



Youth Justice Information Forum

The Effects of Pepper Spray on Youth and Effective Alternatives

Wednesday, November 20, 2013
3:00 PM
Texas State Capitol, Room E1.026

Topics for Discussion:

- ▶ A proposed rule change within the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD)
- ▶ Past litigation regarding pepper spray usage in Texas' state secure facilities
- ▶ The dangers associated with pepper spraying youth
- ▶ Effective alternatives that state and local leaders should consider

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Currently, county-level juvenile facilities under TJJD's purview are permitted to use pepper spray on youth only in instances of a riot. The proposed rule change would expand that permission.

Join us to learn more about this rule change, and why it would be bad for Texas youth!

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