

## Raise the Age

### Mission

To implement raising the age of criminal responsibility from age 16 to 18 in New York State.

### Organization and Staffing

The implementation of Raise the Age is an inter-agency effort that involves collaboration across various State agencies and departments, including, but not limited to: the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), the Office of Court Administration (OCA), and the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs (JC).

### Budget Highlights

The FY 2020 Budget continues the support for raising the age of criminal responsibility to age 17, which became effective October 1, 2018, and to age 18, which will take effect on October 1, 2019. Raising the age of criminal responsibility to 18 better aligns current practice with research that shows incarcerating adolescents in adult jails and prisons has significant negative impacts on youth, including higher suicide rates and increased recidivism.

The FY 2020 Budget includes \$200 million in appropriation authority to support estimated second year State and local costs for comprehensive programs, including diversion, probation, and other programming services for 16- and 17-year old-youth who will be involved in the juvenile justice system.

### Program Highlights

The age of criminal responsibility was raised to 17 on October 1, 2018. The age of criminal responsibility will be raised to 18 on October 1, 2019. These reforms are intended to divert youth from placement and give them the best chance at turning their lives around while ensuring public safety.

#### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2019	Appropriations Recommended FY 2020	Change From FY 2019	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2020
Aid To Localities	100,000,000	200,000,000	100,000,000	54,200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>	<b>200,000,000</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>	<b>54,200,000</b>

#### AID TO LOCALITIES ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change
General Fund	100,000,000	200,000,000	100,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>	<b>200,000,000</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>

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**AID TO LOCALITIES**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
 (dollars)

Program	Available FY 2019	Recommended FY 2020	Change
Raise the Age			
General Fund	100,000,000	200,000,000	100,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>	<b>200,000,000</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>

Note: Most recent estimates as of 1/15/2019