Advocacy Update

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Support Strong Juvenile Justice Funding

Please call the White House tomorrow, Jan. 5, to support strong juvenile justice funding. ACT 4 Juvenile Justice, a campaign of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Coalition, has alerted us that President Obama is preparing his budget request for FY 2013.

Call the White House (202-456-1097) to urge him to stop the cuts of the last ten years for federal juvenile justice funding in his FY 2013 budget request. This funding enables states and local communities to support needed programs, which have been shown to reduce delinquency, protect youth in custody, and increase community safety.

For the necessary information to make your calls, access the ACT 4 Juvenile Justice talking points and call-in information flyer.

Segregation in Israel

In the January 2, 2012 issue of The Pluralist, Anat Hoffman tells us that “Segregation is the word on everyone’s lips in Israel these days. The Prime Minister and President [of Israel] have denounced segregation of women in the public sphere, ... There was a vote of no confidence about this issue in the Knesset last week. Thousands of people rallied in Beit Shemesh to support a little girl who was called a prostitute by extremist Haredi men. Six months ago. … IRAC was fighting an uphill battle to create awareness in the media, in the Knesset and among the general public....” Now “The whole country has erupted on the gender segregation issue.” In her article, Hoffman also wrote about IRAC’s response to the segregated buses in Jerusalem and its second report on gender segregation, which is coming out soon. Read her full article which also includes the passionate words of a young Orthodox woman who called to thank IRAC for its “struggle against segregation.”

Support IRAC’s outstanding efforts in the struggle against segregation and make pluralism and equality available for all Israelis!