The Youth PROMISE Act

1. U.S. Incarceration Rate Highest in the World

   ![Graph showing incarceration rates per 100,000 people by country.]

   Source: Prepared by the Office of Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (02/27/11)

2. Outcomes for Young Black Males Decline Sharply Since 1970

   ![Graph comparing high school graduates and dropouts in 1970 and 2000.]

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3. U.S. Youth Incarceration Rate Highest in the World

   ![Graph showing incarceration rates per 100,000 (population under 18) by country.]

4. Education Pays

Unemployment rate in 2010

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<th>Education Level</th>
<th>Median Weekly Earnings in 2010</th>
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5. Putting Money on the table

What if we reduced the African-American Incarceration rate to 500 per 100,000?*

• Reduction from 2,252 per 100,000 to 500 per 100,000
• 1,752 fewer incarcerated x $29,000 year = $50,808,000
• Children per 100,000 = approx. 30,000
• $50,808,000 / 30,000 children = $1,693 /child/year
• $50,808,000 targeted at 1/3 of our most vulnerable children = $5,080 /child/year

* In the Pew Center on the States study “1 in 31”, it was determined that incarceration rates over 500 per 100,000 were counterproductive to reducing crime.

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6. Putting Money on the table

What if we reduced the African-American Incarceration rate in the worst ten states to 500 per 100,000?* *

• Reduction from 3,748 per 100,000 to 500 per 100,000
• 3,248 fewer incarcerated x $29,000 year = $94,192,000
• Children per 100,000 = approx. 30,000
• $ 94,192,000 / 30,000 children = $3,140 /child/year
• $ 94,192,000 targeted at 1/3 of our most vulnerable children = $9,419 /child/year

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