

Maine Youth Justice Campaign Principles

Our Statement of Principles

We believe the best place for children and youth to grow and thrive is in the community with the support of friends and family. We are committed to advocating for alternatives to incarceration that respond to the needs of young people by meeting them where they are.

We believe that the harm caused by incarceration ripples throughout entire communities and touches everyone.

We believe that safety comes through strengthening communities, addressing the root causes of harm, and promoting individual and collective well-being, not incarceration.

We believe that no one is disposable. True justice is preventing and repairing harm and promoting healing, not punishment or retribution.

We oppose oppression in all forms for youth and adults.

We believe that the justice system is biased and marginalizes populations based on their race, religion, gender identity and expression, class, ability, addiction and mental health status, and sexual orientation.

We believe in the power of the collective. We seek to form alliances through building trust, open communication and vulnerability by collaborating with those who have lived experience with the justice system and incarceration and those who do not.

We believe in self advocacy and determination. Youth and those most impacted by the justice system must lead the transformation of the juvenile justice system.

We believe that family is chosen and young people should be able to determine who that is for them.

We believe that all people deserve to be treated with dignity, respect and love.

Kansas Arrest Don't Invest Campaign Principles

Statement of Principles

Every child in the juvenile justice system deserves justice and respect.

Everyone has a chance to develop their leadership.

We believe in the restoration of each person while we are fighting for the restoration of our communities.

We believe in compassionate community agitators who focus on organizing, growth, development and healing within youth, families and communities.

We will center the voices of youth and young adults and their families in decision making processes that directly impact youth in their community.

We will empower the voices and stories of youth of the LGBTQ community, youth of color, as well as youth with disabilities.

We believe that in order to make a safe and thriving community we must address the root causes of harm and work collectively to make real change.

We believe that youth should be invested in to promote the next generation of leaders in Kansas.

We believe that the justice system is biased and marginalizes populations based on their race, religion, gender identity and expression, class, ability, addiction, mental health status and sexual orientation and that this needs to change.

We believe in the empowerment of youth with their stories and experiences and encourage them not to use their story as a crutch but as a sword, for they are the experts of their own stories and experiences.

Louisiana No More Prisons Campaign

Our Mission

Our Mission is to build a youth-led movement that dismantles intergenerational systems of white supremacy to abolish youth incarceration in Louisiana.

Our Vision

We envision a world without white supremacy, where children—especially Black, Indigenous, and children of color—are free to dream, thrive, and reach their full potential.

Our Core Principles & Values

We believe that Louisiana's most vulnerable youth deserve respect and dignity as experts of their own experience and equals in the fight for liberation.

We believe in centering the leadership of Louisiana's most vulnerable youth, including Black youth at its intersections—Indigenous Black youth, Afro-Latinx youth, LGBTQ youth, womxn, disabled youth, and incarcerated and formerly incarcerated youth.

We believe in community and acting as accomplices in the fight for liberation for our most vulnerable youth, and follow their lead in dismantling the structures that oppress them.

We are unapologetically Anti-Racist, and believe in the collective liberation of Louisiana's Black, Indigenous, and youth of color and their communities from systems of white supremacy.

We are abolitionists and believe in investing in holistic community supports and opportunities that affirm the lives of Louisiana's youth; we believe that prison, policing, and surveillance should not be used to solve social problems.



Principles

We believe that the current system's use of large remote juvenile prisons does not make our communities safer or foster the likelihood of lasting rehabilitative change for system involved youth.

We believe the juvenile justice system should prioritize the individual therapeutic treatment needs of youth to reduce the likelihood of future crime and incarceration.

We believe a continuum of evidence-informed community services for youth will improve the lives of children and the safety of all citizens of the Commonwealth.

We believe the juvenile justice system should strive to keep youth at home with their families with appropriate service and supports and youth should only be removed from home as a last resort. When youth are removed, the system should keep them as close to their families and support network as possible.

We believe the juvenile justice system should be transparent and actively engage youth, families, victims, and community supporters in the development of a plan grounded in rehabilitation and restorative justice.

We believe that a transparent system with sustained community engagement, input and oversight will result in a juvenile justice system that reduces disparate treatment of all marginalized youth populations while increasing public safety.

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VALUES

As a campaign, we've created a list of beliefs that we value. We believe...

- In loving and supportive collaboration
- In the leadership of directly impacted communities and their power to influence policy
- In working towards our collective liberation by breaking down systems of oppression that harm our youth
- In creating inclusive environments with shared decision-making
- In trusting ourselves and others to achieve deeper understanding without making assumptions
- In making sustainable work and not sacrificing long-term goals for short-term wins
- In breaking down biases and focusing on building equity with diverse communities
- In making all the necessary investments for youth and families to thrive