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## Promoting Justice for Youth of Color



Rosa Parks, born on February 4th, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama, was an African American Civil Rights Activist, whom the United States Congress called "The first lady of civil rights". As the story goes, on December 1st, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks was riding home from a long day of work and the bus driver demanded Rosa, along with other blacks, to get up and move to the back of the bus. Rosa refused to move from her seat. Her inaction would fur-

ther spark a reaction for the Civil Rights Movement to embrace her stance and courage. Many have acknowledge her place in black history, but it was her stance for Civil Justice for all of those who suffer racial disparities and unequal treatment that made her a hero. Up until her death on October 24th, 2005, at the age of 92, Parks lead a life dedicated to civil rights and educational advancements for youth. She co-founded the [Rosa L. Parks Scholarship Foun-](#)

[dation](#) for college bound seniors in high school and the [Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development](#). Today, Rosa Park's legacy lives on through dedications of parks, highways, museums, foundations, and programs in her name. In 2001 the Missouri Division of Youth Services (DYS) opened a group home for young women on William Woods University campus in Fulton, Missouri. Known as the "Rosa Park Center" The community-based residential treatment program is for girls 12 to 17.

### Work Cited

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### Check out

[SAVVY Sisters Workshop](#)

Gender Responsive Services: [Resources](#)

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*"At the time I was arrested, I had no idea it would turn into this. It was just a day like any other day. The only thing that made it significant was that the masses of the people joined in."*

### - Rosa Parks

Join our Effort in DMC awareness, in your Community

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### Did you Know?

- Females are often detained for status offenses with no associated public safety threat. Read [more](#)
- African American girls are among the highest at risk for non-stranger violence
- African American girls are increasingly getting locked up at rates higher than males

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## Girl Matters

The Missouri Juvenile Justice Association strives to improve the quality of services offered to female youth in Missouri. As such they provide research based gender responsive trainings statewide utilizing the Girl Matters and SAVVY Sisters curriculum. The curriculum

focus areas are based on findings in current research, gender responsive theory and practical experience with girls and young women. Requests for training can be made to [MJJA](#). Further description of Girl Matters training opportunities can be found [here](#).