

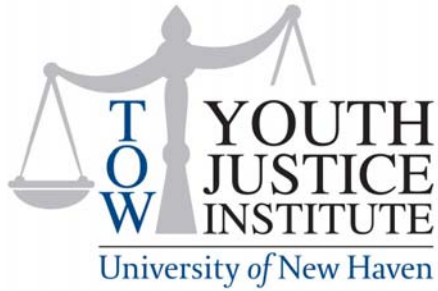
Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

***April 19th, 2018
Legislative Office Building
2pm Room 2D***

Progress Report



- JJPOC 2018 Proposed Legislation
 - Bill No. 5562 “An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the JJPOC”
- Q&A Re: Transfer of the Juvenile Justice Functions from DCF to JB
- JJPOC Work Group work plans
- JJPOC Strategic Planning Next Steps



***Update on Raised Bill No. 5562:
An Act Implementing the
Recommendations of the JJPOC***

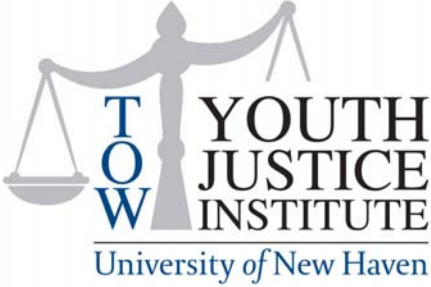
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Bill No. 5562 “An Act Implementing the
Recommendations of the JJPOC”



- Passed Judiciary Committee
- Current status of Bill No. 5562
 - Referred to OLR and OFA
- Discussion

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Q&A Re: Transfer of Juvenile Justice Functions from Department of Children and Families to Judicial Branch

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Q&A for Department of Children and Families

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Questions Received



Department of Children and Families:

- Transition plan for youth currently in DCF-funded programs that end as of June 30, 2018 (i.e. FREE)?
- Where will those youth receive services beginning July 1, 2018?
- Will there be any preparation w/ youth, families, and staff to meet & acclimate to any new programming before July 1, 2018?
- Out of state placements- how many since January 1, 2018?
- Is monitoring of out of state placement within facilities still taking place? When was the last site visit and results of the visit.
- How many AWOL since January 1, 2018-current?
- Which prevention type services will DCF still have available for child welfare youth (open to JJ and child welfare) some of which are transferred to CSSD (i.e. Work Lean, ABHS Flex Funds, etc.)

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Department of Children and Families Response


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Planning and coordination meetings since Nov. 2017

- Spreadsheet of services, funding and percentage served in the identified line items
- Information from RFI/RFP
- Scope of service for service types
- Examples of rate letters with congregate programs

Regional case transfer discussions are being scheduled




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Department of Children and Families

CJTS has a zero census

Total number of youth committed to DCF JJ/dual: 209

- 170 youth post 7/1/18



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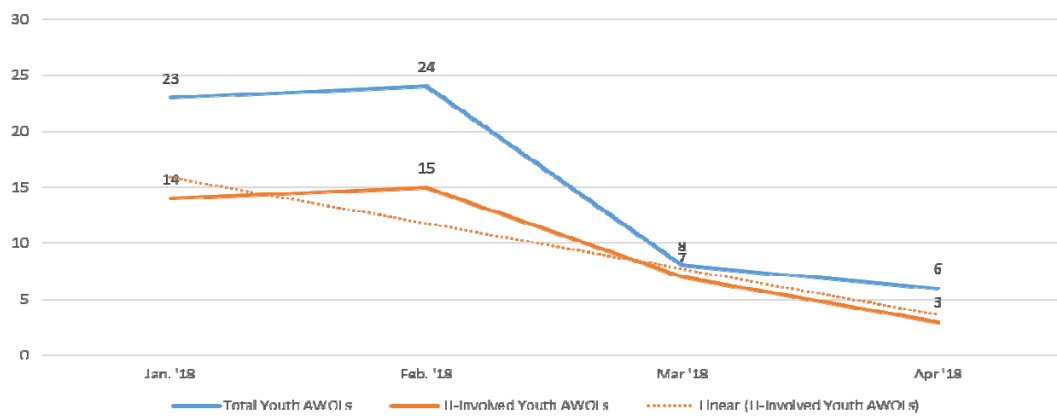
Discharges from CJTS since 1/1/18: 37
 25 to home with wraparound supports
 12 needing 24/7 residential treatment

Total number of JJ involved youth placed OOS:
 Jan. = 3; Feb. = 4; March =4; April =3
 (Consistent with trend prior to 1/1/18)




Department of Children and Families

Residential Treatment Centers- Total Youth AWOLs



PROGRAM NAME	SFY18	% of JJ
	Contracted Amount	
Fostering Responsibility, Education and Employment (F.R.E.E.)	\$ 3,065,973	72.79%
CJTS Community Reentry Pilot Project (CTRP):	\$ 428,000	100.00%
Re-Entry & Family Treatment (RAFT): MDFT adaptation	\$ 383,494	100.00%
Career Enhancement Training Program	\$ 123,632	100.00%
Multisystemic Therapy (MST): TAY QA	\$ 149,038	N/A
Multisystemic Therapy (MST)- Transitioned Aged Youth	\$ 951,400	42.86%
Intensive Home Based Services: Multi-Systemic Therapy - Transition Age Youth Enhancement (MST-TAY)	\$ 341,333	
Multi-dimensional Family Therapy (MDFT)	\$ 1,352,701	8.65%
Multi-dimensional Family Therapy (MDFT) - Consultation	\$ 161,600	0.00%
Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	\$ 416,120	1.79%
Judicial MOU - Juvenile Criminal Diversion - Local Interagency Service Teams (LIST)	\$ 150,000	0.00%
Juvenile Justice Intermediate Evaluation:	\$ 520,015	0.00%
Juvenile Review Board	\$ 656,500	0.00%
Juvenile Review Board Support and Enhancement	\$ 665,840	0.00%
Multisystemic Therapy (MST): BSF/PSB Consultation & Education	\$ 60,600	0.00%
Work Learn Youth Program	\$ 262,616	0.00%
Department of Labor MOU - Jobs for America (RTA)	\$ 70,000	0.00%
Department of Labor MOU - Summer Employment	\$ 437,500	0.00%
Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach / Assertive Continuing Care (ACRA)	\$ 128,851	0.00%
JOTLAB (Juvenile Sexual Treatment)	\$ 314,456	0.00%
School Diversion	\$ 60,000	0.00%
Edgenuity - JJ Reading Program	\$ 60,000	14.37%
ABH Flex Funds (PSA)	\$ 200,000	0.00%
	\$ 10,959,669	

**Q&A for Judicial Branch Court
Support Services Division**




Questions Received

Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division:

- Transfers to the adults system:
 - Has there been an increase in use of discretionary transfers since January 1, 2018 and what are the stats, how many pending request?
- Detention stays:
 - Has there been an increase over the past 3 months?
 - Utilization and length of stay?
 - Refusal to take kids for certain offenses (i.e. car theft, AWOLS) and what is the plan to address this?

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Questions Received

Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division:

- Current menu of services and services being added disaggregated by risk level?
- What CSSD services will still be available to DCF child welfare kids?
- What programs/services have closed and what criteria was used to determine which programs/services will be closed? How are funds being reinvested?
- Is there a working budget for the juvenile justice system program and services within the Branch?

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Questions Received




Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division:

- In the new system what does the following look like for clients classified as “high/very high risk”
 - Family engagement
 - Community Supervision and Comprehensive Case Management
- Is there room to modify the criteria to get on the approved Flex Fund vendor list?

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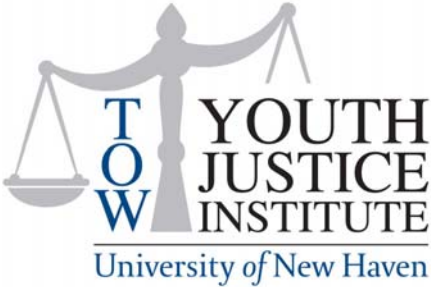
Questions Received



Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division:


- There is understandable focus on developing programs/services/facilities for high-risk/high need youth. What steps is CSSD taking to ensure the array of services for youth CSSD already serve are not being undermined or limited? Is this a concern?
- Transition plan for youth currently in DCF-funded programs that end as of June 30, 2018 (i.e. FREE)?
- Where will those youth receive services beginning July 1, 2018?
- Will there be any preparation w/ youth, families, and staff to meet & acclimate to any new programming before July 1, 2018?

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**Judicial Branch Court Support
Services Division Response**

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Transfers to Adult Court

Docket Numbers Transferred to Adult Court		
	Jan. 1, 2017 – March 31, 2017	Jan. 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018
Automatic	25	24
Discretionary	2	4
Total	27	28
Motions for Discretionary Transfer		
Motions Filed	4	12
Motions Pending	0	10

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Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division

- **Length of Detention Stays**

Average Length of Stay (days)		
	Jan. 1, 2017 – Dec. 31, 2017	Jan. 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018
Bridgeport	13.0	16.1
Hartford	12.1	15.5
Average Daily Population		
Bridgeport	23.1	27.1
Hartford	18.7	24.3

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Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division

- **Menu of Services by Risk Level**
- JB CSSD has developed a program referral matrix guide for treatment matching that takes into account:
 - Risk relevant areas (or criminogenic needs)
 - Risk of recidivating.
- Programs include numerous home- or family- evidence-based models, clinical services, community connection/day reporting programs, and congregate care centers.
- The service array is further supported by flex funds, training, quality assurance and other efforts.
- JB CSSD will also continue to rely on certain DCF and other non-contracted programs.

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Program and Services that have closed

- Minimal changes were made to the existing array of contracted services.
- The two models that were eliminated are:
 - The PARC program in Waterbury, which was consistently significantly underutilized
 - Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy (MDFT), which was duplicative of services already available through other contracts.
 - Both contracts are officially ending 6/30/18.
- The reinvestment of the funding for these programs helps support the creation of Treatment Foster Care-Oregon (TFCO), an evidence-based model for both boys and girls who are deeply matriculated in the JJ system, as an alternative to a residential placement.

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Family Engagement and Community Supervision for High/Very High Risk Clients

- Most of the models serving our highest risk youth see the entire family system as the target of intervention.
- Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) and other in-home models, like TFCO, provide as much or more service to caregivers as to the youth themselves. These programs are among the most empirically supported for recidivism reduction, largely because of the sustained gains made by focusing on the youth's natural ecology.
- Congregate care programs such as REGIONS will have staff dedicated to family engagement, reintegration home, and after care.

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Family Engagement and Community Supervision for High/Very High Risk Clients cont'd

- Family engagement is a key component of our intervention efforts.
- Juvenile Probation Officers work collaboratively with clients, families, providers, and other agencies to ensure case planning and supervision goals and strategies are tailored to the individualized needs of the client and focus on preventing future re-offending.
- Multi-disciplinary case review team meetings are held on a regular basis to coordinate services, address potential barriers, and revise and refine the case plan to ensure successful completion of supervision and long-term behavior changes.

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Flex Funding

- The approval process for potential service providers is relatively simple and straightforward, and primarily involves submitting a W-9.
- To protect and safeguard youth who would receive the services, for potential vendors who will deliver *individual* services to clients, the additional step of consenting to a national criminal record check and a CT child protective services check is required.
 - FF vendors who flag for justice system involvement are typically deemed ineligible if their cases are active or their charges occurred in the past 5 years.
 - Potential vendors with older justice system involvement can be used, depending on the nature of the charges. These decisions are made by CSSD on a case by case basis.

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Transition Plan for Youth in DCF-Funded Programs

- At this time, CSSD is finalizing a negotiation with DCF and the FREE providers that will enable us to assume responsibility and maintain those contracts through 12/31/18.
 - To ensure continuity of care, CSSD will continue to utilize DCF services and placements during the transitional period from 7/1/18 – 1/1/19.
 - CSSD and DCF are in the process of scheduling joint meetings with clients, families, and providers to facilitate the exchange of information, and review existing treatment plans to ensure continued viability and effectiveness.
 - Any changes to programming will be in conjunction with the client and family and other stakeholders

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Q&A for Office of Policy and Management

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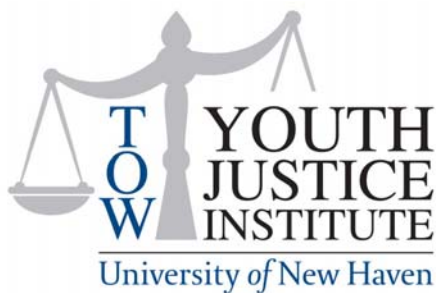
Questions Received



Office of Policy and Management:

- What is the status of funding decisions around programs currently in limbo because of movement between SIDs and agencies (i.e. Juvenile Review Boards)?
- What is the timeline for determining which agency will be responsible for those services?
- What is the status of the Juvenile Justice & Youth Development funds?

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Office of Policy and Management Response

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Office of Policy and Management



- The adopted budget transferred funding for preventative services from DCF to CSSD. The Governor's budget included funding for DCF to continue such services for JJ involved youth, CPS involved youth, and non-system involved youth.
- OPM is awaiting legislative action on the budget to determine which agency will be responsible for those services.

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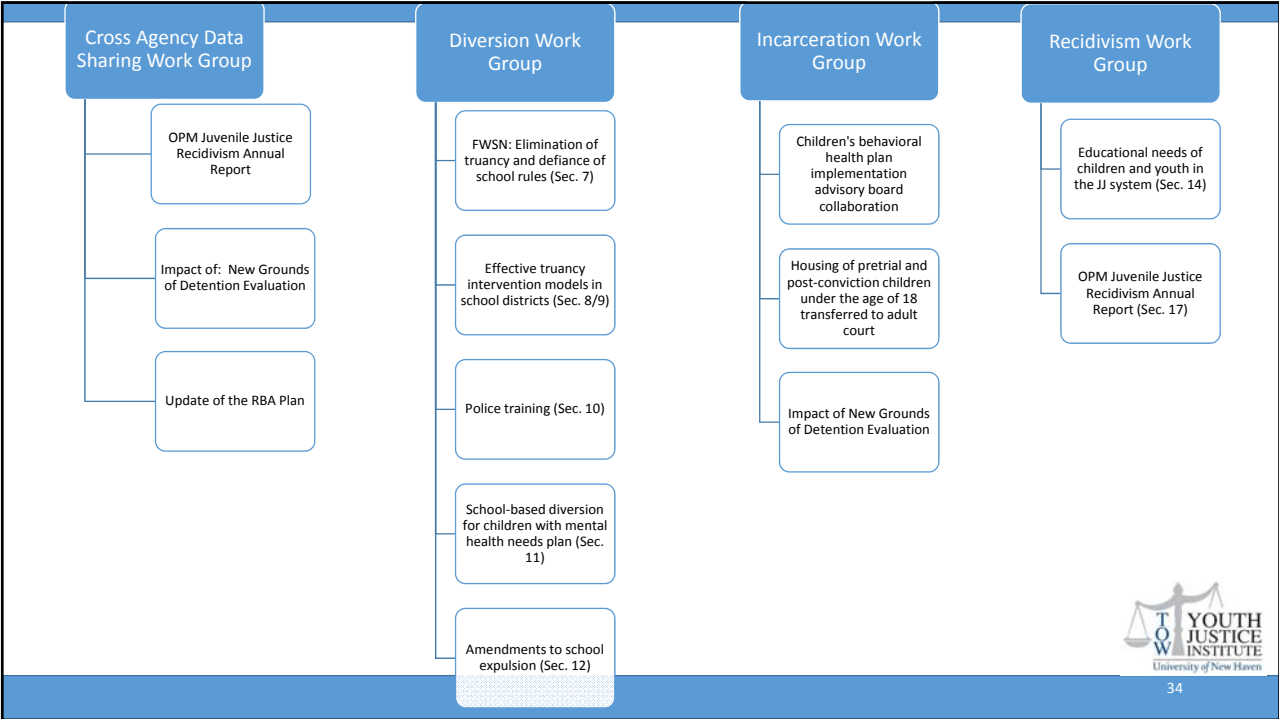
- **Funding Proposal for 2015, 2016 and 2017 JJ Formula Grant Funds**
- OPM has approximately \$1.1 million in uncommitted funds from Grant Years 2015, 2016 and 2017
- The available JJ Formula Grant funds will be targeted to Diversion activities to support a realignment of juvenile justice reform activities consistent with the goals and objectives of the JJPOC


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Update on Work Plan for JJPOC Work Groups

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Recidivism

- Educational needs of children and youth in the JJ system (Sec. 14)
- OPM Juvenile Justice Recidivism Annual Report (Sec. 17)

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Incarceration

- Children's behavioral health plan implementation advisory board collaboration
- Housing of pretrial and post-conviction children under the age of 18 transferred to adult court
- Impact of New Grounds of Detention Evaluation

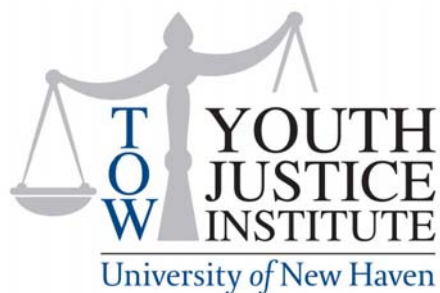
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Cross Agency Data Sharing



- OPM Juvenile Justice Recidivism Annual Report
- Impact of: New Grounds of Detention Evaluation
- Update of the RBA Plan

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***Next Step's: JJPOC
Strategic Planning***

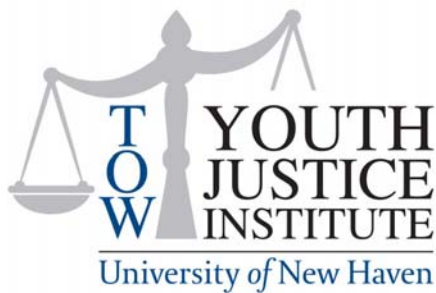
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Next Steps: JJPOC Strategic Planning



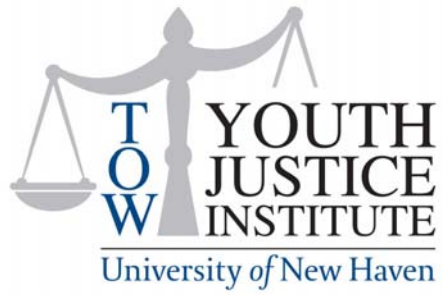
- Planning meetings with the JJPOC co-chairs, co-chairs of the JJPOC working groups and some additional stakeholders between April–June 2018.
- Planning meeting schedule will be sent out by end of week
- Written draft of the “Connecticut’s Juvenile Justice System: Progress and Challenges for 2016 and Beyond” for review and approval at the June 21, 2018 JJPOC meeting. Focus of report:
 - Progress Since start of current JJPOC strategic plan
 - Identify and outline goals for 2018-2021
 - Implementation of new goals for 2018-2021
 - Conclusion and a look forward

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Discussion

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***Next JJPOC Meeting
May 17th, 2018
2:00-3:30 PM***