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### **National Institute of Justice Releases Latest Research on Alternatives to Youth Incarceration**

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs’ (OJP) National Institute of Justice (NIJ), today released “*The Future of Youth Justice: A Community-Based Alternative to the Youth Prison Model*,” a report providing recommendations for creating community-based alternatives to the youth prison model.

Published in partnership with Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management, the report examines experiences from several states that have pursued alternative models. It finds that community-based approaches can reduce recidivism, control costs and promote public safety.

The report is the most recent addition to a series of papers published as a result of the Executive Session on Community Corrections. The Executive Sessions at Harvard Kennedy School bring together experts who take joint responsibility for rethinking and improving society’s responses to an issue.

**TITLE:**       **The Future of Youth Justice: A Community-Based Alternative to the Youth Prison Model**

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**WHERE:**      **<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/250142.pdf>**

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