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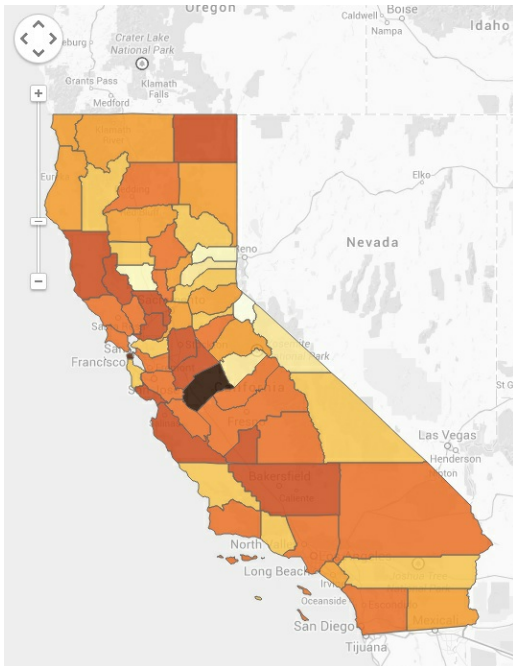
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New 2012 youth crime data released on CASI

State and local agencies struggle to produce data to assess success of youth justice interventions



Due to governmental budget constraints and leadership priorities, county sentencing data are often slow to trickle in and [difficult for the public to access](#). That's why CJCJ developed the California Sentencing Institute - a one-stop site displaying sentencing and incarceration trends for youths and adults, and including downloadable raw data files.

Now, CJCJ is happy to announce that [2012 data is released and available >>](#)

To view information about the data used and recent changes to the site visit our new features:

[known data limitations and adjustments](#) and [change log](#).

2012 trends show a continued [decrease in youth crime](#) statewide and a decreased reliance on the state's youth correctional facilities. However, counties also continue to demonstrate significantly varied patterns of detention and local capacity to serve justice-involved youth.

STAY TUNED: Adult criminal justice data to follow...

Solano County's legacy of serving high-risk youth locally

New publication preserves history of Fouts Springs Youth Facility

Fouts Springs Youth Facility was established in 1959 by Solano and Colusa counties as a regional alternative to the state youth correctional facilities. Over the course of its operations, it adopted several different programmatic models. In particular, in 2005 the facility transformed from a boot camp to a therapeutic, evidence-based model.

CJCJ's [new publication](#) analyzes data for youth served by the facility from 2005 through 2011. While Fouts Springs had a significantly lower rate of recidivism and length of stay than the state facilities, the cost to the committing county was higher due to the state's large subsidy of state commitment costs.

Despite its closure in 2011, Fouts Springs presents a regional model of serving high-risk youth that could be replicated in other jurisdictions if provided technical assistance and funding by the state.

[Read an op-ed by author, Selena Teji, on Solano County's dedication to local juvenile justice innovation >>](#)

Justice Policy Journal Fall edition reflects on youth justice programs

Articles include studies on court-ordered mentoring programs and volunteer run diversion programs

This Fall's edition of the JPJ provides commentary on multiple areas of juvenile justice. Marc Settembrino's article, "[Values Over Structure: An ethnographic study of volunteers participating in a juvenile diversion program](#)", presents an illustration of restorative justice. The study finds that while volunteers encourage youth to embrace prosocial values, they are often unable to overcome barriers that prevent youth from fully embracing these values.



Mike Tapia et al., provides another examination of a youth justice program. In "[Court-Ordered Mentoring Programs for Adjudicated Juveniles: When should youth be referred?](#)", the authors examine the impact of mentoring programs for youth who have all ready been adjudicated. The study shows that mentoring was unable to "change the trajectory of youth who had already begun a distinct pattern of technical violations on probation." The policy implications of this study include revisiting when youth are first referred to mentoring, a better selection process, and more extensive training of

adult mentors.

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