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Young People, Attorneys, Advocates, Providers, Clergy, Unions, and Impacted New Yorkers Unite in Coalition to Defend New York’s Landmark Raise the Age Law

“The Coalition to Protect Raise The Age: Build Futures, Invest In Youth” Brings Together 220 Organizations Statewide

Coalition Will Work to Preserve the Law, Combat Misinformation, and Promote Community-Based Investments That Deliver True Public Safety

(ALBANY, NY) — Young people, attorneys, advocates, service providers, clergy, unions, and impacted New Yorkers — representing organizations across the state — today unveiled [*The Coalition to Protect Raise the Age: Build Futures, Invest in Youth*](#), a statewide alliance of 220 organizations committed to preserving New York’s landmark Raise the Age law, combating misinformation, and promoting investments in youth that deliver true community safety across New York State. In addition to this launch, the Coalition has already held a legislative briefing with lawmakers on Raise the Age and its importance, and will launch a paid digital campaign in December to help educate New Yorkers about the crucial law.

In April 2017, Albany enacted historic legislation raising the age a person is automatically prosecuted as an adult in New York to 18. Before that, [*New York had the shameful distinction*](#) of being one of only two states in the country — along with North Carolina — to charge *all* 16- and 17-year-olds in adult criminal court, subjecting teenagers who were not even eligible to vote to permanent criminal records and adult prison sentences.

Since the law went into effect in 2018, Raise the Age has advanced a more just and effective approach to youth accountability. The law emphasizes rehabilitation, education, and community-based alternatives that give many young people the opportunity to change course while promoting lasting public safety. [*Decades of data show*](#) that treating children as adults in the criminal legal system does not reduce crime or violence.

The Coalition is calling on lawmakers to reject any effort during the upcoming legislative session to roll back Raise the Age and instead ensure the law's full implementation by releasing nearly [\\$1 billion in unspent state funds](#). These dollars were promised in order to build the community-based programs, counseling, mentoring and continuum of services for youth that make accountability meaningful and lasting. New York must let those investments take root to strengthen youth opportunity and public safety, not turn back the clock on progress.

Year after year, data from New York City show that children under 18 are responsible for a smaller share of violent crime than they were a decade ago — before the Raise the Age law took effect. Young people now account for a [declining proportion of arrests](#) for felony dangerous weapons offenses (including gun charges), felony assaults, and felony robberies.

Moreover, there is no evidence to suggest that adults are exploiting teenagers to carry guns or commit acts of violence following Raise the Age. As [researchers note](#), if “youth violence were caused by policies [like Raise the Age] preventing the prosecution of youth as adults, law enforcement data would show violence among juveniles under age 18 to be distinct and generally worse than trends among adults aged 18 and over.”

The Raise the Age law ensures that [young people accused of serious offenses are still held accountable](#). All felony cases against 16- and 17-year-olds begin in adult criminal court. Cases involving allegations of significant physical injury, display of a deadly weapon, or sexual offenses — or where the judge finds “extraordinary circumstances” — remain in adult court, where adult sentencing applies. And for youth prosecuted for serious offenses in family court, judges can impose a range of potential dispositions including incarceration.

Evidence shows that community-based programs and services for young people who have contact with police is the surest way to promote community safety. This year's state budget must include more pathways for unspent state dollars to reach counties and community based organizations, including adopting the [Youth Justice Innovation Fund](#) (YJIF). Every county must have a continuum of services that includes prevention, early intervention, and alternatives to detention, placement and incarceration.

State Senator Cordell Cleare, Prime Sponsor of the Youth Justice Innovation Fund stated: “In order to allow our youth and the programs we have designed to empower them to thrive, they must be fully supported in every way: fiscally, financially and programmatically. That is why, in 2026, I will join my colleagues to double down on the promise of Raise the Age and to pass the Youth Justice Innovation Fund to fully implement the promise of RTA in the first place.”

Assembly Member Catalina Cruz said, “I am proud to join my colleagues from the legislature and the Coalition to Protect Raise the Age. Purely punitive approaches to young people cause lasting harm and simply do not keep us safer. The data and evidence is clear, despite fear-mongering in the media: Youth crime has actually fallen since the passage of Raise the Age. Instead of demonizing our young people, we should be investing in and scaling up the kinds of evidence-based, community-based programs and supports that we know work to keep young people on the right path. I look forward to working with the Coalition to make that a reality in the coming session.”

Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi said, “Raise the Age was a historic and crucial step forward in rehabilitative justice in New York. Unfortunately, we have not fully upheld the promises we made in 2017. By enacting the Youth Justice Innovation Fund, releasing existing Raise the Age funding in full, and ensuring that our state and county partners are equipped with necessary resources to carry out these policies across our state, we can finally correct our course. I'm extremely grateful to all of our state and advocate partners who have kept this at the forefront, and remain committed to working together to pass YJIF and the other measures we need to truly rehabilitate our justice system this session.”

Assembly Member Demond Meeks said, “Raise the Age reflects our commitment to building real safety by investing in young people and giving them a fair chance to grow and succeed. The facts are clear. When we

provide support, guidance, and community-based resources, we strengthen both our youth and our neighborhoods. I stand with the Coalition to Protect Raise the Age because New York cannot move backward. We must honor our responsibility to fully implement this law, release the funding that was promised, and ensure every young person has the opportunity to choose a better path. Our state has a moral duty to protect children from systems that were never designed to help them. We must follow the evidence, protect the progress we have made, and continue creating a justice system that lifts our youth up instead of pushing them down.”

Assembly Member Latrice Walker said “Rolling back the hard-fought gains won with the enactment of Raise the Age will not make us safer. The law emphasizes rehabilitation and community-based alternatives to incarceration rather than branding young people with permanent records and prison sentences that will severely limit their futures. I believe that 16-and-17-year-olds should not, in most cases, be prosecuted in adult court. The Raise the Age law still allows – in cases involving serious injury or deadly weapons – for 16-and-17-year-olds to begin in adult court and remain there if a judge deems it appropriate. This law protects young people, and I am firmly opposed to changing it.”

Patrick Edge, 27, from Jamaica Queens, is a youth advocate, mentor, leader, and Youth Engagement Specialist at Cases with lived experiences, said “At 17, I was incarcerated on Rikers Island and charged as an adult. I spent two years in general population, witnessing and experiencing trauma that no young person should face. Incarceration is not rehabilitation, and it leaves lasting impacts on developing minds. Now, at 27, after learning about the school-to-prison pipeline and the importance of youth education and rights, I know firsthand how critical it is to protect initiatives like Raise the Age. Young people at 16 and 17 are still discovering who they are; they deserve guidance and support, not adult charges and inhumane conditions. I was fortunate enough to make it out—but many youth are not. Some suffer severe mental health consequences, even risking suicide. We need legislation that prioritizes young lives and moves us forward, not backward. Supporting our youth with real resources and intentional policy is how we create future leaders, mentors, and community voices. That’s how we truly bridge the gap.”

“We cannot allow New York to slide backward,” said **Dawne Mitchell, Chief Attorney of the Juvenile Rights Practice at The Legal Aid Society**. “Raise the Age has protected thousands of young people from the lifelong consequences of being tried as adults while making our communities safer by utilizing effective responses and focusing on rehabilitation and opportunity. This coalition stands united to defend those hard-won gains and to ensure that every young person in New York has the chance to build a better future.”

“The passage of Raise the Age was a major step towards incorporating well-established science and research on adolescent development into New York’s laws on the treatment of 16- and 17-year olds in the criminal legal system,” said **Susan Bryant, Executive Director of the New York State Defenders Association**. “We call on leaders to *prioritize* immediate investment in and expansion of community programs and other supports for young people, and reject efforts to dismantle the law, which will send New York back to the shameful days when our state treated young people as adults and erected lifetime barriers to their success as adults. Focusing on meaningful changes to funding will ensure that Raise the Age is fully implemented as intended. NYSDA is a proud supporter of Raise the Age and other efforts that support and nurture New York’s future adults.”

“*exalt* is proud to stand with the Raise the Age coalition and its commitment to public safety and to the future of young New Yorkers. At *exalt*, we know that when young people are met with education, opportunity, and consistency, they don’t just avoid the justice system — they thrive. Rolling back Raise the Age protections would undermine years of progress and jeopardize outcomes we know are possible: academic re-engagement, career readiness, and long-term community stability. The Youth Justice Innovation Fund recognizes that safety and opportunity go hand in hand. It strengthens our ability to provide the supports that keep young people on pathways to college, employment, and lifelong success,” said **Dr. Gisele Castro, CEO of *exalt***.

“Before Raise the Age was even imagined, I was tried as a juvenile for the crime of attempted murder only because I was two days shy of turning 16, and that grace changed my life. It meant I was treated with dignity,

given room to heal, and offered opportunities that an adult prison could never provide. My advocacy for Raise the Age came from knowing that young people don't need harsher punishment; they need community, guidance, and real alternatives that help them grow. Rolling it back would deny youth the very support that keeps our communities safe. At Alianza, we stand for a vision of justice rooted in healing and possibility, not harm," said **Hernán Carvente-Martínez, Executive Director of Alianza for Opportunity**. "Our young people deserve a system that believes in their future, not one that gives up on them."

"New York must maintain Raise the Age protections that treat children as children by limiting prosecution in adult criminal court. We must also ensure that the almost \$1 billion in unspent funds flow across the State to ensure proper and robust implementation of Raise the Age, including holistic, community based supports for New York children and youth," said **Khin Mai Aung, New York State Director, Children's Defense Fund**.

"New York's Raise the Age law recognizes that developmentally appropriate treatment of young people makes communities safer and stronger," said **Kate Rubin, Director of Policy at Youth Represent**. "We are proud to stand with young people and families across the state to defend this law. Instead of chipping away at essential protections for youth, New York must release \$1 billion in unspent funds for the full implementation of Raise the Age, including community-based supports for young people in every county."

"Our children deserve investment and support, not further criminalization," said **Katie Schaffer, Director of Advocacy and Organizing at Center for Community Alternatives**. "When Raise the Age was passed, New York had the shameful status of being one of only two states that prosecuted all 16- and 17-year olds as adults. Rolling back this already moderate legislative reform would be unconscionable. Instead, our elected leaders must focus on releasing the \$1 billion in unspent funds to expand community-based supports and services for young people."

"Raise the Age has shown that public safety is strengthened when young people receive developmentally appropriate support instead of being prosecuted as adults," said **Stan Germán, Executive Director of New York County Defender Services**. "We at NYCDS are proud to join this coalition in defending a law that honors the humanity of our youth and rejects a return to approaches that have failed our communities for generations. Yet, too many of the funds allocated to implement Raise the Age, including critical community-based programs, remain unspent as New York City youth are largely excluded from accessing these resources. Unlocking these dollars is essential to giving our young people the services, opportunities, and stability they need to thrive rather than reinforce cycles of trauma."

"The current system fails to nurture empathy or social and emotional intelligence in youth at risk of entering the legal system. This Youth Justice Innovation Fund will empower organizations to create real alternatives to incarceration — offering transformative interventions that help young people heal, grow, and build thriving futures," said **Tyrell Ford, Executive Director at VOICE Buffalo**.

"New York's Raise the Age law recognizes a simple truth: real public safety comes from investing in young people, not abandoning them," said **Megan French-Marcelin, Senior Director of New York Policy at the Legal Action Center**. "We stand united to protect this critical reform and to ensure the state finally delivers the resources promised to help youth thrive in their communities. We have an opportunity to build a New York where every young person, in every county, can access programs and services that promote growth, safety, and belonging. That vision should be our North Star."

"The Fortune Society is proud to stand with our partners in this coalition to champion Raise the Age," said **Rob DeLeon, Deputy CEO of The Fortune Society**. "With nearly 60 years of direct service experience, and with data to back it up, we know that treating children like adults does not make us safer. In fact, these punitive approaches, which have disproportionately harmed Black and Brown youth, create trauma, impose lifelong stigma, and thwart healthy development. We believe in the promise of our young people, and we believe in the promise of Raise the Age. We are calling for it to be fully resourced with the nearly \$1 billion in unspent funds allocated for this purpose."

“Youth in and aging out of foster care already face steep barriers to education, housing, and opportunity. Raise the Age protects these young people from ineffective and unfair criminal justice practices that compound trauma and derail their futures. New Yorkers For Children stands with partners across the state in calling on the Legislature to preserve this reform and invest in the community-based supports that help young people remain stable, accountable, and connected to pathways toward a thriving adulthood,” said **Alan Yu, Executive Director of New Yorkers For Children.**

“At CASES, we invest in potential, not punishment. New York's children deserve the opportunity to grow into healthy, independent adults, not to be retraumatized in adult prisons. Raise the Age is making a difference, and with increased investment in youth programs, we can keep even more young people out of jail and on the path to success,” said **Jonathan McLean, Chief Executive Officer, CASES.**

“At YSOW, we know that real public safety starts in our communities, not in a courtroom. Raise the Age is not just a policy, it is a lifeline that allows young people to repair harm, reconnect with their communities, and rebuild their futures through restorative justice,” said **Joanne Dunn, Executive Director, Youth Shelter Program of Westchester.** “I have watched youth who were written off start to thrive when they are met with support instead of punishment. Rolling back Raise the Age would abandon our young people and make our communities less safe. New York must release the \$1 billion already promised so programs like ours can continue doing the work that actually changes lives and strengthens neighborhoods. Our young people deserve investment, not incarceration.”

“Young people deserve second chances,” said **Andrew Birrell, President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.** “By providing them with the resources they need to thrive, we can achieve meaningful public safety for our children and our communities. We realize justice through investment, not punishment. Punitive measures fail to consider the reality of juvenile cognitive development, taking away critical opportunities for growth and rehabilitation. Attempts to roll back Raise the Age would undermine proven results, stripping young people of their futures with no benefit to society. NACDL is proud to join with our partners and stand up for New York's youth.”

“Tens of thousands of Black and Brown New Yorkers just like myself have suffered the brutal consequences of a system that refused to treat us as children when we were children. Many of us lost decades of our lives to feed New York State's prisons, all because of choices we made as teenagers. New York's Raise the Age law finally acknowledged what so many of us learned through our own painful experience, that treating children like children and supporting them to grow and learn from their mistakes is what actually creates safer communities, not disappearing generation after generation into the prison system. While some who benefit from locking up our young people would like to take us back in time, New Yorkers know a hustle when they see one. We need to protect the Raise the Age law and make sure the investments that were promised to our communities are actually made, so that all of our people can thrive,” said **Darren Mack, Co-Director of Freedom Agenda.**

“The Raise the Age legislation brought transformative youth justice reforms to NY and promised investments for young people and communities. We must protect this law and make good on the promise to ensure resources that actually reach communities and fuel youth-serving programs. Thus far, minimal dollars have been spent on supportive programming, alternatives to incarceration, or prevention services. While we protect Raise the Age, we must also move swiftly to implement the Youth Justice Innovation Fund — to ensure that community-based supports for young people 12-25 are readily available and accessible. CCC stands with partners across the state to protect youth and invest in communities in order to achieve our shared goal of public safety,” said **Raysa S. Rodriguez, Executive Director of Citizens' Committee for Children of New York.**

“We must protect and support young New Yorkers. With over a century of experience lifting up youth, settlement houses know that effective interventions are compassionate, not punitive,” said **Susan Stamler, Executive Director of United Neighborhood Houses.** “New York's Raise the Age law was an overdue correction that makes our criminal justice system work better for young people. United Neighborhood Houses

stand with our partners across the state in calling Albany to not only protect, but fully enact, Raise the Age, including by releasing funding to our communities.”

“New York is one of the only states where youth can be legally homeless at the age of 18, yet their adults within the criminal justice system at 17; but they can't get a lease or do anything legally until they are 21. We house, train, feed, and employ justice-impacted young adults who are working to become young credible messengers. Our Young Adult Peer Providers program has seen the horrors of the justice system on youth and the trauma they endure. Protecting Raise the Age is protecting the future generations of our great city, instead of caging them,” said **Five Muallim-ak, Founder and Executive Director of Incarcerated Nation Network.**

“New York's Raise the Age legislation was a long-awaited recognition of a simple fact: Children should be treated like children, not adults,” said **Piyali Basak, Managing Director of the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem.** “Our young clients deserve support, appropriate programming, and the chance to grow into their full potential as adults. When we invest in young people, we build public safety and a brighter collective future. We are proud to join the coalition to protect Raise the Age and demand that New York release the nearly \$1 billion of unspent implementation funds. Our clients, and young people across the state, deserve no less.”

“New York's Raise the Age law has worked to provide youth with the investments and support needed to break the cycle of system involvement,” said **Jackie Gosdigian, Senior Supervising Policy Counsel of Brooklyn Defender Services' Criminal Defense Practice.** “As public defenders and advocates, we see the beneficial impact RTA has had on youth. The adult criminal legal system, on the other hand, disrupts young people's lives, as they face insurmountable barriers to jobs, housing, and education that last long after a court case has concluded. We urge the legislature to stand up for New York's youth and uphold Raise the Age so that young people can emerge into adulthood with opportunities to learn, grow and live.”

“New York was one of the last states to stop treating kids as adults, and we cannot go back,” said **Juval O. Scott, Executive Director of The Bronx Defenders.** “As public defenders in the Bronx, we meet young people at their most vulnerable moments, and what we see are not young people defined by their worst mistakes but teenagers who are still growing, still learning, and still capable of change when adults don't give up on them. A perspective, moreover, that is backed by decades of studies showing that treating children as adults does not reduce crime or violence. Raise the Age finally corrected a system that punished children instead of helping them. The real danger isn't this law — it's the billion dollars in youth-program funding Albany has left sitting on a shelf. If we care about public safety, we must invest in young people, not send them back into a system we already know fails them and all of us.”

“I went through the system and landed in Rikers at a very young age, I can tell you I learned a lot. Unfortunately it was not what I was supposed to learn in an adult facility. And given the current humanitarian crisis across adult facilities in NY, it is incomprehensible to me that New Yorkers would ever support a bill that would promise additional devastation. New Yorkers are better than this,” said **Rosemary Rivera, co-founder of End Prison Violence.**

“New York's Raise the Age law (RTA) made clear that prosecuting and punishing young people as adults before their adolescent brains are fully developed is contrary to science, good public policy, public safety, and common decency,” said **Jessica Horani, President of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.** “The RTA proved that treating minors as the children that they are decreased the chance of them coming back into the criminal justice system, improved public safety, and changed their lives in the process. Sixteen- and 17-year-olds can now be spared the stigma of a criminal record, or incarcerative trauma, even after being charged with a crime. RTA is working. By providing them with the improved supervision and support needed to get them back on track, society achieves much better outcomes. Despite this, fearmongering law enforcement seek to tear down this landmark legislation. New Yorkers must resist believing the misleading and tired tropes seeking to undercut this effective legislation. We must continue to ensure that all young people, regardless of race or social status, are treated fairly, and that necessary resources are provided to ensure the greatest opportunity for successful and productive lives. The New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

(NYSACDL) stands strongly behind the Raise the Age Coalition and will fight with them to ensure RTA remains intact.”

“The Public Science Project has spent decades alongside communities systematically documenting what advocates and impacted communities have long known: real public safety comes from support, stability, and opportunity – not punishment and incarceration. The evidence is clear: Investing in youth is investing in New York City. We are proud to stand alongside the young people, families, advocates, defenders, and community leaders who fought to secure more just treatment of youth through Raise the Age, and who refuse to let misinformation about youth crime drag New York backward. We must fully fund the community-based supports our youth deserve, like the Youth Justice Innovation Fund, and reject any return to the failed, harmful policies of the past. Our young people deserve better, and so does our city,” said **Dr. María Elena Torre, Director of the Public Science Project at the CUNY Graduate Center.**

“Westchester Children’s Association stands firmly with the statewide coalition to defend Raise the Age. This landmark law protects youth from harsh punishment and invests in education, guidance, and community-based supports that strengthen both young people and our communities. New York must fully uphold Raise the Age and release the promised funding so every young person has the chance to thrive,” said **Angel Gray, Program and Policy Manager of Westchester Children’s Association.**

“Young people deserve to be treated as young people, with the support and services that allow them to grow and thrive. Raise the Age has helped protect countless young people from the harms of adult jails while promoting lasting public safety. For the sake of Kalief Browder, the Central Park Five, and far too many other legally innocent young people who were traumatized and ensnared in the state's adult criminal legal system, we cannot roll back the clock,” said **Bernadette Rabuy, Senior Policy Counsel at the New York Civil Liberties Union.** “Raise the Age is not only a data-driven reform that makes our state fairer and safer, but also a racial justice imperative to protect youth of color. We urge our leaders to choose facts over fear, finally provide adequate funding to ensure Raise the Age can be implemented successfully, and reject any attempt to roll back this common-sense legislation.”

“Making our communities safe means investing in what works to prevent young people from crime and breaking its cycle. Repealing New York's Raise the Age law will only take us back, not forward,” said **Alana Sivin, Director of the Greater Justice New York Initiative at the Vera Institute of Justice.** “We must treat kids like kids and keep 16- and 17-year old children where they belong — in the juvenile justice system and to recognize that these young people are youth, not adults, and should be treated as such when charged with a crime. Instead of engaging in rhetoric and scare tactics, New York's leaders must commit to full implementation of the law.”

“By moving youth from adult courts to family courts, we choose rehabilitation over criminalization. The data shows clear results, that giving young people a fair chance to grow, change, and thrive — our communities win,” said **Shakira Kennedy, PhD, LMSW, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers - New York Chapter.**

“New York cannot claim to value public safety while siphoning resources away from our young people,” said **Derrick Hamilton, Executive Director of the Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice at Cardozo Law.** “Attempts to roll back Raise the Age are simply the latest effort to expand a carceral system that has long been used to discard Black and Brown people. No community is made safer by divesting from its youth — only those invested in growing the carceral state stand to gain. If we are serious about real safety, we must double down on evidence-based programs that support young people’s pathways to success. Raise the Age reflects a belief in their promise and potential. Walking away from that commitment would take New York backward in every possible way.”

Chaplain, Dr. Victoria A. Phillips, Co-founder of the Jails Action Coalition and Director of Community, Health, and Justice Advocacy, of WCJA, said, “Let me be clear when I say our children, our Black and

Brown youth are not revenue for this city nor state! The New York City Department of Corrections was ordered to relocate all 16- and 17-year-olds from Rikers Island by October 1, 2018 because of our dedicated advocacy. I worked with Kalief Browder at Rikers in 2012 and 2013; I witnessed the persistent mistreatment inflicted upon our underaged detainees, which was profoundly inhumane. Despite professional warnings to remain silent, I chose to speak out publicly. For those who endured the adult correctional system, like Kalief, the lifelong trauma they experience is a societal responsibility we must address and help heal. We failed Kalief! New York still ranks third in the nation for wrongful convictions. We cannot revert to including youth in this deadly adult system. With their brains still developing, incarceration can fundamentally disrupt a child's growth. No child should live in constant fear due to survival instincts. The Raise the Age initiative succeeded because we recognized that our youth deserve the resources necessary to prevent their involvement in the criminal legal system. We, as a society, decided to lead by example and protect our young people. As a chaplain, I have met many adults who enjoy success today because they were never caught in their unlawful acts or lived in areas where systemic racism controlled their lives.”

“Raise the Age was an important step in aligning New York’s youth justice system with what the research has long shown: Young people need developmentally appropriate responses, not adult incarceration. Across COFCCA’s statewide network, providers see every day how sustained support, credible messengers, and community-based programs change trajectories for young people. The Youth Justice Innovation Fund is a vital tool for expanding these community supports, healing-centered programs, and proven interventions that keep youth safe, engaged, and on track. This is a moment for New York to continue strengthening Raise the Age by investing in practical solutions that give young people real opportunities to thrive,” said **Kathleen Brady-Stepien, President & CEO, COFCCA.**

“Our Jewish values obligate us to seek justice for all,” said **Rabbi Evan Traylor on behalf of the Congregation Beth Elohim Dismantling Racism Team.** “Raise the Age makes the criminal legal system more just for young New Yorkers. We oppose its rollback and urge the release of all funds allocated for youth counseling, community-based programs, and other services.”

The Coalition includes:

1. 100 Suits
2. 211 New York Inc
3. 914United Inc
4. Ali Forney Center
5. Alianza for Opportunity
6. Alliance for Quality Education
7. Alliance for Rights and Recovery
8. Alliance of Families for Justice
9. Andrus
10. Appellate Advocates
11. Aspire Hope NY
12. Astor Services
13. At the Table
14. Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
15. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie, Niagara, and the Southern Tier
16. Black Child Development Institute - New York State
17. Black Diamonds Academic Success, Inc.
18. BronxWorks
19. Brooklyn Defender Services
20. Broome County Public Defender's Office
21. Bully Proof
22. CAMBA Inc.

23. Captain Derby's Books
24. CASA-NYC
25. CASES
26. Center for Community Alternatives
27. Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)
28. Center for Family Representation
29. Center for Justice Innovation
30. Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law at NYU Law
31. Center for the Study of Social Policy
32. Chief Defenders Association of NY
33. Children's Defense Fund-New York
34. Children's Home Wyoming Conference
35. Children's Law Bureau-Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County, Inc.
36. Children's Rights
37. Church of the Ascension, NYC
38. Citizen Action of New York
39. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York
40. COFCCA
41. Columbia Law School Criminal Defense Clinic
42. Community Connections for Youth
43. Community for a Cause
44. Community Partner
45. Community Service Society
46. Congregation Beth Elohim Dismantling Racism Team
47. CUNY School of Law Defenders Clinic
48. Dare to Revitalize Education thru Arts & Mediation, Inc (DREAM!)
49. Death Penalty and Criminal Defense Clinic - Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
50. Decarcerate Tompkins County
51. Decarceration Project
52. Dignity in Schools Campaign - NY
53. District Council 9 Painters & Allied Trades
54. Drive Change
55. Dutchess County Public Defender
56. EAC Network
57. Educational Alliance
58. End Prison Violence
59. EndSystematicAbuse
60. Equality New York
61. Erie County Assigned Counsel Program
62. Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition
63. exalt
64. Exodus Transitional Community
65. Families & Friends of the Wrongfully Convicted
66. Families Together in New York State
67. Families United 4 Change
68. Family Law Practice Clinic, CUNY School of Law
69. Family of Woodstock Inc.
70. Family Resource Network, Inc
71. Family Ties of Westchester
72. Fearless Queens
73. FPWA
74. Freedom Agenda

75. Generational Engagement Matters
76. Genesee County Public Defender Office
77. Girls for Gender Equity
78. Good Call
79. Good Life Philanthropic Youth Foundation
80. Good Shepherd Services
81. Grand Street Settlement
82. Hamaspik of Kings County
83. Healed When Heard Project
84. Human Rights and Gender Justice Clinic
85. Human Rights for Kids
86. Human Services Council
87. Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison
88. Incarcerated Nation Network
89. Innocence Project
90. Institute for Transformative Mentoring
91. InUnity Alliance
92. It COULD HAPPEN TO YOU
93. Jacobi Hospital Stand up to Violence Program
94. Jails Action Coalition
95. JCCA
96. John Jay College, Institute for Justice and Opportunity
97. Justice for Families
98. Justice Strikeforce
99. Katal Center for Equity, Health, and Justice
100. KAVI (Kings Against Violence Initiative)
101. Lawyers for Children
102. Lead By Example Reverse The Trend Inc.
103. Legal Action Center
104. Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc.
105. Legal Aid Society of Nassau County
106. Legal Aid Society of Rockland County
107. Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County
108. Legal Aid Society of Westchester County
109. Liberty Resources, Inc.
110. Life camp inc
111. Literacy in Community (LINC)
112. Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York
113. Living Redemption Community Development Corporation
114. Livingston County Public Defender
115. Long Island Social Justice Action Network (LISJAN)
116. Long Island Strong School Alliance
117. Make The Road New York
118. Mental Health Association in NYS (MHANYS)
119. Metro Community Development Corporation
120. Monroe County Assigned Counsel Program
121. Monroe County Public Defender's Office
122. Morningside Heights Legal Services
123. My Sisters' Place
124. NAACP New Rochelle Branch
125. NAACP New York State Conference
126. NAMI Huntington

127. NAMI-NYS
128. NASW-NY
129. National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
130. National Association of Social Workers New York City
131. Neighborhood Benches, Inc.
132. Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem
133. New Hour for Women & Children —LI
134. New York Civil Liberties Union
135. New York County Defender Services
136. New York Progressive Action Network
137. New York State Council of Churches
138. New York State Defenders Association
139. New York Youth Support Program
140. New Yorkers For Children
141. New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NYSACDL)
142. North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE)
143. NYC Family Policy Project
144. NYS Alternatives to Incarceration and Reentry Coalition
145. NYS American Academy of Pediatrics
146. NYS Jails Justice Network
147. Office of the Appellate Defender
148. Onondaga County Assigned Counsel Program
149. Ontario County Public Defender
150. Ontario County Office of the Conflict Defender
151. Osborne Association
152. Parents Supporting Parents NY/ Moms United For Black Lives NYC
153. Partnership for the Public Good
154. Peaceprints of WNY
155. Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice at Cardozo Law
156. Post-Conviction Innocence Clinic, New York Law School
157. Pretrial Justice Institute
158. Prison Policy Initiative
159. Prisoners Brain Trust
160. Public Interest Resource Center at Fordham Law School
161. Purpose Advisors
162. Rise
163. Rise and Resist NYC
164. Rising Ground, Inc.
165. Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy
166. SCO Family of Services
167. SEAT Center
168. Scientist Action and Advocacy Network
169. St. John's Residence for Boys
170. St. John's University School of Law Defense and Advocacy Clinic
171. St. Paul's Church
172. Sullivan Trail Legal Society, Inc.
173. Supportive Services for Children, INC
174. Surveillance Technology Oversight Project
175. Survivors Justice Project
176. The Alternative to Economic and Housing Displacement Inc.
177. The Breathe Collective
178. The Bronx Defenders

179. The Brotherhood Sister Sol
180. The Center for Appellate Litigation
181. The Children's Agenda
182. The Children's Law Center
183. The Children's Village and Harlem Dowling
184. The Door
185. The Fortune Society
186. The Gault Center: Defenders of Youth Rights
187. The Jeffrey Deskovic Foundation for Justice
188. The Legal Aid Society
189. The Legal Aid Society of Rochester
190. The New York Foundling
191. The Pillars of Promise
192. The Public Science Project at The CUNY Graduate Center
193. Tompkins County Assigned Counsel
194. UAW Region 9A
195. Unchained
196. United Neighborhood Houses
197. United Way of New York State
198. Urban Youth Alliance Intl (BronxConnect)
199. Urban Justice Center
200. Vera Institute of Justice
201. Visionary V Ministries
202. Visions to Opportunity Inc.
203. VOCAL-NY
204. VOICE Buffalo
205. Wayne County Public Defender
206. We Are Revolutionary
207. We Build the Block
208. WESPAC Foundation, Inc.
209. Westchester Children's Association
210. Westchester for Change
211. Women's Community Justice Association-WCJA
212. Women's Prison Association
213. Wyoming County Public Defender's Office
214. Young New Yorkers, Inc.
215. Young Urban Christians & Artists, Inc.
216. Youth Justice Network
217. Youth Law & Psychology Lab, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
218. Youth Represent
219. Youth Shelter Program of Westchester
220. Zone 126

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