



# UTEC

BREAKING BARRIERS TO YOUTH SUCCESS

# POLICY PLATFORM

2017-18 Legislative and Budget Priorities



## Re-thinking Justice for Young Adults



## Ending Generational Violence and Poverty

### Young Adult Justice Reform

**Expungement:** Creating a new law that would allow for young adults and juveniles to seal and expunge criminal records to remove barriers to employment, education, housing and other opportunities proven to reduce recidivism.

**S.944, H.2309** "An Act relative to sealing of juvenile records and expungement of court records" Sen. K. Spilka, Rep K. Khan, Rep C. Dykema

**Raise The Age:** Increase juvenile jurisdiction from 18 to 21 and support programs specialized programs like Young-Adult (18-24) Units.

**H.3037** "An Act to promote better outcomes for young people in the Commonwealth" -Rep E. Carvalho

#### Budget Priorities:

Safe And Successful Youth Initiative (4000-0005)

Re-entry Grants (7003-0150)

Youth At-Risk Grants (4590-1507)

Justice Reinvestment (1599-1500)

### Two-Generational Strategy

**Two-Gen Commission:** Study the best ways MA can adopt a two-gen strategy for policies, programs, and research. Two-gen means the successful reduction of poverty for multiple generations simultaneously.

**S.38, H.1969** "An Act establishing a special commission on two-generation approaches to childhood education" Sen J. Eldridge, Rep S. Ultrino

#### Budget Priorities:

Family Mentoring Pilot (3000-7020)

Learn to Earn (7002-1080)

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