

URGENT CALL TO ACTION

Get on the bus for...

JUVENILE JUSTICE DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Join us in Baton Rouge, **Tuesday, May 6, 2003**

for a very important day of action that will determine the future of Louisiana's Juvenile Justice System. Come to the Kick-off of a new coalition dedicated to juvenile justice reform, and **have your voice heard** (or support other community members who will testify) at two important Senate Hearings.

9 a.m.

Press Conference on the steps of the capitol building to officially launch the statewide **Coalition for Effective Juvenile Justice Reform**. Afterwards, members will distribute letters to the state legislature.

followed by...

Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2003 hits Senate Finance Committee.

This bill, SB 957, sets overall juvenile justice policy for the state of Louisiana with education, rehabilitation and treatment as the top priorities.

followed by...

Senate Judiciary B Committee Votes on "the Close Tallulah bill"

This bill, SB 963 will create the financial means to pay for the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2003 by safely closing the most violent and ineffective of the state's 4 juvenile correctional facilities, SCCY-MPU (a.k.a. Tallulah), by January 1, 2004, creating funding for community based alternatives-to-incarceration for Louisiana's youth.

Lunch will be provided

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COALITION FOR EFFECTIVE JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM



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