The Positive Youth Justice Initiative (PYJI) is working with communities across California to transform juvenile justice practice and policy into a more just, effective system that is aligned with the developmental needs of young people.

Organizing for a Healthy Justice System

We are pleased to partner with 11 nonprofit community-based organizations and their countywide collaboratives in the Organizing for a Healthy Justice System phase of PYJI.

We are deepening our investments in communities, grassroots organizations, youth and family members most impacted by the juvenile justice system, who use their expertise and passion to bring about change. They are advancing their work through community organizing to accelerate a statewide movement toward a healthy juvenile justice system — focused on youth well-being, improved system practices and reduced justice system involvement.

These organizations and community partners play critical roles in advancing a healthy justice system agenda, and represent communities of color that are overly represented in and inequitably treated by the juvenile justice system. Our partners have led the call against the mass incarceration of communities of color, to end the school-to-prison pipeline and to address the racial disparities found throughout the system.

Learn more at www.shfcenter.org/pyji

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