

1 **2022 NYSAC Fall Seminar**  
2 **Standing Committee on Public Safety**  
3 **Resolution #2**

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5 **Resolution Encouraging the State Legislature and Governor to Enact**  
6 **Legislation to Expedite the Disbursement of Raise the Age Funds to**  
7 **Counties and Community-Based Organizations That Work with At-Risk**  
8 **Youth**

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10 **WHEREAS**, when New York’s Raise the Age law took effect on October 1, 2018,  
11 counties were promised that the supervision and treatment services for juveniles’  
12 program (STSJP) would be fully funded; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, as of March 2022, less than half of the \$800 million allocated to this  
15 program has been distributed to counties; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, STSJP plays a key role in transforming New York State's juvenile justice  
18 system; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, since its inception in 2011, STSJP incentivizes local programs to divert  
21 youth from detention to residential care; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, counties are able to create STSJP programs that:

- 24 • Provide or facilitate support to the target populations for mental health disorders,  
25 substance abuse problems, or learning disabilities that contribute to such youth  
26 being at risk for detention, residential placement, or return to detention or  
27 residential placement;
- 28 • Provide temporary respite care;
- 29 • Provide family therapy or support or explore alternate housing options for youth  
30 who are at risk for detention or placement due to the absence of an available  
31 home;
- 32 • Provide post-release support within the youth's community;
- 33 • Reduce arrest rates or recidivism; or
- 34 • Meet the definition of a [Family Support Services Program](#) as outlined in the PINS  
35 Reform Legislation of 2019 (Part K of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2019) and FCA §  
36 458-m.

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38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of  
39 Counties (NYSAC) encourages the Governor and State Legislature to enact legislation  
40 S.8787 (Cleare)/A.9856 (Solages), which will expedite the disbursement of these funds  
41 to counties and require at least 50 percent of the allocation be provided by the county to  
42 community-based organizations that work with at-risk youth, or alleged to be at risk, or  
43 adjudicated as juvenile delinquents, or youth alleged to be or convicted as youthful  
44 offenders or adolescent offenders.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties  
2 of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to  
5 the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature, and all others  
6 deemed necessary and proper.