

Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

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Progress Report

- Workgroups
 - Update on Fall 2016 Agenda
 - Response to CJTS Report
- DCF Report on Next Steps Regarding Closure of CJTS
- Demonstration Project: Sharing of Student Educational Data between SDE and Judicial
- Annual Report on Strategic Goals: October 2016
- Discussion



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JJPOC Workgroup Update



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Incarceration

SIX MONTH TASKS

Detention Diversion and Release Plan (Oct)

- Preliminary plan outline reviewed by workgroup

Detention Risk Assessment (Jan)

- Subgroup formed and tool under development

Manson Youth Institution (Jan)

- Looking at data and issues in September

Study of Youth In Confinement and Congregate Care – Phase I & II (Jan)



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Diversion

SIX MONTH TASKS

Community-Based Diversion System Plan

- 30 Alliance Districts as initial focus for mapping of existing diversion services/programs and service utilization

Police Training

- Subgroup established

CJR Capstone Project

- JRB policies finalized

FWSN referrals and truancy models

- Subgroup established



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Recidivism

SIX MONTH TASKS

Vocational Education Opportunities Report (Dec)

- Preliminary inventory and best practices reviewed
- Subgroup formed

Pre-&Post Assessment of Community-Based Programs and Recidivism Outcomes (Dec)

- Data sorting and analysis underway

Adoption of Recidivism Reduction Framework (Jan)

- Tasks and timeline being developed by DCF & CSSD

Descalation Techniques in State & Private Facilities (Jan)

OPM Tracking of Recidivism Reduction (Jan)



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Data Sharing

SIX MONTH TASKS

Permanent Data Workgroup

- Established with all executive branch agencies and Judicial Branch representation

Raise the Age Study (Dec)

- Focus groups completed; Preliminary report in October
- Workgroup co-chairs collective oversight

Data Integration Plan

- Coordination process and protocols successfully tested by CSSD & DOC

RBA Implementation Plan

- Under review: system measures and roll-out to providers

Facilitate Data Coordination

- Reviewed requests from Recidivism, Diversion and Incarceration
- Tracking progress on MOA studies and lessons learned



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Workgroup Summary Feedback on CJTS Closure Plan



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Workgroup Summary Feedback

- The four workgroups held meetings during the summer to review and discuss the Plan for the Closure of CJTS.
 - Who participated?
 - Feedback Trends
 - Strengths
 - Overarching comments
 - Areas for further clarifications



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Profile of Workgroup Participation

Eighty individuals participated across the four JJPOC workgroups representing the following agencies and organizations:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Judicial Branch -- CSSD
Bridgeport JRB/LIST	Lifebridge
Child Health and Development Institute	Middletown YSB
Central CT State University/IMRP	National Alliance on Mental Illness
Center for Children's Advocacy	Office of the Chief Public Defender
CHR/EMPS	Office of the Child Advocate
Community Partners in Action	Office of Policy and Management
CT Junior Republic	Office of the State's Attorney
CT General Assembly	Partnership for Strong Communities
Connecticut Juvenile Justice Alliance	Regional Youth Adult Social Action Partnership
Connecticut Legal Services	Superior Court for Juvenile Matters
CT State Department of Education	The Governor's Prevention Partnership
CT Youth Services Association	Tow Youth Justice Institute
CT Voices for Children	University of New Haven Police Department
Department of Children and Families	Village for Children and Families
Department of Corrections	
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services	



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Strengths: Plan for CJTS Closure

- Good starting point for service improvement.
- Increasing assess and availability of non-residential community-based services and wrap-around services.
- Staff training in therapeutic approaches and programing within the facility and by JJ Social Workers.
- Ensuring JJ youth have access to broad array of DCF services.



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Overarching Feedback

- Not a full plan but an outline.
- No analysis of current services or service gaps.
- No data on evidence-informed practice that would be needed to reduce incarceration and improve re-entry outcomes while maintaining community safety.
- Missing cross-agency collaboration to improve community supervision.



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Overarching Feedback

- Focuses on enhancing access to current community-based services without a demand and availability analysis.
- Lack of acknowledgement that successful implementation of Goals 1-3 may further reduce the overall numbers in need of secure confinement.
- Missing strategies to address and reduce racial and ethnic disparities.
- Lack of clarity on the CJTS replacement based on a profile of youth, private system capacity and cost analysis.



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Areas for Further Clarification

- Population projections.
- The impact of improving community supervision on decreased readmissions.
- How assessments are/will be used for CJTS placement and treatment matching.
- No clear discussion of family engagement and pro-social supports.
- Description of the structured decision making matrix, accountability and quality assurance.
- The new visitation practices and standards.



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Further Clarification Needed

- Alignment with the community supervision continuum of services outlined in the OJJDP implementation grant.
- Analysis of current program effectiveness.
- Cost benefit analysis to determine if funds can be redeployed or redirected.
- The need for respite services or other alternatives for purposes of safety and protection in lieu of hardware secure.
- The impact of the length of stay on recidivism outcomes.



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The JJPOC work group co-chairs held a special meeting following the individual work group discussions regarding the DCF plan for the closure of CJTS. This meeting was to identify similarities and differences in the feedback from each work group.

Recommendation:

Based on the feedback, the co-chairs recommend that DCF consider utilizing the expertise of the JJPOC member organizations and engage them in a consultative process to refine and finalize the CJTS closure plan.



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DCF report on next steps on Closure of CJTS



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Demonstration Project: Sharing of Student Educational Data between SDE and Judicial



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Discussion



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Next JJPOC Meeting

- October 20th 2016



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