



November 28, 2012

Dear Youth Commissioners,

The Center for Young Women's Development (CYWD) will be celebrating 19 years of supporting the development and empowerment of young women in San Francisco! CYWD is an organization for young women, 16 to 24, who have experienced trauma and/or incarceration and are working to heal themselves and heal their communities through community organizing, advocacy and political education. CYWD will be hosting its **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Know Justice Conference on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 from 9:30am to 2:30pm** and we would like to have the *Youth Commission* co-sponsor the event. Our conference will provide youth, young adults, their families and community access to the tools and resources needed to navigate the juvenile justice system among others. We are inviting organizations and individuals who have done extraordinary work in the community with or on the behalf of youth involved in the justice system and underground street economy to facilitate workshops and speak on our youth panel. Some of the topics will include: strategies for staying out of the system, successful organizing/base building, and gang injunctions.

*Responsibilities would entail supporting with outreach by getting the word out to your networks and young people in the community. Also, by being a sponsor, your logo will appear on the outreach flyer and your organization will be acknowledged on the day of the event. This event will initiate our peer-led efforts to arm young people with the information necessary to deepen their understandings of how to avoid contact with the juvenile justice system and highlight opportunities to organize to address issues in their communities. An intergenerational collective of community leaders and activists will co-facilitate workshops with youth by their side to connect conference participants to issues plaguing families and communities.*

This conference allows us to gather and celebrate why we do this work and the tremendous difference it makes for so many families who are struggling to rebuild their lives. Thank you for supporting us in the past and for making sure youth voices and issues continue to be heard. We look forward to working with you in the future. **If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 415-703-8800 x212 or [nadiyah@cywd.org](mailto:nadiyah@cywd.org).**

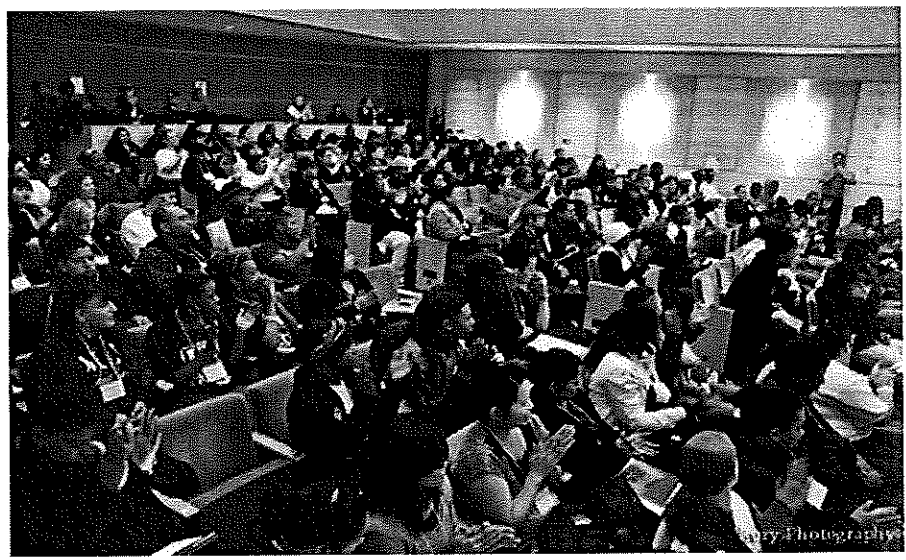
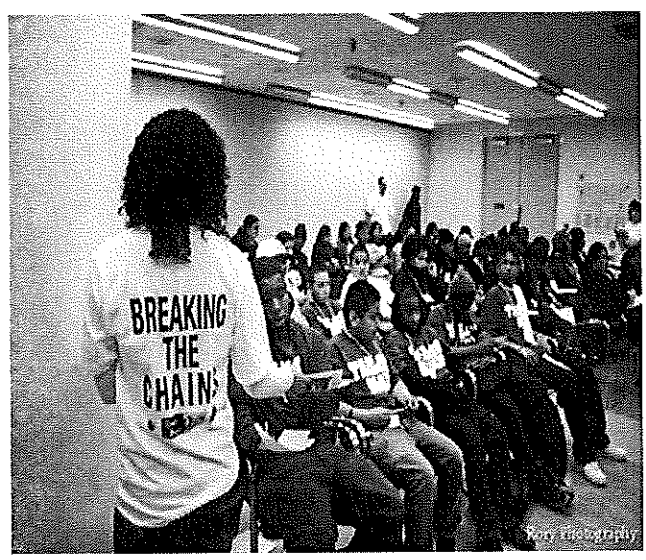
Sincerely,

Nadiyah Shereff  
Advocacy Coordinator



# KNOW JUSTICE C O N F E R E N C E

## SAVE the DATE



This conference will engage young people and their families, service providers and community members to "Know Justice" by sharing information and facts about basic rights when it comes to the juvenile justice system, gang injunctions, and dealing with the police.

San Francisco Main Library

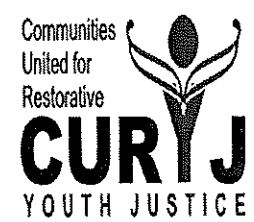
100 Larkin St. San Francisco, CA 94102

**Wednesday, February 20, 2012 9:30am-3:00pm**

To Donate, Sponsor, or Table at this event contact

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### PARTNERS:





To provide youth the tools and resources to stop recidivism and bring allies to inspire youth to get involved in the political movement

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## Workshops

\_\_\_ **W1 Know Justice & Miranda Rights** - This workshop provides training on how to use the KNOW JUSTICE book a publication of CYWD and what your rights are when being stopped by police.

\_\_\_ **W2 Clean Slate** - This workshop will inform youth and young adults about the process for sealing or expunging your record.

\_\_\_ **W3 Know Your Rights in the Foster Care System** - Learn about your rights in school, rights to medical care, family, etc. Learn about Emancipation and how the new policies can benefit you.

\_\_\_ **W4 Gang Injunctions in San Francisco & Oakland** - This workshop will teach you the real deal about Gang Injunctions in San Francisco and Oakland and what youth can do to stop them.

\_\_\_ **W5 Queer is Here!: Healing Spaces Within Our Communities** - This workshop will help youth become aware of how to create and nurture safe healing spaces for LGBTQ youth within violent and non-safe communities; and also learn about LGBTQ vocabulary.

\_\_\_ **W6 Healing the Healers (SERVICE PROVIDERS ONLY)** This workshop will focus on specific strategies that service providers can use for self-care to reduce burnout.