Youth incarceration in the United States declined dramatically over the past quarter century, dropping 79% from 1997 to 2021 due to shifts in juvenile offending and evolving approaches to delinquency. Yet today, juvenile crime is once again in the national spotlight, with rising concerns about robberies, carjackings, and other violent offenses involving young people. The question now: how can the justice system respond in ways that promote both accountability and opportunity?

Leaders from the Council on Criminal Justice's Centering Justice project hosted a timely exploration of effective interventions, persistent challenges, and the path forward for juvenile justice.

See slides from panelist Thomas Woods here.

Panelists

- Hernán Carvente-Martinez, Executive Director, Alianza for Opportunity
- Missy Irvin, State Senator, Arkansas
- Rafael A. Mangual, Nick Ohnell Fellow, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research
- Thomas Woods, Senior Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Khalil Cumberbatch (moderator), Director of Engagement and Partnerships, Council on Criminal Justice
- Marc Levin (moderator), Chief Policy Counsel, Council on Criminal Justice