

### CONNECT Act Reintroduced by Senators Peters & Grassley

We are pleased to announce that the **Childhood Outcomes Need New Efficient Community Teams (CONNECT) Act** was reintroduced in the United States Senate by Senator Gary Peters (D-Michigan) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)!

This important legislation will assist states in addressing the unique challenges of youth who are involved with both the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, known as dual status youth. The CONNECT Act will encourage child welfare and juvenile justice systems to work together to identify dual status youth early, to jointly assess and serve these children, and to provide the data necessary to understand what works to improve their outcomes and future prospects. The Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice is honored to have had the opportunity to support the development of the CONNECT Act, first in 2016 and again this year. We applaud the diligence of Senators Peters and Grassley in working to ensure that the interests of these vulnerable youth are a priority.

You can support this vital legislation by sharing it with your colleagues and networks, and by sharing about the **#CONNECTAct** on social media. For more information, please [click here](#) or visit our Newsroom at <http://rfknrcjj.org/newsroom/>.

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