



Juvenile Justice



Former Law

- Required that 16- and 17-year-olds be tried in an adult criminal court
- Placed 16- and 17-year-olds into the adult correctional system
- Prohibited Families With Service Needs assistance when youth turned the age of 16

Current Law

- Authorizes offenses involving 16- and 17-year-olds to be adjudicated in juvenile court *except for class A and B felonies*
- Expands scope of juvenile services
- Requires police to have a uniform protocol for providing intervention and assistance in matters involving youth in crisis

The Road to Juvenile Jurisdiction

where we were and where we're going

Juvenile Jurisdiction Planning and Implementation Committee (JJPIC) 2006

- Planned for the implementation of changes in the juvenile justice system in order to extend jurisdiction in delinquency matters and proceedings to include 16- and 17-year-old children
- Prepared report of their findings for the Connecticut General Assembly to explain the benefits of extending juvenile jurisdiction
 - Visit www.cga.ct.gov/hdo/jjpica to see the archived progress of the committee

Juvenile Jurisdiction Policy and Operations Coordinating Council (JJPOCC) 2007

- Monitors the implementation of JJPIC recommendations and resolves issues concerning the expansion of the juvenile justice system
 - Prepares a report of their policy recommendations for the Governor and the Connecticut General Assembly
 - Visit www.housedems.ct.gov/jjpocc for updates on council findings

For more information, or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call:

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Your Representative, Your Voice



Dear Neighbor,

During the 2007 session I proposed legislation to end an unjust law that allowed 16- and 17-year-old youths to be tried as adults in a criminal court no matter how minor their crime. I am proud to inform you that effective January 1, 2010 children under the age of 18 will be tried in the juvenile court system.

I have fought for our youth because I believe that they should have a chance to be helped, not just punished. Research shows that children who receive the rehabilitative services provided through the juvenile system are less likely to commit future offenses. With that in mind, the effects of this new law are widespread. It considers the public's safety by discouraging future crime, and helps the economy by decreasing the costs associated with repeat offenders.

I am pleased to have been involved with this ground-breaking legislation, and I will continue my commitment to a brighter future for our children.

If I can be of assistance to you on an issue, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Toni Walker".

Toni Walker



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