



Get involved today. It only Takes 30 seconds!

October is Youth Justice Action Month, a time to call on local, state, and federal lawmakers to make meaningful changes to our youth legal system. Take a moment to make your voice heard and get involved today!

**What:** Use your cell phone to record a brief (30-90 second) video about why and how lawmakers can Act Now to End Racism in the youth legal system.

**When:** Record your video whenever you're ready. Then upload using the directions below:

**Adult partners (25 and up):** Please directly upload to your social media channels and use the hashtags: #YJAM2021 and #YouthJusticeNow, please tag NJJN and CJJ using the applicable tags below so we can amplify your video.

**Youth Partners (24 and under) :** NJJN is offering youth partners and young leaders **\$100 stipends for video submissions.** To enable payment, please upload to your channels and use the hashtags: #YJAM2021, #YouthJusticeNow, and #YouthEntry and tag NJJN and CJJ using tags.

Instagram: @njnetwork, @coalitionforjuvjustice

Twitter: @NJJNetwork, @4juvjustice

Facebook: @nationaljuvenilejusticenetwork

**Where:** A well lit, quiet space will work best for your recording, but we're open to receiving more creative submissions as long as we can hear and see you.

**How:** Think through what you're going to say. A sample script is included below:

*October is Youth Justice Action Month. This is a time for local communities, states, and our federal government to take action to ensure that kids have the space to be kids, that our young people are not locked in cages, and that for-profit facilities do not abuse and neglect the youth entrusted to their care.*

*I care about improving the youth legal system because (I have lived through the system/ I know we can do better by young people/ or other reason why you care about the youth legal system).*

*This October I am calling on my (local? State? Federal? all?) elected officials to*

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Some examples of things you may want to call on elected officials to do:

- Ensure that there are counselors and not cops in our classrooms
- End the incarceration of young people for low level behaviors such as missing school
- Make sure kids are treated as kids and not pushed into the adult legal system
- Close youth prisons
- For federal lawmakers: Support H.R. 2834, H.R. 2908 and H.R. 2858.

When you're ready to make your video, using your phone, flip your camera around like you're taking a selfie. Hit record, and make your voice heard.

**Why**: Now is the time to take action and make sure our young people have safe and successful futures.