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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.
 - [“Stemming the Rising Tide: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Youth Incarceration and Strategies for Change”](#) (2016) - highlights the troubling trends in youth of color incarceration and recommends strategies for reform.
- [Center for Children’s Law and Policy](#) – has information on their work with many jurisdictions to reduce racial and ethnic disparities.
 - [Racial and Ethnic Disparities \(RED\) Practice Manual](#) (2015) provides guidance, strategies, and tools for reducing 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.
 - [“Black Disparities in Youth Incarceration”](#) – September 12, 2017
 - [“Racial Disparities in Youth Commitments and Arrest”](#) – April 1, 2016
 - [“Disproportionate Minority Contact in the Juvenile Justice System”](#) - May 1, 2014