

## **The Overrepresentation of Young Black Males within Correctional Institutions**

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Policymakers, practitioners, advocates and researchers have long been aware that Black males are disproportionately represented throughout the various stages of the criminal justice system. The focus of this research paper is to examine the overrepresentation of young Black males within correctional institutions. In an attempt to better understand the relationship between race and involvement with the criminal justice system, data was collected from young male detainees in Miami-Dade County correctional institutions.