



# Criminal Justice System

## **Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth**

The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth is a national coalition and clearinghouse that leads, coordinates, develops and supports efforts to implement fair and age-appropriate sentences for youth, with a focus on abolishing life without parole sentences for youth. We provide technical assistance on strategic communications, litigation and advocacy to attorneys, advocates, organizers and others working at the state and federal levels. In addition, we engage in public education and communications efforts to provide decision-makers and the broader public with the facts, stories and research that will help them to fully understand the impacts of these sentences upon individuals, families and communities.

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## **Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants**

Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE) is a grassroots organization that was founded in Texas in 1972. The organization believes that prisons should be used only for those who absolutely must be incarcerated and that those who are incarcerated should have all of the resources they need to turn their lives around. They also believe that human rights documents provide a sound basis for ensuring that criminal justice systems meet these goals.

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## **Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) envisions a nation where fewer children are at risk of delinquency; and if they are at risk or involved with the justice system, they and their families receive every possible opportunity to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives. CJJ is a nationwide coalition of State Advisory Groups (SAGs) and allies dedicated to preventing children and youth from becoming involved in the courts and upholding the highest standards of care when youth are charged with wrongdoing and enter the justice system.

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## **Court Service and Offender Supervision Agency**

CSOSA's mission is to increase public safety, prevent crime, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of justice in close collaboration with the community. In the District of Columbia, eighty percent of pretrial defendants are released to the community and approximately 70 percent of convicted offenders serve some portion of their sentence in the community. As such, CSOSA's effective supervision of pretrial defendants and convicted offenders provides a crucial service to the courts and paroling authority and is critical to public safety.

**Contact:** (202) 220-5300/[www.csosa.gov](http://www.csosa.gov) 633 Indiana Avenue NW, DC 20004 (no-one allowed in the building)

## **Crossroads Youth Opportunity Center (CYOC)**

CYOC's Identity program provides programs for Latino youth in Montgomery County, Maryland to help them achieve a sense of confidence, connection, and control over their lives. Our goal is to reduce social and cultural barriers that hamper Latino youths' ability to participate fully in society's benefits and responsibilities.

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## **DC Books to Prisons**

Since 1999, DC Books to Prisons Project has provided free books to prisoners around the country. We also develop and support local prison libraries. Our work is done solely by concerned volunteers on donated time and resources. Unlike some programs, we do not limit requests for books to a particular geographic area or demographic group; therefore, we receive a tremendous number of requests. Yearly, we send out close to 4,000 packages containing over 10,000 books. These packages go to prisoners in 150 different prisons in all 50 states. Pack books Wednesday evenings between 5:30pm and 9:00pm.

**Contact:** [btopc@gmail.com](mailto:btopc@gmail.com) / <http://dcbookstoprisoners.org/volunteer/>  
Based out of Foundry United Methodist Church 1500 16th St NW, Washington DC, 20036

### **Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM)**

FAMM (Families Against Mandatory Minimums) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization fighting for fair and proportionate sentencing laws that allow judicial discretion while maintaining public safety.

FAMM advocates for state and federal sentencing reform and mobilizes thousands of individuals and families whose lives are adversely affected by unjust sentences to work constructively for change.

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### **Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop**

Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop uses the tools of books, creative writing, and community support to empower incarcerated and formerly incarcerated youths and adults to transform their lives and become powerful voices for change. Free Minds provides comprehensive support throughout the book club members' incarceration in the DC Jail and federal Bureau of Prisons, and into reentry. Since its inception in 2002, Free Minds has served over 1,000 youths and adults. Free Minds seeks volunteers to type poetry and respond to letters and poems by members incarcerated in federal prisons across the country.

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Located in: Thurgood Marshall Center for Services 1816 12th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

### **DC SAFE**

DC SAFE works to protect the safety and self-determination of domestic violence survivors through emergency services, court advocacy, and system reform. Volunteers can serve as part of the Court Watch Project (ensuring justice for domestic violence survivors) or on the 24-hour response hotline.

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6856 Eastern Ave NW Suite 212, Washington, DC 20012

### **Sasha Bruce Youthwork**

Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY) delivers comprehensive services to meet the urgent needs of at-risk youth and their families and is a key provider of youth and family services in Washington, D.C. and the surrounding community. As a private, non-profit agency, SBY offers unique programs designed to provide a wide-range of services to young people and their families.

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### **The Sentencing Project**

The Sentencing Project works for a fair and effective U.S. criminal justice system by promoting reforms in sentencing policy, addressing unjust racial disparities and practices, and advocating for alternatives to incarceration. The Sentencing Project was founded in 1986 to provide defense lawyers with sentencing advocacy training and to reduce the reliance on incarceration. Since that time, The Sentencing Project has become a leader in the effort to bring national attention to disturbing trends and inequities in the criminal justice system with a successful formula that includes the publication of groundbreaking research, aggressive media campaigns and strategic advocacy for policy reform.

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### **Young Ladies of Tomorrow**

This organization works directly with young women and girls that have experienced the juvenile justice system. The goal is to offer counseling, therapeutic recreation, job training, mentorship and provide other resources these ladies may need in order to reach their potential. The organization strives to help every lady discover the root of her "issue" in order for her to be able to address it and ideally meet her potential.

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