

# NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE NETWORK

## RACIAL JUSTICE TOOLKIT RESOURCES TO HELP YOU CONNECT WITH POLICYMAKERS ON RACIAL JUSTICE

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NJJN members are dedicated to pursuing anti-racist policies in the youth justice system. There continues to be a huge disproportion in the number of children of color in the justice system at every stage of the process. Yet not all policymakers are cognizant of this and many do not take it into account in drafting legislation and other policies. This toolkit will provide you with a fact sheet on racial disparities in the youth justice system, to which you can add your state specific information. We have then packaged together key resources to complement this fact sheet, including talking points, challenging harmful media narratives, and links to additional resources further detailing the disparities. Each item is linked below.

- 1) [Five Key Facts to Know About Racial Disparities in the Youth Justice System](#) – For universal use
- 2) [Five Key Facts to Know About Racial Disparities in the Youth Justice System](#) – State version for editing
- 3) [The Opportunity Agenda’s Ten Lessons for Talking About Race, Racism and Racial Justice](#)
- 4) [NJJN’s Changing the Narrative Toolkit: How to Push Back Against Harmful Media Narratives About Youth of Color](#)
- 5) [Resources on Racial Justice Disparity Data](#)