

A photograph of the Michigan State Capitol building in Lansing, Michigan, featuring its iconic dome and classical architecture, set against a dramatic, cloudy sky at dusk or dawn. The building is surrounded by other city structures and parking lots.

MICHIGAN COUNCIL ON CRIME & DELINQUENCY

ANNUAL REPORT

2019

Established in 1956, the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency (MCCD) is Michigan's oldest statewide, non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to criminal and juvenile justice reform. Grounded in the principles of restorative justice, racial equity, and community integration, MCCD uses research, community organizing, training, and technical assistance to ensure that communities have a voice in justice-related policy discussions and that leaders provide alternatives to detention and incarceration.

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Friends,

Last year was a time of great change and achievement for the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency (MCCD)! For over 64 years, the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency (MCCD) has been a trailblazer for justice reform in Michigan, partnering with communities, and justice-impacted people, on the decarceration of Michigan youth and adults, and the growth of community-based alternatives to arrest, detention/confinement, jail, and prison.

This year, MCCD completed a strategic refocus that will shift our priorities to a laser focus on improving outcomes for justice-involved children, youth and young adults. MCCD is the only organization in Michigan currently engaged in systemic youth justice reform and is uniquely positioned to lead this transformative work across the state. In January 2020, MCCD

will begin operating under a new name, the **Michigan Center for Youth Justice (MCYJ)**.

Our vision is a fair and effective justice system for Michigan's children, youth and young adults.

Our mission is to advance policies and practices that reduce confinement and support trauma-informed, racially equitable, socio-economically and culturally responsive, community-based solutions for Michigan's justice-involved children, youth and young adults.

We are excited to share our many activities and accomplishments from 2019, including the monumental passage of Raise the Age legislation, which increases the jurisdiction of the juvenile court in Michigan from age 17 to 18.

MCCD/MCYJ made a real difference in 2019 and we're grateful for our many partners in what was an action-packed year.

Warmly,

Mary King



Raise The Age

In October 2019, the Raise the Age (RTA) bill package was signed into law by Governor Gretchen Whitmer, a historic reform that moves Michigan toward a more rehabilitative youth justice system.

The RTA passage removes Michigan from the notorious short list of states with antiquated laws that allow 17-year-olds to be automatically treated as adults for any offense. This has been a long-fought victory, six years in the making.

The new law raises the age of youth tried in adult court from 17 to 18, giving 17-year-olds a better chance at success. More children, youth and young adults will be able to get age-appropriate treatment that involves their families, which will, in turn, increase their chances for success. These changes will help reduce crime, recidivism, and taxpayer costs. It is a huge win.

The new legislation also:

- Requires youth under age 18 in adult jails to be housed separately from adults;
- Prohibits transportation of youth and adults in the same vehicle;
- Gives greater discretion to judges and prosecutors;
- Provides funding for community-based treatment and services; and,
- Requires parental notification at the time of arrest.

MCCD supported passage of RTA by continuing to serve as the coordinating agency of the Raise the Age coalition. MCCD facilitated coalition meetings; maintained the Michigan Raise the Age campaign website, social media and newsletters; and prompted supporters, via emails and action alerts, to contact legislators to urge them to pass the legislation.

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In addition to rallying a strong support base, MCCD and our coalition partners educated a large class of freshman state legislators, county commissioners, and new grassroots supporters on how keeping youth in the juvenile system will positively impact the lives of all Michigan residents, with the long-term benefits to society far outweighing the short-term costs of raising the age of juvenile court jurisdiction to 18. By starting our public education effort at the beginning of the 2019 legislative session, the coalition was able to successfully secure new bill sponsors in both legislative chambers and build the support needed to ensure RTA's passage.

With Raise the Age now signed into law, MCCD's focus has shifted to ensuring implementation is successful. MCCD will engage with state and county government leaders to aid the planning and development of a holistic Raise the Age implementation plan, by:

- *Providing guidance and technical assistance to state and local stakeholders as they work to reduce youth confinement and increase community-based and diversion programs in order to expand the capacity within the juvenile courts to successfully incorporate 17-year-olds;*
- *Advocating for adequate state funding to allow the juvenile courts to absorb additional youth in treatment and services; and*
- *Participating in an official statewide implementation taskforce to ensure that both state government and local jurisdictions meet critical deadlines during a two-year phase-in process.*



Juvenile Record Confidentiality



Building on the success of the Raise the Age campaign, MCCD shifted its legislative focus to increasing confidentiality protections for juvenile court records. [In a 50-state review of juvenile court record confidentiality practices by the Juvenile Law Center](#), Michigan ranks near the bottom (46 out of 50) in quality of protections.

A juvenile record can significantly reduce a young person's chance of getting a job or into college; things that increase life opportunities.

A set-aside "seals" a youth's juvenile record from public view and makes it so that a young person does not have to disclose a court-interaction later in life on applications for employment, housing, higher education, etc. While the record is no longer open to the public, set-aside offenses are still available to law enforcement, prosecutors, and the courts.

Some Michigan youth can apply for a juvenile record set-aside now, however, the process is lengthy, costs money, and is complicated to complete and the vast majority of youth do not pursue a set-aside.

As a result of the stakeholder discussions facilitated by MCCD, two Senate bills, 681 and 682, were introduced in December of 2019. [Senate Bill 681](#), introduced by Senator Jeff Irwin, would remove the age requirement for eligibility for set-asides, allowing youth to apply one year after their court supervision ends and expands eligibility criteria. [Senate Bill 682](#), introduced by Senator Peter Lucido, would make all juvenile records non-public, with access limited to law enforcement,

prosecutors, the courts and the Department of Health and Human Services (only if related to an investigation of child abuse/neglect).

MCCD will continue to work with our legislative champions, justice stakeholders, and partner organizations to increase the confidentiality of juvenile records by advocating for passage of Senate Bills 681 and 682. A Senate Judiciary Committee hearing is expected to occur early in 2020.

2019 Day of Empathy



Day of Empathy is a national day of action aimed at generating empathy for the millions of Americans impacted by the criminal justice system.

On March 5th 2019, Michigan's Day of Empathy event was hosted by MCCD and Nation Outside, along with co-sponsors Safe & Just



Michigan, the Carceral State Project at the University of Michigan, Justice Through Storytelling, and the Detroit Justice Center. The event featured speakers from Nation Outside and meetings with legislators. Over 80 community members, representing districts from all over the state, focused on supporting three legislative goals:

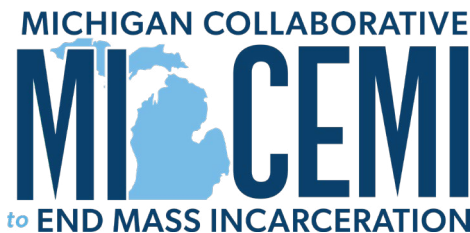
- The pending Raise the Age Package;
- The introduction of Clean Slate legislation and broadened expungement laws; and,
- The introduction of legislation to address conditions of confinement at the Huron Valley Correctional Facility (Michigan's only women's prison).

TRAINING

MCCD continued to host specialized one and two-day training events, in partnership with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), that increased competencies for over 150 professionals who work with justice-impacted populations. Every training explored the barriers and challenges faced by people who have been involved in the criminal/juvenile justice systems and the clinical implications of these experiences. Trainees heard directly from impacted people and were provided with an opportunity to learn from, and problem-solve with, local experts. *The trainings included:*

Working Effectively With Formerly Incarcerated People: Understanding Trauma and Addressing Barriers

Working Effectively with Justice-Impacted LGBTQ+ People



In 2019, through a re-grant from the Michigan League for Public Policy (MLPP), originating from the Hudson-Webber Foundation and the Art for Justice Fund (a sponsored project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors), MCCD became the convening and facilitating organization for the Michigan Collaborative to End Mass Incarceration

(MI-CEMI). MI-CEMI is a broad-based, statewide, non-partisan alliance representing non-profit, faith-based, advocacy, grassroots, and service organizations that seek to create and restore healthy communities through the elimination of mass incarceration in Michigan. MI-CEMI believes there is power in numbers and in developing a collective strategy where member organizations unite around a common agenda to:

- Elevate the priority of ending mass incarceration for the public and policy-makers;
- Create an opportunity for a common message that will both enhance the individual work of member organizations and amplify that message;
- Provide an opportunity for member organizations to share information and knowledge; and,
- Extend the collective reach of each member organization, reduce duplication, and create resource efficiency.

As a result of this new funding, MI-CEMI has been able to expand its capacity to coordinate and implement a strategic plan that will inform, influence, and advocate for strategic state-wide reforms that will reduce incarceration in our state's prisons, jails and juvenile detention centers.

FACILITATION

Transforming Justice for Youth with Diverse SOGIE in Wayne County

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth are among the most vulnerable populations at every stage of the youth justice system and Wayne County, Detroit in particular, is home to the largest proportion of justice-involved youth in the state.

Research shows that nationally, LGBTQ youth are twice as likely to be arrested and held in secure detention/confinement for truancy, warrants, probation violations, running away, and sex work. Moreover, about 20% of the overall population of youth in detention/confinement identifies as LGBTQ; this is almost three times the estimated number in the U.S. Of the LGBTQ youth in detention/confinement, about 85% are young people of color.

With funding from the McGregor Fund, and in partnership with the Ruth Ellis Center and Shannan Wilber from the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), MCCD co-developed affirming policies and practices for working with youth with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (SOGIE), which were adopted by Wayne County's Care Management

Organizations (CMOs). To assist with successful implementation of the new policies, MCCD helped design and deliver the Diverse SOGIE-Affirming Policy Implementation Training to over 90 employees of the CMOs, the Assured Family Services' Juvenile Assessment Center, and other Wayne County residential facilities.

MCCD also published a report showing a 22.6% decrease in the number of youth with diverse SOGIE held in detention and residential placement, and a 12% reduction in the average length of stay for those youth!



Michigan Juvenile Justice Continuum of Care Initiative



The Michigan Juvenile Justice Continuum of Care Initiative (MJJCCI), a 3-year project funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Children's Services Agency, had two main goals:

- 1. Improve the overall outcomes of justice-involved youth with trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate services in the community.**
- 2. Reduce the number of confined youth.**

MCCD served as project coordinator for the MJJCCI, and was tasked with providing staffing, facilitation, technical assistance, and coordination of community forums for project pilot sites. In addition, MCCD created a toolkit for practitioners, aided in the formation and facilitation of local planning teams, and assisted in data collection and evaluation.

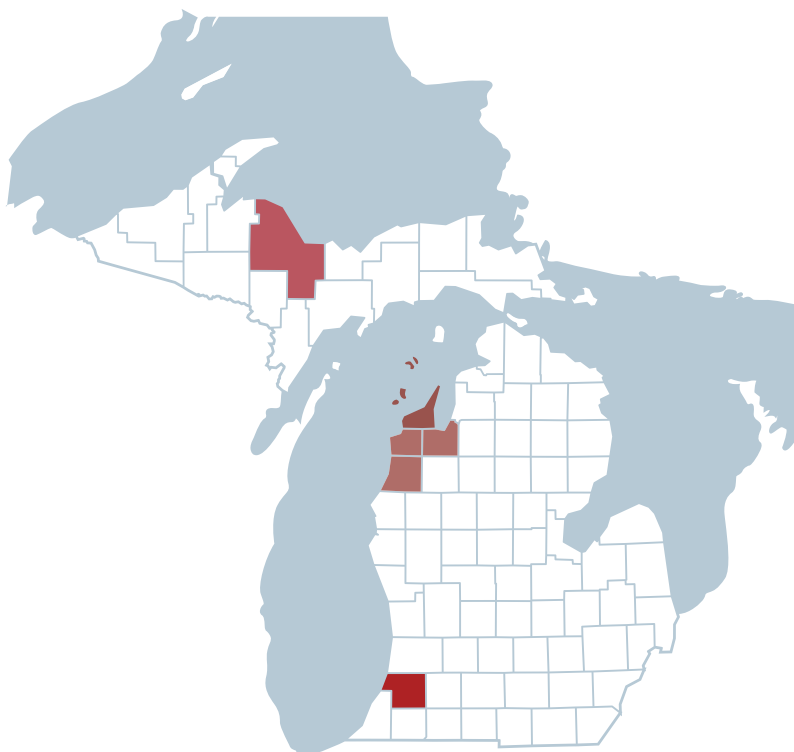
A final report, summarizing the project's process and outcomes, indicates a reduction in confinement rates. MCCD, the creators of the report, were selected to showcase the project on a national webinar for other OJJDP grant recipients.

In-Home Community Care Grant

In fiscal years 2015 and 2016, the Michigan legislature continued appropriation funding to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for the In-Home Care Grant (IHC). The IHC grant supported six rural counties in developing and implementing innovative, community-based juvenile justice programs.

The goal of the IHC grant was to improve and expand sustainable, evidence-based treatment programming for youth as a cost-effective alternative to detention or other out-of-home placements. In 2019, MCCD continued in its contractual project coordination role with MDHHS to provide support to IHC grantees. This included assistance with program implementation, data tracking, timely submission of monthly reports, and completion of project and outcome summaries.

A final report, prepared by MCCD and completed in July 2019, summarized the accomplishments of each IHC pilot site and showcased lessons learned and recommendations for planning, implementing, and replicating new community-based programs for justice-involved youth. Overall, the results support national research that demonstrates community-based, in-home solutions for young people are a preferred alternative to detention. Based on the IHC pilot data, MCCD is advocating for IHC grants to be re-appropriated within the 2021 state budget and expanded to include other rural communities across Michigan.



Nation Outside

MCCD continued its incubation of Nation Outside: The Voice of Formerly Incarcerated People in 2019. Their mission is to organize, mobilize, and support formerly incarcerated people and their families to advocate for political and social changes that will reduce racial profiling and incarceration, and to educate the community about the successes and contributions of the formerly incarcerated in order to enhance their capacity to thrive.

On March 5th, MCCD and Nation Outside co-hosted the third annual National Day of Empathy, that included a “Brunch and Learn” and direct advocacy in our state’s capital. Over 100 formerly incarcerated people, family members, advocates,

and community members were in attendance.

Nation Outside was awarded capacity-building grants from the Public Welfare Foundation and from JustLeadership USA. In collaboration with Safe & Just Michigan and JustLeadership USA, Nation Outside co-hosted six town hall meetings throughout Michigan to:

1. **Discuss Clean Slate Legislation which would automatically expunge criminal records for eligible applicants;**
2. **Educate formerly incarcerated people about their right to vote; and,**
3. **Inform Nation Outside members of current and pending legislative policies that directly impact them and their loved ones.**



In July, with funding support from the Ruth Mott Foundation, Nation Outside formally launched its third chapter in Genesee County, which has since recruited 71 members and registered 1,000 justice-impacted people to vote.

At the end of 2019, Nation Outside began developing a transitional board of directors, in the interest of becoming an independent organization by the end of 2020.

2019 MCCD Annual Gala

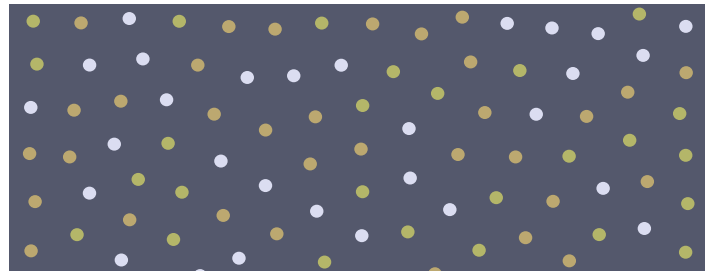
In spring of 2019, MCCD held its annual fundraising gala, focused on changing stigmatizing language and negative perceptions about justice-involved children and youth.

Ronald Simpson-Bey, Director of Outreach and Alumni Engagement for JustLeadershipUSA, and MCCD Board Secretary, served as emcee for the evening, which began with a pre-recorded welcome by Lieutenant Governor



Garlin Gilchrist. Other speakers included Brandi, the TransJustUs Coordinator at the Ruth Ellis Center; Marcy Mistrett, Director of the Campaign for Youth Justice; and Cozine A Welch, Jr., a co-teacher for the “Atonement Project” and “Theatre and Incarceration” at the University of Michigan.

The gala celebrated the successful campaign to Raise the Age in Michigan, and specifically honored State Representative Martin Howrylak for his critical contributions. The event was a notable success, drawing a crowd of approximately 140 people and raising \$31,000.





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MCCD spent 2019 conducting a strategic refocus in response to an analysis of the many new and existing organizations working to reform Michigan's adult criminal justice system. These organizations are either Michigan-based or national organizations with a new Michigan presence, and they have generated a lot of capacity to advance policies to end our state's reliance on over-incarceration. Conversely, MCCD determined that there is a significant gap in advocacy for youth justice system reforms, which is rife with racial and geographic disparities, and can serve as a "pipeline" to mass incarceration in the adult system. As a result, MCCD has changed its vision and mission to better reflect a laser-focus on advocacy to improve outcomes for justice-involved children, youth and young adults. In 2020, MCCD will also be changing its name to the Michigan Center for Youth Justice (MCYJ), to better reflect a new vision and mission.



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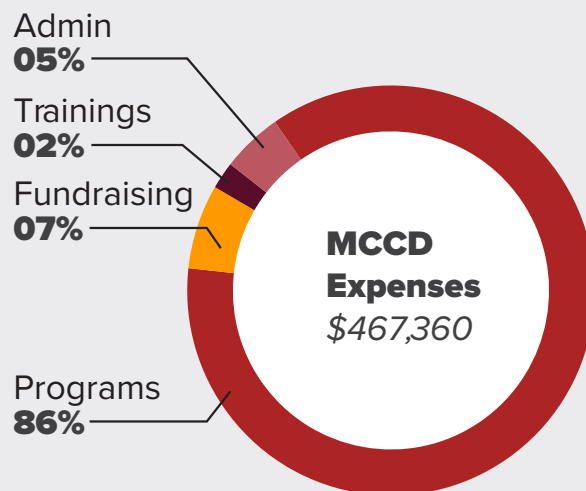
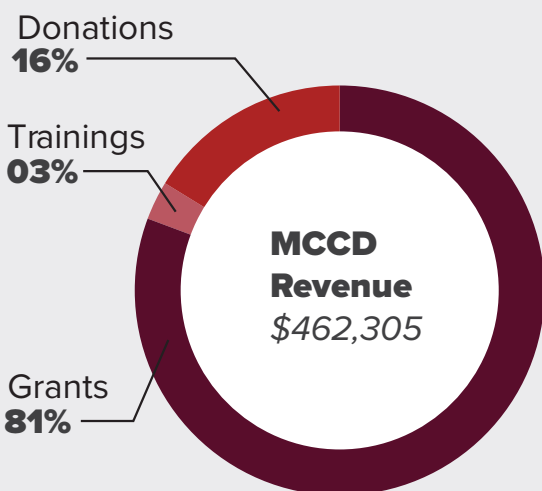
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Nation Outside Financials

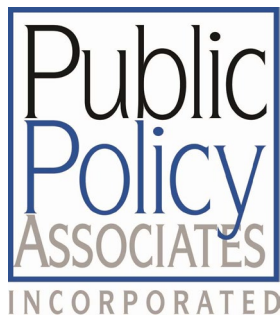
Nation Outside Revenue

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