

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS



- The Sentencing Project
- Human Rights for Kids
- National Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Coalition
- Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- Campaign for Fair Sentencing of Youth
- National Juvenile Justice Network
- Brennan Center for Justice
- Anti-Recidivism Coalition
- Juvenile Law Center
- Revolve Impact
- Alianza for Youth Justice
- Coalition for Engaged Education
- New Earth
- Berkeley Law Policy Advocacy Clinic
- National Center for Youth Law
- National Juvenile Defender Center
- New Directions for Youth
- Alliance for Community Empowerment (ACE)
- The Professional Community Intervention Training Institute (PCITI)
- Visionary Youth
- Champions In Service

ENDORISING QUOTES

"We are heartened to see a slate of bills that invest in mental health care and prevention, respond to youth in age-appropriate ways, and **move away from failed models of incarceration that harm youth and undermine public safety.**"

Jessica Feierman, *Senior Managing Director*, **Juvenile Law Center**

"ARC thanks Representative Cardenas for introducing these transformational pieces of legislation long overdue. America's values of mercy, forgiveness, and second chances are embedded in these legislative efforts that would bring hope and redemption to those impacted by mass incarceration. These laws would also ensure that our children would receive constitutional protections and age appropriate care that would help reverse mass incarceration America so desperately needs."

Michael Mendoza, *Director of National Advocacy* at the **Anti-Recidivism Coalition**

As long-time activists and community leaders working to dismantle juvenile incarceration, we whole-heartedly support Congressman Tony Cárdenas' criminal & juvenile justice package. His continued fight for equity and justice is an inspiration, one we hope other politicians will recognize the urgency of and stand in solidarity with. Rep. Cárdenas' pursuit for community-based gang intervention, reversing mass incarceration, and protecting kids caught up in the system is necessary and noble work in the quest for liberation from an oppressive and unjust establishment. Rep. Cárdenas' has my personal support, along with that of my organization, New Earth, which has been diligently striving to provide mentorship, education, and vocational pathways for systems-impacted young people for the last 17 years."

Dr. Harry Grammer, *Founder & President*, **New Earth**

"We have an epidemic of childhood trauma in our country which is one of the leading causes for why so many children end up in our justice system. Sadly, these traumas are often exacerbated, rather than treated, when our kids enter the system. By investing in programs that center community-based intervention and trauma-informed treatment models we will actually start to address the root causes of juvenile delinquency and crime and give children the resources needed for healing and long-term success. Community healing and restoration is at the center of this legislative package and we are grateful to Congressman Cárdenas for his leadership in introducing it."

James Dold, *CEO & Founder*, **Human Rights for Kids**

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"More than 50 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court recognized that confessions from youth 'require special caution,' but most children questioned by law enforcement waive their constitutional rights without ever understanding them. By ensuring young people consult with an attorney prior to waiving their rights and being interrogated, the Protecting Miranda Rights for Kids Act protects both children's constitutional rights and the integrity of the legal system. The National Juvenile Defender Center is pleased to offer our enthusiastic support for this legislation and for the entire reform package offered by Rep. Cárdenas and Rep. Bass."

Mary Ann Scali, *Executive Director*, **National Juvenile Defender Center**

"This package is a historic recognition that involvement in the criminal legal system is harmful for all, especially young people. By protecting the constitutional rights of children, [the bill package] seeks to correct many of our failed tough-on-crime policies that disproportionately impact communities of color and offers comprehensive investments in proven-effective approaches to reducing crime and recidivism and improving public health and safety. I'm excited to see our leaders investing in community-centered, health-based prevention and intervention strategies that will benefit our most under-served communities for generations to come."

Frankie Guzman, *Director of the Youth Justice Initiative* at the **National Center for Youth Law**

"Alliance for Community Empowerment has witnessed first-hand the positive transformation that occurs when there is an investment of time, resources, and role models for justice-involved youth. The Criminal Justice/Juvenile package is critical in not only providing the resources our justice-involved youth need, but also in changing the narrative of how we as a country heal, support, and empower our most vulnerable youth. Stronger Together."

Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, *President and Founder*, **Alliance for Community Empowerment**

"If service is below you then leadership is beyond you. PCITI understands and truly lives by this quote. I am honored to be part of the Congressman's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council because the Congressman and this group have set the benchmark for others to measure themselves by. I salute the Congressman for all his outstanding work and for being a leader in our communities."

Dr. Aquil Basheer, *Founder and Executive Director*, **The Professional Community Intervention Training Institute (PCITI)**

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"Congressman Cardenas continues to show his unwavering commitment to our country's most vulnerable youth populations who are most susceptible to the criminal justice system. The proposed justice bills by the congressman provide the needed support that our youth deserve!"

Dr. Robert A. Hernandez and **Jasmine Hermosillo**, **Visionary Youth**

"Champions in Service has had the good fortune of working closely with Congressman Cardenas for over 25 years, who has been in the vanguard for establishing innovative legislation and best practices for Juvenile Justice initiatives. Congressman Cardenas sentencing project, human rights for kids & juvenile justice and delinquency bills will insure that our nation's most precious resource, our Children ,will be treated in a manner that will assist them in avoiding unnecessary punitive policies, rather provide programs & services that will allow them to redirect their lives down positive paths! We are grateful for his passion for equitable policies and industry standards which allow our youth to flourish!!"

Bobby Arias MSW MPA, *President* and **Blinky Rodriguez**, *Executive Director*,
Champions In Service

"Fees and fines put additional stress on already vulnerable families, especially Black, Brown, and Indigenous youth who are over-policed and over-punished in the juvenile system. This bill is a win-win that encourages states to end this harmful practice in exchange for vital resources to support young people who need it most."

Devan Shea, *Deputy Director*, **Berkeley Law Policy Advocacy Clinic**