

## Raise the Age Talking Points

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- Raising the Age of juvenile jurisdiction will lead to significant fiscal savings, safer communities, and better outcomes for children.
- Placing 16- and 17-year-olds in the juvenile criminal justice system is a **more effective** approach as it involves parents in a treatment plan and provides mental health services, drug treatment, and other intensive interventions as needed.
- Multiple studies show that 16- and 17-year-olds in the juvenile justice system are far less likely to reoffend than those prosecuted in the adult criminal justice system. An adult record **impacts future success** in a number of areas of life including housing, employment, education, and military service.
- Treating 16- and 17-year-olds in the juvenile system is **fiscally beneficial** because it decreases recidivism, which leads to long-term savings in criminal justice, education, and health care.