Founded in 1956, The Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency (MCCD) uses research, collaboration, and advocacy-oriented strategies to shape public policy to improve the effectiveness of policies and systems that address the prevention and reduction of youth and adult crime.
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Thank you to our generous funders
Though Raise the Age legislation did not pass in 2018, MCCD strengthened the Raise the Age (RTA) Coalition’s research efforts, relationship building, and communication strategies, setting the foundation for passage in 2019.

Early in 2018, MCCD conducted regional focus groups with county stakeholders to understand concerns with a potential RTA passage and discuss solutions to address those concerns. We distributed a summary report of the findings to the RTA Coalition to undergird our strategies moving forward. Additionally, MCCD assisted with an implementation cost study presented to the Criminal Justice Policy Commission and with a long-term economic and social benefit research report from MSU.

MCCD focused on relationship building throughout the state. We continued our work with conservative leaders and hired a strategic conservative consultant to engage legislators and supporters from the West side of Michigan.

We engaged several faith communities, making lasting partnerships. MCCD presented at faith-based roundtables in Grand Rapids and Holland and launched the first Youth Justice Sunday. On April 22, 2018, congregations across the state encouraged their members to support RTA. MCCD and the RTA Coalition also engaged several state-wide partners, and successfully encouraged Washtenaw, Ingham, and Wayne County Commissioners to pass resolutions in support of RTA.

Michigan is one of only four states that automatically prosecute 17-year-olds as adults.
RAISE THE AGE

MCCD garnered public support for RTA with a comprehensive communications strategy utilizing mail, email, and social media including:

- 22 articles written
- 1,000 postcards delivered
- 1,255 newsletter members

DAY OF EMPATHY

On March 6, 2018, MCCD and Nation Outside participated in DreamCorp’s #cut50 second annual National Day of Empathy, featuring a “Brunch and Learn,” and coordinating direct advocacy in our state’s capital. Shaka Senghor, a formerly incarcerated Michigan native and leading voice in national criminal justice reform, moderated a panel of eight formerly incarcerated advocates discussing their support for Raising the Age, Clean Slate legislation to automate and expand expungement, and improving conditions for incarcerated women. After the panel, community members and formerly incarcerated advocates met with 36 legislators/legislative staff representing both the Michigan House and Senate to discuss policy reform.
MCCD’S TRAINING DIVISION

In partnership with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), MCCD launched a training division in 2018 and held two-day trainings in April, June, and November. The first focused on working with transgender and gender non-conforming at-risk youth and the second two focused on working effectively with formerly incarcerated people. MCCD will continue to expand our training division by conducting two to four trainings each year.

TRANSFORMING JUSTICE FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

In June of 2017, MCCD announced the launch of an exciting new collaborative project: “Transforming Justice for LGBTQ Youth in Wayne County.” This two-year project, generously supported by the McGregor Fund, equips juvenile justice service providers with the knowledge and skills to address the unique needs of LGBTQ youth while advancing policies and practices to support an LGBTQ-affirming juvenile justice system.

With this project, MCCD is developing the expertise to train juvenile justice staff and assist in developing local policies to better serve the justice-impacted LGBTQ population - ultimately decreasing their involvement in the juvenile justice system and increasing their chances for successful community integration. With our partners, the Ruth Ellis Center and Shannan Wilbur of the National Center on Lesbian Rights, MCCD made great strides in 2018.
**JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT INITIATIVE**

Launched in 2017, this initiative aims to develop a plan to provide county-based trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate community-based services that prevent and reduce the number of youth entering out-of-home placement by 20% over three years. The initiative pairs jurisdictions who have relied on out-of-home placements with mentor counties who have successfully implemented local realignment models to pilot best practices. The results will help inform standards in developing effective continua of care.

In 2018, MCCD convened and facilitated pilot site/mentor projects including the development of a juvenile court-specific strategic plan for two counties and, in the third pilot county, the shifting of court culture from reliance on use of detention/out-of-home care to evidence-based community-based care.

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**IN-HOME COMMUNITY CARE GRANT**

In 2013, MCCD helped create the In-Home Community Care (IHC) grant which launched ten new juvenile justice community-based programs in thirteen rural counties who had previously relied upon detention and residential placements. This year, MCCD provided technical assistance and support for the two remaining In-Home Care grantees and in 2019, we will release a final summary report.

**MICHIGAN SAFETY & JUSTICE ROUNDTABLE**

In August, The Hudson-Webber Foundation partnered with MCCD to facilitate the development of the Michigan Safety and Justice Roundtable. MCCD helped draft issue briefs, six on juvenile justice and six on criminal justice, that provided the structure for the event. On September 7th and 8th, over 150 leaders and experts convened to discuss fair and equitable system approaches that promote safety and address crime. With such a passionate and diverse group of speakers and small group participants, the energy in the room was palpable. In 2019, the Hudson-Webber Foundation will publicly release the issue briefs, enhanced by the rich discussions from the event.
MCCD continued its incubation of Nation Outside: The Voice of Formerly Incarcerated People in 2018. 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.

This year, Nation Outside formally launched its second chapter in Jackson County, partnered with the ACLU on bail reform efforts, and developed a Town Hall presentation to educate formerly incarcerated people about: their right to vote, new EEOC guidelines prohibiting blanket no-felony hiring policies, new HUD guidelines prohibiting blanket no-felony rental policies, and current and pending legislative policies.

**Nation Outside’s goals:**
1) Reduce incarceration by 50% by 2030;
2) Increase successful integration for people returning to their communities by 50%;
3) Increase Nation Outside membership/supporters by 10,000 people by 2030.
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