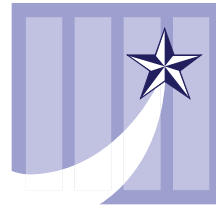

TEXAS FAMILIES OF INCARCERATED YOUTH

Texas Families of Incarcerated Youth (TFIY) is a project of the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition's Juvenile Justice Initiative. TFIY is a network comprised of family members of youth who are or were incarcerated in the Texas Youth Commission. TFIY provides support and information to other families of system-involved youth, and it advocates as a unified voice for systemic change to improve Texas' juvenile justice practices.



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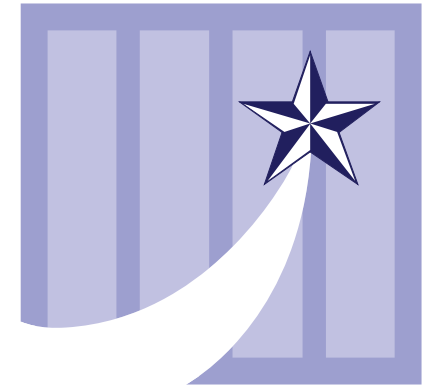
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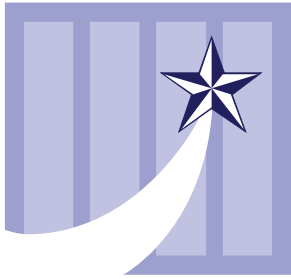
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JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVE

The Juvenile Justice Initiative of the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition advocates for juvenile justice policy solutions that maximize opportunities for troubled youth to become productive, law-abiding adults. We promote increased resources for community-based alternatives to incarceration, treatment for substance abuse and mental health problems, restorative justice practices, and pathways for successful re-entry.



ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION

The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC) is committed to identifying and advancing real solutions to the problems facing Texas' juvenile and criminal justice systems. We provide policy research and analysis, form effective partnerships, and educate key stakeholders to promote effective management, accountability, and best practices that increase public safety and preserve human and civil rights.

JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVE PROJECTS

TCJC's Juvenile Justice Initiative aims to address a range of issues pertaining to Texas' juvenile justice system. As such, we have various features and provide many services, including the following (described more fully inside this brochure):

- Tell Us Your Story
- Family Outreach & Integration
- Research & Policy Analysis
- Development of Effective Partnerships

TELL US YOUR STORY

The trials and tribulations that a family endures while a child is "locked up" make for difficult times. You're not alone. There are thousands of families that are currently experiencing or have experienced exactly what you are going through. By uniting your voices, families of system-involved youth can be heard. Telling us your story provides us with the information that we, as policy analysts, need to help improve the conditions and services within the juvenile justice system. **Speak out... because we're here to listen!**

To Tell Us Your Story, please visit the JJI website at http://criminaljusticecoalition.org/juvenile_justice



FAMILY OUTREACH AND INTEGRATION

As the juvenile justice system undergoes reform, families and youth should expect policy and legislative changes that could directly affect their experience with the system. Our mission is to reach out to families to help shape the direction of future legislation and to provide information on the changes that have occurred. As families attempt to navigate their way through the system, you should know that TCJC's Juvenile Justice Initiative is here to help. We can provide the tools you need to get your child through the system and back into society as a productive, law-abiding adult.

RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYSIS

Advocating for real solutions to problems facing Texas' juvenile justice system cannot be done without extensive policy research and analysis. Our efforts to identify "best practice" alternatives are wide-ranged and ongoing. As an initiative for youth justice, we strive to push for practices that focus on achieving safety AND hope. As practitioners, policy-makers, and key stakeholders strive to make a safer tomorrow for our children today, it's our job to remind them that reintegrating system-involved youths involves a balance between assuring protection and providing treatment.

DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

As juvenile justice reform moves forward, the collaboration among agencies, stakeholders, advocates, and families has become more imperative than ever. Together, we can determine what direction Texas takes when addressing issues of system-involved youth. TCJC's Juvenile Justice Initiative strives to make these connections to ensure a better tomorrow for the children of today. Please, join us in shaping the future of Texas youth.