Background/Context

- As many as 50-80% of youth involved in the JJ system have a diagnosable mental health condition
  - Higher rates the "deeper" you get into the JJ system
  - Evidence of overlap calls for coordinated and integrated approaches
  - A history of fragmentation in CT's child-serving systems that is increasingly challenged

- PA 14-217
  - "An assessment of the overlap between the juvenile justice system and the mental health care system for children."
  - "Specific recommendations to improve outcomes and a timeline by which specific tasks or outcomes must be achieved."

- PA 13-178
  - Section 1 called for development of children's behavioral health implementation plan
  - Focused on promoting key principles of effective systems of care
    - Prevention, early identification, early intervention
    - Developmentally and culturally appropriate services organized in a comprehensive array
    - Family, youth, and community engagement
    - Results-based Accountability and data-informed quality assurance
    - Improve integration of school- and community-based services
  - Section 7 called for Judicial to perform a study on youth/young adults with MH needs placed in the JJ/Corrections system (including identifying programs that reduce inappropriate referrals and recommendations for treatment)

The Connecticut Children's Behavioral Health Plan includes several themes and recommendations relevant to the JJ system and youth:

- Intended to enhance access for children
- Services available based on need, not insurance type, system involvement, geographic location, race/ethnicity, or other factors
- Pooled funding and coordinated management and delivery
- A Care Management Entity (e.g., single point of access, information, care coordination)
- A full continuum of care
- Integrated data system for collection, management, analysis, reporting
- Promotion, prevention/diversion, treatment, after-care
- Reduce disparities; promote standards of culturally and linguistically appropriate care

PA 14-217 Report on MH/JJ System Overlap

- Review of secondary sources
  - Characteristics of the systems, areas of overlap
    - Characteristics of youth with JJ/MH needs
    - Past and current initiatives, strategies, interventions
  - Targeted input from key partners in Connecticut and nationally
    - Strengths, needs, recommendations for enhancement
- Include assessment of relevant data sources
  - Populations
  - Variables assessing MH needs, interventions, outcomes
  - Structure of datasets including common identifiers
  - Gaps in available data
  - To inform further study called for in PA 13-178 (implied in PA 14-217)

- Timeline: September 1, 2015
- Funding and Support: Judicial Branch-CSSD, Tow Youth Justice Institute
### PA 14-217 Report on MH/JJ System Overlap
- **Deliverable:** A report of key findings.
  - System overlap, review of national and CT-specific prevalence
  - Identified strengths, needs, and recommendations
  - Areas on which to build and enhance
    - Existing best practice and evidence-based interventions
  - Areas of unaddressed need
  - Recommendations for enhancing MH-JJ system integration
    - Across the continuum of prevention/diversion, services in JJ system, reentry to home/school/community settings
    - Alignment with PA 13-178 and BH Plan implementation
  - Timeline articulating specific tasks / expected outcomes

### Wrap Up

#### Comments and Questions