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Monthly updates of how WCA advocates for Westchester's kids

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The first month of 2022 is almost over and WCA is busy launching new projects to help children and youth and still fighting the good fight in Westchester County. In our first edition for the year you will find:

- Raise the Age laws are facing new challenges
- A vlog by our graduate intern, Sydney Moraitis, about our new Digital Access Survey
- Updates about our Hope Quilt that is gathering squares and support for Home Visiting

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More severe criminal penalties and sentencing for adolescents will decrease gun violence.

FACT

New York spent decades treating children as adults in the criminal courts with no correlation to reduced crimes rates.



RAISEtheAGE | NY

Raise the Age laws face new challenges in talks about gun violence

Raise the Age laws have recently been falsely blamed for the uptick in gun violence in New York and are again in jeopardy. **WCA remains committed to supporting progress and not retreating on maintaining and implementing this legislation.** Read our statement of support and that of the Raise The Age NY Campaign.

[Read WCA's Response](#)

Graduate intern, Sydney Moraitis, explains the development of our Digital Access Survey in partnership with Pace University



Sydney Moraitis is our new graduate intern who is a liaison from Pace University working to strengthen the format and distribution of a Digital Access Survey. Learning lessons from our Remote Learning Survey, she shares the strategy being used to get information with the least bias and best distribution in her video. WCA and Pace aim to get the most accurate and representative information about digital access from Westchester parents.

[See her video and article](#)



Our Hope Quilt is growing and rallying support around Home Visiting

Thanks to the creativity and care of our supporters we have gathered more than 250 squares of cloth to date that are full of inspirational messages and art. WCA will continue this project through this year to help fundraise for our advocacy around home visiting.

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