

Advocacy Alert!

Advocate for children & families
in the 2025-26 NYS Budget!

Contact your representatives!

Youth Justice Call Script:

Introduction:

“Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I’m a constituent from [Your Town/City]. I’m joining Westchester Children’s Association and fellow statewide child advocates to urge [Senator/Assemblymember Name] to support key policies addressing youth justice in New York State.”

Key Points:

“The **Raise the Age (RTA)** legislation remains an impactful tool to prevent juvenile contact with the justice system, however, community-based providers access to this funding remains difficult.

- “Please establish the **Youth Justice Innovation Fund**, allocating \$50 million from the \$250 million Raise the Age appropriate to support community based services, allowing them to better provide direct opportunities for prevention, early intervention, and alternatives to incarceration.”

Closing:

“Thank you for your time and leadership. I urge you to support this important policy for the future of our children and communities.”