



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** Access to mental health services in the juvenile justice system.

**PURPOSE:** To examine mental health services provided to youth in the juvenile justice system and identify other supports and services that may be utilized to address unmet mental health needs of these youth, in the context of the funding provided in the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-19 budget.

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Tuesday  
December 11, 2018  
11:00 am

Legislative Office Building, Hearing Room B

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, multiple studies have shown that there is an overrepresentation of youth with mental health disorders within the juvenile justice system. Approximately 70 percent of such youth have a mental health disorder, compared to 20 percent of youth in the general population. However, despite this overrepresentation, according to the Northwestern Juvenile Project, only 15 percent of youth nationwide, who are diagnosed with a mental health disorder are provided with treatment while in detention or placement.

With the recent implementation of Raise the Age, youth that would have potentially entered the adult criminal justice system, may now be directed to the juvenile justice system, where there are more robust and age appropriate services available. In light of these additional youth, it is even more important to understand the scope of mental health services currently available, as well as additional services that may be necessary to adequately care for youth in the juvenile justice system.

This hearing will examine funding and other resources the State utilizes to treat youth with mental health disorders in the juvenile justice system and other supports and services that could be used to address unmet mental health needs of such youth in the future.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form by Friday, December 7, 2018. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

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