



*Are the Kids alright?*

**COVID-19 + YOUTH**

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## **Eddie Ellis**

**Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth**

Eddie Ellis joined the CFSY team as the Incarcerated Children's Advocacy Network (ICAN) Coordinator in early 2018. In this role, he works with ICAN members across the country, connecting them to each other and with local resources. He also works with other directly impacted communities, including the family members of youth sentenced to life with parole.



Eddie, a native Washingtonian, was arrested and charged with murder at the age of 16 -- he was later found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to 22 years in prison. He served 15 years and finished the rest of his time on parole.

Eddie came home in 2006 and since that time he has worked on a variety of issues, including reentry, solitary confinement, and on behalf of people with disabilities who are in the system, and coming home. He has served on the board of directors of a national legal organization, and helped with client-centered training for lawyers, probation officers, and social workers. He is an advocate for those in the system, a mentor, and a motivational speaker. His lived experience as a formerly incarcerated person provides invaluable insight and depth into his work that allows him to connect with and engage the community he serves.

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