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## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

**<https://www.vera.org/research/can-mentoring-takes-the-place-of-punishing>**

## Policy Issue Resources

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### The Intersection of Public Health and Criminal Justice

Every year, thousands of American children are shuffled through the justice system for misbehaviors like skipping school and running away referred to as status offenses when their families, schools, and communities don't know how else to help them. While it may seem like the best option, research shows that the juvenile system just isn't equipped ...

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