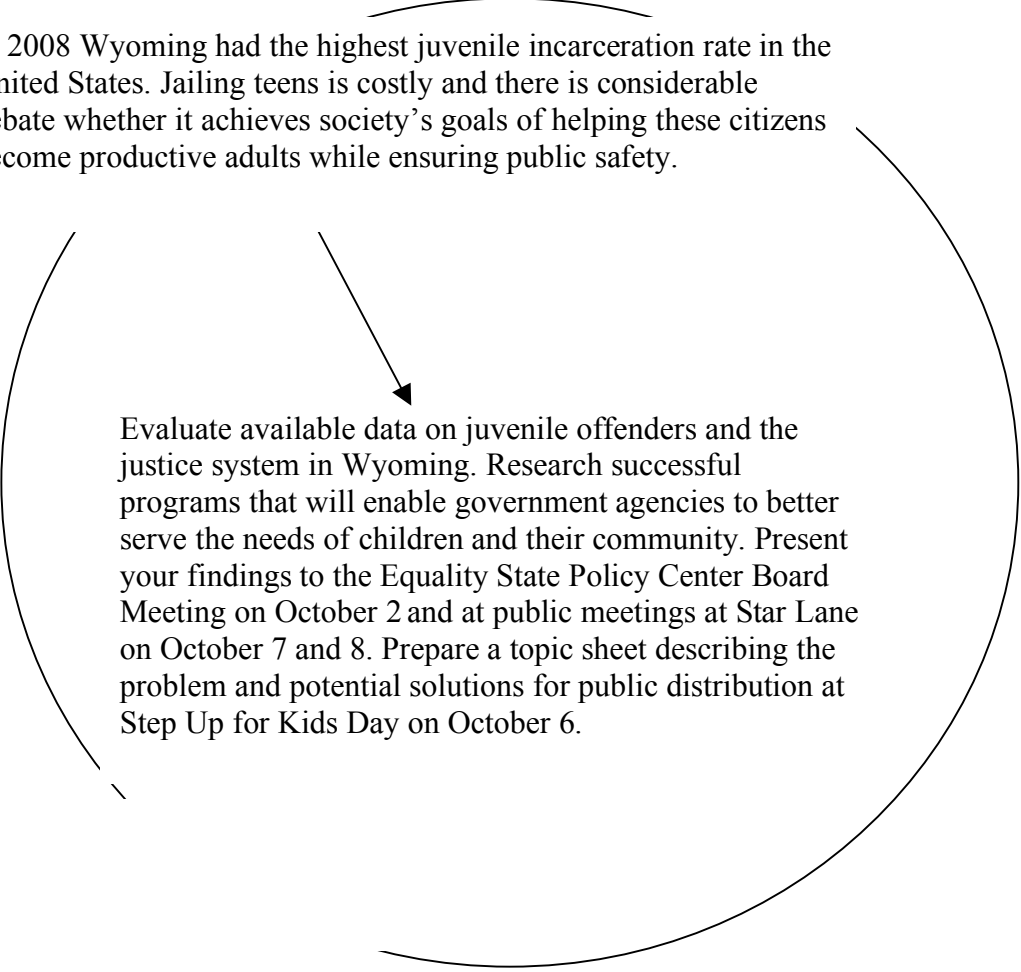


# Juvenile Justice 2009

In 2008 Wyoming had the highest juvenile incarceration rate in the United States. Jailing teens is costly and there is considerable debate whether it achieves society's goals of helping these citizens become productive adults while ensuring public safety.



Evaluate available data on juvenile offenders and the justice system in Wyoming. Research successful programs that will enable government agencies to better serve the needs of children and their community. Present your findings to the Equality State Policy Center Board Meeting on October 2 and at public meetings at Star Lane on October 7 and 8. Prepare a topic sheet describing the problem and potential solutions for public distribution at Step Up for Kids Day on October 6.