

Resources and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic

As the United States grapples with the global COVID-19 pandemic, the National Juvenile Justice Network shares its deep concern about the health and safety of youth who are in custody or under supervision by state justice systems across the country. At a time when families are coming together to protect themselves and their loved ones, we are calling on states to put the safety of our children first. As a first step in supporting our members, we have [compiled a list of resources you can find on our homepage](#).

NJJN also co-hosted a webinar discussion with the [Coalition for Juvenile Justice](#) and the [Coalition for Youth Justice](#) on youth justice trends we are seeing in the wake of COVID-19 and proactive steps that jurisdictions are taking to address common concerns. If you weren't able to join us for the webinar, [you can review the recording here](#).

Federal Action Alert

As part of [ACT 4 JJ](#), NJJN [called on policymakers](#) to protect youth from the spread of COVID-19, by bringing them home. We also encouraged our members to contact their representatives to urge them to ensure emergency funding considers the needs of youth in custody. If you

haven't already, please take a moment to contact your members of Congress via email by clicking [here](#).

NJJN Members Join Youth First! To Call for Local Officials to Protect Youth In Custody

Twenty NJJN members participated in [Youth First's](#) call to action on Thursday March 19th. You can read Youth First's [press release](#) and links to state letters calling on state and local officials to protect youth in custody. State advocates will continue to speak out until state and local officials take action to protect youth in custody from the risk of COVID-19 infection. A running list of state campaigns joining this effort and letters of their demands can be found [here](#).

The logo for Youth in Custody Legal Justice (YCLJ) is displayed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letters 'Y', 'C', and 'L' are stacked vertically, with 'J' to the right of 'C' and 'L'. A horizontal line is positioned below the 'Y' and 'C'.

“As we attempt to contain the coronavirus spread, the safety and care of youth in locked custody should be of particular concern.”

Youth Corrections Leaders for Justice Issue Recommendations for Youth Justice Systems

30 current and former youth corrections administrators who are a part of Columbia Justice Lab's [Youth Correctional Leaders for Justice](#) issued, ["Recommendations for Youth Justice Systems during the COVID-19 Emergency."](#)

We will continue to update our compiled list of resources on our [website](#), and keep you updated on important action alerts. For more information or assistance, email us at info@njjn.org.

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