

### N.C. sets sights on improving support for people leaving prison by 2030

North Carolina has launched an ambitious plan to improve support for people leaving prison and reentering the community by 2030. The plan, spearheaded by Gov. Roy Cooper's Executive Order No. 303, aims to address challenges such as recidivism, housing insecurity, and lack of access to healthcare. The initiative involves a collaborative effort across government agencies and community organizations to provide comprehensive support and resources for formerly incarcerated individuals.

### Incarcerated women reunite with children at Kids' Day event at WCCC

The Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) in Honolulu, Hawaii, hosted a heartwarming Kids' Day event on August 17, reuniting 12 incarcerated mothers with their 17 children. The event, organized by WCCC and Pu'a Foundation, aimed to strengthen family bonds and empower these mothers as they prepare to reintegrate into society.

### New snapshot of youth incarceration shows hope, but disparities persist

The Sentencing Project's report reveals a significant 75% decrease in youth incarceration rates nationwide between 2000 and 2022, attributed to declining arrest rates among minors. However, racial disparities persist, with youths of color, particularly Indigenous youth, facing disproportionately higher detention rates. The report highlights the success of diversionary programs and advocates for policy changes, such as re-evaluating police presence in schools, to address these disparities and maintain the positive trend in reducing youth incarceration.

### Quote

"No one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens but its lowest ones" - Nelson Mandela:

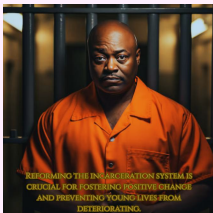


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### 'Very disturbing': Florida teens get longer prison sentences than adults

BY SHIRSHO DASGUPTA

This article by Shirsho Dasgupta investigates the practice of trying children as adults in Florida, highlighting the case of Danny Knight, a teenager sentenced to 40 years in prison for robbery and drug trafficking. The investigation reveals that Florida judges often impose harsher sentences on children tried as adults compared to adult offenders for similar crimes. The article raises concerns about the fairness and effectiveness of this practice, arguing that it prioritizes punishment over rehabilitation and fails to address the underlying factors contributing to juvenile delinquency.



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