Nationally, youth confinement continues to fall, but the likelihood of being locked up has barely changed for court-involved youth.

Since 1997, a 55% drop in the national commitment rate, while the rate of committed youth per delinquency cases has gone down 15%.

In the same period, the overall detention rate has dropped 40%, while the rate of detained youth per delinquency cases filed has increased by 15%.

*Commitment and detention rates based on Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement data*
Furthermore, youth of color continue to bear the brunt of our reliance on confinement.

**DISPARITIES IN CONFINEMENT**
(rate per 100,000)

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African American youth are nearly five times as likely to be **confined** as their white peers. Latino and American Indian youth are between two and three times as likely to be confined.
• Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA)
  – Few restrictions on deprivation of liberty
  – Core protection on detention of status offenders
• Three states have laws limiting detention to the purpose of preventing arrest or ensuring appearance in court. (NY, GA, NJ)
• 19 states have laws requiring that young people be placed in the least restrictive environment for detention or along the continuum of the JJ system.
The Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative is present in 39 states

JDAI Strategies

- Collaboration
- Data Driven Decisions
- Objective Admissions
- Alternatives to Detention
- Expedited Case Processing
- Special Detention Cases
- Reducing Racial Disparity
- Conditions of Confinement
JDAI Sites from Baseline

- 80,000 fewer youth admitted to detention
- 1.3 million fewer days of detention
Limiting Post-Adjudication Deprivation of Liberty

• Fiscal re-alignment in states resulting in fewer commitments: REDEPLOY Illinois, RECLAIM Ohio
• Closures of youth prisons through legislation, advocacy, reformist administrations: California, New York, Texas, Illinois
• Extension of JDAI to “Deep End” in 12 sites
• Advocacy: Youth First! initiative supporting state advocacy campaigns
JDAI Deep End Strategies

Phase 1
Dispositional Decision-Making

Phase 2
Narrowing the Pipeline

Phase 3
Residential Facilities
Re-Entry

Community Supports, Services & Opportunities
Probation Practice
“I believe it’s long past time to close these inhumane, ineffective, wasteful factories of failure once and for all. Every one of them.”

“We need to admit that what we’re doing doesn’t work, and is making the problem worse while costing billions of dollars and ruining thousands of lives.”