Getting It Right:
Implementing RTA in Westchester

March - April 2018

March
- April

County needs assessment completed
List of existing evidence based programs (ex. Adjustment, alternative to detention, aftercare/re-entry) completed and distributed to all partners
Capacity building – Additional staff, services, facilities identified
County implementation plan submitted April 1 to the state
Funding sources (including state and federal aid) identified

May - June 2018

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- June

Collaborations with other partners identified and finalized
Outcomes for programs serving JDs, JOs and AOs identified.
Additional skills and training identified
Capacity building for additional staff/services/facilities continues

July - August 2018

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Training material developed for courts, law enforcement, probation and CBOs
Training is initiated
Additional staff hiring begins
Program evaluation guidelines are completed

September 2018

September

Training continues
Baseline data is collected

October & Beyond

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Raise the age becomes effective for 16 YOs October 1
Program evaluation process begins
Impact study to be conducted and released May 2019 before RTA becomes effective for 17YOs

STAKEHOLDERS
- Local Police
- Court Systems
- District Attorney
- County Attorney
- Parents/Guardians
- Youth
- Public Defenders
- Dept. of Probation
- Advocates
- Community Based Organizations
- Alternatives to Detention
- Youth Bureaus
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Community Mental Health
- School Districts
- Residential Foster Care Agencies
- Secure/Non-Secure Detention Providers
**ROAD MAP TO RAISE THE AGE**

**States can contain costs and enhance public safety while absorbing 16- and 17-year olds into their youth justice systems by:**

1) Expanding the use of diversion.

2) Making probation and aftercare approaches more effective.

3) Addressing young people’s mental health needs outside the deep end of the system.

4) Reducing the use of pretrial detention.

5) Reducing reliance on facilities, and focusing resources on community based approaches.

6) Keeping young people safe by complying with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

7) Improving juvenile justice systems’ management of resources, and strengthening strategies to serve young people more effectively.

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**2016 Arrest Data from New York Division of Criminal Justice Services**


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