



## Corresponding with Youth About Solitary Confinement

An effective \_\_\_\_\_ campaign should seek to show that young people in the custody of your state or community juvenile justice system are subjected to solitary confinement and describe what solitary confinement is like for them— using personal stories. One effective way to gather this information is by corresponding with young people in juvenile justice facilities. You can identify youth in juvenile justice facilities by reaching out to advocates, community groups, family members, and public defenders. It is particularly important to work with attorneys when young people are represented or have pending delinquency, criminal, or civil cases. The following is a template letter and survey you can send an individual (directly or through his or her attorney or other representative) to find out more about their experience in solitary confinement.

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Dear [NAME],

I hope this letter finds you well. I am contacting you because [*describe how you got their name and information*].

My name is [X] and I am with [*X organization with X purpose*]. We are concerned that juvenile detention and correctional facilities in [*State*] often put y



