Youth Reinvestment Fund: Preventing the Harm of Justice System Involvement

43,000 youth arrested for low level offenses

In 2016, of the approximately 62,000 youth arrested, more than 43,000 youth (69%) were arrested for misdemeanor and status offenses, things like: petty theft, school fights, smoking marijuana, running away, violating curfew.

This proposal would fund community based organizations to provide these vulnerable young people with culturally relevant, trauma-informed services outside of the justice system.

$100,000,000 investment in youth

- **$75 Million: Local Diversion Programs.**
  - 85% of funds go to CBOs for education, mentoring, behavioral health services, and mental health services.

- **$15 Million: Social Workers in Public Defenders Offices.**
  - Integrate social workers with public defenders to address the root causes that bring youth into the system.

- **$10 Million: Trauma Informed Diversion Programs for Native American Youth.**
  - Address the particular needs of Native American youth by ensuring services are culturally rooted.

Diversion is safer!

2.5 X less likely to re-offend for pre-arrest diversion

Diversion is a smart investment.

Every $1 invested in diversion can return up to $25 to society.

Youth of color bear the brunt of justice system involvement for low level offenses

And once in the system, youth of color accused of low level offenses are more likely than White youth to penetrate more deeply.

The vast majority of youth arrests are for misdemeanor or status offenses.
The Youth Reinvestment Fund is supported by:

ORGANIZATIONS

- AdvoKids
- Alameda County Office of the Public Defender
- Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
- Aspen Institute’s Center for Native American Youth
- Alternatives to Violence Project California
- American Indian College Fund
- Boys and Girls Clubs, North Valley
- Brotherhood Crusade
- Brothers, Sons, Selves Coalition
- California Alliance of Caregivers
- California Association of Local Conservation Corps
- California CASA
- California Indian Museum and Cultural Center
- California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB)
- Catalyst Collaborative Inc.
- Center for Council
- Centinela Youth Services, Inc.
- Centro CHA, Inc.
- Children's Defense Fund -- CA (CDF-CA)
- Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice
- Coalition for Responsible Community Development
- Coleman Advocates
- Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice
- Contra Costa Public Defender
- Diversity Research and Consulting Group, Inc.
- Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
- Empowering Pacific Islander Communities
- Fathers, Families and Healthy Communities
- Fathers & Families of San Joaquin
- Fight Crime Invest in Kids
- Fresno Barrios Unidos
- Fresno County Public Defender Office
- Huckleberry Youth Programs
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center
- Initiate Justice
- InnerCity Struggle
- Instituto Familiar de la Raza
- Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative
- Kids in Common, a program of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
- Khmer Girls in Action
- Liberty Hill Foundation
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles County Commission for Children & Families
- Los Angeles Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti
- Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)
- Merced County Public Defender Office
- MILPA
- Monterey County Public Defender Office
- National Association of Social Workers - California Chapter
- National Caucus of Native American State Legislators
- National Center for Youth Law
- National Compadres Network
- National Council on Crime and Delinquency
- National Indian Justice Center
- National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform
- Native Americans in Philanthropy
- New Earth
- Orange County Public Defender Office
- Oxnard Police Department
- PICO California
- PolicyLink
- Rhythm Arts Alliance
- Riverside County Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
- Resilience OC
- RYSE Center
- Sacramento City Unified School District
- Saddleback College
- San Bernardino Fatherhood
- San Diego County Public Defender Office
- Santa Barbara County Public Defender Office
- San Francisco County Public Defender Office
- Sisterhood in Motion
- Social Justice Learning Institute
- Somos Mayfair
- Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
- Starting Over, Inc.
- Stockton Office of the Mayor Michael Tubbs
- Street Level Health Project
- Teng & Smith, Inc.
- The Advocacy Fund
- The Children's Initiative
- The Children's Partnership
- The Indigenous Youth Foundation, Inc.
- The Mentoring Center
- The Oral Tradition ROOTS Foundation
- United National Indian Tribal Youth
- Urban Peace Institute
- Urban Peace Movement
- Urban Strategies Council
- Vision Media Maker
- Voices - Voice Our Independent Choices for Emancipation Support
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