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Alum Kenneth Amoriggi '09, project coordinator for Rhode Island for Community and Justice, discusses efforts to reduce the rate of minority juvenile offenders in the state.

**Kenneth Amoriggi '09**, project coordinator for Rhode Island for Community and Justice, heads up a project highlighted in today's ProJo, "[Drive on to reduce rate of minority juvenile offenders in R.I.](#)" by Journal Staff Writer Talia Buford:

**PROVIDENCE, June 23, 2010:** Minority youths make up less than a quarter of the state's juvenile population, but are overrepresented, according to a state report, at various points in the juvenile justice system. [...]

Since 2008, Rhode Island for Community and Justice has led a statewide advisory committee that is creating programs that it hopes will eliminate disproportionate minority contact in the state. [...]

"When all things are equal, you expect the same penalties and same arrest statistics for each race, but it's not," said **Kenneth Amoriggi**, project coordinator for the advisory group. "It varies dramatically from race to race and our mission is to find out why." [...]

The advisory group is also hoping to help start more after-school programs for young people to keep them occupied, said Amoriggi, and they are also working to develop uniform standards for school resource officers. The group is also creating a cultural-competency curriculum it hopes to offer to the state Municipal Police Training Academy, schools, mental health agencies and court officials.

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