

Decolonizing Public Health Teach-In

THE CYCLE OF YOUTH INCARCERATION

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Abstract

This facilitation will focus on the varying degrees of recidivism specifically within the African American youth community. The Black community has been one that has faced hardship throughout time; especially within the justice system. The rates of youth recidivism can be seen at around 40% for African American youth. This is on proportion to being around 4 times higher than any other race in America. Recidivism has been on the rise especially within the youth ages of 13-17 years of age. The rise in this number has lead to less resources, overcrowding and the justification for leaving minority children behind. This facilitation will take a look at many aspects of the issue of youth recidivism and the changes needed to be made in order to help better our communities.

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