

Improving Outcomes for Youth Initiative: Key Implementation Next Steps

1. Establish the IOYouth Implementation Committee, as a sub-committee of the JJPOC, co-chaired by leadership from all three branches of government.
 - a. Determine Committee chairs from each branch of government (by August 14)
 - b. Chairs appoint additional Committee members (August 31)
 - c. First meeting of Committee with monthly meetings to follow (September)

2. Develop an overall project plan to guide the work of the IOYouth Implementation Committee, including key deliverables and timelines, for review, discussion, and determination of next steps at the initial Committee meeting (September). Priority areas for determining next steps and associated roles and responsibilities at the first meeting include:
 - a. Development of *draft legislation* for the 2021 legislative session focused on the decriminalization/definition of specific offenses, associated service referral mechanism, and diversion of all low risk youth.
 - b. Establishment of an advisory board and plan—in collaboration with DCF, the CT Youth Service Association, and CSSD—for the YSB/JRB pilot.
 - c. Development of an equity dashboard that monitors/compares system involvement for youth of different races/ethnicities in specific ways, based on current system disparities.
 - d. Development of secure bed/cost project model, planning process, and *draft legislation* for the transfer of responsibilities for pre-adjudicated youth from DOC to CSSD.

3. CSSD develops their IOYouth implementation action plan
 - a. CSSD develops general action plan with key deliverables, timelines, and responsible parties for review with IOYouth Committee (September)
 - b. Develop detailed implementation tasks/timelines for each action plan deliverable (November 30)