

The Future of Children has released its latest publication, *Juvenile Justice* (Vol. 18, No. 2). Accompanying the journal is an Executive Summary and a Policy Brief.

This volume examines juvenile justice policies and practices with the goal of promoting reforms that are based on solid evidence and acknowledge that adolescents differ from adults in ways that policy ought to take into account. As editor Laurence Steinberg notes in the Introduction, young people who come into contact with the juvenile justice system often have other problems, many of which the juvenile justice system is ill-equipped to address alone.

The volume concludes that the “get-tough” reforms implemented during the past two decades—reforms that criminalized delinquency and ignored the developmental realities of adolescence—have been both unnecessarily costly and of questionable effectiveness. This volume offers alternatives – policies that have not only been proven effective, but save taxpayer dollars as well.

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