Resources on Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System

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Below is a listing of key websites and resources to help understand the language used to describe disparities, how it’s measured, trends, and the most recent statistics.

- **Burns Institute** - has a wealth of information on racial and ethnic disparities in the youth justice system.
  - Burns Institute interactive map - provides state specific data on the disparity gap between youth of color and white youth at nine key juvenile justice decision-making points.

- **Center for Children’s Law and Policy** – has information on their work with many jurisdictions to reduce racial and ethnic disparities.

- The Juvenile Justice Resource Hub - Racial-Ethnic Fairness section
  Provides statistical information and an overview of key issues and reform trends.

- **National Juvenile Justice Network** - has a growing list of resources on the Anti-Racism page.
  - “Implicit Bias Snapshot” (Sept. 2017) provides an overview of how this problem impacts the youth justice system.

- The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)’s National Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Databook - allows users to quantify the level of disparities at each decision point in the system.
• The Sentencing Project - has statistics and briefing papers on the juvenile justice system, including racial disparities.
  o “Black Disparities in Youth Incarceration” – September 12, 2017
  o “Racial Disparities in Youth Commitments and Arrest” – April 1, 2016
  o “Disproportionate Minority Contact in the Juvenile Justice System” - May 1, 2014