

Stop Solitary for Kids Campaign

The campaign is a partnership between four national organizations dedicated to ending solitary confinement of youth. We define solitary confinement – also known as “isolation” or “room confinement” – as the involuntary placement of a youth alone in a cell or other area for any reason *other than* as a temporary response to behavior that risks immediate harm to the youth or others.

Youth should never be placed in solitary confinement as punishment or for longer than necessary to de-escalate the immediate risk of physical harm. Current research, evolving best practice standards, and recent rulings from federal courts reflect a clear understanding that solitary confinement causes long-term physical and psychological harm to youth without increasing safety in facilities.

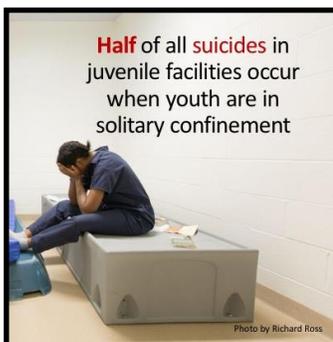
Solitary confinement is a usually a symptom of deeper problems factors within a facility that must be addressed with resources, leadership, training, programming, data, and more. In order to create lasting change, we believe in partnering with both advocates and stakeholders outside facilities as well as leaders and staff working *inside* facilities that house youth.

Campaign Partner Organizations

- Center for Children’s Law and Policy
- Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University
- Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators
- Justice Policy Institute

Who We Work With

- Facilities and state agencies
- Advocates and attorneys
- Court systems
- Legislators and legislative committees
- Professional organizations
- Youth and family members



What We Do

- Publish information about successful reform efforts throughout the country;
- Develop and disseminate resources and training for local, state, and national advocates;
- Maintain resource website on key developments at <http://www.stopsolitaryforkids.org/news-on-solitary/>;
- Provide technical assistance to help state agencies and local facilities reduce solitary confinement, including the Room Confinement Assessment Tool (RCAT);
- Help build the capacity to collect, monitor, and analyze data;
- Connect facilities with peers who have successfully reduced room confinement; and
- Assist lawmakers and justice professionals to develop legislative and administrative approaches to end solitary.