

REALIZING JUST FUTURES FOR YOUTH



As young leaders advocating for just futures for youth, we believe in a world where...

- Young people thrive in well-resourced communities, and
- When young people inevitably make mistakes, they are held accountable for their actions in age appropriate ways that do not draw on our nation's current system of policing and prisons.

This demands deep investments in historically disenfranchised communities, specifically Black, Brown, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and Disability communities. It requires a culture shift away from punishment and incarceration to one that values young people, viewing our collective duty as supporting their development into adulthood.

JUSTICE IS...

ABOLITION

- No prisons, no jails, no probation, no GPS
- Migration, not immigration — no ICE
- Invest in communities, invest in families, invest in youth
- Police-free schools

PREVENTION

- Increase mental health access
- Invest in community arts, sports, and recreation programs
- Well paying jobs and affordable homes
- Mentors and community support programs
- Safe and engaging education for all

RESTORATIVE

- More credible messengers — people to guide and support youth
- Substance abuse resources, no lock-up
- No confinement! Supportive housing that heals, educates, and nurtures youth
- Accountability, not punishment

EQUITY

- Healing, support, housing, and resources to the communities most harmed
- Decouple capitalism and safety — no fines, no fees, and no profits from locking kids up
- Never treat youth as adults!
- Build youth and community power — teach knowing your rights, self-advocacy, and peacebuilding

OPPORTUNITIES

- Create educational, technical, and career pathways
- Provide financial and parenting support
- Invest in safe housing
- Increase access to well-paying jobs