



WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY TO HELP RAISE THE AGE

- 1. Learn More and Take Action.** Get the facts you need. Uncover the truth about the conditions of youth being held in adult prisons and become an advocate for change. The toolkit provides a fact sheet, talking points, and other info you need to make compelling arguments. Utilize these tools.
- 2. Call & Write Your Legislators to Help Raise the Age.** We have provided a sample letter to a legislator in this toolkit for you. You can send it as-is or edit to make it your own. You will find contact information for your state Senator at www.senate.mi.gov and your State Representative at www.house.mi.gov.
- 3. Write a Letter to the Editor or an Op-Ed.** We've provided tips for writing letters to the editor that you can use to write to your local newspaper and be an opinion leader in your local community. There are also sample letters to the editor that you can use as-is or tailor to make your own, or share to submit your story if you were convicted as an adult at age 17.
- 4. Organize an Event At Your School, Place of Worship, Organization, or Home.** Present your guests with information about Raising the Age in Michigan. Conduct a presentation on Raising the Age that utilizes the information in this toolkit. Contact Elena at ebrennan@miccd.org if you are interested in hosting an event.
- 5. Organize In-District Meetings With Your Elected Officials.** Legislators often make themselves available to community members in their districts. Use this as a chance to talk to them about Raising the Age. The toolkit includes tips organizing an in-district meeting with your elected officials
- 6. Spread The Word About #RaiseTheAge Via Social Media.** We have attached a social media outreach page and a reading list with various articles about youth that have been incarcerated in adult prisons that you can share on social media to empower those voices and create change.
- 7. Make a Statement and Encourage Others.** Endorse the Statement of Principles on page 30, and encourage organizations, business leaders, those in the faith community and others to do the same. Submit your story at www.RaiseTheAgeMI.org if you were convicted as an adult at age 17 and encourage others you know to as well.
- 8. Join the ACLU, MCCD and MLPP's Online Movement.** The ACLU, MCCD and MLPP are all over the web and we want to connect to you! Follow our Twitter feeds [@ACLUofMichigan](https://twitter.com/ACLUofMichigan), [@JusticeinMI](https://twitter.com/JusticeinMI), and [@MichLeague](https://twitter.com/MichLeague); read, link to, and comment on Blogs (<http://aclumich.org/blog>); or become a fan of the ACLU of Michigan, MCCD, and MLPP on Facebook.
- 9. Sign Up For Action Alerts about ACLU, MCCD and MLPP News and Events.** Go to ACLU's <http://aclumich.org/action-center>, MCCD's www.miccd.org, and Michigan League for Public Policy's www.mlpp.org networks to join other advocates, which allows you to keep up to date with the latest news, events, and opportunities to protect our most fundamental freedoms.

<https://www.raisetheagemi.org/>



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