

New resources on California's juvenile justice system just for you



California Juvenile Justice Reform Update

The *Juvenile Justice Realignment Series* documents the prosecutorial practices of California's 58 counties. How many youth do your prosecutors send to the adult system?

July 2011 Report finds huge disparities in prosecutorial practices resulting in a system of justice by geography

The report, *An Analysis of direct adult criminal court filing 2003-2009: What has been the effect of Proposition 21?*, reviews prosecutorial use of direct adult criminal court filing from 2003 to 2009 in California's 58 counties and finds major differences between county practices.

For example, did you know that a youth under 15-years-old is nearly 14 times more likely to be tried directly as an adult by the prosecutor in Ventura County than elsewhere in California?

The report shows that direct filing does not reduce crime.

It also finds a trend among high direct filing counties to target younger offenders who end up serving their confinement time in state youth correctional facilities, at no cost to the committing county. Thus, counties that use direct filing the most are imposing additional costs on counties that are self-reliant.

You can read the full report and access the entire series on our [Resource Center](#) and on our newest Facebook resource (see below for details).

How much do you know about California's youth correctional facilities? CJCJ's new Facebook resource provides you with some helpful tools.

Recently released tools such as summaries of key expert audits, an introductory video, and a timeline of events, help CJCJ Facebook fans educate others

CJCJ invites you to explore their recently developed ***California Juvenile Justice Reform*** page on [Facebook](#) to access tailored resources designed to give you easy-to-use insights into California's juvenile justice system.

The page contains a quick video of the **Farrell Litigation** – a lawsuit borne out of decades of advocacy by some of the state's most prominent child advocates, documenting the devastating conditions in the state youth prisons. You can find out how this lawsuit came about and why it continues today. There are also some simple breakdowns of the latest audits by nationally recognized experts detailing the current conditions of the youth prisons, and the bureaucratic failings that continue to plague the system. A timeline from 1999 to the present day also depicts the chronological path of the litigation highlighting key events and documents and providing references to a wealth of additional resources.

California Juvenile Justice Reform also provides information and resources on Senate Bill 81, features two state policy organizations that have been instrumental in juvenile justice reform, and links to several relevant publications including CJCJ's *Juvenile Justice Realignment Series* released earlier this year.

To access these great tools, please go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CJCJmedia.

You can stop history from repeating itself by supporting realignment

CJCJ's Daniel Macallair describes how a 19th Century relic continues to plague our juvenile justice system in a new film by Gaby Delgado

150 years of the egregious maltreatment of California's youth began with the San Francisco Industrial School and continues to the present day

The San Francisco Industrial School opened its doors in the late 1850's. Throughout the course of its history, the Industrial School underwent a series of scandals that still exist in youth correctional institutions today. Instances of staff brutality and victimization were commonplace, as was the abuse of girls and younger inmates. By the end of the 19th century it was clear the Industrial School was failing in its mission of reforming and educating youth.

In this new short film by Gaby Delgado, CJCJ's Executive Director Daniel Macallair explores the history of institutional congregate care in California and discusses why we still pursue these age-old bad practices.

If you would like to know more about how you can support juvenile justice reform please follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) and take a look at our recent report, [*Renewing*](#)

[Juvenile Justice](#), which outlines CJCJ's recommendations for a safer and more effective juvenile justice system.

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[New report, same problems: DJF's prolonged progress](#)

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