

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

***December 6, 2022 Meeting***

**2:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

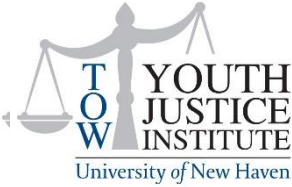
LOB- 300 Capitol Ave Hartford , **Room 2E**  
Virtual Option Available

# Opening Remarks

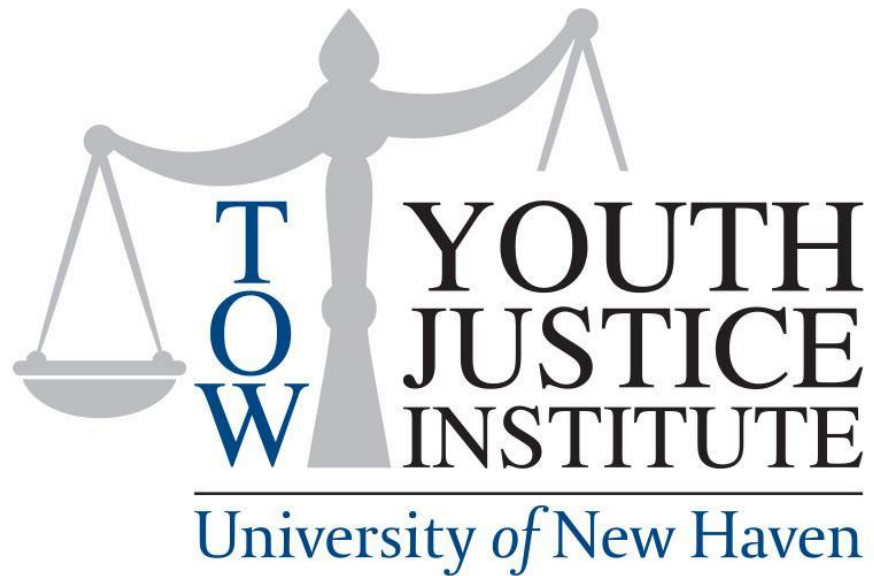


- Welcome and Introductions - Rep Toni Walker and Under Sec. Marc Pelka
  - Approval of November 2022 Meeting Minutes

# Meeting Agenda



- **Presentation: 2022 YSB/JRB Landscape Analysis: A Comprehensive analysis of the current capacity & functioning of the YSB's and JRB's of CT**
  - Erica Bromley, Juvenile Justice Consultant CYSA,
  - Kate McDonald, DillingerRAD;
  - Kathryn Dube, Executive Director CYSA;
  - Scott Cochran, President CYSA
- **Overview 2023 JJPOC Recommendations**
  - Workgroup Chairs



## ***Preliminary Presentation of Draft 2023 JJPOC Recommendations***

Tow Youth Justice Institute and  
JJPOC Workgroup Co-Chairs

# Diversion Workgroup Recommendations

# Alternatives to Arrest Subgroup



## **Charge of the Alternatives to Arrest Subgroup**

PA 21-174 Sec. 12. Designates an implementation team to develop plans for mandatory prearrest diversion of low-risk children. The tasks of the implementation team are outlined below. By January 1, 2022 the team was to develop a plan for automatic prearrest diversion for children to youth service bureaus or other services in lieu of arrest for Tier 1 offenses: simple trespass and creating a public disturbance. By January 1, 2023 they were to develop a plan for automatic prearrest diversion in lieu of Tier 2 offenses: breach of peace, larceny in the fifth and sixth degree, and disorderly conduct.

# Alternatives to Arrest Subgroup



## What has been done

Throughout 2022 the Alternatives to Arrest Subgroup has:

- Reviewed updated data of Tier 1 and Tier 2 offenses from Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division, reviewed data from JRB's and YSB's, studied current pilot programs in Juvenile Probation, reviewed best practices, and drafted a uniform pre-arrest diversion referral form.
- Created an Addendum to the 2022 Implementation Plan with findings and recommendations for mandatory pre-arrest diversion of low-risk children to youth service bureaus or other services for Tier 1 and Tier 2 offenses by July 1, 2023.

## **2023 Recommendations (See Recommendation in Brief for full language)**

Beginning July 1, 2023, the following behaviors would be automatically diverted pre-arrest to the community-based diversion system for first and second-time offenses: simple trespass, creating a public disturbance, disorderly conduct, larceny in the fifth and sixth degree, and breach of peace.

# Raise the Minimum Age Subgroup



## What has been done

Throughout 2022 the Raise the Minimum Age Subgroup has:

- Reviewed updated data from Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division, reviewed data from JRB's and YSB's, studied current pilot programs in Juvenile Probation, reviewed systemic practices and policies, and reviewed national and international best practices.

## **2023 Recommendations (See Recommendation in Brief for full language)**

Amend legislation for raising the minimum age of juvenile court jurisdiction from ten years to twelve years, effective July 1, 2023.



# Incarceration Workgroup Recommendations

# Commissary Subgroup



## Charge of the Commissary Subgroup

PA 21-174 Sec. 12. The subgroup shall study commissary needs for all persons 18-21 years of age who are incarcerated in DOC facilities. This subgroup may make recommendations for legislation and shall report any such recommendations to the Department of Administrative Services and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly.

# Commissary Subgroup

## What has been done

Throughout 2022 the Commissary Subgroup has:

- Reviewed national best practices of youth facilities, reviewed practices of the Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division, reviewed JBCSSD PBIS practices, studied PBIS models, learned about MYI's PBIS initiative, worked in close collaboration with DOC, reviewed fiscal analyses
- Created an Addendum to the 2022 Commissary Report

## **2023 Recommendations (See Recommendation in Brief for full language)**

By October 1, 2023, DOC shall implement a PBIS framework in their facilities that house youth 17 and under, and by January 1, 2024, in their facilities that house young adults 18-24 years old. By July 1, 2023 DOC, in consultation with the Incarceration Workgroup, shall submit a commissary implementation plan to the JJPOC. The plan shall be implemented by October 1, 2023, in facilities housing youth 17 and under. The plan shall be funded by the legislature and governor. In the interim, DOC shall address inequities of their commissary system.

# Re-entry Subgroup



## What has been done

Throughout 2022 the Re-entry Subgroup has:

- Reviewed national best practices, met with Maine DOC to discuss their youth re-entry services and transitional living programs, studied JBCSSD re-entry policies, reviewed DOCs re-entry policies, spoke with youth from MYI about their needs and gaps in services

## 2023 Recommendations (See Recommendation in Brief for full language)

By October 1, 2023, as a collective DOC, DCF, JBCSSD, Incarceration Workgroup, Community Expertise Workgroup, and the Education Workgroup shall develop a Reentry Success Plan for youth released from DOC and Judicial Branch facilities and contracted programs for the purpose of reintegrating these youth back into their communities successfully. The plan shall include a quality assurance framework, restorative and transformative principles, information on federal and state funding supports for the plan. The plan shall be reported to the JJPOC by January 1, 2024.

# Community Expertise Workgroup Recommendations

# Community Expertise Workgroup



## What has been done

Throughout 2022 the Community Expertise Workgroup has:

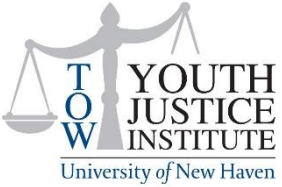
- Worked closely with Consultant Laura Furr to survey members of the workgroup to enhance and strengthen the language of the recommendations.

## **2023 Recommendations (See Recommendation in Brief for full language)**

PA 14-217 be amended to increase the membership of the JJPOC to include: Two children/youth/young adults between the ages of 18 and 26 with lived expertise in the juvenile justice system, and One community member, which could include family members of youth impacted by the juvenile justice system or credible messengers with lived expertise in the justice system and currently working with youth in the juvenile justice system; both nominated by the Community Expertise Workgroup. The state shall fund sponsor organizations to support members appointed by the Community Expertise Workgroup with transportation, childcare, and stipends to enable member participation.

# Suspension and Expulsion Workgroup Recommendations

# Suspension and Expulsion Workgroup



## Charge of the Suspension & Expulsion Workgroup

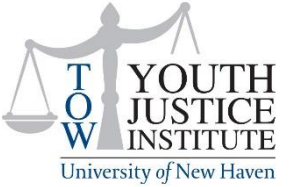
Section 8 of Public Act No. 21-174 established this committee “for the purpose of studying the effects of and possible alternatives to suspensions and expulsions of students in any grade.” By January 1, 2022, the group was to complete a report concerning the effects of and alternatives to suspension and expulsion of students in preschool through second grade, including findings and recommendations, to the JJPOC. By January 1, 2023 the group was to complete a report concerning the effects of and alternatives to suspension and expulsion of students in grades 3-8 and 9-12, including findings and recommendations, to the JJPOC.

## What has been done

- Throughout 2022 the Suspension and Expulsion Workgroup has:
- Reviewed national best practices, worked with Bellwether Consultants, reviewed the 2022 Suspension & Expulsion report, gained qualitative insight from educators focus group conducted and analyzed by Dr. Danielle Cooper, University of New Haven/ Tow Youth Justice Institute

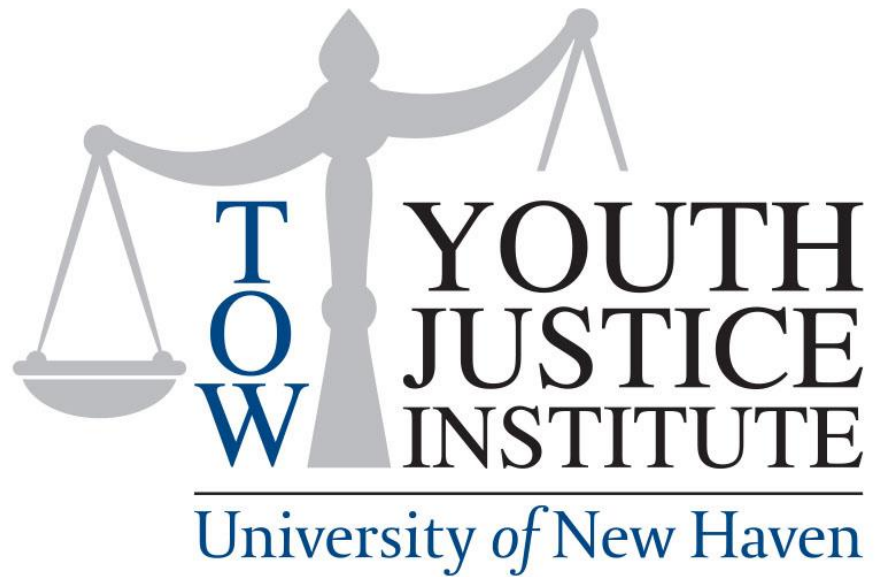


# Suspension and Expulsion Workgroup

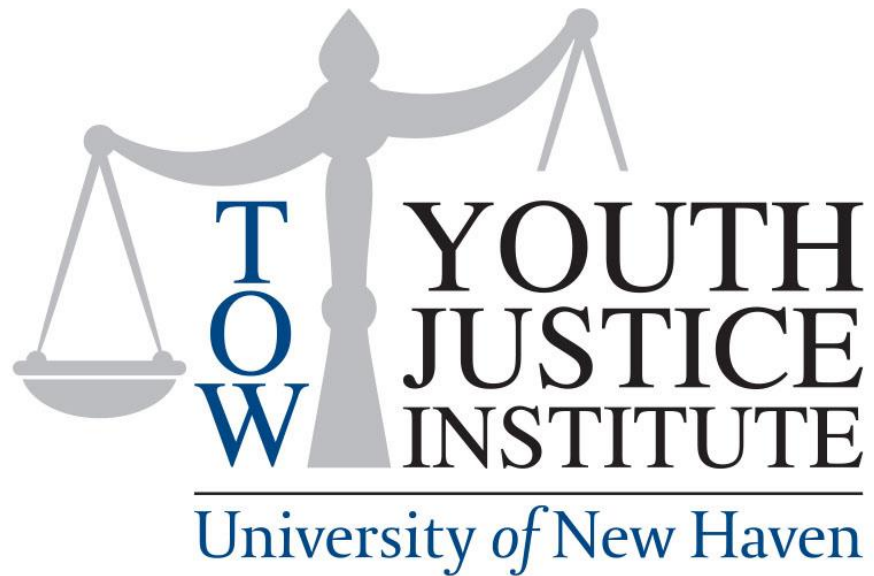


## **2023 Recommendations(See Recommendation in Brief for full language)**

Effective July 1, 2024, the State Department of Education shall require certain districts to submit a response and improvement plan to CSDE and the committee of cognizance and a phased-in plan with the aim to reduce and cap classroom student-to-teacher ratio beginning July 1, 2024, through July 1, 2028. Encourage all schools to administer the Columbia Suicide Severity Scale. Effective July 1, 2024, the legislature and the Governor shall fund 4 additional positions to the State Department of Education for the purpose of providing support, technical assistance, on-site monitoring, and oversight of districts improvements plans and provide funds to permit districts to implement improvement plans. Effective July 1, 2023, through July 1, 2026, for purpose of a case study of reporting on Alternative Educational Opportunities (AEOs) from the ten largest districts, districts shall report on a twice-yearly basis to Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee and to the CSDE. Effective July 1, 2024, the Department of Education shall organize a team comprised of members of the subcommittee and others to develop guidance and strategies that aim to reduce out-of-school suspension and expulsions in pre-k -2 including precise, research-based, developmentally appropriate definitions of the terms “violent or sexual nature”



Questions  
and  
Discussion



Next Meeting  
Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
2:00PM – 3:30PM

**VOTING MEETING**