An efficient and effective juvenile justice system holds kids accountable, helps them grow up to become contributing members of their community, and increases public safety. Just as a bicycle works best when it uses the right gear for the terrain, our juvenile justice system should use different responses for different situations. Kentucky has made strides in improving its juvenile justice system, yet our state has been stuck in a single gear when it comes to the mandatory transfer of youth to adult court for certain offenses.

**Blueprint for Kentucky’s Children Solution:**
Allow juvenile court judges to use their discretion in the decision to transfer youth ages 14 and older to adult court for situations involving a firearm.