

SUMMARY OF PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE
COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES CHECKLIST

By the Pennsylvania Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network, the Juvenile Defenders Association of Pennsylvania and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change Initiative (May 2010)

1. ADJUDICATION OF DELINQUENCY	A delinquency adjudication is not an adult conviction but is often treated like one.
2. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES	A child’s ability to obtain employment or acquire licenses for certain professions may be hindered by a delinquency adjudication.
3. RECORDS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	Juvenile records are open to the public if a 12 or 13 year old child is adjudicated delinquent of certain very serious offenses, or if a child who is 14 years old or older is adjudicated delinquent of ANY felony offense.
4. JUVENILE COURT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	Juvenile courts are open to the public if a child is 12 years old and charged with certain very serious offenses or the child is 14 years old or older and charged with ANY felony offense.
5. PUBLIC HOUSING	A delinquency adjudication may affect access to public housing.
6. MILITARY	A delinquency adjudication may affect a young person’s ability to enlist in the military.
7. CARRYING A FIREARM	Children adjudicated delinquent of certain very serious offenses will be prevented from carrying a firearm when they are otherwise legally permitted to do so.
8. DRIVER’S LICENSE	A child’s driving license may be suspended as a result of a delinquency adjudication for certain drug, alcohol and driving offenses.
9. ACCESS TO SCHOOLS	Children may be expelled from school for delinquency adjudications for certain offenses, and information about delinquency adjudications will be sent to the next school if they choose to transfer.
10. ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION	A delinquency adjudication does not need to be reported on many college applications, and does not bar access to federal financial aid for higher education.
11. FINES, COURT COSTS AND RESTITUTION	Children who are adjudicated delinquent are required to pay fines and court costs and may be required to pay restitution.
12. SEX OFFENSE REGISTRATION	Currently, children do not have to register as sexual offenders in PA. However, the adoption of existing federal legislation could require retroactive registration.
13. DNA SAMPLES	Children adjudicated delinquent of felony offenses and some misdemeanor offenses are required to submit a DNA sample to the State DNA Data Base.
14. EXPUNGEMENT	Juvenile records may be expunged five years after the child’s discharge from court supervision, or sooner under certain circumstances.
15. VOTING	A young person who turns 18 is able to register and vote, despite a delinquency adjudication for any offense.
16. JURY SERVICE	A young person who turns 18 is able to serve on a jury, despite a delinquency adjudication for any offense.
17. IMMIGRATION STATUS	A delinquency adjudication can affect a child’s immigration status.
18. ADULT SENTENCING	A juvenile’s record of delinquency adjudications for certain offenses can significantly affect sentencing for a criminal conviction as an adult.