



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF Youth PROMISE Act Legislation

WHEREAS, both Chambers of the 113th U.S. Congress have introduced Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education (Youth PROMISE) Act companion legislation; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) supported YPA legislation introduced by Congressman Bobby Scott and Senator Robert Casey in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Youth PROMISE Act legislation will provide resources to communities to engage in comprehensive, evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies to help decrease juvenile delinquency, violence, gang crime, illegal drug activity and other crime; and

WHEREAS, the nation's juvenile and family courts are charged by Congress to ensure the fair, effective, and developmentally appropriate administration of justice for children, families and victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the legislation aligns with the mission, vision, and goals of the NCJFCJ, which support implementation of evidence-based prevention and intervention practices in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the NCJFCJ has successfully implemented and partnered on many innovative and valuable programs improving the quality of justice for children vulnerable to delinquency; and

WHEREAS, NCJFCJ promotes the exercise of judicial leadership to convene stakeholders to improve and enhance system responses to the needs of all children, families and victims of domestic violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges fully supports the Youth PROMISE Act bills introduced by Congressmen Bobby Scott and Walter Jones, and Senators Mary Landrieu and James Inhofe, and urges Congress to act now to pass the legislation.

Adopted by the NCJFCJ Board of Trustees during their meeting on November 19, 2013, Reno, Nevada.