### Support National Policy Changes

1. Urge Congress to pass legislation prohibiting youth to be held in solitary confinement.
2. Reauthorize the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) with restrictions on the use of seclusion.
3. Through the reauthorization of JJDPA, establish systems for independent monitoring of juvenile detention and correctional facilities and, where appropriate, seek to improve conditions in those facilities.
4. Insist that the United States comply with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child that prohibits the placement of youth under age 18 in solitary confinement.

### Support Ohio Policy Changes

1. Increase transparency and oversight of the use of solitary by requiring all state and local facilities to report even brief periods of use.
2. Require that a youth experiencing any amount of isolation be immediately evaluated and receive treatment for potential trauma.
3. Incorporate JDAI standards on isolation into the state’s administrative regulations pertaining to the operation of juvenile detention centers.
4. Create legislative mechanisms and fiscal supports for monitoring detention centers and residential treatment programs for use of isolation practices.
5. Ensure PREA compliance, including the restrictions on the use of isolation for youth in adult jails and prisons.

### Community

1. Keep informed about the Stop Solitary for Ohio’s Youth campaign.
2. Sign the petition letting Governor Kasich know you are aware of the problems associated with solitary confinement.
3. Report stories you have heard about kids being locked in solitary in Ohio.
4. Increase public awareness about the problem by responding to media stories and speaking to your peers.

### Attorneys

1. Develop procedures to routinely ask clients that are in any out-of-home placement about seclusion.
2. File motions to remove clients from solitary confinement.
3. Have clients assessed immediately by mental health and medical experts when they have experienced seclusion.
4. Gather stories from clients about their experiences with solitary and share those stories with public policy advocates.
5. Learn about potential placements for kids and advocate for ones that are safe and rehabilitative.
6. Maintain contact with clients post-adjudication.

### Take Action

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