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August/September 2009 Newsletter

The Campaign for Youth Justice is a national organization dedicated to ending the practice of trying, sentencing, and incarcerating youth under the age of 18 in the adult criminal justice system.

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ACROSS THE COUNTRY

CFYJ Spokesman Takes His Book on the Road

CFYJ Spokesman Dwayne Betts has been touring the country with his new book, *A Question of Freedom, A Memoir of Learning, Survival, and Coming of Age in Prison* as part of the "Join the Movement" Campaign. Major media outlets have been very interested in his book and the issue of transferring youth into the adult criminal justice system. In less than two months, Dwayne has been featured in more than two dozen stories including the *USA Today*, NPR, *The Washington Post*, PBS' *Tavis Smiley* show, CNN.com, and *The Baltimore Sun*. Dwayne has also had the opportunity to visit and converse with incarcerated youth in detention centers, adult jails and prisons across the country. High School teachers and College Professors have even incorporated Betts' book in their class.

Since the book went on sale on August 6, Dwayne has promoted his book and the newly lunched "Join the Movement" Campaign in Maryland, D.C., Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Georgia, Michigan, Illinois, and California. For the latest information on Dwayne and his book tour, visit www.rdwaynebetts.com.

Good News from Connecticut!

Currently, funds have been included in the budget passed by the legislature for 16-year-olds to be included in the juvenile justice system as of January 1, 2010. However, language to "Raise the Age" must also be included in the budget implementer bill, which is still being worked on by the legislature and should be completed within the week. Please stay tuned for more in the very near future. We expect to celebrate soon!

Budget Passes in North Carolina!

The budget included language to establish a Youth Accountability Planning Task Force. This task force will determine whether North Carolina should raise the age of juvenile court jurisdiction from 16 to 18 and develop an implementation plan to do so. Appointments are to be made by October 1, 2009, and the first meeting is to take place before November.

CFYJ Connects with the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

This year's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) meeting in Washington, DC was an

exciting one for the Campaign for Youth Justice! The JDAI showcased a series of workshops on key issues, including "Youth in the Adult Criminal Justice System" featuring CFYJ's Field Director, Jessica Sandoval; Betsy Clarke, President & Founder of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Initiative; Dave Koch, Juvenile Division Director, Multnomah County (OR) Department of Community Justice; and Judge John Payne (ret.), Illinois JDAI State Coordinator. The session highlighted in depth recent successes in Illinois and Oregon's Multnomah County and encouraged participants to initiate steps in their communities on reducing the prosecution of youth in adult court and placement in adult jails and prisons. Congratulations to Betsy, Dave and Judge Payne for their terrific efforts in Illinois and Oregon!

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FROM THE HILL

Take Action! September Marks the 35th Anniversary of the JJDPDA!

This month marks the 35th Anniversary of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. For 35 years, the JJDPDA has provided direction and support for juvenile justice system improvements and has significantly contributed to the reduction of juvenile crime and delinquency. The JJDPDA sets out federal standards for the custody and care of youth in the juvenile justice system.

Reauthorizing the JJDPDA this year will protect children from the dangers of adult jails, improve safety for youth in custody, and increase fairness by requiring states to take steps to reduce racial and ethnic disparities.

The continuing success of effective juvenile crime prevention and deterrence depends on Congress strengthening both the provisions of the JJDPDA, as well as the funding resources needed for states and localities to implement the law.

Ask your member of Congress to support a strong reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPDA) during the 111th Congress. Visit this link to send them your message www.capwiz.com/mobilize/issues/alert/?alertid=14046131&type=CO

For background information on the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPDA), check out the Act 4 Juvenile Justice (ACT4JJ) campaign's website:

Act 4 Juvenile Justice Campaign:

<http://www.act4jj.org>

Statement of Principles:

http://www.act4jj.org/media/factsheets/factsheet_11.pdf

Recommendations & Backgrounder for JJDPA:

http://www.act4jj.org/media/factsheets/factsheet_56.pdf

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RESEARCH & POLICY

Upcoming Supreme Court Cases Affecting Juveniles Serving Life without Possibility of Parole

On November 9, 2009, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear two cases involving juveniles serving life without parole sentences (JLWOP) for non-homicide offenses. Both cases argue the reasoning of *Roper v. Simmons*, 543 U.S. 551 (2005), striking down the juvenile death penalty, should also apply to JLWOP in non-homicide cases. *Roper* ruled the death penalty for juveniles was cruel and unusual punishment under the 8th Amendment, noting the widespread international aversion to executing minors, the relatively rare application of this penalty for juveniles in the United States, and the developments in adolescent psychology that show that a youthful offender does not have the same psychological make-up as an adult offender.

Currently there are 109 individuals serving JLWOP sentences in the United States for non-homicide offenses out of approximately 2,500 individuals serving JLWOP sentences overall. Three states (FL, LA, IA) account for nearly 90% of the individuals currently serving JLWOP sentences for non-homicide offenses. A total of 6 states (FL, LA, IA, CA, NE, SC) currently have individuals serving JLWOP sentences for non-homicide offenses.

For more information please see:

A report by the Public Interest Law Center and the College of Social Sciences at Florida State University, "Juvenile Life without Parole for Non-Homicide Offenses: Florida Compared to the Nation," is the first nationwide empirical study examining juvenile offenders who received JLWOP sentences for non-homicide crimes. The report is located here: http://www.law.fsu.edu/faculty/profiles/annino/Report_JuvenileLifeSentence.pdf

Complete court documents can be found here: <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/preview/briefs/nov09.shtml>

Summaries can be found here: <http://eji.org/eji/files/Petitioner%20and%20Amicus%20Summaries.pdf>

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NATIONAL MOMENTUM



Join the Movement!

We, at the Campaign for Youth Justice, have just launched an exciting and innovative new campaign! We hope to build a network of caring individuals and together we will create a movement of people to make reform happen. In the process you will learn what it takes to build campaigns, empower yourself and those around you, organize and build power, all essential elements in movements for change. When you sign up for the Join the Movement Campaign you are joining with other like-minded individuals who seek change.

Please take a moment now to request your Join the Movement Action kit at jointhemovement@cfyj.org

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) National Meeting Washington, DC 2009

At the August 6th plenary session of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) national meeting, held in Washington, DC, the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) invited several key congressional staff to participate in a roundtable discussion with JDAI experts on how to strengthen the partnership between the juvenile justice field, Congress and the federal government.

These key congressional staff- Christine Leonard, Senior Counsel to the late Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Daniel Murphy, Legislative Assistant to Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) - were invited to dialogue with JDAI leaders specifically because of the tremendous leadership that their bosses have demonstrated over many years on juvenile justice issues, their own legislative experience and expertise, and because of the strong relationships they have built over many years with leaders in the juvenile justice field.

Major recommendations put forward by Christine and Daniel include the following:

(1) Building long-term relationships with Members of Congress and their key staff. They emphasized the importance of developing strong relationships with Members of Congress and

their staff. They advised us to "get the word out" regularly to Members of Congress not just at critical times before a vote. They advised that this takes time but could really be helpful in advocating a positive juvenile justice agenda.

(2) Targeting outreach to Members and staff during non-legislative periods. They suggested that to do this effectively, it is critical to request meetings with Members and staff at times when Congress is not in session. These meetings could take place when Members are in their home districts or states and would maximize their ability to really focus on the issues and absorb the information being presented. The best times, they advised, to meet with Members and staff would be during congressional district work periods (e.g. August, October-December).

(3) Reaching out often and in person. They advised to not just mail reports or information sporadically but to hold informational briefings on key topics, such as showcasing the tremendous results in the field. Additionally, they recommending providing regular "real time" updates as developments occur in the state.

(4) Hosting juvenile justice site visits. They thought that Members and staff might really absorb the information and get a sense of the importance of juvenile justice through site visits to juvenile detention and correctional facilities and juvenile justice programs.

(5) Getting to know the staff. They advised us to build relationships not just with the Members of Congress but with their Chiefs of Staff, key legislative staff, and District Office staff.

(6) Showing how the issue affects that Members' district/state. Members and staff would be particularly receptive to positive developments and results in their congressional districts/states.

(7) Providing the data and numbers. This is critical for Members and staff to know.

(8) Demonstrating a constituency of support. The results of these "relationship building" efforts would demonstrate over time to members of Congress that there is a strong, active and vocal constituency that cares about these issues.

(9) Taking into account the political climate. The staff wisely counseled us that the climate in Congress is still a challenging one and that Members of Congress need some political "cover" to help them support the kinds of legislation and investments in juvenile justice that the field would support. They advised that punitive legislation, such as "anti-gang" legislation, is still pending and has support among a number of members.

(10) Proactively promoting a positive agenda. Advocates would be wise, they counseled, to put forward a positive juvenile justice agenda, push for increases in juvenile justice funding, and recommend "model" approaches.

Thanks to Christine and Daniel for their outstanding advice and work they have done with the late Senator Edward Kennedy and Congressman Patrick Kennedy to champion juvenile justice

issues in the Congress, particularly for the countless hours that they have put into legislative efforts on juvenile justice, including the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), mental health and juvenile justice legislation, and federal appropriations for juvenile justice.

MEDIA WRAP



This Month on *Juvenile Justice Matters*

Listed below is the lineup of this month's new episodes of *Juvenile Justice Matters*, the CFYJ weekly radio show addressing the issue of trying youth as adults through the testimony of academics, advocates, and youth and families. The show is hosted weekly at 4:30 EDT on Thursdays through Blog Talk Radio at: www.blogtalkradio.com/jjmatters.

Don't forget to call in with questions to 347.843.4360.

September 23

Kate Duvall, an attorney with JustChildren, represents individual youth who have been given blended juvenile and adult sentences in unique sentence review hearings. Kate is also involved with Virginia's Don't Throw Away the Key campaign, which is focused on reducing the number of youth who are transferred to adult court. We discussed how Virginia's juvenile transfer laws got to where there are today, how JustChildren thinks the laws should change in the future, and how to get involved.

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/jjmatters/2009/09/24/Juvenile-Justice-Reform-in-Virginia>

September 17

Edwin Desamour, mentor to at-risk youth and former inmate, was 16 and tried as an adult. He spent 8 years behind bars in Philadelphia, PA. Desamour now uses his background and life experiences to educate and mentor at-risk youth so they can make positive life decisions. Desamour is also founder of Men In Motion In the Community, a coalition of volunteers who are uniquely equipped to reach the most at-risk youth in the community because the volunteers have faced similar crossroads and can truly relate.

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/jjmatters/2009/09/17/Interview-with-Edwin-Desamour>

August 27

Kim Dvorchak is a juvenile defense attorney and the chair of the Colorado Juvenile Defender Coalition. We discussed juvenile justice reform in Colorado. She has been practicing law for 13 years. She began her career as a public defender in Colorado Springs, Colorado, then worked for The Legal Aid Society of New York, where she joined the Juvenile Offender Team representing kids charged as adults in Manhattan and became active with the National Juvenile Defender Center. Dvorchak returned to Colorado and litigated appeals after the birth of her twin sons. As an appellate attorney Ms. Dvorchak represents several youth direct filed as adults and has challenged the constitutionality of Colorado's direct file statute to the Colorado Supreme Court in *Flakes v. People*. She currently represents a youth sentenced to life without parole. Ms. Dvorchak helped founded and chairs the Colorado Juvenile Defender Coalition, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of juvenile defense and the treatment of youth in Colorado's juvenile justice system.

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/jjmatters/2009/09/10/Interview-with-Kim-Dvorchak>

September 3

Judge David Bell of New Orleans was on to discuss significant juvenile justice reform in his area and a model that other judges should consider when sentencing kids. <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/jjmatters/2009/08/27/Interview-with-New-Orleans-Judge-David-Bell-on-juvenile-justice-reform>

August 20

Susan Broderick, Project Director for Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, a MacArthur Foundation Models for Change Initiative, focuses on supporting the active participation of prosecutors in the Models for Change reform efforts. This support includes providing training and technical assistance to prosecutors within the four core states, as well as disseminating information and providing outreach to prosecutors nationally on the Models for Change reform efforts.

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/jjmatters/2009/08/20/Former-Prosecutor-Susan-Broderick-discusses-her-role-in-Juvenile-Justice-Reform>

August 13

Criminal Defense Attorney Kristina Wildeveld and Lee Rowland with the ACLU of Nevada joined us on to discuss a new law in Nevada that makes it harder to prosecute youth as adults. <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/jjmatters/2009/08/13/Nevada-Passes-Bill-to-Make-it-Harder-to-Prosecute-Kids-as-Adults>

August 6

CFYJ Spokesman Dwayne Betts discussed his new book, "A Question of Freedom." Dwayne's book is about his experience being charged as an adult for a crime at the age of 16, the nine-year prison sentence he served surrounded by some of the worst criminals in the state of Virginia, and

how he has turned his life around. "A Question of Freedom" is a coming-of-age story of how Dwayne decided to become more than a statistic. Dwayne's book was published by Penguin Books.

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/jjmatters/2009/08/06/Interview-with-Dwayne-Betts-Author-of-The-New-Book-A-Question-of-Freedom>

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GET ORGANIZED

A Monthly Column by Grace Bauer

There are rumblings throughout the country about racism right now. People are wondering what the implications of racism are, if it still exists, how much it affects and to what extent. These are the kinds of discussions we should be having as a nation. They are long overdue and the results of such discussions would be a welcome change to the silence and the ability of this country to ignore what is plain and evident. Yet, it seems they are slow to begin and could go on for decades before we see any real change. Now there are some in this country that can afford to wait as the discussion begins, on the other hand, those that are most affected by and involved in the juvenile and criminal justice systems do not have the luxury of waiting. We must take action today, at every opportunity in the future and be prepared to create opportunities on the days when there are none!

We are lucky in that we have the facts that are indisputable to serve as the starting point for this work. Our country has an addiction to incarceration and based on the staggering statistics of that addiction, it is one we can no longer afford. Secondly, the criminal and juvenile justice systems are inundated with the appalling history of racism in the US. The focus of our discussion should be "What are we going to do about it?" If we assume we can no longer wait for the leaders in our field and in our communities to spear head the work then the answers we seek lie within us. Are you waiting for change to come or are you willing to roll up your sleeves and push for the change? If you were waiting for the right time, I believe we are there.

What Can You Do?

- Educate Yourself
- Your family
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Your friends

- Your community

If we are to confront leadership and power it is incumbent on us to understand the ways in which racism permeates the criminal justice system. Try visiting a few of the following websites and taking a look at those staggering statistics:

www.campaignforyouthjustice.org

www.prisonpolicy.org

www.prisonssucks.com

www.drugpolicy.org

Look at a few of these books:

"*No Equal Justice: Race and Class in the American Criminal Justice System*" by David Cole

"*Race to Incarcerate*" by Marc Mauer

"*The Real Cost of Prisons Comix*" by Lois Ahrens

Not up to reading an entire book, try a few of these smaller publications:

"*Youth Transferred to Adult Court: Racial Disparities*" from the Campaign for Youth Justice available at:

<http://www.campaignforyouthjustice.org/policybriefs.html>

Check out our Race Series that includes "*Critical Condition: African American Youth in the Justice System*" "*America's Invisible Children: Latino Youth and the Failure of Justice*" by the Campaign for Youth Justice available at:

<http://www.campaignforyouthjustice.org/policybriefs.html>

"*Adoration of the Question: Reflections on the Failure to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System*" by the W. Haywood Burn's Institute available at: <http://www.burnsinstitute.org/article.php?id=83>

Organize:

Once you have some facts to work with and have a good understanding of the issue of race and the criminal justice system, you need to find other folks like yourself that care about this issue.

Where are those folks? They are in all the same places that you are. You may not know who they are because we are so used to not talking about these issues. Begin by sharing your own story of involvement in the criminal justice system and before long you will find others that are like-minded.

Get Involved:

- Community decision making tables
- Community events
- Juvenile justice meetings
- Criminal justice meetings
- School board meetings
- County board meetings

Find out what these folks are doing. Attend a meeting or two and familiarize yourself with their agenda and policies. Look for the opportunities that exist in these leadership environments to raise the issue of racism and the intersection of race and criminal and juvenile justice system. For example, you may attend the school board meetings to find that the schools in your area are suspending and expelling children of color at an alarming rate.

You can bring attention to this issue by supplying information and possible solutions. By organizing others you will find that your issue becomes more powerful and as a group you can demand change.

Get Connected:

Join the Campaign for Youth Justice's newest campaign, Join the Movement on our website at www.campaignforyouthjustice.org, or join us on Facebook and Twitter. You will not only become connected to others that care about our children you will also find tools and guides to help you as you begin to educate and organize others. We can no longer look to the leaders to make the change our children and communities need, we must realize we are the leaders and the work will begin with us!

National Parent Caucus Monthly Phone Conference...Join Us!

The next call is scheduled for October 2, 2009 at 2:00 EDT. Please consider sharing with all who may have an interest. This is an opportunity to bring families and allies into the movement for a better juvenile justice system. For more information or for the call-in number for the conference call, please email Grace Bauer at:

familiescantwait@yahoo.com

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VOICES

A Letter That Tracy from Missouri Writes to Senator Bond

In 2008, I lost my 17 year old son in Missouri's criminal justice system. I am writing to express my strong support for S. 678, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2009, which was introduced on March, 24, 2009.

In September 2007, my son Jonathan - who was 16 years old at the time - was prosecuted as an adult. Jonathan believed that his ex-girlfriend's new abusive boyfriend would kill her if she did not abort their baby. Under the influence of high levels of cold medication and in what he thought was an attempt to save his ex-girlfriend and her baby, Jonathan shot the boyfriend, who survived. While I knew Jonathan needed to be held accountable for his actions, I never would have imagined the conditions he would face in the adult criminal justice system that ultimately took his life.

From September of 2007 to October of 2007, Jonathan was held in various facilities across Missouri, including the Cape Girardeau County Juvenile Detention Center for youth in Cape Girardeau, the Cape Girardeau County Jail for adults in Jackson, and the Mississippi County Jail for adults in Charleston. In these facilities, Jonathan was beaten, a witness to several other beatings, not given proper medical or mental health care. During the day, Jonathan would watch TV or play cards and at night he could not sleep as the lights were kept on and the adult inmates stayed up. He waited to use the restroom in the mid-morning hours when the other inmates were sleeping to avoid being assaulted. My husband and I would visit Jonathan each week, but were only allowed to talk with him for 15 minutes through a glass panel.

One of the most difficult challenges Jonathan faced was receiving appropriate mental health care. While in the Cape Girardeau Juvenile Detention Center, Jonathan was prescribed an extremely high amount of anti-psychotic medication, which had the side effects of causing intense nightmares and hallucinations of blood running down the walls. When I informed his lifelong primary care physician of the high dosage he was prescribed, the doctor immediately told the supervisor of the facility that that amount was too potent for someone so young. He was told

that he did not have the authority to prescribe a more appropriate dose. After several weeks, Jonathan's body finally adjusted. However, when he entered the Cape Girardeau County Jail, Jonathan was abruptly taken off the medication due to the Jail's anti-narcotic policies, causing intense withdrawal symptoms.

In November 2007, despite the recommendation to place him in Missouri's Dual Jurisdiction Program, Jonathan received a 30 year sentence and was placed in the Northeast Correctional Center in Bowling Green until his 17th birthday. He remained at the facility through December, spending the whole month in solitary confinement for putting his hands in his lap during a visit. Two days before being placed in solitary confinement, Jonathan took the GED test. He scored in the 99th percentile in the nation on the math section and in the high 90's on all other sections except writing. That means he was the 100th percent; he had the top score. He never knew what his score was. On January 4th 2008, three days after his 17th birthday, he was found hanging in his cell at the Eastern Diagnostic and Reception Center in Bonne Terre.

I believe that Jonathan took his life because he had no hope. During his time in various facilities, Jonathan was not able to participate in positive, structured programming - such as an education program or mental health treatment - that may have given him something on which to focus his energy. Tragically in his barely 17-year-old mind, I believe the thought that he would have to endure the conditions I've described above for another 30 years (a lifetime) was too much. It took seven weeks for Missouri's Department of Corrections to claim my sons' life.

Since Jonathan's death, I have come to realize that I am not alone in this struggle. I am currently working in a caucus of other parents whose sons and daughters have been irreparably harmed and killed while in the custody of the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems. Although this group has provided me with much needed support, it is hard to imagine why such a group would have to exist. Our kids may have done something wrong, but they do not deserve this.

I am now working to make sure that what happened to Jonathan does not happen to other families. This is why I am writing today to respectfully ask you to co-sponsor S. 678. S.678 would strengthen and update crucial components of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act (JJDP), which has been protecting youth across the nation for over 30 years. S. 678 makes meaningful improvements that expand several of the core protections and other areas contained in the bill.

Specifically, S. 678 would extend certain protections to youth who - like Jonathan - are prosecuted as adults. The jail removal sight and sound core requirements currently protect youth from the dangers of adult jails by making sure that youth in the juvenile justice system are not placed in adult jails except under limited circumstances. In these limited circumstances, youth must be sight and sound separated from adult inmates. S. 678 would extend the jail removal and sight and sound protections of the Act to all youth, regardless of whether they are awaiting trial in juvenile or adult court.

S. 678 also would permit States to continue to house and rehabilitate youth convicted in adult court in juvenile facilities until they reach a State's extended juvenile jurisdiction age. Previous interpretation and application of the law penalized States for utilizing these more appropriate and humane placements for youth.

In closing, I again respectfully ask you to become a co-sponsor of S.678. Thank you for taking the time to hear my story and I look forward to hearing from you.

To share your story of being a youth in the adult justice system or if you are a family member of a youth who was in the adult system, go to: <http://www.campaignforyouthjustice.org/yourstory.html>.

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ON THE CALENDAR

Don't Throw Away the Key Campaign Community Meeting

Join us!! Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Legal Aid Justice Center Conference Room
6066 Leesburg Pike, Suite 520, Falls Church, VA

2nd Annual 5k Run/Walk to Raise Awareness of the Dangers of Prosecuting Youth as Adults.

On Sunday, October 25, 2009, in Jackson, Missouri at the North Cape County Park at 2 p.m.
Join us and support this effort!

Entry Fee: \$12 by October 20; \$15 thereafter or on race day
Registration form and info. available at <http://www.caperoadrunners.org>
Race day registration from 1:00p.m. to start of race

To make a donation or questions, contact:

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Hear Us Out! 2009
The 6th Annual Free Minds Poetry Reading of DC Jail's Young Poets

Poems will be performed by Free Minds members who are back home in the community.

Tuesday, October 6 2009 at 7pm

The 6th and I Historic Synagogue
600 I Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

Reception to follow ~ Free to the public!
Call 202-758-0829 for more information.

www.freemindsbookclub.org

Juvenile Justice Strategy Meeting for DC Residents!

The Campaign for Youth Justice and Justice for DC Youth will be hosting a strategy session on juvenile justice in Washington, DC, on Wednesday October 21st, 2009. The meeting will be held at The Public Welfare Foundation, located at 1200 U Street, NW. Washington, DC 20005.

If you would like to participate, we ask that you RSVP no later than Friday, October 16th. Please contact Shanta' Gray @ sgray@cfyj.org or 202-558-3580 ext. 19 for more information.

GET IN THE ACTION WITH CFYJ

Organize an event to celebrate [35 years of the JJDPA](#) and encourage reauthorization this year!

Follow CFYJ on [Twitter](#)

Send your story of a youth tried as an adult or refer a friend to participate in CFYJ's [Case Profiles Project](#).

Encourage your Senator or Representative to reauthorize the JJDPA today! www.capwiz.com/mobilize/issues/alert/?alertid=14046131&type=CO

Listen to [Juvenile Justice Matters](#) radio show Thursdays at 4:30pm.m EDT.

Call in to the show with your questions at (347) 843-4360.

Join the Campaign for Youth Justice group on Facebook and connect with hundreds of advocates across the country at:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=22937084155&ref=ts>.

Visit the Campaign's YouTube channel at:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/jjreform>.

Read JJ Today, Youth Today's blog on juvenile justice at:

www.youthtoday.org/jjtoday.

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PUT YOUR DOLLARS TO WORK FOR YOUTH JUSTICE!



Support the Campaign for Youth Justice! Your donation will be put to work right away on behalf of children and youth. Please consider a donation of \$35 this month to represent 35 years of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA).

CFYJ is calling on Congress to update the JJDPA to keep kids out of adult jails and prisons. Your tax-deductible contribution will help us let Congress know that children should not be placed in adult jails and prisons!

To donate, click here: <http://www.campaignforyouthjustice.org/donate.html>

Need more information on the JJDPA? Click here: <http://www.campaignforyouthjustice.org/jdpa.html>.

Thank you for your consideration!

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