office
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Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE) is a grassroots organization that was founded in Texas in 1972. It became a national organization in 1985. We believe that prisons should be used only for those who absolutely must be incarcerated and that those who are incarcerated should have all of the resources they need to turn their lives around. We also believe that human rights documents provide a sound basis for ensuring that criminal justice systems meet these goals. CURE is a membership organization. We work hard to provide our members with the information and tools necessary to help them understand the criminal justice system and to advocate for changes.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums

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FAMM works to change mandatory sentencing laws through the legislative process on the federal and state levels, participation in precedent-setting legal cases and by educating the public.

- Federal advocacy campaign : FAMM challenges federal mandatory sentences by educating Congress and the U.S. Sentencing Commission about the need to reform these laws and urging them to pass fair and proportionate sentencing policies.
- State advocacy campaign :FAMM promotes the reform of state sentencing laws in a number of states throughout the country, including Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, and North Carolina. We depend heavily on our 12,000 members to advocate for sentencing reform in each of these states.
- Communications: FAMM works with the media to publicize the injustices of both federal and state mandatory sentencing laws and shines a light on the human face of sentencing by highlighting individuals affected by these policies.
- In addition to the efforts of our staff, our members throughout the country also work together to educate the public and policy makers about sentencing reform.

Hayward W. Burns Institute

The W. Haywood Burns Institute (BI) is a San Francisco-based national nonprofit. It is a leading organization in the field of juvenile justice and ethnic and racial disparities reduction, which helps to protect and improve the lives of youth of color and poor youth by promoting and ensuring fairness and equity in youth-serving systems across the country.

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Community Justice Network for Youth (CJNY)

The Community Justice Network for Youth (CJNY) is a program of the W. Haywood Burns Institute. This program is comprised of community-based programs, grassroots organizations, service-providing agencies, residential facilities and advocacy groups that focus their work on youth of color. The CJNY's primary function is to be a support network for organizers and practitioners who are on the ground working with youth who are at risk or already involved in juvenile justice systems.

Justice Policy Institute

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The Justice Policy Institute is a Washington, DC-based organization working to promote sensible policy reforms in adult and juvenile justice systems through public education and communications efforts targeted at policymakers, the media, and the public. Its central mission is to reduce society's reliance on incarceration as a solution to social problems.

National Center for Juvenile Justice

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The National Center for Juvenile Justice, founded in 1973, is the Research Division of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. It is the only independent research organization that focuses exclusively on juvenile justice issues, with the mission of strengthening the effectiveness of juvenile and family justice systems and improving the quality of justice for children and families. NCJJ analyzes data on young people as victims and offenders, evaluates juvenile justice procedures and interventions, and conducts cross-cutting assessments of state laws that affect children and adolescents.

Areas of focus

- NCJJ concentrates its efforts in three general areas:
- Guiding and improving policy development and practice through the analysis and dissemination of statistical information on juveniles and juvenile justice
- Keeping juvenile justice professionals informed regarding patterns and developments in juvenile and family law
- Helping individual courts and probation departments solve problems, and developing publications and other resources that address juvenile justice issues of importance to policymakers and practitioners in the field.

National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

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The National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice was established in 2001 in response to growing concerns about the care and treatment of youth with mental health problems who are involved with the juvenile justice system. The Center is operated by Policy Research, Inc., in partnership with the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators. Its mission is to increase awareness of the mental health needs of youth in the system, to help the field develop policies and programs based on the best research and practices, to improve conditions of confinement for youth with mental health needs and to improve the coordination and continuity of services.

Areas of focus

- The Center's work has focused on key components of the larger issue of mental health and juvenile justice, including:
- Evidence-based practices
- Interagency collaboration
- Systems change
- Diversion and re-entry programs
- Screening and assessment
- Prevalence of disorders

- Co-occurring disorders

Center for Children's Law and Policy

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The Center for Children's Law and Policy is a public interest law and policy organization that works to reform juvenile justice, child welfare, education, and other systems that affect troubled and at-risk children. Its mission is to protect these children and ensure that they receive the necessary support and services to become healthy, productive adults. CCLP is the successor to the Washington, D.C. office of the Youth Law Center.

Areas of focus:

- CCLP, like the Youth Law Center before it, is interested in a variety of juvenile justice issues, including:
- Disproportionate minority contact
- Racial and ethnic disparities that affect youth of color in the juvenile justice system
- Issues of confinement
- Promoting rational and effective justice policies

Prepared by the Campaign For Youth Justice