

# Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

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## Progress Report

- Work Group Recommendations
  - Today
  - January 28, 2016
- Process for presenting recommendations on Education and Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Studies



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## System Characteristics

- Rehabilitative responses while maintaining public safety;
- Early identification and intervention to reduce involvement with the juvenile justice system;
- Programs and services individualized/customized to youth needs, behaviors and risk;
- Families and youth are at the center of planning and decision-making;
- Reduce disproportionate minority contact;
- Data driven planning and decision making; and
- Utilization of evidence-based practices for all programming

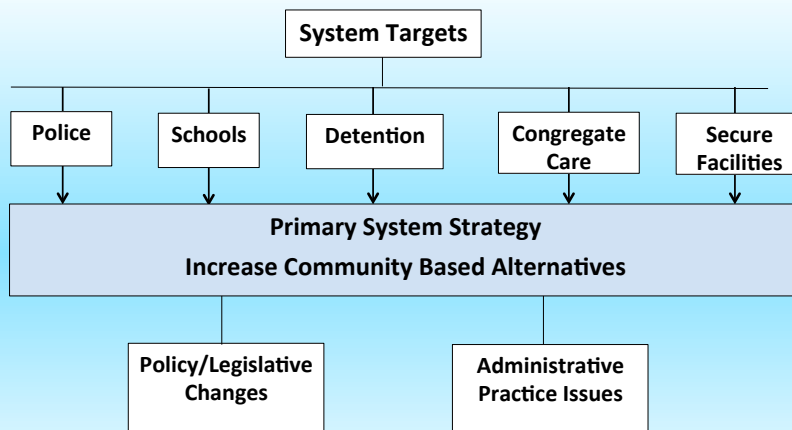


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## Work Group Update



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## Goal: Reduce Incarceration by 30%

### Recommendation #1: Reduce Use of Detention

- Limit the grounds for detention to: public safety, assure court appearance, and hold for another jurisdiction
- Validated Detention Risk Screening Instrument
- Case Review Team meeting for violation of court order
- Community-based alternatives

### Recommendation #2: Reduce Use of Secure Confinement

- Close CJTS/Pueblo in accordance with a plan jointly developed by DCF and the JJPOC that promotes public safety and youth rehabilitation.

### Recommendation #3: Reduce Use of Adult Facilities

- Review the conditions and outcomes for youth incarcerated in adult facilities and submit recommendations to the JJPOC by April 2016.



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## Goal: Increase Diversion by 20%

### Recommendation #1:

- Remove truancy and defiance of school rules as FWSN offenses once community and school based diversion services are sufficiently available and accessible to these youth.

### Recommendation #2:

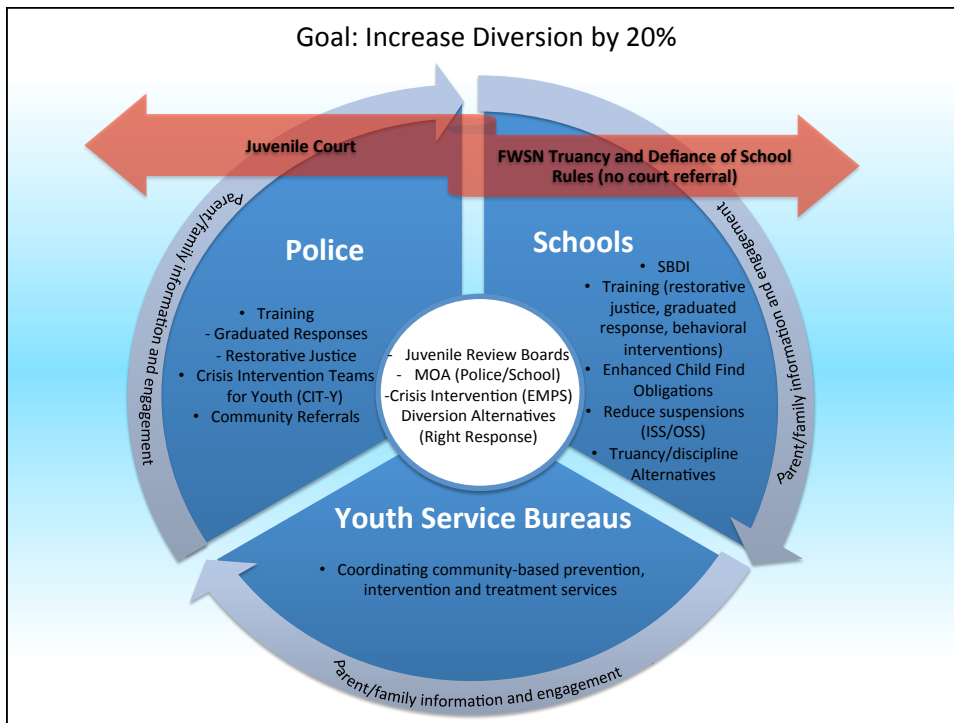
- Implement a community based diversion system that appropriately diverts youth who commit crimes, excluding serious juvenile offenses, from involvement with the juvenile justice system.



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## Goal: Decrease Recidivism by 10%

### Recommendation #1:

- Adopt and adhere to an empirically supported recidivism framework for CT's juvenile justice system

### Recommendation #2:

- Implement a restorative justice model in secure and congregate care facilities that promotes diversion as a precursor to police involvement.

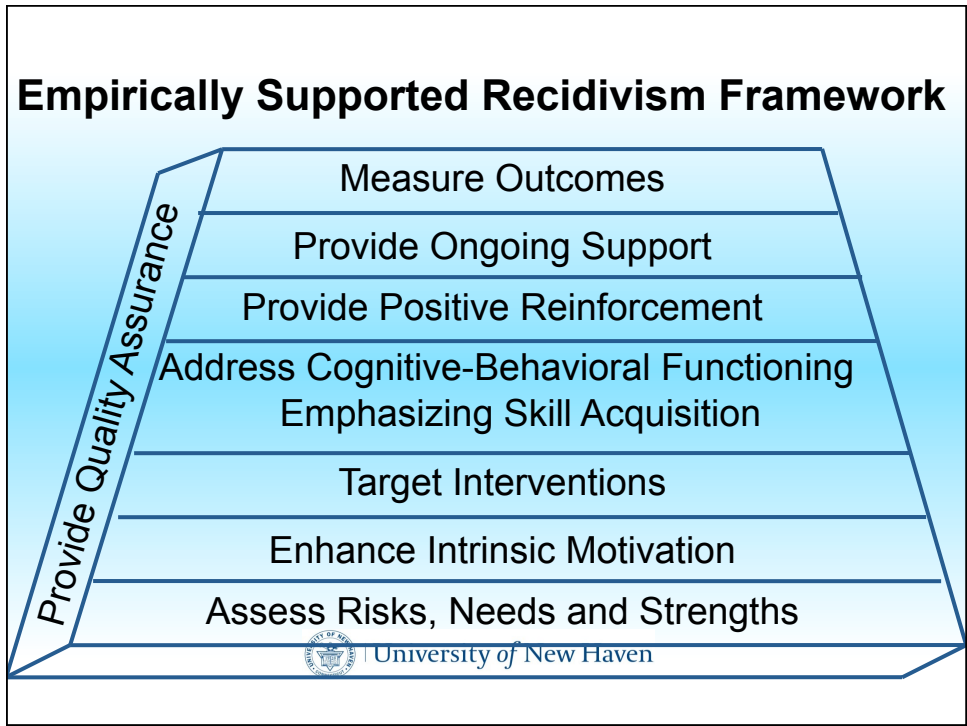
### Recommendation #3:

- Appoint a neutral single state agency to annually track, analyze and report on recidivism of all youth.



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## Goal: Cross-Agency Data Sharing

### Recommendation #1:

- Establish a permanent JJPOC juvenile justice data sharing group.

### Recommendation #2:

- Develop recommendations on the use of limited releases for **client specific data** for the sole purpose of improving case management.

### Recommendation #3:

- Develop a standard MOU template for data-sharing between Executive Branch agencies, the Judicial Branch and researchers.

## Next Steps

- **Develop Implementation Plans**
- **Define Performance Measures and Indicators**
- **Develop Progress and Outcome Monitoring Process**
- **Develop a Recidivism Reduction Plan**
- **Develop a Plan for Young Offenders Ages 21-25**



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