

# Youth Reinvestment Fund:

## Preventing the Harm of Justice System Involvement

### 43,000 youth arrested for low level offenses

In 2016, of the approximately 62,000 youth arrested, more than 43,000 youth (69%) were arrested for misdemeanor and status offenses, things like: petty theft, school fights, smoking marijuana, running away, violating curfew.

This proposal would fund community based organizations to provide these vulnerable young people with culturally relevant, trauma-informed services outside of the justice system.

### \$37.3 million investment in youth for local diversion programs

- 85% of funds go to CBOs for education, mentoring, behavioral health services, and mental health services.
- Over \$1 Million: Diversion Programs to address the needs of Native American Youth by ensuring services are culturally rooted.

### Diversion is safer!



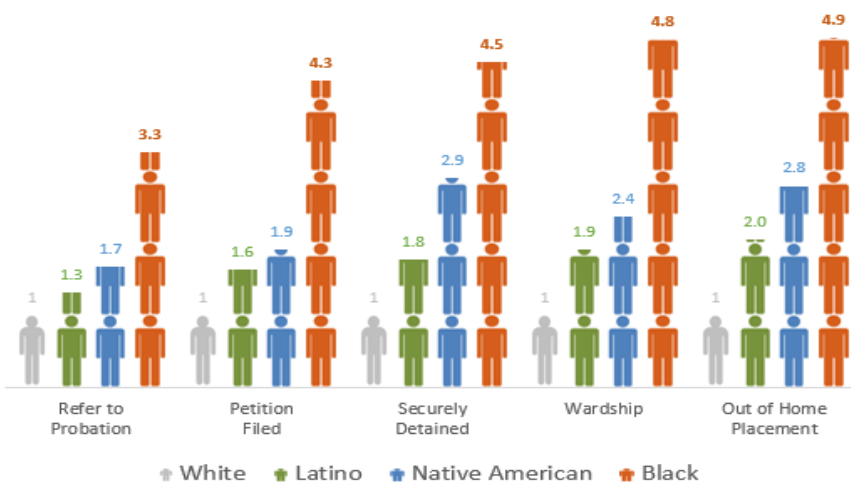
2.5 X less likely to re-offend for pre-arrest diversion

### Diversion is a smart investment.

Every \$1 invested in diversion can return up to \$25 to society.

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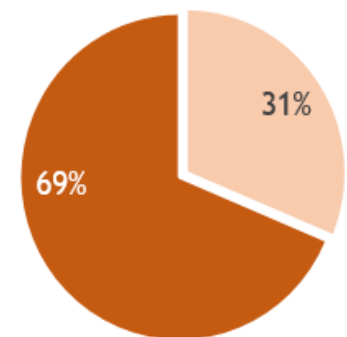
### Youth of color bear the brunt of justice system involvement for low level offenses



And once in the system, youth of color accused of low level offenses are more likely than White youth to penetrate more deeply.

### The vast majority

of youth arrests are for misdemeanor or status offenses.



- Felony
- Misdemeanor and Status Offenses

# The Youth Reinvestment Fund is supported by:

## ORGANIZATIONS

- Alameda County Office of the Public Defender
- Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
- Alternatives to Violence Project California
- Brothers, Sons, Selves Coalition
- California Association of Local Conservation Corps
- California CASA
- California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB)
- Catalyst Collaborative Inc.
- Center for Council
- Children's Defense Fund -- CA (CDF-CA)
- Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJCI)
- Coalition for Responsible Community Development
- Coleman Advocates
- Contra Costa Public Defender
- Diversity Research and Consulting Group, Inc.
- Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
- Empowering Pacific Islander Communities
- Fathers, Families and Healthy Communities
- Fathers & Families of San Joaquin
- Fight Crime Invest in Kids
- Fresno Barrios Unidos
- Fresno County Public Defender Office
- InnerCity Struggle
- Khmer Girls in Action
- Los Angeles Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti
- Merced County Public Defender Office
- Motivating Individual Leadership for Public Advancement (MILPA)
- Monterey County Public Defender Office
- National Center for Youth Law
- National Compadres Network
- National Council on Crime and Delinquency
- New Earth
- Orange County Public Defender Office
- PolicyLink
- Riverside County Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
- Resilience OC
- RYSE Center
- San Bernardino Fatherhood
- San Diego County Public Defender Office
- Santa Barbara County Public Defender Office
- Sisterhood in Motion
- Social Justice Learning Institute
- Somos Mayfair
- Starting Over, Inc.
- Street Level Health Project
- Teng & Smith, Inc.
- The Indigenous Youth Foundation, Inc.
- The Mentoring Center
- Urban Peace Movement
- Urban Strategies Council
- Voice Our Independent Choices for Emancipation Support (Voices)
- W. Haywood Burns Institute
- Women's Leadership Project
- Yolo County Public Defender Office
- Young Women's Freedom Center
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