

## 1 RAISE THE AGE

Pass comprehensive legislation to: meaningfully raise the age in NYS to 18; raise the bottom age of juvenile jurisdiction to 12; keep 16- and 17-year-olds out of adult prisons and jails; and increase opportunities, including age-appropriate supportive services, and alternatives to incarceration, for young people in both the Family Court and adult justice systems. Expand youth services to 21.

## 2 END THE TORTURE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

Pass the Humane Alternatives to Long Term (HALT) Solitary Confinement Act, A. 4401 / S. 2659, to ensure that no person is subjected to the torture of solitary confinement beyond 15 days and to create more humane and effective alternatives. The Senate and the Governor should also enact two bills that have already passed the Assembly: A. 1346A / S. 5900, which would prohibit solitary for all people with mental illness and developmental disabilities, and any person under the age of 21, and A. 1347, which would prohibit solitary for women who are pregnant, have recently given birth, or who have infants in the prison nursery program.

## 3 CLOSE ATTICA AND END VIOLENCE AND ABUSE ACROSS NYS PRISONS

End the brutality at Attica by closing the prison. As long as other prisons continue to operate, policymakers must change DOCCS policies and practices to end violence and abuse, increase transparency, oversight, and accountability, and fundamentally transform the culture from punishment, brutality, and abuse to communication, de-escalation, and empowerment.

## 4 PROTECT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

Pass the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act, A. 4409 / S. 2036 to allow judges to sentence survivors convicted of crimes directly related to abuse to shorter prison terms or ATI programs; and allow survivors currently serving long prison terms to petition courts for resentencing and earlier release.

## 5 RELEASE AGING PEOPLE FROM PRISON AND ADOPT MEANINGFUL PAROLE REFORM

Pass comprehensive parole reform to allow the release of all people who have demonstrated their accomplishments or transformation while in prison, current low risk of harm to others, and/or readiness for reentry.

## 6 PROMOTE BETTER HEALTH CARE AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FOR WOMEN INCARCERATED IN NYS PRISONS

Take a comprehensive approach to ensuring quality health care and reproductive justice for incarcerated women of all ages. Ensure compliance with the anti-shackling law.

## 7 SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

Provide greater community medical and mental health care, divert people with mental illness from incarceration, and as long as people with mental health needs are incarcerated, improve medical and mental health care and programs. End all staff abuse of mental health and medical patients, and stop placing people with mental illness and medical needs in solitary confinement. Ensure greater continuity of care upon return to the community.

## 8 STOP THE OVER-CRIMINALIZATION AND ABUSE OF LGBT PERSONS

Adopt formal protections for LGBT persons at all points along the youth justice and criminal justice systems in order to keep LGBT persons out of incarceration, protect LGBT persons' safety, and ensure LGBT persons receive culturally sensitive treatment and guidance.

## 9 EXPAND ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Expand funding for general and college-level academic programs, support peer-led initiatives, provide intranet learning opportunities, and reinstate access for incarcerated persons to NYS's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) to allow widespread college participation by people incarcerated. NYS should also pass the Fair Access to Education Act, A. 3363 / S. 0969, to ensure colleges do not discriminate against previously incarcerated people in admissions.

## 10 ADOPT RACIAL IMPACT STUDIES FOR NEW CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICIES

Require that a comprehensive racial impact analysis be done prior to the enactment of any proposed legislation or executive policy that would expand penalties or extend sentencing, and prohibit the passage of any legislation that would exacerbate racial disparities.

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