



## **CAMPAIGN FOR YOUTH JUSTICE**

### **Mission & Goals:**

The Campaign for Youth Justice (CFYJ) was launched in 2005 to end the practice of trying, sentencing, and incarcerating youthful offenders under the age of 18 in the adult criminal justice system.

The strategic goals of CFYJ are (1) To reduce the number of youth who are tried, sentenced, and incarcerated in the adult criminal justice system, rather than adjudicated in the juvenile justice system; and (2) To decrease the harmful impact of trying youth in adult court, especially the placement of youth in adult jails and prisons.

### **Activities & Programs:**

#### **Join the Movement Campaign:**

To engage youth, parents, and communities in taking action to reduce the prosecution of youth in adult court.

#### **Act 4 Juvenile Justice Campaign:**

To update the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) to ban placing youth in adult jails and prisons.

#### **State Technical Assistance Program:**

To state-based youth justice campaigns including capacity building, organizing training, media assistance, research and policy support, and advocacy support.

#### **National Parents Caucus:**

A clearinghouse of information for parents and families needing information and support for their individual needs as well as linking them to the larger youth justice movement.

#### **Research & Policy Program:**

To document the impact of trying youth as adults.

#### **Media Campaign:**

To raise awareness about the negative impact of prosecuting youth in adult court, including CFYJ's Spokespersons Bureau, Blog Talk Radio Show, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

#### **Case Profiles Project:**

To document the personal stories of directly affected youth, parents and their families.

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