

COALITION BUILDING

■ South Carolina:

In partnership with State Senator Malloy and impacted youth, convened 85 stakeholders to plan for implementation of raising the age to 18

■ **Iowa:** Launched a report and coalition to oppose the 12,000 youth transfers in Iowa*

■ **Missouri:** Coordinated the coalition that successfully passed Raise the Age*

■ **FEDERAL:** Supported immigrant youth advocates in countering false messages about immigrant youth and gang involvement

■ **NATIONAL:** Ran a year-long education effort on reasons to #VOTEYOUTHJUSTICE



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

■ **Michigan:** Partnered with conservative allies to educate policymakers on why to Raise The Age

■ **Michigan and Missouri:** Provided written testimony in support of Raise the Age legislation

■ **California:** Provided letters in support of legislation to end transfer for youth under the age of 16

■ **Nevada:** Connected Oregon and Washington stakeholders to testify on the success of removing youth from adult jails

■ **North Carolina, Louisiana, and South Carolina:** Presented facts and data to task forces, judges and district attorneys and how to Raise The Age

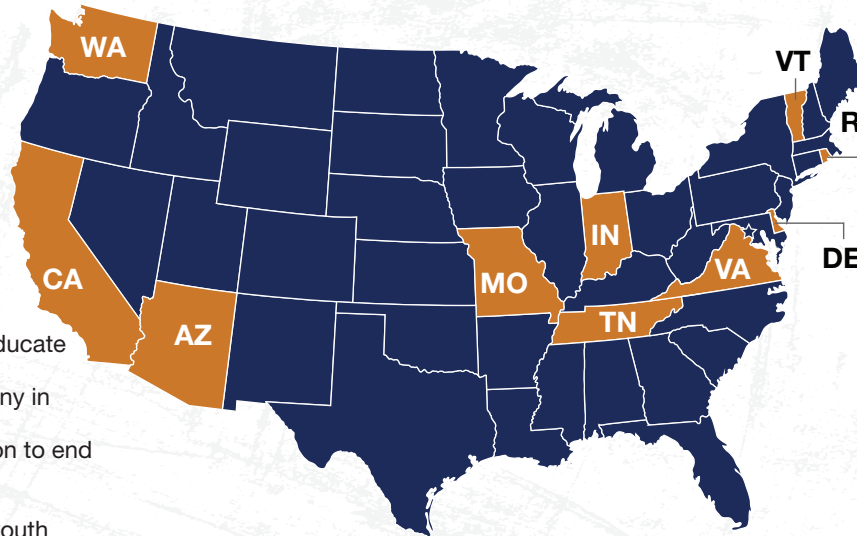
■ **Maryland:** Worked to block a bad bill on gang enhancements for youth

■ **FEDERAL:** Educated policy makers on three major federal youth justice bills that passed the House, including JJDPA. The House passed a Resolution for YJAM. CFYJ Spokesperson, Tracy McClard was honored at the U.S. Capitol for starting YJAM

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YOUTH JUSTICE

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POLICY CHANGE

■ **FEDERAL WINS:** Three youth justice bills passed in the U.S. House; one passed in the U.S. Senate

■ **STATE WINS:** Ten states passed laws that keep children out of the adult justice system

**Initiatives led by impacted people*

ORGANIZING THOSE MOST IMPACTED

■ Supported our partners, the Center For Educational Excellence In Alternative Settings, in a songwriting competition for incarcerated youth during YJAM*

■ Worked with youth from the Non-profit Art180 to design T-shirts for YJAM*

■ Local youth participated in our Valentine's Day action to deliver candy to every member of Congress*

■ Gathered hundreds of signatures on a national petition to #VOTEYOUTHJUSTICE

■ 25% of YJAM events led by impacted people*



COMMUNICATIONS

■ Had over 60 media mentions in outlets across the country including by the Associated Press, NBC News and the Washington Post

■ Trained new spokespeople from Mississippi

■ Awarded the National Association of Black Journalists Marketing Award for YJAM

RESEARCH

■ Secured policy statements from police chiefs and sheriffs against housing youth in adult facilities

■ Released two reports and three briefs on racial disparities in transfer, failed PREA outcomes and implementing Raise the Age

■ Presented at more than 30 conferences for judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, system stakeholders and advocates



Dear Friends:

Thanks to your incredible support, 2018 was a banner year in reducing the number of youth charged as adults in the U.S. Since 2005, the number of youth in the adult system has dropped from **250,000 per year to 75,000 per year--a 70% decline.**

Yet the urgency of our work continues. As one of the young people who won the UNSUNG Youth Justice Action Month contest wrote this year in his song,

“We are the voices of youth justice and we refuse to go unheard!”

This year, we have much to celebrate:

- Ten states changed their laws. Missouri and Vermont raised the age of criminal responsibility (only 4 states remain)! California ended all transfer to the adult system for children under age 16, and 4 more rolled back mandatory transfer and 3 more states removed youth from their jails.
- YJAM turned 10, and we honored moms of the movement on Capitol Hill. Since 2018 was an election year, our YJAM theme was #VoteYouthJustice.
- Uplifted the voices of more than 30 stories of our spokespeople in blogs, at events, at presentations, in legislative briefings and through social media.
- The National Sheriffs’ Association and Major Cities Chiefs of Police joined the call for children to be removed from adult jails and prisons.
- 71% of all children charged as adults are now held in youth facilities.

However, we must NOT forget--that despite our reforms, disturbing racial and ethnic disparities continue to grow, and nearly 80% of youth sentenced as adults are youth of color; 10 year old children are still charged as adults; and a national narrative still exists that espouses fear and punishment over proven alternatives to incarceration.

Your support this year will help CFYJ WIN raise the age; WIN jail removal; and focus on ending the TRANSFER of children to adult court. Let’s all commit to ensuring NO CHILD’S VOICE GOES UNHEARD this Holiday Season.

Text “CFYJ” to 50155 or go to <http://www.cfyj.org/donate> today.

Peace & Liberation in the New Year!



Marcy Mistrett, Campaign for Youth Justice

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