

# Children Need Community Care, Not Cuffs

In 2021, Connecticut raised the minimum age a child can be arrested from 7 to 10 years old. Connecticut has a community-based system to get kids and families the help they need.



Normally developing kids engage in risk-seeking behavior. Often, these behaviors are minor. Sometimes they are major.

If you are a parent, police officer, court official, social worker, pediatrician, school staff, or another caring adult, call your Youth Service Bureau (YSB) for help.

Community-based YSBs serve as a connecting hub to ensure families access needed services and kids are held accountable for their behaviors through restorative justice practices.

If a child is in a state of crisis, call 2-1-1 for Mobile Crisis help. YSBs coordinate with Mobile Crisis Intervention Services.



**MOBILE CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES**

Mobile Crisis Intervention Services is a program funded by the State of Connecticut in partnership with the United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1.



[https://www.ctyouthservices.org/Find\\_A\\_YSB/](https://www.ctyouthservices.org/Find_A_YSB/)



After getting a referral, YSBs will:

- Screen the child
- Engage in a comprehensive intake process
- Refer the child/family for appropriate intervention(s)
- Coordinate care among providers

YSBs also train community partners and collect and evaluate data to ensure intervention effectiveness.

## Community-Based Interventions:

- Mental and Behavioral Health Services
- Educational Advocacy

## Other Interventions:

- Positive Youth Development
- Family Strengthening and Support
- Basic Family Needs Support

## Specialty Programming:

- Problem Sexual Behavior
- Arson/Fire Setting Intervention
- Intensive Family Support



For more information: