



***Juvenile Justice Policy and
Oversight Committee***

September 19th, 2019

Legislative Office Building

2pm Room 1E

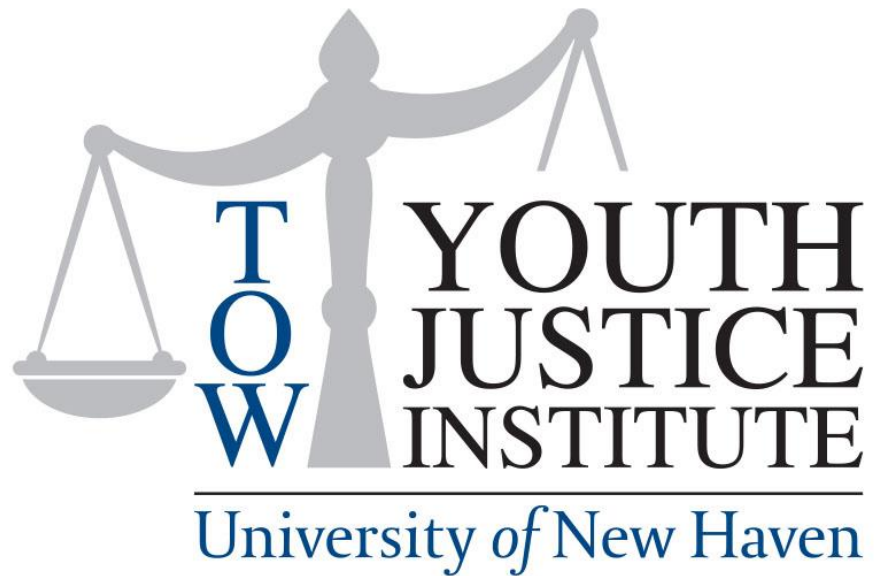
Progress Report

- New Member Introductions
- Spectrum Report Presentation
- Judicial Branch Update
- Department of Correction Presentation on Education at Manson Youth Institution
- Key Dates Regarding:
 - Peter Leone
 - Center for Children's Law & Policy Projects
 - Council of State Governments

Key Dates for Ongoing Technical Assistance Projects

- October 17th 2019
 - Preliminary Presentation from Dr. Peter Leone (Education Committee)
- November 21st 2019
 - Preliminary Presentation from Center for Children's Law & Policy (Housing of MYI/YCI Juveniles)
- December 19th 2019
 - Preliminary Presentation from Council of State Governments (Justice Reinvestment)

All presentations will occur during the regularly scheduled monthly JJPOC meetings



Update:
CT Judicial Branch
Court Support Services
Division

Judicial Branch Update

Disposition Options effective 7/1/18

- Probation Supervision with Residential Placement – up to 18 months
- Probation Supervision – also up to 18 months
- Both can be extended an additional 12 months (total period of up to 30 months)

New Residential Programs: The Judicial Branch has established new treatment-oriented residential facilities for juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent.

- Two categories – **Secure** and **Staff-Secure**.
- The recommended level of a placement is determined through a comprehensive assessment process that informs the Court to assist in the adjudication of each case.
- Juveniles are not sentenced to a set period of time in these programs. Discharge is based on the progress they make with respect to their individualized treatment goals.

Judicial Branch Update

Juvenile Probation

Expansion of Juvenile Probation Officer Role and Services

- Juvenile Probation Officers maintain client contact/relationship and case management responsibility throughout placement, to promote the client's engagement in treatment, attainment of goals and transition back into the community.
- Supervision practices and case planning are aligned with cognitive-behavioral principles to promote behavioral change in risk relevant domains.
- Juvenile Probation Officers identify natural supports and community resources to ensure sustainable connections and linkages after the completion of probation.
- Expanded capacity to modify conditions of probation without filing new charges for technical violations.

Judicial Branch Update

Juvenile Probation – Continuity of Supervision and Re-entry Planning

- Re-entry planning begins immediately following placement to ensure continuity of services and supervision post-release.
- Juvenile Probation Officers work collaboratively with clients, families, and providers to address barriers to successful reintegration and identify resources needed to succeed in the community and prevent recidivism.
- Treatment and community interventions address targeted risk and provide opportunities for prosocial development across life domains.
- Juvenile Probation Officers apply a developmentally-appropriate, strength-based approach to supervision; officers encourage accountability and promote positive behavior change through the use of graduated responses and incentives.

Judicial Branch Update

Community-Based Programs – REGIONS Secure in the Community

- Boys' program in Hamden, operated by CPA: 8 beds
- Considerable renovation required
 - *By September 30, 2019, construction documents due to Judicial from A&E firm.*
 - *By October 15, 2019, Judicial Facilities, CSSD and A&E firm will make refinements.*
 - *By November 5, 2019, the architectural and engineering firm will finalize specs.*
 - *November 2019 – January 2020, a JB bid process will determine which construction company provides renovations.*
 - *By March 2020, construction begins.*
 - *By August 2020, the program is ready to accept clients.*

Judicial Branch Update

REGIONS Secure in the Community, cont'd

- Third bid for additional REGIONS Secure In the Community released July 17, 2019.
 - No responses received by due date September of 12, 2019.
- Girls' Limited-Secure Program: Bid process is underway
 - Contract inherited from DCF expires December 31, 2019
 - RFP issued May 2, 2019; closed June 2019
 - Bid recommendation under legal review.
- Staff Secure Programs
 - 2 programs are currently operational
 - 20 beds total
 - 3rd program coming on-line in January 2020 (minor renovations required)
 - Will add 8 additional beds
 - 4th program bid pending release.

Judicial Branch Update

REGIONS Diversion & Re-Entry Supports

- Per Diem Beds
- Per Diem Services
 - Bid anticipated for release in November 2019
- Treatment Foster Care Oregon – Adolescents (TFCO-A)
- MST Family-Integrated Transitions (MST FIT)
 - Services available in January 2020
- Prosocial Detention Services
 - Services currently in place
 - New RFP scheduled for release in Spring 2020

Judicial Branch Update

Community-Based Programs

- Vocational Services
 - MOA and RFP
- MST Transition-Aged Youth (TAY)
 - Proposal review panel to meet on September 23, 2019
- MultiSystemic Therapy (MST)
- Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
- Flex Funds
- LYNC
- LISTs

Judicial Branch Update



REGIONS Secure Programs

- Secure treatment programs established at each detention center (Bridgeport and Hartford) for the highest risk youth.
- Total Capacity: 24 beds
- Yale Behavioral Health provides Clinical Manager, 2 clinicians for each program, and psychiatry. Judicial provides case management, youth mentoring, and prosocial programming through existing staff and contractors.
- Bridgeport Public Schools and Hartford Public Schools, through DOMUS, provides educational services.
- Programs have been at capacity for the past 8 months, with a waiting list at most times.
 - Stage 1 Treatment Program has been developed for youth on wait list.
- Services for girls are provided at Journey House through Natchaug Hospital/Hartford Healthcare. Total Capacity: 2 treatment beds and one respite bed.

Judicial Branch Update



REGIONS Staff-Secure Programs

Three Providers:

- Boys & Girls Village, Milford (capacity of 12)
- Connecticut Junior Republic, Waterbury (capacity of 8)
- Community Partners in Action, Hartford (will have capacity of 8).

All provide the following:

- Staff-secure treatment and programming similar to secure programs to allow for continuity of care, reinforcement of skills building and prosocial thinking
- Approved Private Special Education Programs
- On-site, Hands-on Vocational Programming
- Reintegration Mentors work with youth and their Juvenile Probation Officers for 3 months post-discharge.

Judicial Branch Update

Assessments and Dispositions from 7-1-2018 through 8-31-19

- 123 juveniles received a comprehensive forensic and behavioral health evaluation to determine public safety risk and treatment needs.
- 51 juveniles have been placed in the REGIONS Secure programs.
- 55 have been admitted to REGIONS Staff-Secure.
- 30 have been placed in specialized per diem beds.
- 26 girls have been admitted to Journey House.

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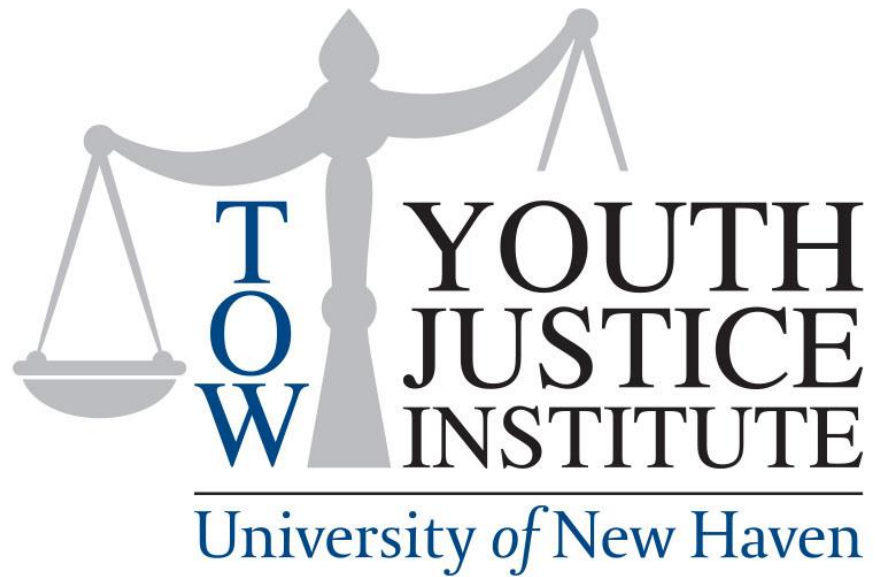
REGIONS Treatment & Programming

- START: AV assessment and Integrated Treatment Plan used to develop treatment goals and monitor progress.
- Multidisciplinary team meetings weekly and monthly.
- Incentive Program to motivate participation and behavior change.
- Restorative Practices to increase social understanding, build community, and develop personal responsibility.
- Prosocial Programming to address gang affiliation and antisocial thinking, explore creative interests, develop soft employment skills, and promote leadership skills.
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) to teach mindfulness, distress tolerance, emotional regulation, and interpersonal effectiveness.

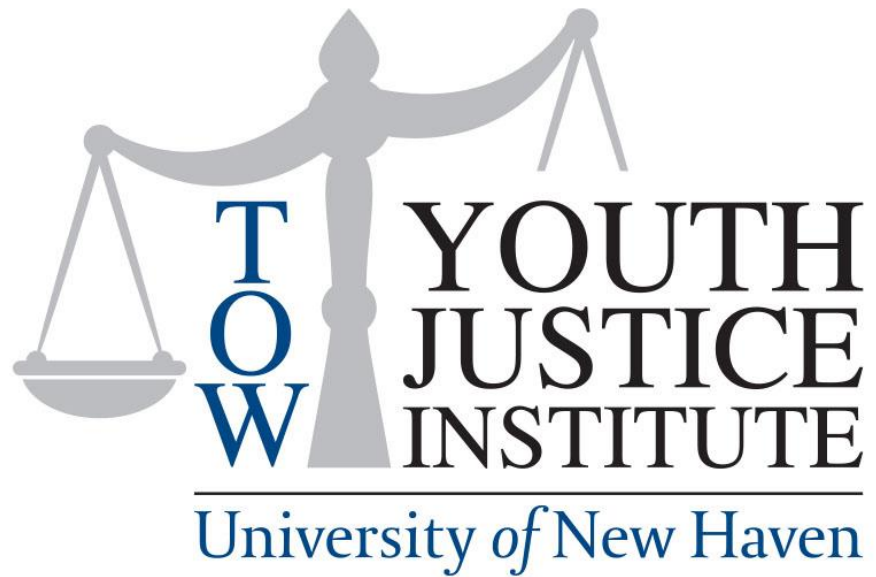
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REGIONS Continuous Quality Improvement

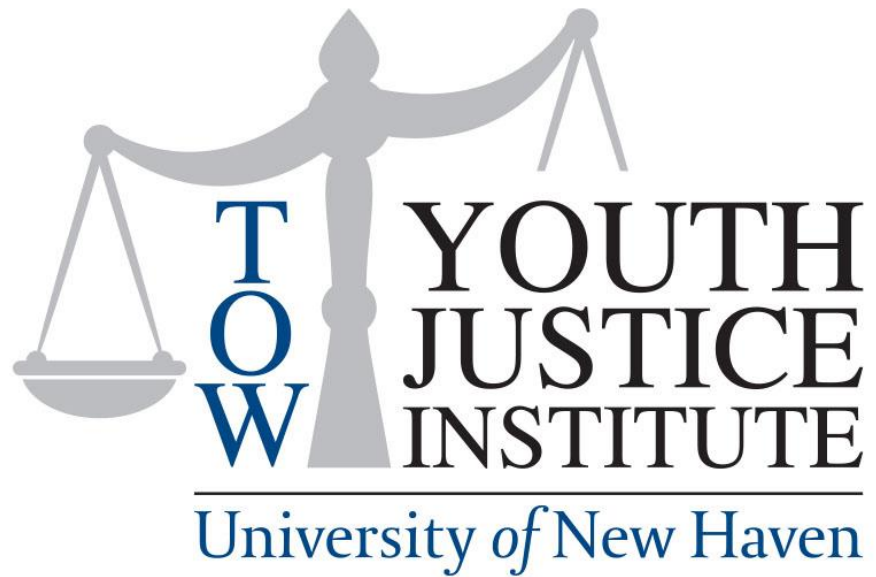
- Weekly Youth Council & restorative circles, biweekly ombudsperson visits, weekly milieu & progress tracking, bimonthly planning & implementation meetings.
- Ongoing development of incentives, complex case review, vocational programming, and expansion of recreational space and activities.
- Monthly consultation with REGIONS Clinicians and reviews of Integrated Treatment Plans; review of application of DBT in treatment plans.
- Quarterly review of assessments by Clinical Coordinators.
- DBT training and consultation for minimum of 3 years.
- Development of data reports to monitor youth outcomes and program effectiveness.



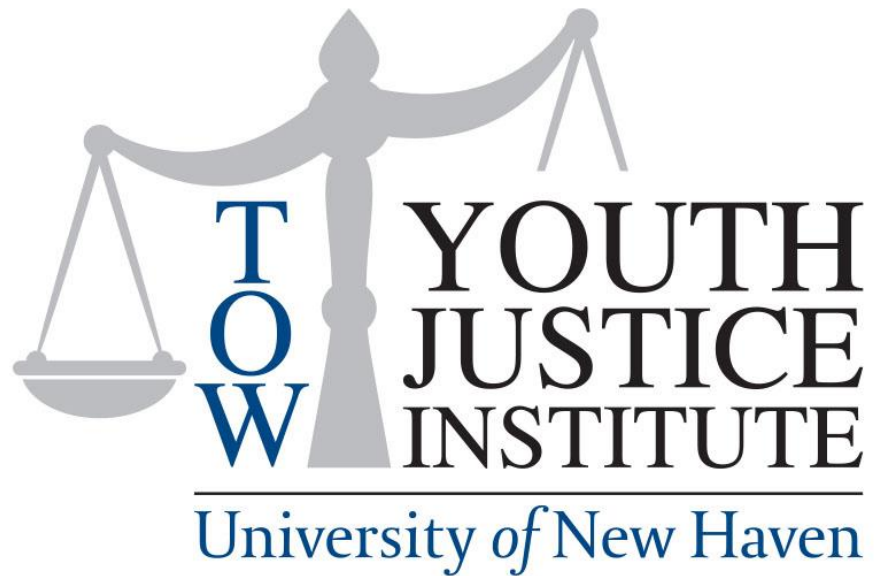
Questions
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Discussion



**Update:
Department of
Correction**



Discussion



Next JJPOC Meeting
October 17, 2019
2:00 – 3:30 PM