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## **EVENT: Texas Criminal Justice Coalition Hosts Speakers on Youth Justice**

*TCJC to host ice cream social and "raise the age" gallery at Texas Capitol on date of report release*

**AUSTIN, TX** – Next week, the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC) will host an event highlighting the youth, families, and justice practitioners impacted by Texas' failure to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 17 to 18. Texas is one of four states left in the United States to "raise the age." The event, hosted during Youth Justice Action Month, will feature people in TCJC's newest report through a photo gallery and on-site speakers.

The report will be released the morning of the event, and information from the report will be displayed at the event and in the Capitol throughout the week. Event details are below.

**WHO:** Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC), Texas Smart-on-Crime Coalition members, individuals directly impacted by Texas' failure to "raise the age," state legislators

**WHAT:** Short speeches discussing "raise the age" and TCJC's newest report; gallery display; ice cream social

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 8, 2019  
2:00pm – 3:00pm

**WHERE:** Capitol Grill, E1.002  
Texas Capitol  
1100 Congress Ave  
Austin, TX 78701

**WHY:** To highlight the human cost of Texas' failure to raise the age of criminal responsibility, which results in 17-year-olds being sent into the adult justice system, and to mark national Youth Justice Action Month.

**RSVP:** If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Madison Kaigh by emailing [MKaigh@TexasCJC.org](mailto:MKaigh@TexasCJC.org).

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