



Individual Action Planning Forms

Each number corresponds to a different Action Plan – e.g. #1 under each question refers to the same plan.

How do you want to participate in the Week of Faith? Describe your event/action:

1. Gathering of youth within Criminal Court Building.
2. Information sharing with students at Verbum Dei HS
3. Hip Hop/poetry event to change the way people think
4. Showing films and handing out things to inform students about what is going on, and the ways they can get involved.
5. March to show support.
6. Movie screenings.
7. Help people find their way to success
8. Create an activity for my school during JJ week with art, rappng, poetry contest and film screening

Location for your action/event.

1. 200 West Temple – Downtown LA.
2. Vebum Dei High School
3. None listed.
4. At school.
5. S.D.
6. At Oakwood School
7. L.A.
8. School

Target audience – who do you want to reach?

1. Students, people in the system, families
2. Verbum Dei students
3. All community, media and elected officials
4. Upper class kids
5. Youth
6. Oakwood Student Body
7. I want to reach more young people
8. All grades 9-12



What information do you want to get across?

1. "How they take their power and use it for their advantage."
2. None lised.
3. How prison affects people inside and our families
4. Stuff is happening that they aren't ever aware of, and they can change it.
5. You can be better than you are told
6. The realities of the injustices of the justice system
7. I would like to show them there is always success
8. Awareness of juvenile rights

How will you communicate your message?

1. Make flyers and short films about youth Lifers' cases to post on YouTube, and take around to schools, youth centers, lock-ups, churches; plus media outreach through internet and phone.
2. None listed.
3. Through rap, poetry and youth art from both streets and inside lock-ups
4. None listed.
5. Speeches to the youth
6. Through films
7. I would speak to everyone who has their eyes open
8. None listed

What action do you want people to take?

1. Build the movement to support changing the laws, starting with Senate Bill 9.
2. Help to make this situation aware in the school.
3. Bring people together into one united group to push for new laws such as ending LWOP.
4. None listed.
5. Help change.
6. I want people to educate themselves and accept the realities of the justice system instead of falling into preconceived notions
7. To change the bad to good
8. Support SB9

School name and person completing Action Plan (where included):

1. Youth Justice Coalition/FREE LA High School, Jayton Davis
2. Verbum Dei HS
3. Youth Justice Coalition/FREE LA High School, Quanmesha Smith and Sherry Cummings
4. Not listed.
5. Not listed.
6. Oakwood School, Sofie Cardinal
7. Not listed

Action Plan

Notes from Group Report Backs (Flip Charts):

Group 1

Youth Need: Opportunities to participate in community through helping hand, listening, volunteer work

Location: schools, community meetings, churches

Targets: youth, politicians, families, churches

Message: Awareness groups

Group 2

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Group 3

Second Chance Wrist band

Bring politicians to prisons – put yourself in other people's shoes

Set up more programs with kids from different backgrounds interacting; for people to continue to learn

Make the best of what you have

Find something that motivates you

Group 4

Resources for parolees

Target employers

Bring in employers to facilities to connect youth to jobs before leaving lock-up

Lower the percentage of Parole violations

Group 5

More events like today

Be the voice for those that are incarcerated

Share personal experiences to get the message across to others:

People change by:

- Interacting with each other
- Growing and becoming nicer
- Education, more programs
- Recognition of their mistakes
- Letters/communication with people inside

The system change needed includes:

- Coming down on prison extreme sentencing
- Giving fair trials

Group 6

Write letters to legislators

Writing from people locked up to advise high school students (including past experiences and personal outlooks)

Film documentaries to raise awareness within the student body and community

Get out information on facts about incarceration, life inside, and injustices

Possible action – candlelight vigil to remember the victims

Group 7

Share youth stories, art to inspire action and pass new laws

Group 8

Events with art, rapping, speeches, movies/films, testimonies, skits

Messages: We can take action. Be who you want to be. Dare to be better.



Letter from Youth Inside to Youth Everywhere:

2-7-11

Dear Young Teen or Teens,

The one feeling lonely, the one that is sad, the one who is hurt, the one who wants attention, the geek, the jock, the popular, the unpopular, the one who is ashamed, the one who wants to share, the one who cares, the one who is excited, the one who is frustrated. I ask you right now, *Stop... Think about what you are doing right now. Think about the things you can do today.*

Example. That lonely person – get up and talk to that exciting person. That popular person – stop and go talk to that unpopular person. You are the future. You will make a change in the world. Do something unimaginable. Do something positive to help each other. Come together as one. Don't judge. Don't hate. Love and respect each other.

You want to become a fireman, in the military, a cheerleader, a football player, a tennis player? What are you doing today to be that successful young man or young lady? You have to make the change you need to become what you truly want.

Don't be afraid. It doesn't matter what the person next to you thinks about you. When you become what you want, where will that person be? You will have a good life if you are a good person. It's not easy. But, the outcome will be worth it.

Good luck on your journey, and when you fall down, get back up. Keep trying. Don't ever give up the faith or the goals you set for yourself.

Sincerely,

The person who tried, but gave up,
the person who got up and tried again,
and is succeeding positively.