



Raise the Age and Juvenile Detention

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Raise the Age

- Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act passed June 2017
 - Goes into effect December 1, 2019
 - Changes the juvenile age in North Carolina from 15 to 17



Current & Projected Volume

- FY17: There were 3,311 complaints filed on 1,496 juveniles with Juvenile Justice in Mecklenburg County
- DPS projected increase post RTA implementation: 1,060 additional distinct juveniles to be served by Juvenile Justice in Mecklenburg County



Local Implementation Concerns

- Impact on Juvenile Justice processes from detention through court hearings
 - Detention
 - Court process and resources
 - Increase in the number of youth in YFS Custody and CJS programming
 - Sufficient number of juvenile prosecutors and defense counsel
 - Availability of community-based treatment and other resources
 - Need for additional Juvenile Justice office space



Juvenile Detention Feasibility Study

- October 2018 NCDPS met with local juvenile justice stakeholders to discuss the State's juvenile detention needs
- The County requested a study be completed to determine the feasibility of opening a juvenile detention facility in Mecklenburg County
- Karen Chinn was selected as the consultant to conduct the study
- Results of the study were presented to NCDPS and local juvenile justice stakeholders in July 2019





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