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**National Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Coalition (NJJDPC) releases "Promoting Safe Communities" Report and Recommendations to Congress**

**WASHINGTON, DC (March 13, 2013)** -- Today, the National Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Coalition (NJJDPC) released "Promoting Safe Communities: Recommendations to the Congress", calling on Congress to support effective systems of justice for our youth by focusing on the following five priority areas:

- 1) Restore Federal Leadership in Juvenile Justice Policy
- 2) Support and Prioritize Prevention, Early Intervention, and Diversion Strategies
- 3) Ensure Safety and Fairness for Court-Involved Youth
- 4) Remove Youth from the Adult Criminal Justice System
- 5) Support Youth Reentry

"The juvenile justice system across the U.S. is in urgent need of reform, and federal leadership is necessary to advance the pace of change. Congress has the unique opportunity to reverse this trend and promote and support evidence-based practices and policies that prevent delinquency," said Liz Ryan CEO and Founder of The Campaign for Youth Justice. "It is our hope that the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress accepts these proposed recommendations to create better outcomes for our youth, as well as our communities."

[The full report can be viewed here.](#)

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**About NJJDPC:** NJJDPC comprises more than 300 national, state and local organizations working together to ensure healthy families, build strong communities, and improve community safety and well-being.

**About CFYJ:** CFYJ is dedicated to ending the practice of trying, sentencing, and incarcerating youth under 18 in the adult criminal justice system, visit us at: [www.campaignforyouthjustice.org](http://www.campaignforyouthjustice.org).