



## **DEPARTMENT of CHILDREN and FAMILIES**

*Making a Difference for Children, Families and Communities*

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CJTS CLOSURE PLAN OVERVIEW

JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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# Development of the Plan

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- 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

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- 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<sup>1</sup>

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## 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

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**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)