CJTS CLOSURE PLAN OVERVIEW
JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
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Development of the Plan

• Input from national experts

• Population forecast

• Input from over 300 stakeholders across Connecticut, including:
  • DCF Advisory Councils;
  • LISTs;
  • CJTS and regional DCF staff.

• Focus groups with youth currently or formerly served by CJTS
Service Needs

- Job readiness and vocational training
- Substance abuse treatment and recovery supports
- Educational programs, including credit recovery services
- Transitional housing
- Transportation to facilitate family treatment and access to services
- Individualized plans for youth with complex needs
- Programs with longer length of service to address chronic needs
- Better integration of treatment planning and service delivery
National Consensus on Secure Facilities

**Facility**
- 50 beds or less
- 50 miles from home or less

**Unit**
- 10 kids or less
- 1:10 staff/youth ratio or less
- No locks on bedrooms
- No toilets in bedrooms
- All staff = program staff

**Access/Family**
- Visitation 365 days/year
- Transportation 1x/week
- Accessible via public transportation

**Environment**
- Youth wear own clothes
- Family-style meals
- Youth/staff help prepare meals together

**Education**
- Unit staff assist in class
- Vocation programming
- College classes
- Credit recovery/GED

CJTS Closure Plan Goals

GOAL 1: Redefine eligibility for secure placement

GOAL 2: Improve community supervision of youth

GOAL 3: Increase access/availability of non-residential community-based services

GOAL 4: Right-size CJTS

GOAL 5: Redesign CJTS Programming

GOAL 6: Replace CJTS secure capacity at an alternate setting(s)