**KEY JUVENILE JUSTICE DATA**

- Stockton and San Joaquin County are leading the state in arrests of children under 10 years old.
- San Joaquin County has the fifth highest rate of youth being direct filed and tried as adults – more than three times the state average.
- Of the 37 youth cases in 2014, 100% were directly filed into adult court rather than judicial transfer hearings.
- 25 out of 44 youth direct filed as adults had no prior record.
- A local children’s shelter calls the police on children and youth in their care more than four times a day and more than 1,600 times a year.

**Fathers & Families of San Joaquin (FFSJ)** is a community-based organization that works to address the varying needs of men, women, youth, their families and communities. Their mission is to support the cultural, spiritual, social and economic renewal of the most vulnerable families in Stockton and the greater San Joaquin Valley. FFSJ addresses critical problems such as institutional inequity, fatherless homes, widespread poverty, employment disparities, inadequate access to health services, punitive school discipline, youth arrests, community re-entry and violence. They work to build communities that are safe, strong and resourceful; treat individuals and families equitably and honestly; and create opportunities for individuals and families to achieve health, wellness and their human potential through education, job opportunities and equitable systems.

**PARTNERS**

- Sow a Seed Community Foundation
- National Youth Law Center
- Silicon Valley De-Bug
- Reinvent South Stockton

**STRATEGIES TO BUILD POWER**

- Culturally Relevant Programming
- Community Organizing
- Community Capacity Building
- Network Building
- Peer-to-Peer Learning

**POLICY ISSUES**

- Policy and practice of charging and trying youth under 18 years old in adult court with the vision to end direct files of youth cases in San Joaquin County.
- Redefining safety and focus around the School-to-Prison Pipeline.

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