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YWCA PRESENTS ITS FALL SYMPOSIUM ON

“RAISE THE AGE”

October 28, 2014

8:30 AM

Jay Heritage Center

210 Boston Post Road, Rye, N.Y.



Keynote Speaker:
Hon. Jonathan Lippman
Chief Judge of New York State

“It is high time that we change the way the justice system responds to 16- and 17-year-olds accused of non-violent crimes. Every year, as many as **50,000 youths aged 16 and 17 are arrested in New York and prosecuted in our criminal courts**, overwhelmingly for minor crimes. We are one of only two states in the nation that prosecutes 16- and 17-year-olds as adults.

Treating 16- and 17-year-olds as adults flies in the face of what science tells us about adolescent development. The adolescent brain is not fully matured. Even older adolescents have a more limited ability to make reasoned judgments and engage in the kind of thinking that weighs risks and consequences in a mature fashion. **The adult criminal justice system is simply not designed to address the special problems and needs of 16- and 17-year-olds.**”

— *Judge Jonathan Lippman*

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