Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ – pronounced Courage) works to interrupt the cycles of violence and poverty by motivating and empowering young people in Alameda County who have been impacted by the criminal justice system to make positive changes in their lives and prepare them to become community leaders. CURYJ believes that youth and young adults are the experts on the issues affecting their lives and need to be involved in developing the policies that impact them. They are dedicated to providing training and technical assistance to elevate youth voice and power.

**POLICY ISSUES**
- Reduction of racial disparities across the Alameda County Juvenile Justice System
- Shift from a culture of punishment and punitive measures to a system of rehabilitation and healing
- Reduction in adult direct files
- Reduction in secure facilities placements
- Reduction in out-of-home placements

**KEY JUVENILE JUSTICE DATA**
- Alameda County has the ninth highest juvenile felony arrest rate in the state
- Between 2009 and 2013, 21.4% of out-of-home placements in Alameda County were Latino youth and 69% were Black youth, while only 4.5% were White youth.

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