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NJ Youth Justice Initiative Task Force Meeting For Parents & Caregivers Whose Children Have Been Waived to the Adult Court & are Tried, Sentenced and/or Incarcerated in the Adult Prison System

NJPC is collaborating with organizations throughout the state, to end the practice of trying, sentencing and incarcerating children in the adult criminal justice system:

Our NJ Youth Justice Initiative serves parents and caregivers raising children who are tried, sentenced and/or incarcerated in an adult correctional facility, through advocacy, training, support groups, and educational services. The most common way that youth are transferred to the adult system is through the judicial waiver - in the state of New Jersey, these are kids as young as 14 who are accused of committing a criminal offense.

Statistics on Youth Sentenced As Adults

- 34% more likely to commit crimes*
- 5 times as likely to be sexually* assaulted and abused*
- Make up 21% of all substantiated sexual violence*
- 36 times more likely to commit suicide in an adult jail than in a juvenile facility*
- Typically, have had previous involvement in DYFS, Mental Health, or the Special Education System.
- Many times have emotional and/or behavioral challenges, and learning disabilities that may or may not be diagnosed
- Typically are minority youth from underserved communities

**In a recent report published by the CDC and led by the Task Force on Community Preventive Services*

To RSVP or for more information, call 1-866-560-NJPC or email info@njparentcaucus.org

Northern Regional Meeting – Saturday, July 25, 10AM – 2PM
Trinitas Hospital, Grassman Hall, 655 E. Jersey Street, Elizabeth

Southern Regional Meeting – August 15, 10AM – 2PM
Location–TBD



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“Families have the potential to be the greatest source of positive change and support for youth in the Juvenile Justice System”