THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND TRAUMA

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How is the juvenile justice system related to trauma?

Response from Jessica Feierman:
Our systems themselves are typically trauma-creating. Young people are:
1. Pulled from their homes, families, and communities
2. Typically put in places that are scary and uncomfortable
3. Often subjected to physical abuse, sexual abuse, and/or verbal abuse

How can we help youth and families in a healing way?

Response from Hernán Carvente-Martinez:
Within the current landscape of our society, people of color often lack accessibility to various resources. We need to create new systems of support through community-based resources for young people within:
1. Mental Health
2. Education
3. Child Welfare
4. Policy

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Roadmap to Resilience:
Supporting Children Experiencing Stress and Trauma