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Dear Strategies for Youth:

The California Association of Administration of Justice Educators is devoted to promoting a best practices approach in support of Administration of Justice educational programs and training.

As the President of CAAJE, I want to commend the efforts of Strategies for Youth in helping law enforcement to become more developmentally competent when dealing with youth in their interactions.

Nationally, the philosophy of training law enforcement personnel at the recruit level and in-service level regarding juveniles is in dire need of change. The Strategies for Youth approach clearly demonstrates the resolve and commitment needed toward reducing an existing deficiency that fundamentally flaws law enforcement legitimacy within the police-juvenile experience.

August Vollmer, the father of modern American policing and professionalism stated nearly ninety years ago that the best approach for achieving success as an officer was to become proficient in the policing of youth. Your program's efforts have kept this philosophy on-going into the twenty-first century with demonstrated success.

Sincerely,

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