



## Partnership for Youth Justice

Office of Children  
and Family Services

Division of Criminal  
Justice Services

Unified  
Court System

The New York State Partnership for Youth Justice (PYJ) is an interbranch collaborative focused on improving outcomes for youth in the justice system. Co-chaired by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), and the Unified Court System (UCS), the PYJ promotes continuous quality improvement and supports policy and practice changes that further the work of youth justice reform efforts in New York State. Stakeholders include, but are not limited to: regional representatives, law enforcement, probation, the judiciary, presentment agencies, attorneys representing children, youth serving agencies, community-based agencies, the education system, detention and residential placement agencies, child advocacy groups, and members of the communities served by the youth justice system.

The PYJ has a multifaceted vision to improve the outcomes for youth and families in New York State.

- New York State's youth justice system is equitable in response, opportunity and outcome.
- The system provides the right intervention, for the right amount of time, at the right intensity to the right youth.
- When court involvement is necessary, cases move efficiently from petition to disposition and due process rights are protected.
- If confinement is necessary, the least restrictive setting is used.
- Public safety is maintained or improved.
- Youth who enter the system are better off when they exit.