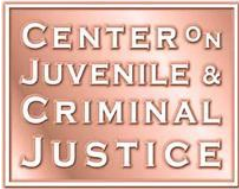


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## **Giving thanks for juvenile justice reform projects**

### **::JUVENILE JUSTICE INTERACTIVE MAP::**

#### **California Sentencing Institute releases interactive youth crime trends map**

CJCJ released its [juvenile justice interactive map](#) on the California Sentencing Institute this month! The map presents a wealth of data on juvenile justice practices by county, providing the basis for a thoughtful and well-informed dialogue on juvenile justice reform in California.

For example, combined with our [recent publication](#) regarding the staggering California youth crime decline, this disaggregated information provides a [more nuanced picture](#) of the causes for the statewide trend.

Additionally, the map highlights mental health, child welfare, and socio-economic data. These overlapping issues are prevalent and often overlooked in the juvenile justice system. By presenting these data alongside traditional justice metrics, users gain insight into the [specific needs](#) of California's juvenile justice population.

People are already using the map as a basis for in-depth county analysis! Check out [this story](#) by the Monterey Herald discussing the trends in their county in light of information from on-the-ground practitioners.

We want this map to be as useful to you as possible, and we will be updating it with new data as it becomes available. We think this work is essential to continue moving the justice dialogue towards data-driven reform and model practices.

If you agree and would like to support this project, please consider giving an end-of-year, tax-deductible donation through [Network for Good](#).

### **::POSITIVE YOUTH JUSTICE INITIATIVE::**

#### **Sierra Health Foundation announces awarded grantees; CJCJ a member of the technical assistance team**

Earlier this year, [Sierra Health Foundation](#) launched the [Positive Youth Justice Initiative](#) (PYJI), which provides technical assistance and grant funding to awarded counties to address the unique needs of [crossover youth](#) – youth with a history in the child welfare system who are now engaged in the juvenile justice system.

This initiative focuses on four areas of improvement and implementation: positive youth development, trauma-informed care, wraparound service delivery, and strengthened county level juvenile justice system operational capacity.

On October 15, 2012, Sierra Health [announced these grantees](#): Alameda, Sacramento, San Diego, San Joaquin, and Yolo County Probation Departments, and Vallejo City Unified School District in Solano County. These counties will each receive an initial \$75,000 grant for a 12-month planning phase in addition to technical assistance. Funding is provided by [Sierra Health Foundation](#), [The California Endowment](#) and [The California Wellness Foundation](#).

Sierra Health has assembled a technical assistance team to work jointly with the counties and develop individual county implementation plans. This team includes representatives from the [W. Haywood Burns Institute](#), the [Center for Youth Wellness](#), the [National Girls Health and Justice Institute](#), [Solutions Inc.](#), and [CJCJ](#).

**“Sierra Health applauds the leadership in the selected counties who saw the PYJI as an opportunity to strengthen their juvenile justice practices. Through the counties’ innovative approaches coupled with the expertise of the TA providers, we anticipate improved developmental outcomes for young people and practical lessons learned that can broadly benefit the field.”**

~ SHF Senior Program Officer Matt Cervantes

CJCJ has been providing technical assistance to practitioners and other jurisdictions nationally, since 1985. If you would like to support CJCJ’s technical assistance work, please consider giving an end-of-year, tax-deductible donation through [Network for Good](#).

## **::INTERNATIONAL::**

### **CJCJ hosts Chinese delegation to discuss juvenile justice best practices**

The United States Department of State’s [International Visitor Leadership Program](#) sponsored a three-week visit for five participants from the People’s Republic of China, including judges attorneys, government officials, and scholars, to provide an introduction to the US legal system.

On November 21, 2012, the [delegation visited CJCJ](#) to learn about California’s juvenile justice system and how CJCJ’s direct service programs offer positive alternatives to confinement for youth offenders.

We are honored to host our international visitors and value the opportunity for cross-border information sharing. Discussing justice issues through an international lens strengthens our understanding of best practices and provides much needed exposure to the great work happening in communities locally.

If you would like to support our collaborative and information sharing efforts, please consider giving an end-of-year, tax-deductible donation through [Network for Good](#).

## **Employment opportunity (San Francisco, CA)!**

The Leaders in Community Alternatives, Inc., is looking for a Program Director to operate the Community Assessment and Services Center (CASC) in partnership with the San Francisco Adult Probation Department. Please share as widely as possible.

For the full job listing see: <http://sfbay.craigslist.org/sfc/npo/3391012729.html>

### **Our Senior Research Fellows discuss the election results:**

~ **Randall Shelden** discusses the passage of Prop. 36 in California in [\*Legalized pot and easing of 'three strikes' law mark unique election\*](#).

~ **Mike Males** discusses his skepticism about drug policy reforms in other states in [\*Washington's and Colorado's marijuana legalization schemes are no model for California\*](#).

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