



Juvenile Justice Impact

the problem

On any given day, over 48,000 youth in the United States are confined in facilities away from home as a result of juvenile justice or criminal justice involvement.

Harmful Conditions and Violations of Human Rights

Companies confining youth for-profit have an incentive to spend less money rehabilitating and protecting confined individuals in order to maximize profits — even at the expense of public safety and humane conditions. Research suggests that for-profit prisons are associated with heightened levels of violence toward prisoners.

Examples of abusive treatment and unsafe conditions in for-profit youth confinement facilities abound – including excessive force involving beatings, kicking, and punching of handcuffed and defenseless youth, frequent use of pepper spray, guard-instigated “gladiator-style” fights between youth, unsanitary and insect-infested food, and regular sexual assaults and rapes of youth by guards, as well as higher rates of death at private facilities throughout the country.

Efforts to maximize profits have also led for-profit youth confinement companies to provide youth with inadequate rehabilitative programming, education, and food, as well as poor training and very low pay to staff, resulting in personnel unqualified for the work and high levels of staff turnover.

Auditors have repeatedly cited two of the largest private prison companies—Wackenhut (since renamed GEO) and CCA (Corrections Corporation of America) -- for additional problems, including chronic understaffing, insufficient prisoner work programs resulting in widespread idleness, failure to comply with proper procedures for classifying inmates, substandard medical treatment, and inadequate mental health care.

Putting for-profit companies in charge of confining youth creates many barriers to ensuring that the human rights of youth confined in private facilities are protected, including a lack of independent monitoring and oversight, lack of transparency regarding data on the conditions of confined youth, facility-imposed restrictions on family visitation, and difficulty for legal counsel, families and oversight bodies to visit youth, especially when facilities are located out-of-state.

Overmedicating youth is referred to "chemical restraints" .

Studies have shown that more than half of prisoners have been incarcerated more than once. For many people, breaking the cycle of incarceration is extremely difficult. Prison conditions and limited re-entry support, both during and after incarceration, make it very challenging to adjust to normal life. With over 2 million people in the criminal justice system at any given time, the U.S. has the largest prison population in the world and prisons tend to be overcrowded. Further exacerbating this issue, there are few resources available to help formerly incarcerated people find housing, employment and other social services, and many return to criminal activity to get by financially.

the cycle

About Juvenile Justice Impact

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the cost

Questions:

- How much did you and your husband spend to keep your own kids out of a detention facility?
- How much does it cost to put kids in facilities?
- How much do pharmaceutical companies profit?
- How many kids drop out of school (1 out of 3) once in the system?
- How many kids commit suicide each year from being in a facility?
- How many kids are injured each year from abuse?
- How many kids die from unlawful restraints?
- The mental and emotional abuse, and lastly how much it cost each United States citizen in taxes to keep this up

Average Cost per Child:

Locking up a juvenile costs states an average of \$407.58 per person per day and \$148,767 per person per year when the most expensive option is used, according to a new report by the Justice Policy Institute. As the country debates the cost-effectiveness of mass incarceration, the report notes that jailing youths carries its own exorbitant price tag.

In a survey of state expenditures on confinement in 46 states, the Justice Policy Institute (JPI) found that the average costs of the most expensive confinement option for a young person was \$407.58 per day, \$36,682 per three months, \$73,364 per six months, and \$148,767 per year.

the solution



Prevention Programs

Field trips
Extracurricular activities: sports, music
Group & After School Activities



Workshops

Semi-monthly educational sessions.



Fundraising Gala

Juvenile Justice Impact Gala



Awareness

Social Media
Campaigns
Billboards / Ads



Collaborations

Richard Steele Foundation
Rethink Worldwide
Global Youth Justice



Community Outreach

Get the state and local representatives involved.
Push for change.

the founder

Meet Dr. Susan M. Feneck

Dr. Susan Feneck has been an educator, Child Psychologist, and advocate for children in the juvenile justice system for over 20 years. She has been recognized nationally and internationally for her efforts. She has written, produced and directed her own screen play, *Jumpsuit Shackles*. Her TEDx CanonDriveWomen topic; It's about Time to Change the Juvenile Justice System.

While at the Erie County Youth Detention Facility, her roles and responsibilities ranged from court ordered mental health evaluations and treatment plans for juvenile delinquents, juvenile offenders, children in foster care and group homes. Dr. Feneck worked closely with all those associated with each case. With the support of the Giambra Administration, she was a pioneer in making substantial changes as well as facilitating the passage of numerous county and state wide initiatives.



the board



Karla Valenzuela

Karla Vazquez served as President at Incorp Services, Inc. and currently serves as a board member at this and other organizations. In her 16 years with Incorp, she played an essential role in expanding to all 50 states, including Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands. Her experience as an executive leader has facilitated a unique platform with a creative edge to innovate, automate, and simplify running a business. Karla contributed to many non-profit organizations. Her mission has been to give back to the community in any capacity. As a mother of two young boys, she understands and is a firm believer in Juvenile Justice Impact's mission. By taking a pro-active approach, Karla is committed to providing support to Juvenile Justice Impact.



Donch'e King

Education & Training

Bachelor's Degree - Criminal Justice Administration University of Phoenix
Master's Degree - Public Administration with an Emphasis on Government & Policy
Grand Canyon University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

STATE OF NEVADA, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATOR II

CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT – SPECIAL AGENT

BAKER POLICE DEPARTMENT - NARCOTICS DETECTIVE (LIEUTENANT)

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT - CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

2013 Louisiana Narcotics Officers Association, "Narcotics Detective of the Year" – State
Award

2009 Police Officer of the Year

2008 Basic Police Academy #48 - President

the board



Ricci Lopez-Hammargren

Ricci Lopez-Hammargren is a veteran of luxury retail having 27 years of knowledge and expertise in the business. His impressive work history includes Gianni Versace, Hervé Léger, Dolce & Gabbana, Hugo Boss, and STITCHED. Born and raised in Las Vegas; as were his parents before him. Ricci graduated from the prestigious Bishop Gorman High School before obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Communications with an emphasis on print journalism from UNLV. He went on to build a name for himself on the Las Vegas Strip, West Hollywood, and Rodeo Drive, working extensively to style celebrities and cultural influencers who enjoy his unique brand of white-glove service. Also known as a Hollywood voice-over actor, Lopez-Hammargren grew up performing on the stage, and is currently developing a high-end fragrance line and retail concept.



Li Jackson

Li Jackson is an award-winning sales and marketing executive with an 18yr experience in the exhibits and construction industry. After earning her B.S. Degree, Li began her career at two Fortune 250 companies before taking a leap of faith into entrepreneurship by owning and operating a brick-and-mortar store in her hometown Nashville TN.

Her second venture was creating a consumer product, Lotus, an energy drink brand that were on the shelves from 2010-2016 in Nashville and surrounding states. Prior to relocating to Las Vegas, Li volunteered her time and mentored inner-city at-risk young women and prepared them for job placements by creating a 12-week lifestyle guide curriculum workbook.

Since moving to Las Vegas in 2015: Li founded Tradeshowlife, an online media company; produced 3 fashion shows featuring emerging designers from Nashville and Las Vegas; cofounded and cohosting a technology podcast, Coffeetechnik; launched her non-profit organization, Rethink Worldwide, focused on ending plastic pollution with a vision to provide the best environmentally friendly solutions for all societal issues such as youth prevention programs for Juvenile Justice Impact.



Aldo Mencatto

It all began with an inspiration towards helping a child's needs, needs that must be met when the resources aren't available during difficult times.

This being the absolute & number one priority of the Christopher Mencatto Children's Foundation.

Aldo Mencatto, a true visionary and inspiration of faith is the driving force of the organization. With all the success And notoriety Aldo's gained Through his fashion designing it's never been about him & never will be. His caring & humble soul exists only to help others and that gives him all he needs.

Even as a young boy growing up in Brazil Aldo knew he was born to nurture & provide for others.

As he viewed commercials of children affected with terminal cancer he knew his main purpose upon this earth was to give, to love & to share the comfort of a pure soul with those in need, that feeling cannot be compared to anything else!

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