

Getting It Right:

Implementing RTA in Westchester

March
2018

May

July

Sept

October
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

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

Training material developed for courts, law enforcement, probation and CBOs

Training is initiated

Additional staff hiring begins

Program evaluation guidelines are completed

September

Training continues

Baseline data is collected

October & Beyond

Raise the age becomes effective for 16 YO's October 1

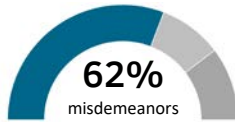
Program evaluation process begins

Impact study to be conducted and released May 2019 before RTA becomes effective for 17YO's

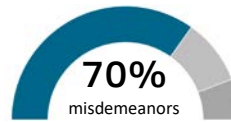
STAKEHOLDERS

- 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

16 Year Olds

281
youth arrested173
misdemeanors50
Non violent
felonies58
Violent
felonies

17 Year Olds

438
youth
arrested305
misdemeanors82
Non violent
felonies51
Violent
felonies

2016 Arrest Data from New York Division of Criminal Justice Services
<http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/stats.htm>

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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.