

YOUTH INCARCERATION BY THE NUMBERS

Rates of youth incarceration are dropping overall; however, **DISPARITIES** are on the rise.

The United States of America

- Currently, 7,000 children are behind bars at any given time. (The Sentencing Project, 2017).
- 600 of those youth are detained for *status* offenses.
- In 2015, 47,000 youth were incarcerated; 69% were Black youth. (The Sentencing Project, 2017).
- Black youth are five times more likely than White youth to be incarcerated. (The Sentencing Project, 2017).
- More than 5,000 youth are incarcerated in adult prisons. (The Sentencing Project, 2017).

DELAWARE

- Black youth are 12 times as likely to be held in placement than White youth. (The Sentencing Project, 2017).
- Black, non-Hispanic youth make up 67% of the admitted population in secured detention. (The Sentencing Project, 2017).
- In 2014, Black youth made up 70-85% of the general population at a Level IV facility. (Delaware Statistical Analysis Center, Jan 2017 report).
- From 2010-2016, the Ferris School for Boys (only Level V facility for male youth charged in Family Court) had a 75%- 100% recidivism rate. (Delaware Statistical Analysis Center, Jan 2017 report).



© 2018



THE DELAWARE OFFICE OF
DEFENSE SERVICES



PLEASE CONTACT MEGHAN CRIST, ESQ. AT
(302) 577-5314 WITH ANY ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING
JUVENILE JUSTICE IN DELAWARE .