Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

September 21st, 2017
Legislative Office Building
2pm  Room 2C
Progress Report

• JJPOC Proposed Legislation
• DCF RFP on Community Based Intervention as Alternative to CJTS
• Vera Institute Report on Status Offenders
  • “Just Kids: When Misbehaving is a Crime”
• The October 19th JJPOC Meeting
  • Update on JJPOC Annual Strategic Goals
  • Update of the RBA Report
  • IMRP Recidivism Parole Study
• Continued work on JJPOC Strategic Planning
Diversion Work Group Update
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- Screening Tool for Youth Service Bureau
- Status Report
  - School-based diversion plan
- Truancy subgroup
  - Referral form and Guidance document
  - Catalog of Truancy Intervention Models
- Communication and Implementation Strategy
  - Trainings for district and school staff
  - Communication to districts
  - Youth Service Bureau and LIST presentations
  - Additional trainings and presentations
Diversion Work Group Update

• Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism
  • Definitions
  • Connection between the Chronic Absenteeism Prevention and Intervention Guide and the Catalog of Truancy Intervention Models
• Why attendance matters
• What schools are doing to support regular attendance
JJPOC Studies
Update on TYJI Studies for JJPOC

• CT Juvenile Correctional Facilities: A study of youth in confinement (Phase I)
• State-funded Privately Operated Congregate Care: A Study of the Network of Residential Programs for Juvenile Offenders (Phase II)
• Pre- and Post-Assessment of Community-Based Programs and Recidivism Outcomes
• National Survey of Truancy Intervention Models
• Video Review of Use of Restraint in State-run Facilities
• Interviews with Youth Detained or Committed in State-run Facilities
JJPOC Prioritization of Goals and Initiatives
Quick Recap of July JJPOC Meeting

• Discussed need for new strategic plan starting in 2018
• Brainstormed list of focus areas (see handout, 17 in total)
• Also collected suggestions for procedural changes, e.g.
  • Need for greater communication/info sharing among working groups
  • Designation of one member from each agency to attend and participate in working groups (for consistency and continuity)

*Today, we will discuss substantive areas for JJPOC to focus on in the next strategic plan (but... the suggestions for procedural changes have not been forgotten).*
Criteria for Prioritizing Reform Initiatives

• Policy change needed is clear
• Reform effort would have a large, positive impact to improve public safety (and ensure positive outcomes for youth)
• Potential for success (with minimal risks)
• Support available
• Reform initiative fits nicely with rest of JJPOC agenda
Survey Responses

• 18 responses (out of 41 JJPOC members)
• All respondents who started survey finished survey
• Take-away/themes
Survey Results

• Issue areas that were **NOT** chosen as 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd} or 3\textsuperscript{rd} Priority

  • Address needs of most vulnerable/special populations (e.g., LGBTQI)
  • Address developmental needs of emerging adults/transitional aged youth
  • Improve education within the juvenile justice system
Survey Results For the 1st Priority

1st Priority

- Improve reentry and reintegration (as a continuum)
- Ensure smooth closure of CJTS/appropriate alternatives
- Address needs in the “front-end” of the system (prevention and diversion)
- Enhance/develop community-based programming
- Address racial and ethnic disparities
- Remove youth from adult prisons
- Other: Assess/evaluate the benefit/harm of already enacted legislative changes
- Promote restorative justice practices
- Improve response/treatment for juvenile sex offenses
- Address needs of “deep-end” population
Survey Results For the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Priority

2nd Priority

- Address needs in the "front-end" of the system (prevention and diversion)
- Address racial and ethnic disparities
- Mental/behavioral health (improve identification and services)
- Enhance/develop community-based programming
- Ensure smooth closure of CJTS/appropriate alternatives
- Improve early identification of high-risk youth
- Address needs of “deep-end” population

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Survey Results For the 3rd Priority,

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- Improve early identification of high-risk
- Stable and safe housing (assessing/school-to-prison pipeline)
- Address needs in the “front-end” of the
- Mental/behavioral health (improve)
- Address racial and ethnic disparities
- Promote restorative justice practices
- Remove youth from adult prisons
- Address needs of “deep-end” population

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Discussion

- Additional comments
- Feedback from JJPOC members
- Consensus building
Next Steps

• Further develop/define strategic priorities
  • Role of full JJPOC
  • Role of Working Groups

• Develop timeline
Next JJPOC Meeting
October 19th, 2017
2:00-3:30 PM