Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

June 15th, 2017
Legislative Office Building
2pm  Room
Progress Report

• Legislative Update
  • JJPOC H.B. 7286

• DCF RFI

• Workgroup Updates
  • Diversion
    • Truancy Diversion: New Process
DCF RFI Update
Workgroup Report
Diversion
Diversion

• Major Projects:
  • Police Recruit Training (Sec. 10)
  • School-Based Diversion (Sec. 11)
Truancy Diversion: A New Process
Legislation 16-147
Sections 7, 8(b) and 9

• Overview of legislation language
  • Removal of Truancy from Juvenile Court jurisdiction, August 15, 2017
  • School district responsibilities

• Subgroup tasks:
  • Updated referral process
  • Identification of models
  • 2018 Implementation planning
Truancy Subgroup

• Membership
  • Subgroup members include agencies, providers and school representation

• Timeline to date
  • Accomplishments and tasks to be completed
Community Hub Referral Process

• Referral Form
  • Revised current Juvenile Court form for referrals to community hub

• Referral Guidance Document
  • Guide explaining how to complete the referral form and all the steps that need to be taken prior to a community hub referral
Looking Ahead

• Truancy Intervention Models
  • National Survey
    • Dive deeper into some of the models mentioned
  • Implementation
    • Defining “high rates of truancy”
  • Development of a companion document for the models
  • Tier 3 Interventions

• Truancy Process
  • Employ strategies to decrease absenteeism
  • Exhaust the school’s capacity to get the student back on track
  • Refer to YSB to engage community supports
  • YSB identifies additional supports and resources
Chronic Absenteeism

• Ensuring regular attendance in school
• Prevention and Intervention Guide
• Truancy is a part of Chronic Absenteeism
  • Chronic Absenteeism: 18 days absent for any reason
  • Truancy: 4 unexcused absences in a month or 10 unexcused absences in a year
Engaging School Districts

• Timeline
  • July 2016: CSDE Circular Letter to District Superintendents;
  • July 2017: Notification to Districts
  • August 2017: Release Truancy Intervention Models and Referral Process
  • October 2017: Prior year data reported to CSDE
  • January 2018: District data finalized; Begin to decide on models
  • 2018-19 School Year: Begin implementation

• Training
  • August 2017: Commissioner’s Back to School meeting
  • September 2017: CSDE Accountability meeting
  • Webinars on Chronic Absenteeism
  • Partnership engagement: CABE, CAPSS, CAS
Next JJPOC Meeting
July 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2017
2:00-3:30 PM