

SHOWING UP TOGETHER:

- Understanding the connections between gender-based violence & youth incarceration
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BLACK YOUTH ARE PUNISHED MORE

BLACK YOUTH MAKE UP ONLY 20% OF VA'S YOUTH POPULATION, BUT ACCOUNT FOR 68% OF YOUTH FOUND DELINQUENT & LOCKED UP IN OUT OF HOME PLACEMENTS.¹

SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA

YOUTH INVOLVED WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM HAVE MORE EXTENSIVE TRAUMA HISTORIES THAN THOSE NOT INVOLVED WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.²

SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH ARE SURVIVORS

"THE SEXUAL ABUSE TO PRISON PIPELINE: THE GIRLS' STORY" IS A REPORT THAT EXPOSES HOW GIRLS, ESPECIALLY GIRLS OF COLOR, ARE ARRESTED AND INCARCERATED AS A RESULT OF SEXUAL ABUSE.³

WE MUST DISPEL THE MYTH THAT PEOPLE ARE ONLY PERPETRATORS OR SURVIVORS, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE KNOW THAT MANY PEOPLE WHO COMMIT HARM HAVE ALSO EXPERIENCED IT.

BOTH GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE & INCARCERATION ARE ABOUT

POWER & CONTROL

ENDING YOUTH INCARCERATION WILL HELP PREVENT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



INVEST IN PRIMARY PREVENTION STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENCE AND WORK TO CHANGE CULTURAL NORMS!

EDUCATE COMMUNITY * MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ABOUT THE TRAUMA-TO-PRISON PIPELINE!

*The Action Alliance offers this training annually & on request



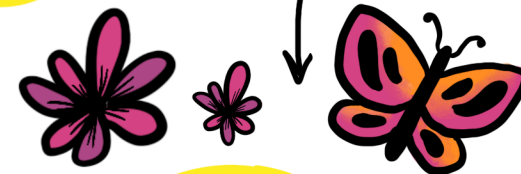
STEPS!

prevention looks like...

COMPREHENSIVE, CULTURALLY RELEVANT, & MEDICALLY ACCURATE SEX & SEXUALITY EDUCATION.

REMOVING GENDERED & RACIALIZED SCHOOL POLICIES SUCH AS DRESS CODES

SCHOOL-WIDE TRAINING ON TRAUMA-INFORMED CLASSROOMS & SCHOOL CULTURE



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE, & COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY SEEK TO RESPOND TO & PREVENT VIOLENCE WITHOUT ENACTING MORE VIOLENCE THROUGH SYSTEMS THAT RELY ON TAKING PEOPLE OUT OF COMMUNITY & PUTTING THEM IN CAGES.

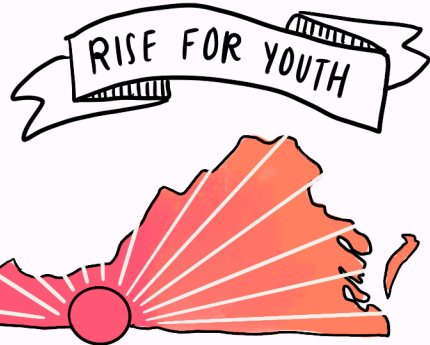
A FUTURE WITHOUT VIOLENCE IS A FUTURE WITHOUT YOUTH PRISONS





THE VIRGINIA SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION ALLIANCE IS VIRGINIA'S LEADING VOICE ON SEXUAL & INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE. THE ACTION ALLIANCE IS DEDICATED TO WORKING AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF GENDER, RACIAL, REPRODUCTIVE, AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE. THEY PROVIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON THE TRAUMA-TO-PRISON PIPELINE AND WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO END YOUTH INCARCERATION. MORE INFO: WWW.VSDVALLIANCE.ORG

RISE FOR YOUTH IS A NONPARTISAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTED TO DISMANTLING THE YOUTH PRISON MODEL BY PROMOTING THE CREATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES TO YOUTH INCARCERATION. THEIR WORK CENTERS THE VOICES OF IMPACTED YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES AND CHALLENGES RACIAL INJUSTICE IN VIRGINIA. MORE INFO: WWW.RISEFORYOUTH.ORG



PERFORMING STATISTICS IS A CULTURAL ORGANIZING PROJECT THAT USES ART TO MODEL, IMAGINE, AND ADVOCATE FOR ALTERNATIVES TO YOUTH INCARCERATION. THEY WORK WITH YOUTH IMPACTED BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT YOUTH PRISONS. MORE INFO: WWW.PERFORMINGSTATISTICS.ORG

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