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Dozens fight to reform Michigan's juvenile justice system. Advocates of the Michigan juvenile justice collaborative gathered to push for evidence-based practices. They say that can increase cost efficiency, reduce crime and create better outcomes for kids. They're calling on legislators to enact laws that focus on rehab rather than punishment.

Elisabeth Donahue, Executive Director, The Future of Children: "We come up with a system that recognizes youth offenders are neither children nor adults, and we have to carve out a system for them so they don't go on to become adult criminals."

The legislature is considering budget cuts to children's services, but juvenile justice experts warn such cuts could push more youth into a damaged system.

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