

Comparison of the Youth Justice System and Adult Justice System in New York State

	Youth Justice System	Adult Justice System
Parents notified of arrest or court proceedings	YES	NO
Parents' consent and presence required during police questioning	YES	NO
Parents involved in court proceedings, improving outcomes	YES	NO
Age-appropriate substance abuse, mental health, and other services consistently provided where needed, reducing recidivism	YES	NO
Special education services consistently provided, improving outcomes	YES	NO
Court and police records are confidential and not released to the public or to the press.	YES	NO
Youth held in the same facilities as adults, and sometimes sleep in same rooms, increasing their risk of being subjected to violence and sexual assault	NO	YES
Youth can be put in solitary confinement, locked up alone in small cell for 23 hours per day, causing serious mental and physical health problems	NO	YES
Youth's court records can be used to evict their families from subsidized housing and cause lifetime barriers to employment and education	NO	YES

New York is one of only two states that automatically prosecute all youth over the age of 15 as adults. Treating children as adults in the criminal justice system is shortsighted and ineffective—it is bad for children, families, and public safety. Join the effort to Raise the Age by visiting www.raisetheagency.com.