



2020 VIRTUAL YOUTH SUMMIT

EXECUTING OUR POWER INTO ACTION

SESSION 3: SENTENCING REFORM

SEPTEMBER 2, 3:30 - 5:00 PM EST

WELCOME

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YOUTH JUSTICE FACTS

48,000

The number of youth who are confined away from home on any given day due to juvenile or criminal justice system involvement. Majority are held for non-violent offenses [1].

5x

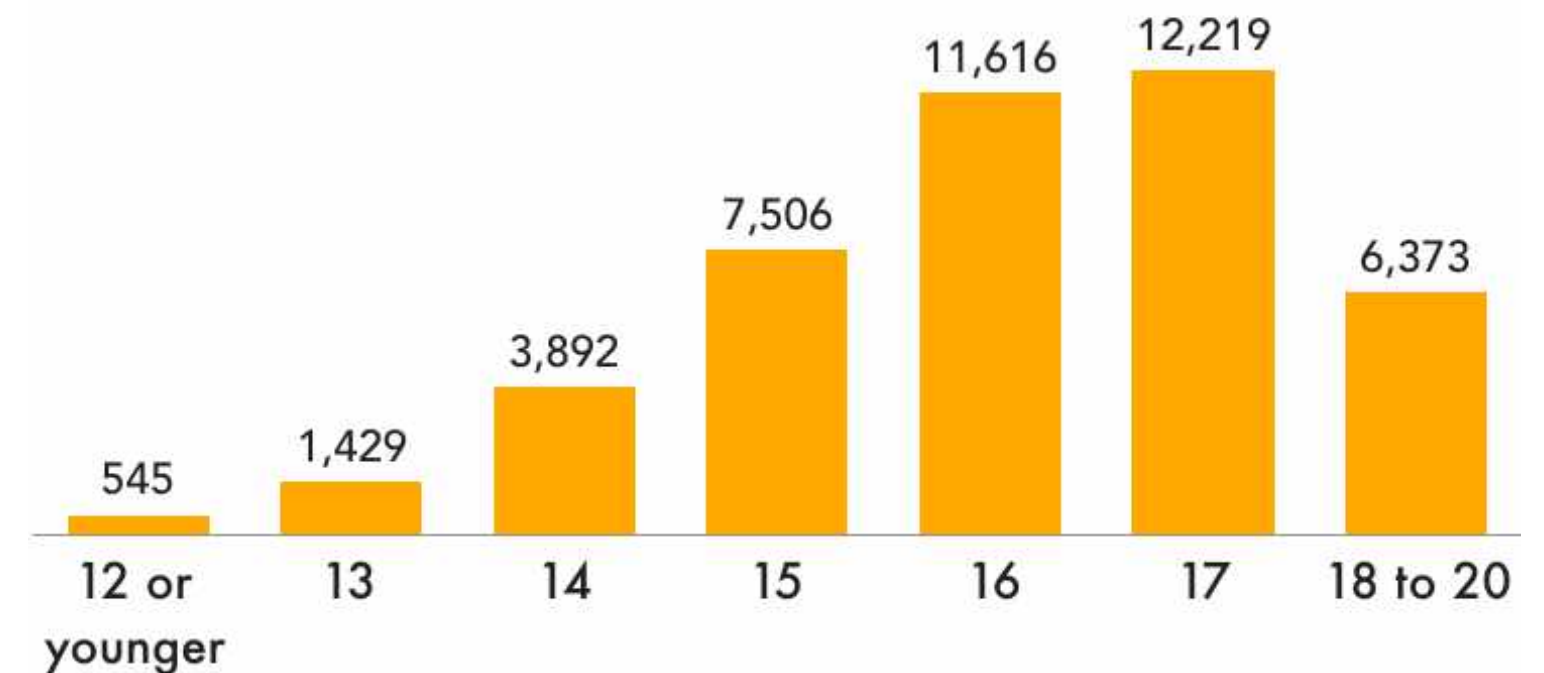
Black youth are 5x more likely to be incarcerated than white youth. Native American youth are 3x more likely; and Latinx youth are 1.6x more likely. [2]

\$588

The average state cost for the secure confinement of a young person is \$588 per day, or \$214,620 per year. [3]

Youth in juvenile facilities, by age

Number of youth in residential placement facilities in 2017. Another 4,671 youth ages 17 and younger were held in adult prisons, adult jails, or in Indian Country facilities.



Source: Easy Access to the Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement

[1] Wendy Sawyer, Prison Policy Initiative. (2019). *Youth Confinement: The Whole Pie 2019*. Online. Available: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/youth2019.html>.

[2] W. Haywood Burns Institute. (2015). Online. Available: <https://data.burnsinstitute.org/about>.

[3] Justice Policy Institute. (2020). *Sticker Shock: The Cost of Youth Incarceration*. Online. Available: <http://www.justicepolicy.org/research/12928>.

Image Source: Peter Wagner and Wanda Bertram, Prison Policy Initiative. (2020). *What Percent of the U.S. is Incarcerated?*. Online. Available: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2020/01/16/percent-incarcerated/>.

HISTORY

- 1899 - 2020
- Super-Predator Myths
- The School-to-Prison Pipeline
 - Zero tolerance
- 29 states Juvenile Life Without Parole (JLWOP)
 - Legal Precedent ?

States that have banned or limited the use of juvenile life without parole sentences, 2020

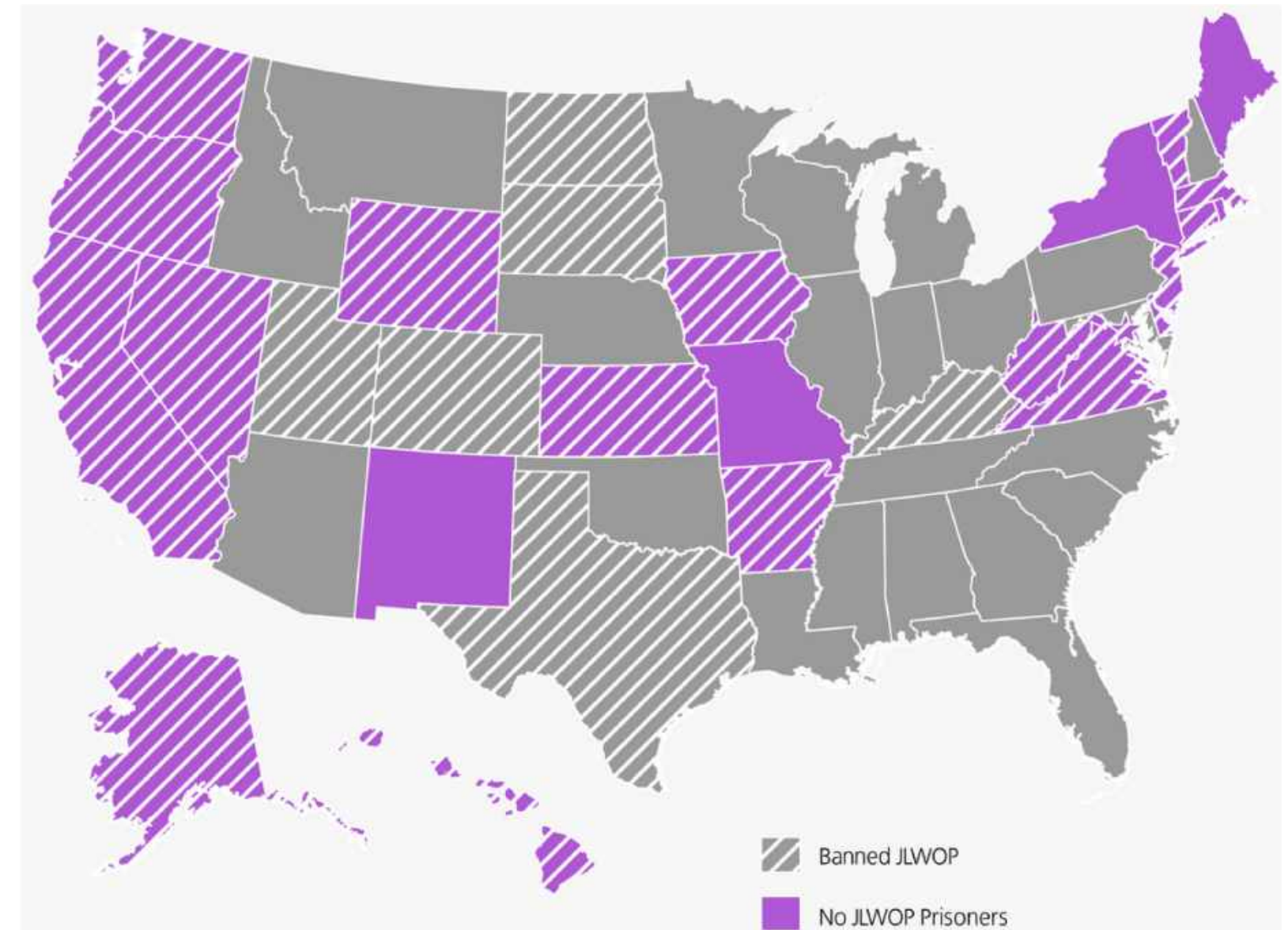


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EFFECTS OF INCARCERATION

- Institutionalization
- Suicide Risk
- Depression
- Anxiety

Two-thirds of confined youth are
in the most restrictive facilities

68% are held in either the juvenile justice system's versions
of jails and prisons or in *actual* adult jails and prisons

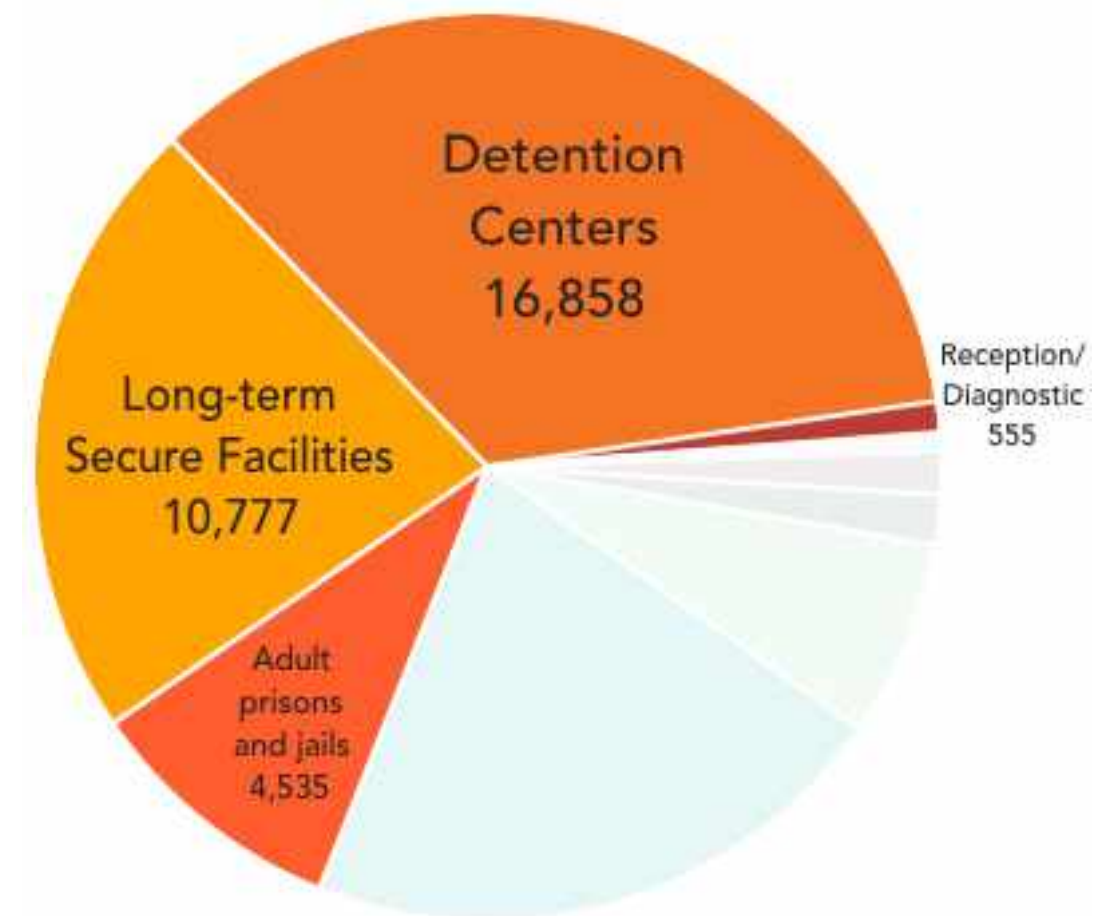


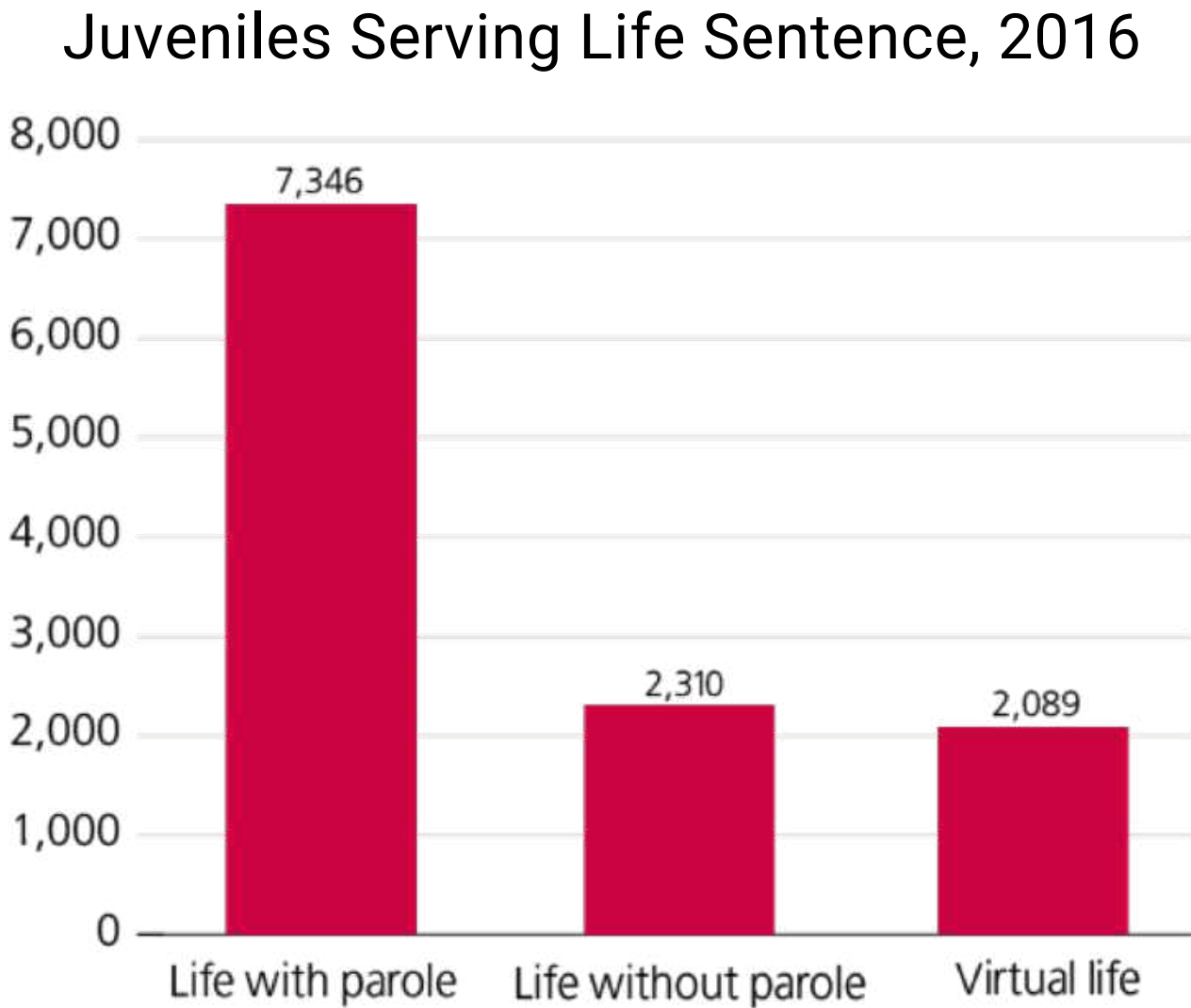
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THE PROBLEM

- Duration of Incarceration
- Mental Effects and Health
- Recidivism

Racial Composition of Juveniles and Adults Serving Life and Virtual Life Sentences, 2016

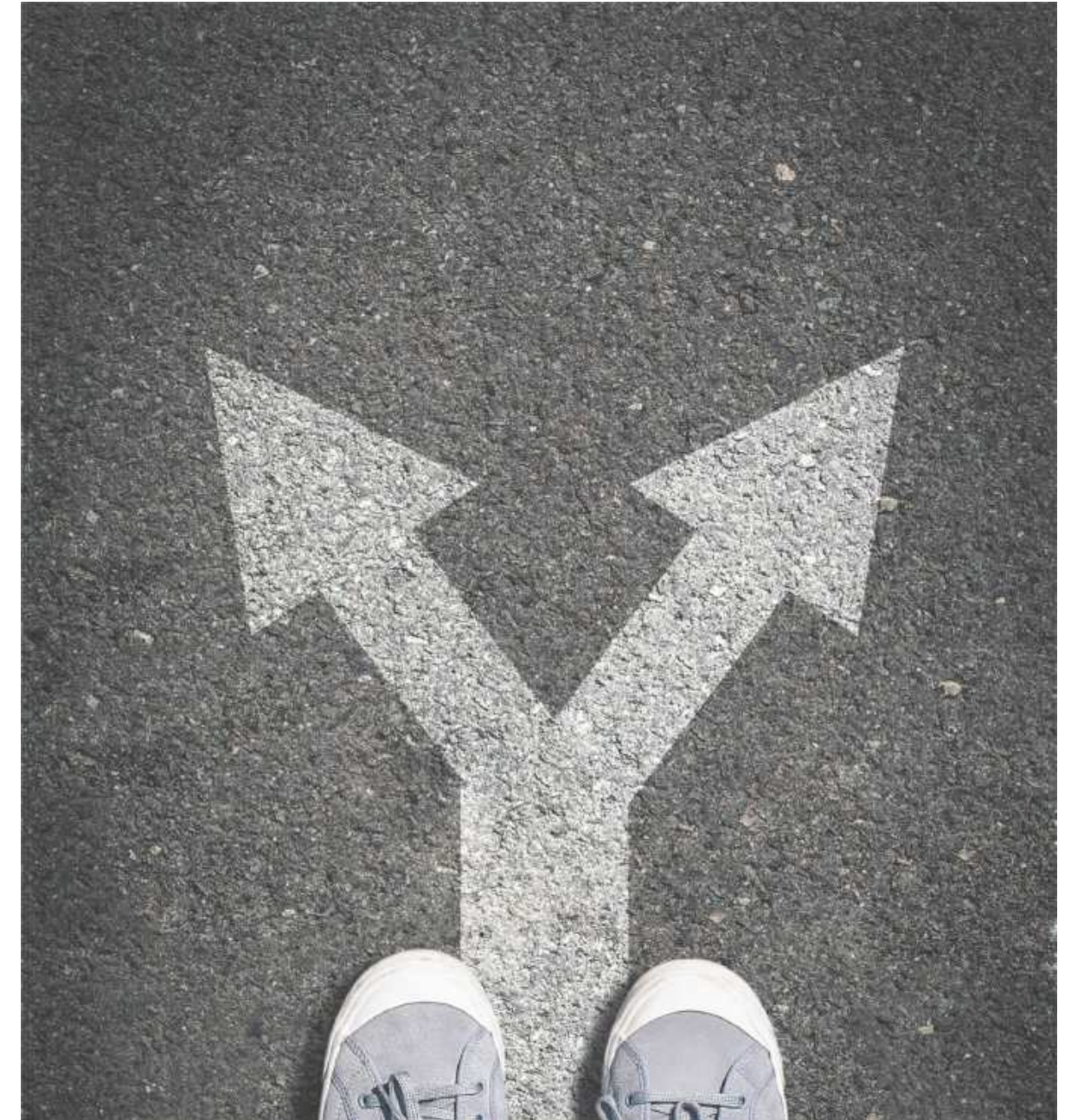
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| | Life with parole | Life without parole | Virtual life | Life with parole | Life without parole | Virtual life |
| Juvenile | 50 | 63 | 64 | 82 | 77 | 79 |
| Adult | 43 | 55 | 51 | 67 | 68 | 65 |



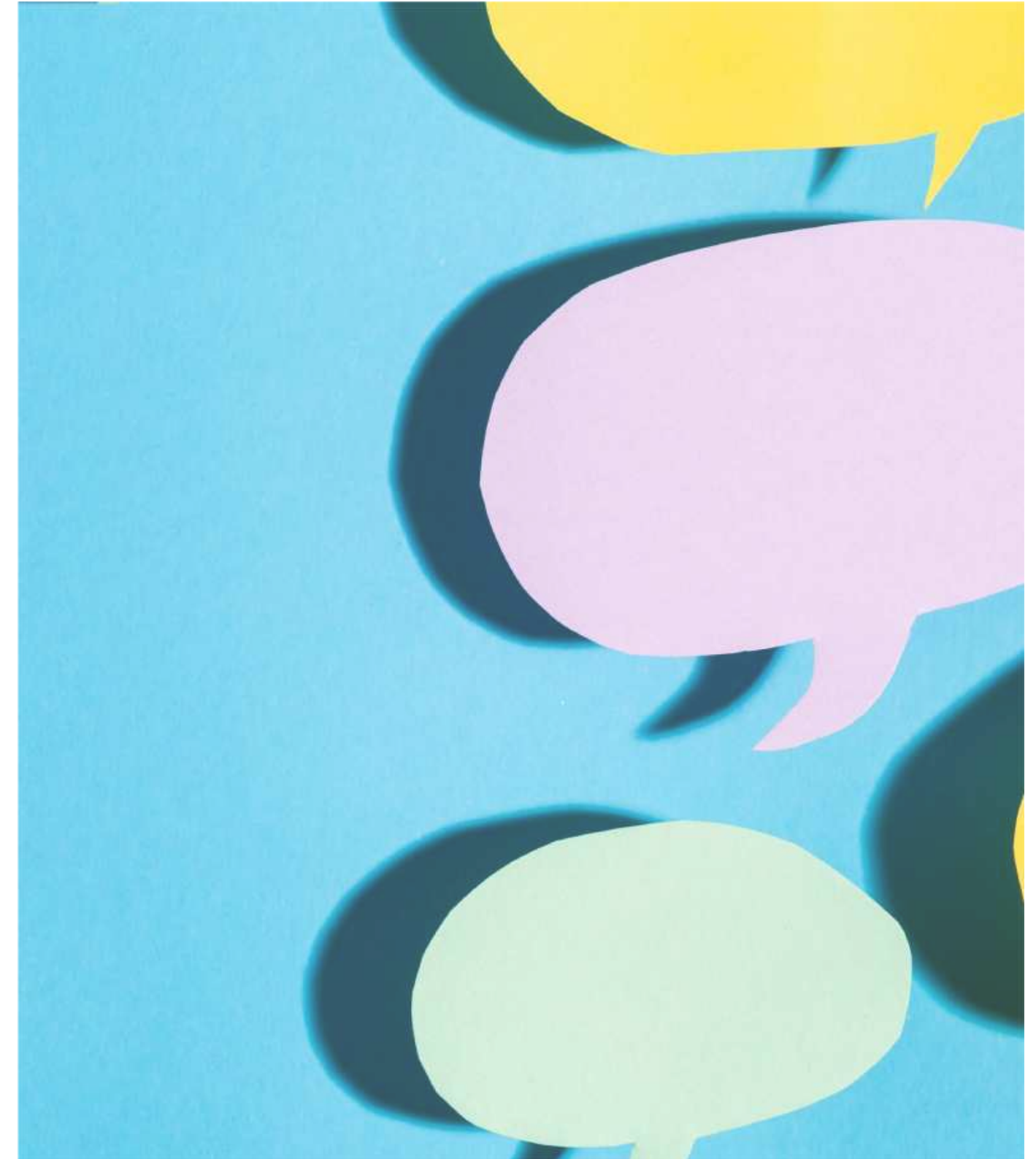
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SOLUTIONS

- Programming
- Funding
- Policy and Law Changes
- Rehabilitation



QUESTION & ANSWERS



UPCOMING SESSIONS

SESSION 4: MENTORING & REENTRY
SEPTEMBER 9, 3:30 - 5:00 PM EST





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