



# **Toward a Model Approach for Building Higher Education Pathways for Secure Treatment Youth**

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**CWC OYCR Committee Meeting,  
Arnold Chandler, President  
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# About Forward Change

Forward Change is a mission-driven social change strategy consulting firm that seeks to improve the life outcomes and opportunities for children, young adults and families living in low-income disadvantaged communities.

We do this by helping foundations, governments and community organizations adopt social change strategies that match the best that research has to offer with the on-the-ground leadership in communities.

# Forward Change Team



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# About NICJR

The National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) works to reduce incarceration and violence, improve the outcomes of system-involved youth and adults, and increase the capacity and expertise of the organizations that serve these individuals.

NICJR provides technical assistance, consulting, research, organizational development, and advocacy in the fields of juvenile and criminal justice, youth development, and violence prevention. NICJR works with an array of organizations, including government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and philanthropic foundations.

# NICJR Team



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# **Our Deliverables**



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A **comprehensive report** to be finalized this summer that will synthesize three **separate lines of inquiry**:

- 1. Insights from the Research Literature:** Proven and promising interventions and systems innovations related to higher education for youth in or exiting secure confinement. This will involve an extensive synthesis of the peer-reviewed and grey literatures.

[Began in September, ongoing through April]

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**2. Key Voices from the Field in California:** Approximately 50 key informant interviews will be conducted with an array of leaders including teachers, staff at County Offices of Education, Program Leaders, Researchers, Probation Chiefs, DAs, Judges, Behavioral Health Specialists, and DJJ administrators.

[Throughout March and early April]

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**3. A National Landscape Scan:** A national scan for leading models and practices at the intersection of juvenile confinement and higher education

[Began in February and ongoing through March]

