

FIRE CAMP Placement Opportunity

Panel Discussion

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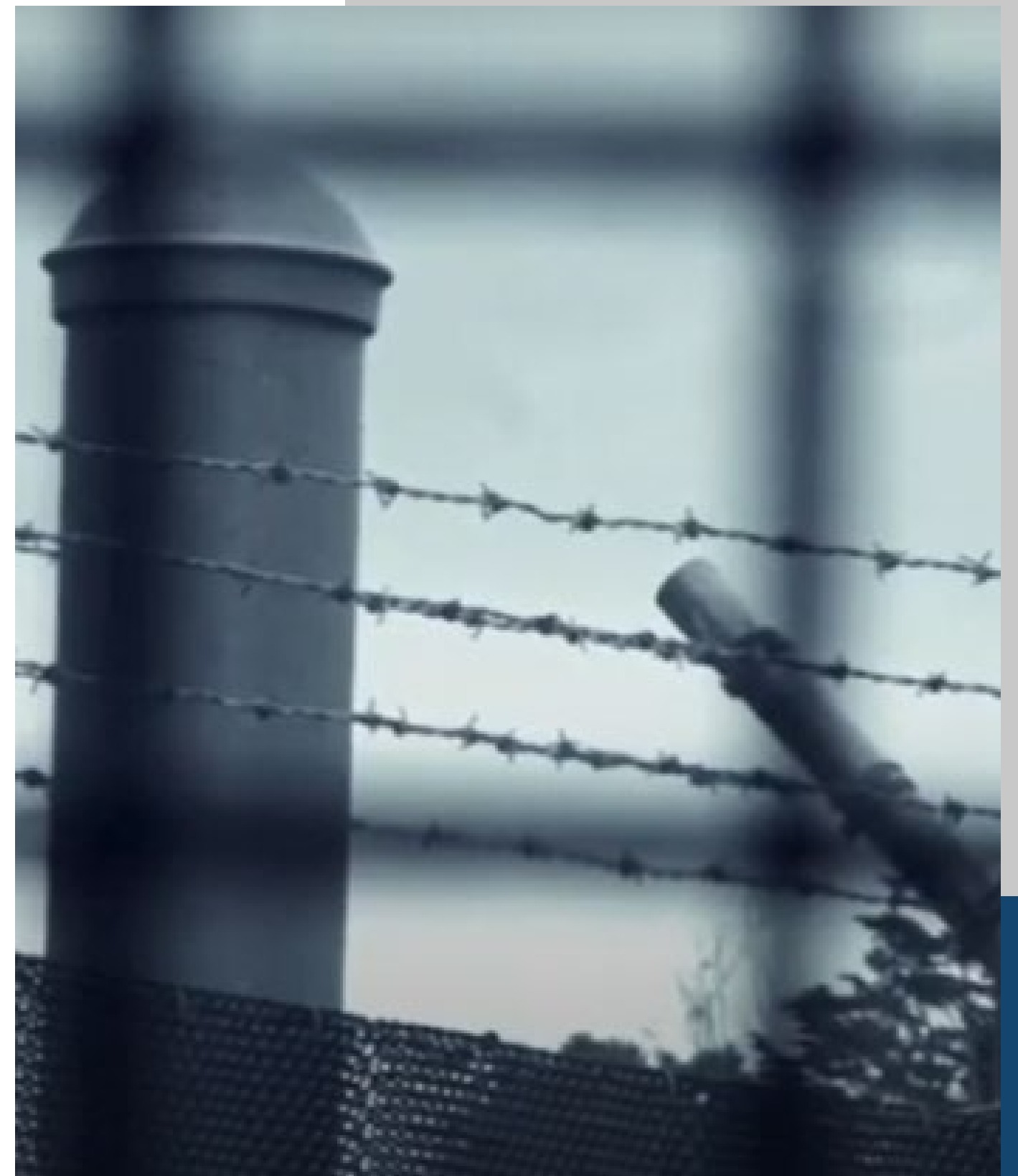
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California with Division of Juvenile Justice


In 2020, California voted to close the state's youth prison system: the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Counties are now responsible for supporting the needs of young people who were previously eligible for DJJ commitments.



San Francisco's Response for Secure Track Youth

- Use Juvenile Hall as San Francisco's interim Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) and revise the plan once City leadership makes decisions regarding San Francisco's place of detention and the replacement of Juvenile Hall.
- Recommend to City leadership to consider co-locating San Francisco's Secure Youth Treatment Facility and its future place of detention
- San Francisco's Secure Youth Treatment Facility should be **healing-centered, family-centered, community-connected, and culturally responsive**
- Enable youth to be placed in **out-of-county Secure Youth Treatment Facilities as appropriate.**





Fire Camp as a Placement Option

- Since the end of WWII, California has relied on incarcerated persons to staff its more than 200 crews to fight wild fires
- Young people, 18-25 year olds construct containment lines using hand tools and chainsaws under extreme conditions
- Up until recently, these young people have had difficult times securing jobs in fire service
- Still today, county Fire Departments or Ambulance Companies are unable to certify and hire them
- We want to change this paradigm

Presenters



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Next Steps: The Requests

- Continue to pursue connecting our youth to this alternative placement.
- Provide young people with a full picture of Program Objectives
- Work to change the Certification and Compensation for program participants
- Reach out to Legislators and Policy Makers for support to change these outcomes for youth

Special Thanks!

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