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## **Opportunity for reform in 2012**

Dear Friend,

Over my 25-year criminal justice career, this year stands out. 2011 has marked significant changes in our juvenile and criminal justice systems in California: Governor Brown initiated the realignment of certain adult inmates to the local level; and at the same time, California's youth correctional system continues to diminish in size, and juvenile crime is at an all time low. I foresee this time in our history as a pivotal opportunity for innovation and reform in California's 58 counties. I am excited about the possibilities for CJCJ to participate in ushering in a new 21<sup>st</sup> Century justice system.

2011 also signifies an important date in CJCJ's history – we are celebrating the twentieth year as a stand alone non-profit agency from our parent organization the [National Center on Institutions and Alternatives](#). We are honored to continue the legacy of its founder, Dr. Jerome Miller, through our work in California and nationwide. As CJCJ embarks into its third decade of providing technical assistance, research/policy analysis, and public education; it is also expanding its model community based services by merging with the [Northern California Service League \(NCSL\)](#). The two agencies combined will ensure a more cohesive and centralized approach to service provision in 2012. CJCJ welcomes NCSL's 60 year history of providing professional community based services to formerly incarcerated individuals.

On behalf of everyone at CJCJ, I want to thank you. We truly appreciate your continued support and interest in our work. We cannot do it without you. [Please consider making a tax deductible end of year donation](#) to further promote long-term public safety through the delivery of community-based services, technical assistance and data-driven policy analysis. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Daniel Macallair, MPA  
Executive Director

### **[Is California Striking Out?](#)**

In early 2011, CJCJ's Senior Research Fellow, Mike Males, was extended an invitation to present at a symposium sponsored by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice College Center on Media, Crime and Justice. His presentation focused on an April

[2011 CJCJ report that found the 1994 "Three Strikes" law has had no demonstrable effect on violent crime levels or trends.](#) Once again this resulted in CJCJ's extensive coverage in the media including the San Francisco Chronicle and KALW News.

## **[A New Direction for Juvenile Justice Design](#)**

2011 marks the second year of San Francisco's Juvenile Collaborative Reentry Team (JCRT). This unique collaborative program has demonstrated early success in providing community based reentry services for high-risk youth returning from out-of-home placement. This year [JCRT was visited by Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye](#), as it is one of only five jurisdictions from around the nation selected as a Second Chance Act National Demonstration Project site. The collaborative continues to receive praise and has presented at two conferences in Washington, D.C. this year, as well as the upcoming Beyond the Bench in December 2011 in San Francisco. Additionally, JCRT innovative program design was highlighted in [Renewing Juvenile Justice a report commissioned by the Sierra Health Foundation](#).

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