



## **Springing Children from Mass Incarceration: Combating a Dangerous U.S. Model at Home and Abroad**

Join a panel discussion of local experts who are part of an international movement to fight against U.S. – backed mass incarceration policies that harm children in the juvenile detention system. Free of charge.

***Date: Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 4:00PM-5:30PM***

***Location: Best & Flanagan, 60 South 6<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 2700, Minneapolis, MN***

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*Join Juvenile Justice Advocates afterwards at Ike's Food & Cocktails, 50 South 6<sup>th</sup> street for exclusive Happy Hour discounts - proceeds support children prison in Mexico.*

### **Panelists:**

**Curtis Shanklin, State Coordinator for JDAI Minnesota, Association of Minnesota Counties**

**Katrinna Dexter, Assistant State Coordinator for JDAI Minnesota, Association of Minnesota Counties**

Mr. Shanklin leads Minnesota's "Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative", part of a 25-year national movement to change how counties and states use juvenile detention. Since JDAI started in Minnesota, participating jurisdictions have seen a precipitous reduction of juvenile detention by over 50 percent. This dramatic success has come as juvenile crime rates have remained flat or declined. Most recently, Minnesota JDAI has expanded to include 9 new counties, along with a Tribal Nation focusing on how to reduce the overrepresentation of youth of color in Minnesota's justice system, a pervasive problem in America's mass incarceration system.

**Douglas Keillor – Executive Director of Juvenile Justice Advocates International**

Working in the juvenile detention system in Mexico, Mr. Keillor and Juvenile Justice Advocates have seen first-hand how U.S.-backed policies have resulted in a more punitive form of justice. Applying many of the same successful strategies employed by JDAI in Minnesota, Juvenile Justice Advocates leverages international law and best practices to reduce the use of detention for children in some of the most crime-prone areas of Mexico.

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