

**Join the Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy and
the WestEd Justice & Prevention Research Center
for the **Second Session** in Our Conversation Series
on June 16th, 1pm - 2pm EDT**

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Conversation Series

**Mitigating Racial and Ethnic Disparities
in the Criminal Justice System**

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The U.S. justice system continues to grapple with racial and ethnic disparities in its outcomes. Findings from studies of juvenile justice, policing, pretrial and bail decisions, sentencing, and corrections consistently indicate inequities in the experiences of Black, Native American and Indigenous, and Hispanic American people in the criminal justice system compared to those of White people. The fundamental question that connects the work of researchers to that of policymakers and practitioners is, **“What can we do to mitigate systemwide disparities?”**

Join the Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy (CEBCP) at George Mason University and the WestEd Justice & Prevention Research Center (JPRC) for **the second in our ongoing series** of engaging online conversations that will use scientific evidence to explore this critical issue. Our **first event**, held in January, discussed the evidence behind police training innovations in procedural justice, implicit bias, de-escalation, and community policing.

The second session will be held June 16th, 1:00-2:00pm (EDT) and will focus on juvenile justice. Although there are significant national decreases in the use of detention and incarceration of youth, disparities in who gets into the juvenile justice system and receives the harshest penalties persist.

Leading scholars and experts will examine whether there are innovations in juvenile justice that can lead to meaningful change in the forms of more equitable outcomes in who gets into the system, who is detained, and who receives the necessary services and training to succeed following system involvement. Following a framing presentation by JPRC Director Anthony Petrosino, our featured speakers **Nancy Rodriguez** (University of California, Irvine), **Sean Darling-Hammond** (BITJustice and WestEd), and **David Muhammad** (National Institute of Criminal

Justice Reform) will discuss research, evidence, and challenges in tackling this important issue. The session will be moderated by CEBCP Director Cynthia Lum.

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