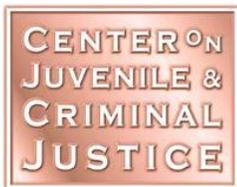


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2012 juvenile justice reforms move forward

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::PUBLICATIONS::

Governor's juvenile justice realignment proposal echoes CJCJ's 2012 [recommendations!](#)

[New report provides five policy recommendations to ensure successful juvenile justice realignment in California](#)

CJCJ's January 2012 report entitled [Juvenile Justice Realignment in 2012](#) provides support for Governor Brown's realignment proposal and offers five policy recommendations that include a three-year process that allows counties time to design new services and infrastructure. At the end of three years, the state will no longer manage youth correctional institutions and the resources that used to sustain these facilities will be transferred to the counties. Shifting full responsibilities for juvenile justice services to the counties will spur innovation and produce substantial cost savings. Similar recommendations by the Legislative Analyst's Office, Little Hoover Commission, and the Governor's Office date back to 2008. CJCJ's Executive Director Daniel Macallair states

"Governor Brown is correct when he asserts that the best correctional interventions are those delivered at the point where the offender is most likely to return."

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Does your California County support realignment?

::IN THE NEWS::

Juvenile justice reform quickly becomes a hot topic in the first month of the New Year

Several newspapers, radio, and television stations have been reporting on the possibility of juvenile justice realignment since the Governor's proposal appeared in his Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget. Not only has the media demonstrated an understanding of the necessity for and challenges facing realignment, but several editorials and op-eds have called for their counties to support the Governor's efforts. Here are some of the highlights from January 2012:

- ~ [**Seize the Moment – Shut the Youth Prisons Down**](#), *Huffington Post*, January 26, 2012
- ~ [**Fight Brewing over historic California plan to close last three youth prisons**](#), *iWatch News*, January 25, 2012
- ~ [**Some Good News From California’s Justice System**](#), *New York Times*, January 15, 2012
- ~ [**Gov. Jerry Brown plans \\$1 billion in prison cuts**](#), *San Francisco Chronicle*, January 15, 2012
- ~ [**State spends 8 times more than counties to jail juvenile offenders**](#), *Manteca Bulletin*, January 13, 2012
- ~ [**Behind Governor's Plan to Close State's Juvenile Justice System**](#), *Bay Citizen*, January 10, 2012
- ~ [**Gov. Brown proposes shutting juvenile prison system \(again\)**](#), *KALW News*, January 9, 2012
- ~ [**California Juvenile Justice System on Chopping Block**](#), *CBS San Francisco*, January 9, 2012
- ~ [**Brown proposes to shut down youth prison system**](#), *ABC News 10*, January 9, 2012
- ~ [**California's Governor Sends Wake-Up Call to the State's Counties**](#), *Juvenile Justice Information Exchange*, January 9, 2012
- ~ [**Gov. Jerry Brown calls for historic shuttering of state's notorious youth prison system**](#), *San Jose Mercury News*, January 6, 2012
- ~ [**Evening News**](#) at 00:05:55, *KGO Radio*, January 3, 2012

::BLOGS::

Introducing Brian Heller de Leon, CJCJ’s new policy and government outreach coordinator! [**Momentum growing for juvenile realignment:**](#)

“The question in front of California’s decision makers is not “if” DJF closure will happen, but rather “how”. Key stakeholders like the Chief Probation Officers of California have a critical role in shaping juvenile realignment moving forward. Several challenging issues still need to be resolved, but California is clearly past the point of no return. Full juvenile justice realignment *will* happen. What remains to be seen is if California’s leaders can chart out a successful path forward.”

~ Brian Heller de Leon

This blog explains how and why juvenile justice reform should be important to you:
[**Why taxpayers should care about juvenile justice**](#)

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