



YouthBuild USA

Court-Involved Youth Community of Practice Panel Discussion

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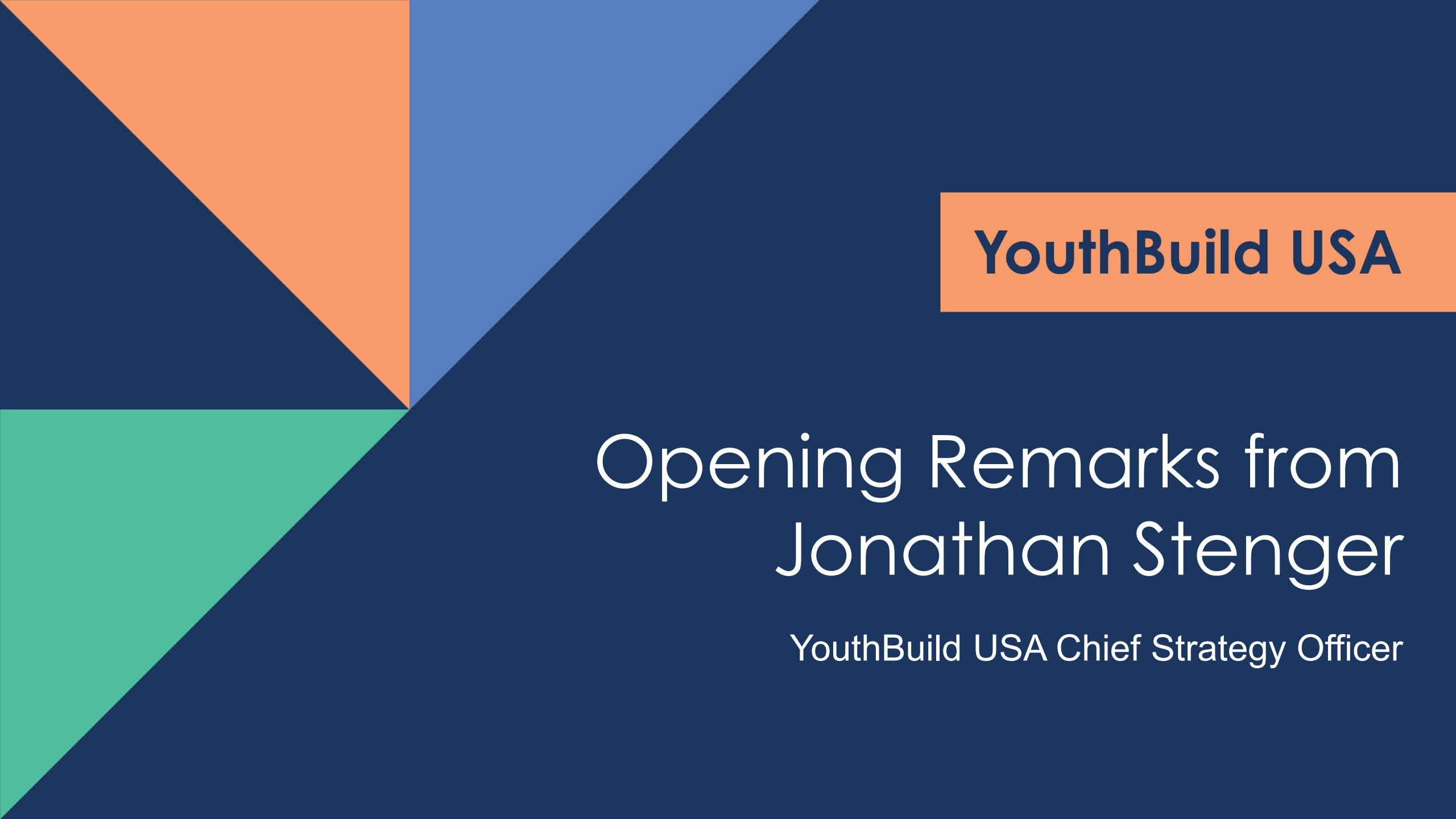
Agenda

- Introduction and opening remarks
- Overview: crime prevention and diversion programs case studies
- Crime prevention and youth diversion at the ground-level, strategies, considerations, and lessons learned
- Closing remarks and takeaways



Purpose and Learning Objectives

- Identify strategies and considerations that can be implemented supporting crime prevention and youth diversion initiatives
- Understand the current national landscape pertaining to youth crime
- Identify challenges and barriers to serving court-involved youth in YouthBuild programs



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Opening Remarks from Jonathan Stenger

YouthBuild USA Chief Strategy Officer

Poll

What percentage of your participants have current or previous involvement in the criminal justice system?

- a. 0-25%
- b. 26-50%
- c. 51-75%
- d. 76-100%
- e. Unsure

Background



7 Programs Engaged



6 Convenings Held



Participants and Staff



7 Action Plans



3 Case Studies

Systemic Challenges

- Opportunity youth and young people of color do not have trust in the justice system and police officers that enforce that system.
- Race, gender, and income-based disparities exist within the criminal justice system.
- The criminal justice system is built to punish rather than rehabilitate, and young people are not given the opportunity to positively change their life trajectory.
- Young people are often processed and incarcerated for low-level offenses, prematurely involving them in a system that is difficult to escape.

LOW-LEVEL CASES IN DETENTION

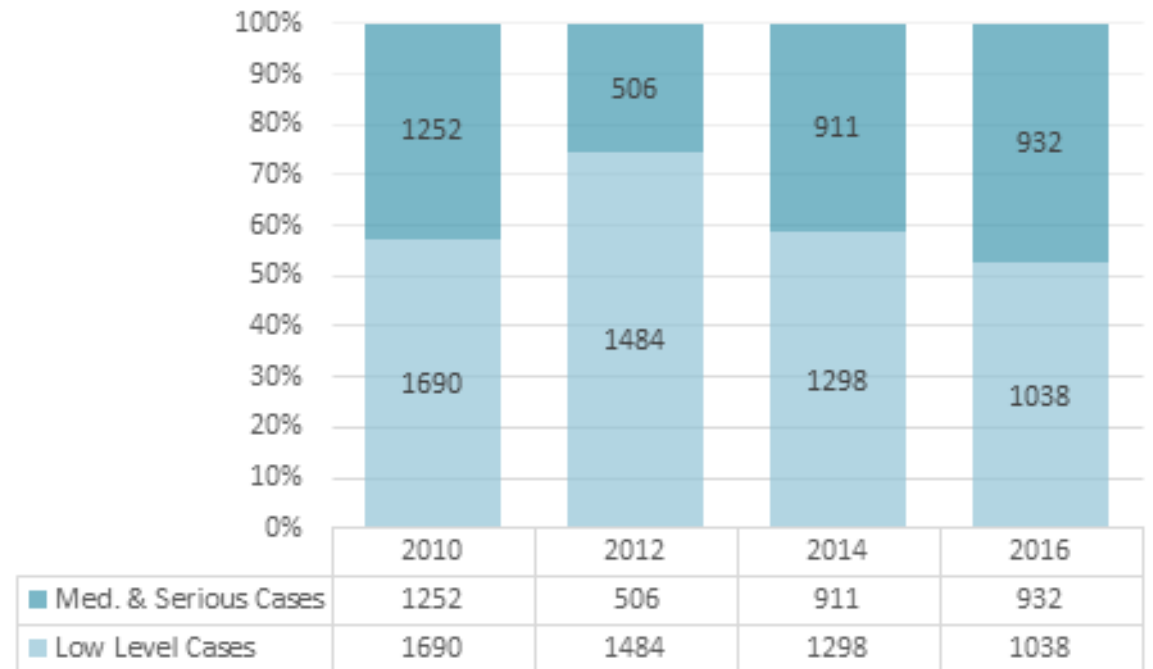


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Chat

What support do you need
to better serve
court-involved youth
in your community?

Panelists



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Resources

- [YouthBuild USA Court-Involved Youth Case Studies](#)
- [Gun and Community Violence: What Is It and What Can We Do?](#)
- [Reentry Starts Here: A Guide for Youth in Long-Term Juvenile Corrections or Treatment Programs](#)
- [E-Learning Videos: Strategies for Working with Gang-Exposed Youth](#)
- [Citizens for Juvenile Justice](#)
- [National Juvenile Justice Network](#)
- [OJP's Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative](#)

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Thank You!