EXECUTING OUR POWER INTO ACTION

2020 VIRTUAL YOUTH SUMMIT

SESSION 3: SENTENCING REFORM
SEPTEMBER 2, 3:30 - 5:00 PM EST
WELCOME

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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].

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]

The average state cost for the secure confinement of a young person is $588 per day, or $214,620 per year. [3]
• 1899 - 2020

• Super-Predator Myths

• The School-to-Prison Pipeline
  ○ Zero tolerance

• 29 states Juvenile Life Without Parole (JLWOP)
  ○ Legal Precedent?
EFFECTS OF INCARCERATION

- Institutionalization
- Suicide Risk
- Depression
- Anxiety

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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SOLUTIONS

• Programming

• Funding

• Policy and Law Changes

• Rehabilitation
UPCOMING SESSIONS

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

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