

**Lawndale Christian Legal Center:**

Their most immediate need is for us to mobilize awareness of the “Community Based Corrections Act bill” HB0044/SB0237 that currently needs to get out of committee and up for a hearing. We are being asked to contact Governor Pritzker and our state legislators to let them know we are enthusiastically in favor of the Act. This will allow existing funds currently budgeted for traditional incarceration to be redirected to pay for a young person’s enrollment in a community-based program like the Dennis Deer Community Justice Center. These community-based programs that support young people through the Act will be held accountable by the state. It is a rigorous process for these individuals to qualify for this residential program and the judge in the case is the final decider. Ultimately, that same money that would have paid for an offender's prison term will pay for the services and support that can change the trajectory of a young person’s life if this bill becomes law.

Read more [here](#).