West Palm Beach — Brenda Oakes cried as she worried about the justice system that her adopted 5-year-old daughter may grow up in.

Oakes, a Caucasian woman from Lake Worth, was one of about 40 people to attend a community meeting Saturday morning about the state’s juvenile justice system and the apparent disproportionate rate at which minorities are being arrested in West Palm Beach. She said thinking about the future that the current system paints for her African-American daughter, Skylar, and the difficulty facing those who advocate for change had water in her eyes during the meeting.

Advocate raises three issues with juvenile justice in Florida