



DAVID STEINHART

***Commonweal – Juvenile Justice Program
Board Composition: Community provider or advocate with expertise in
effective programs, policies, and treatment of at-risk youth and juvenile offenders
(Appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules)***

David Steinhart is the Director of the Commonweal Juvenile Justice Program and is an attorney-advocate with a long track record of advising California legislators on juvenile justice law and policy. He was principal drafter of California laws removing children from adult jails, creating homeless youth programs and widening children's access to mental health care.

In 2007, Mr. Steinhart had a key role in the design of Senate Bill 81— the landmark juvenile justice reform that realigned non-violent youth from the state Division of Juvenile Justice to local control with \$100 million per year in state funds. Mr. Steinhart served two terms as a California State Juvenile Justice Commissioner. He is a lead trainer for the Annie Casey Foundation's national Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. He is also Chair of the Board of State and Community Corrections Juvenile Justice Standing Committee.

Mr. Steinhart is the author of multiple reports and publications on juvenile justice system issues.