

The Youth Justice Board, a project of the Center for Court Innovation, is an after-school program that brings together 15-20 teenagers from different schools, neighborhoods, and experiences within New York City to study and devise policy recommendations on a specific juvenile justice issue affecting youth. The Youth Justice Board's goals are: to create young leaders; to bring their informed recommendations to juvenile justice policy debates; to create an enduring dialogue between youth and juvenile justice policy-makers; and as a consequence, to improve juvenile justice policies. Currently, the Youth Justice Board is addressing the challenges faced by young people who have cases in New York City Family Court's permanency planning division. In June 2007 the Board released its report "Stand Up, Stand Out: Recommendations to Improve Youth Participation in New York City's Permanency Planning Process." The Youth Justice Board is spending the 2007-2008 year working with a wide range of partners to advocate for the recommendations contained in the report. The report is available online at: http://www.courtinnovation.org/_uploads/documents/YJBreport%20final_2007.pdf

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