



Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

Feb. 16th, 2023

LOB- 300 Capitol Ave Hartford , Room 2E

Virtual Option Available

Opening Remarks

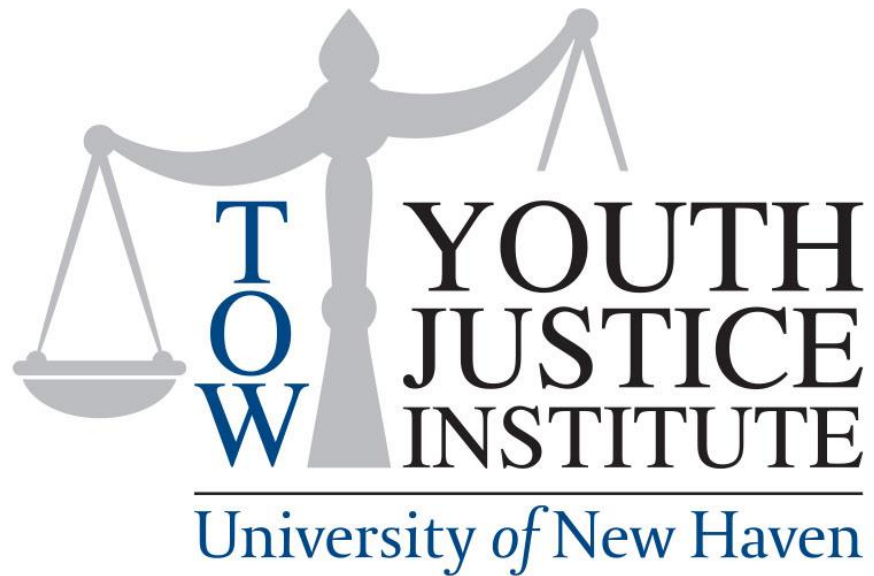
- Roll Call
 - Identify Voting (*) vs. Non-Voting Members for Virtual Attendees
- Meeting facilitation
 - Meeting is being recorded
 - Remain “muted” on Zoom, unless speaking
 - Refrain from interrupting with comments or questions until each presenter is finished speaking
 - Questions and Comments will be limited to JJPOC members
 - Virtual attendants: use the “Chat” and “Hand Raising” feature so TYJI can help monitor and facilitate the meeting

Meeting Overview

- Voting Process
 - A quorum of 21 JJPOC members must be present
 - Appointed authority OR Designee will vote
 - Roll call vote for each recommendation
 - Members attending virtually: you must be on camera and verbalize your vote
 - Consensus shall be reached through a simple majority

Meeting Overview

- Proposed 2023 JJPOC Recommendations for Discussion and Adoption
 - Incarceration Workgroup Recommendations
 - Diversion Workgroup Recommendations
- DOC Report out on PA 19-187
- JBCSSD Report out on PA 19-187



***Incarceration Work Group
Proposed 2023
Recommendations***

Incarceration Work Group Proposed 2023 Recommendations

• Recommendation 1

The Department of Correction shall develop in consultation with the JJPOC Incarceration Subcommittee a commissary implementation plan and shall submit the plan to the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee, no later than July 1, 2023.

The Plan, which shall be implemented by DOC for youth 17 and under no later than October 1st, 2023, and funded by the legislature and Governor, shall include:

- a. An integrated positive behavior motivation system to engage and reinforce positive youth behaviors and expectations that can be used as payment for commissary goods in place of a monetary system.
- b. Revision of commissary policies and procedures to include the development and implementation of positive behavior motivation policies and procedures.
- c. Increases in incentives in a way that promotes good health and recognizes the diverse range of ethnic groups, races, sexes, and cultural backgrounds.
- d. Identification of those youth within the institution that do not currently have equitable access to commissary, including indigent youth, youth without family supports and youth with disabilities for whom their disabilities are contributing to their lack of commissary, and implementing strategies for equitable access to commissary.
- e. Incorporation of practices as noted in P.A. 22-188 sec. 82-83 addressing access to menstrual products.
- f. Consideration for the transition of saved commissary Legislation, Policy, Fiscal allocations and how those funds can be transitioned and accessed when a youth is transferred to an adult unit facility.
- g. Consideration for on-going training and technical assistance (i.e., CREC PBIS)
- h. Continuous Quality Improvement system for ongoing monitoring of the implementation of the plan.
- i. Twice yearly surveys or focus groups to obtain feedback from the youth within its facilities on the ways to improve its system.

DOC, in the interim while awaiting implementation of the new Plan, shall, as noted in 1(d) above, address strategies for equitable commissary options for youth with vulnerabilities.

Incarceration Work Group Proposed 2023 Recommendations

- Recommendation 2

Effective Oct 1, 2023, correctional facilities where children 17 and under are housed, shall implement a Positive Behavioral Motivational framework which is a comprehensive universal facility approach to promote a positive environment.

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- Recommendation 3

No later than January 1, 2024, an implementation plan for the Positive Behavioral Motivational framework to be used within correctional facilities where individuals 18-year-old to 24 years-old are housed, will be completed and shall include an implementation date.

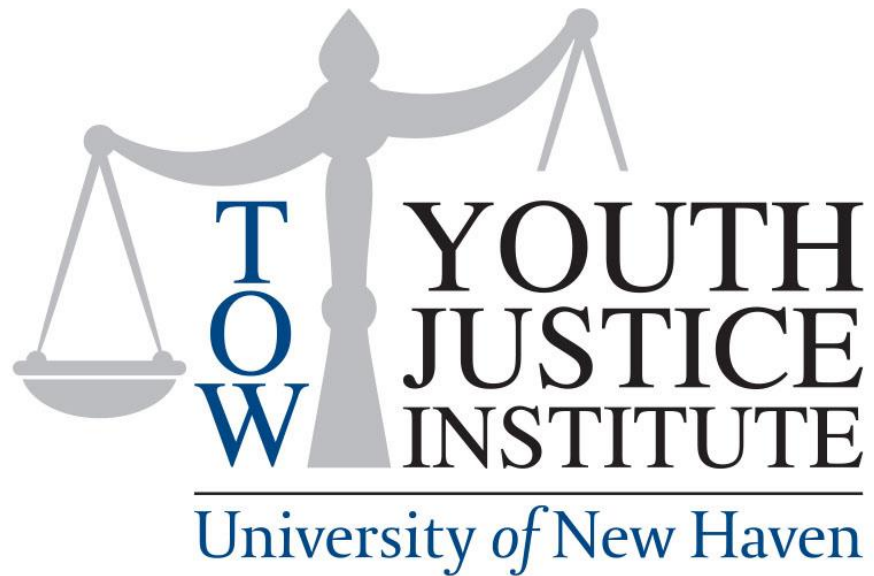
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- Recommendation 4

The Judicial Branch, the Department of Correction, and the Department of Children and Families shall, in consultation with the JJPOC's Incarceration Workgroup, the Community Expertise Workgroup, and the Education Workgroup 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. Such plan shall be developed no later than October 1, 2023.

1. In development of the Reentry Success Plan, the abovementioned entities shall examine
 - a. reentry models and best practices around the country, including reentry hubs and community-based enhanced reentry wraparound services (New Jersey), and transitional housing (Long Creek in Maine).
 - b. expansion of community Reentry Roundtables and Welcome Centers to include focus on youth; and
 - c. any other considerations deemed necessary for successful implementation of the plan.
2. Such plan shall incorporate restorative and transformative justice principles, and shall include but not be limited to,
 - a. the provision of individualized academic support, and the role of school districts in ensuring the provision of academic, vocational and transition support services,
 - b. connection of youth to vocational and workforce opportunities,
 - c. connection to developmentally appropriate housing,
 - d. delivery of trauma informed mental health and substance use treatments,
 - e. development of restorative justice re-entry circles,
 - f. utilization of credible messengers as mentors and/or transition support providers.
 - g. role of reentry coordinators
3. The plan shall include a proposed quality assurance framework, including the collection of appropriate data, promulgation of a public dashboard, and the monitoring framework to ensure the successful discharge and re-entry of incarcerated youth.
4. The plan shall include information regarding federal and state funding sources to support a comprehensive reentry model and identify priorities and appropriate timelines for implementation. Such Plan shall be presented to the JJPOC for its consideration no later than January 1, 2024.



***Diversion Work Group
Proposed 2023
Recommendations***

Diversion Work Group Proposed 2023 Recommendations



- Recommendation 1

A. The following behaviors would be automatically diverted pre-arrest to the Community-Based Diversion System for first and second-time offenses. This would still allow law enforcement, schools, and other systems to refer youth to a Youth Service Bureau (YSB)/Juvenile Review Board or other local agency in lieu of an arrest.

Beginning July 1, 2023:

- a. simple trespass under section 53a-110a of the general statutes
- b. creating a public disturbance under section 53a-181a of the general statutes
- c. disorderly conduct under section 53a-182 of the general statutes
- d. larceny in the fifth degree under section 53a-125a or 53a-125b of the general statutes
- e. larceny in the sixth degree under section 53a-125a or 53a-125b of the general statutes
- f. breach of peace in the second degree under section 53a-181 of the general statutes

B. The February 2022 Alternatives to Arrest Implementation Plan outlines further recommendations for implementation.

1. Capacity of YSBs and other local agencies to provide services for this population
2. Accountability mechanisms
3. Process for victim input and involvement
4. Data collection for tracking YSB referrals
5. Communication and outreach to stakeholders on accessing

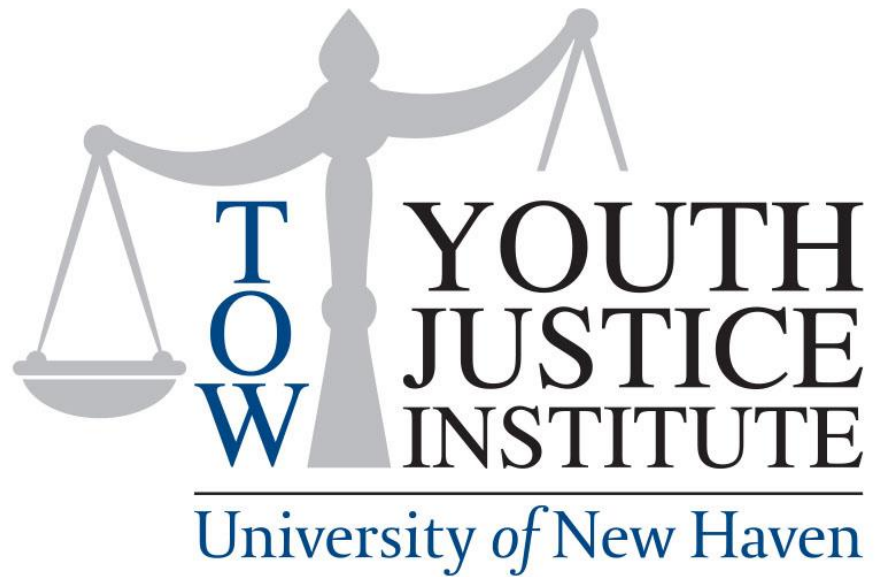
Diversion Work Group Proposed 2023 Recommendations



- Recommendation 2

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

- Children diverted from the court jurisdiction shall be serviced through, including but not limited to, the Children's Behavioral Health Services System, community-based diversion system/youth service bureaus, and or juvenile review boards, and other existing community resources.
- July 1, 2024, JJPOC Diversion workgroup shall submit to the full JJPOC a report on implementation status of the alternative handling strategies



DOC Report PA 19-187

Manson Youth Institution



The Commissioner of Correction and the executive director of the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Department shall report to the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee established under section 46b-121n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, annually, not later than January fifteenth for the previous calendar year on the following:

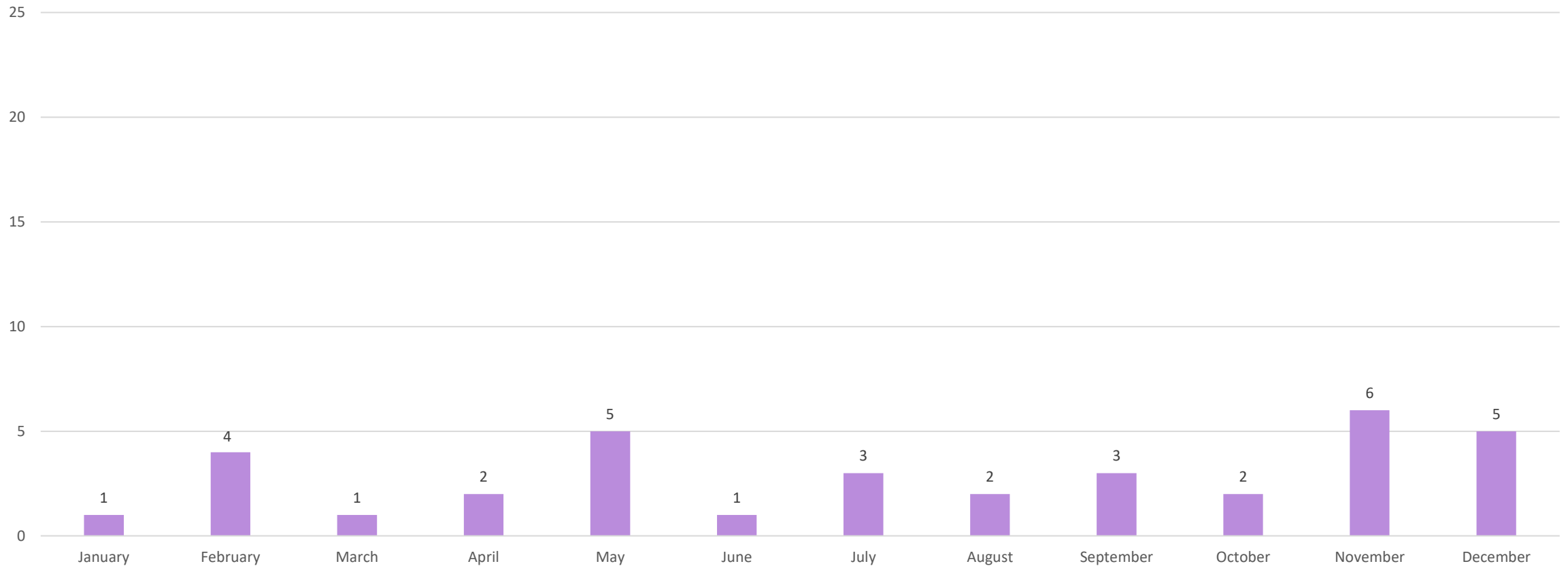
(1) Suicidal and self-harming behaviors exhibited by persons detained in juvenile detention centers and correctional facilities where persons ages seventeen years and under are detained under said commissioner's or executive director's control or oversight;

(2) Uses of force against and the imposition of physical isolation of persons detained in juvenile detention centers and correctional facilities where persons ages seventeen years and under are detained under said commissioner's or executive director's control or oversight; and

(3) Any educational or mental health concerns for persons detained in juvenile detention centers and correctional facilities where persons ages seventeen years and under are detained under said commissioner's or executive director's control or oversight."

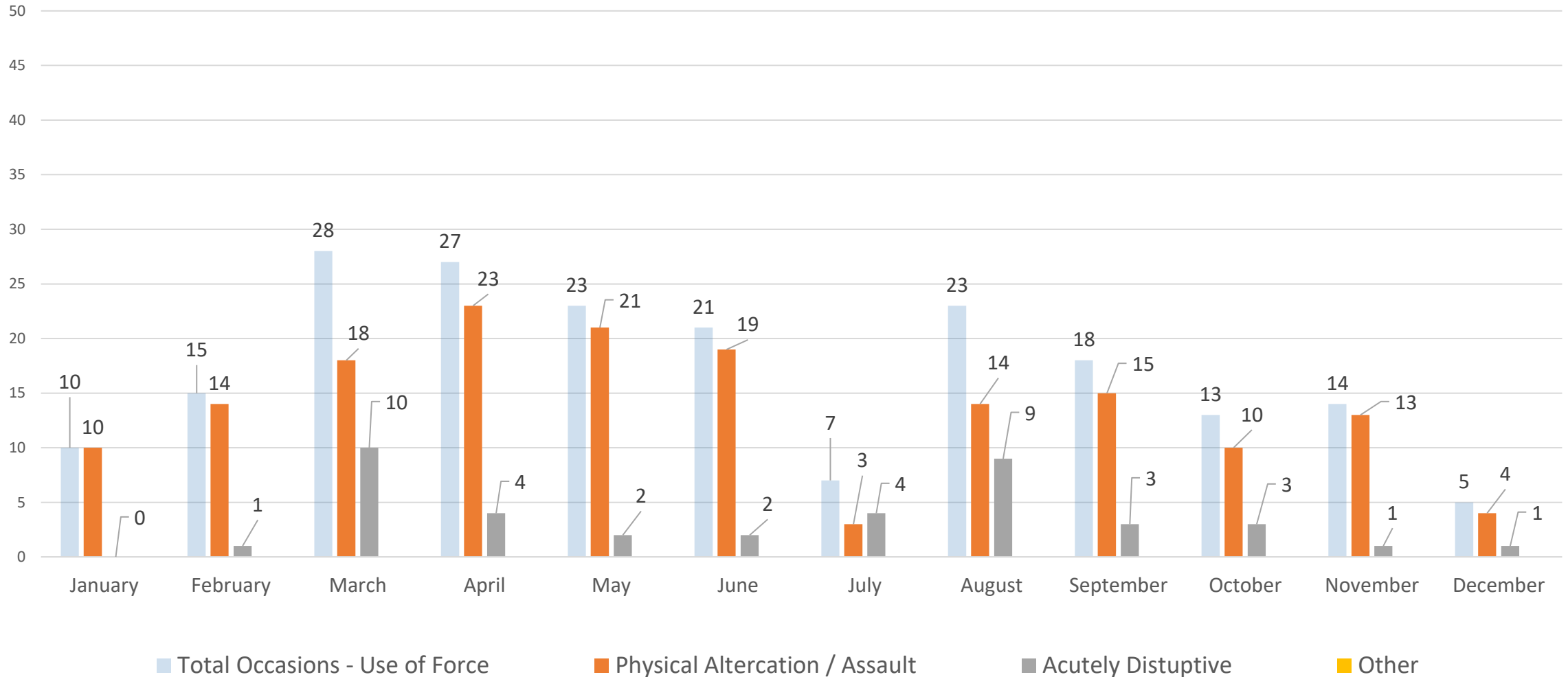
Mental Health Concerns – 17 and under

Juveniles Placed in an Infirmary Setting under Staggered or Continuous Observation.



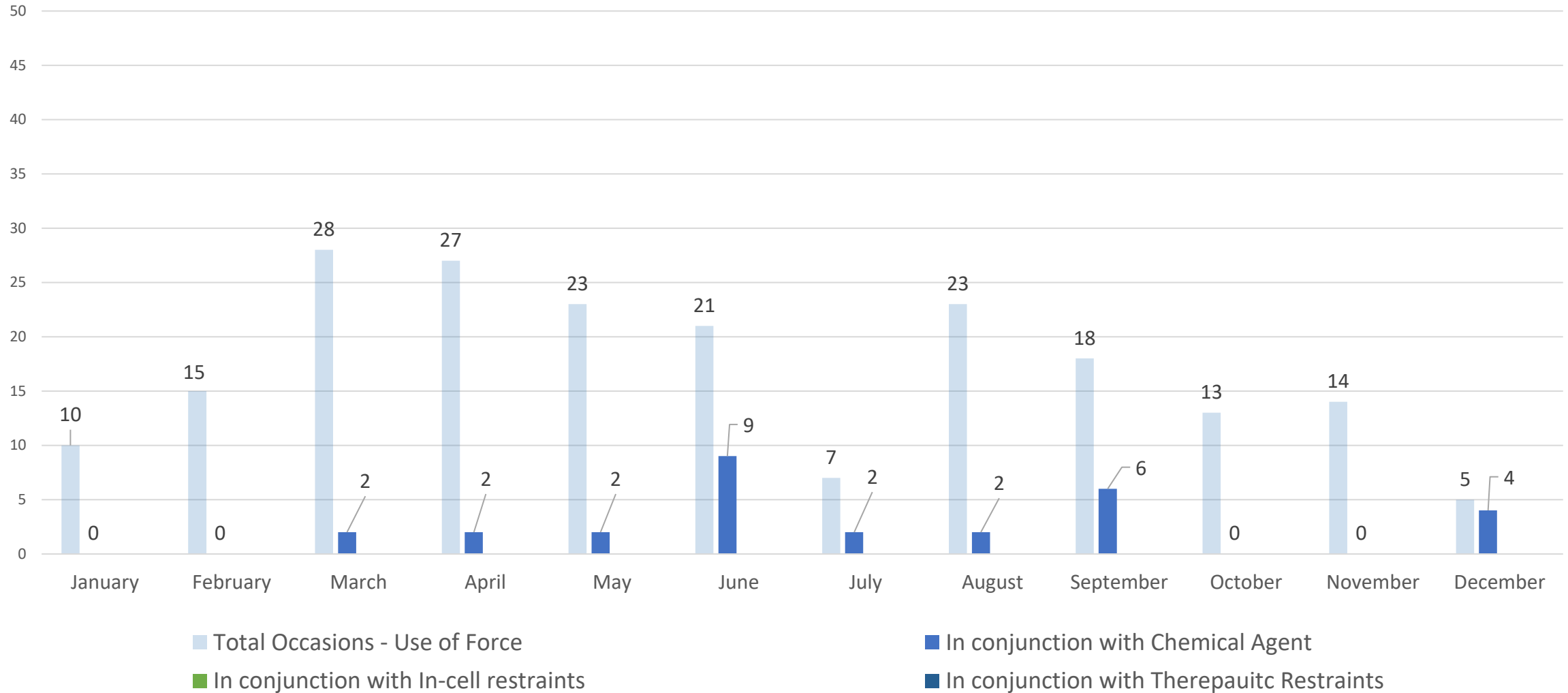
Use of Force Incidents – 17 and under

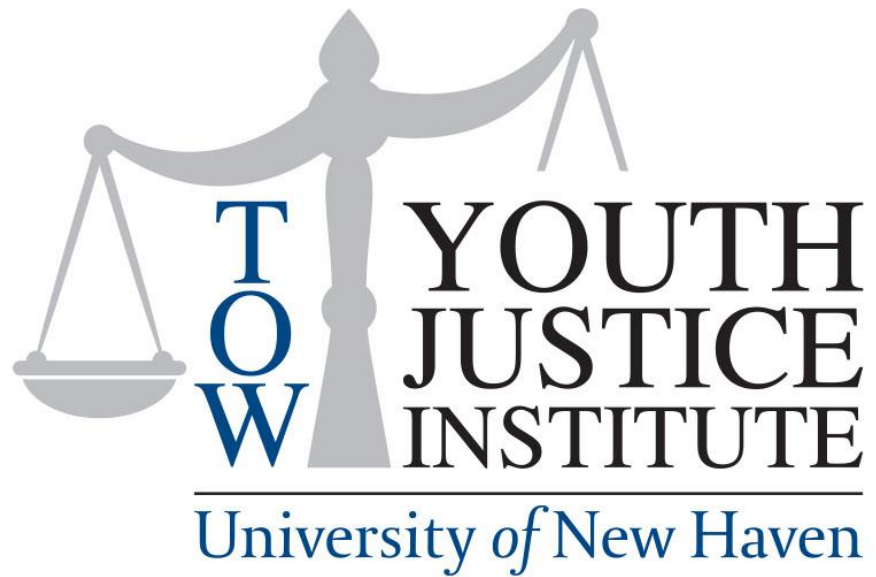
What leads to the need to Use Force (individual exposures)



Use of Force Incidents – 17 and under

Breakdown by Type of Force Utilized (individual exposures)





JBCSSD Report: PA 19-187

Judicial Branch

February 16, 2023

Suicide and Self-Harm

*Number of incidents by calendar year

	2020	2021	2022
C1L - Any suicide attempt within a facility or office of CSSD	1	1	2
C2CO - Any time a juvenile is placed on constant observation	44	48	95
C2K - Any time a child is placed on suicide watch	243	351	463

Use of Force

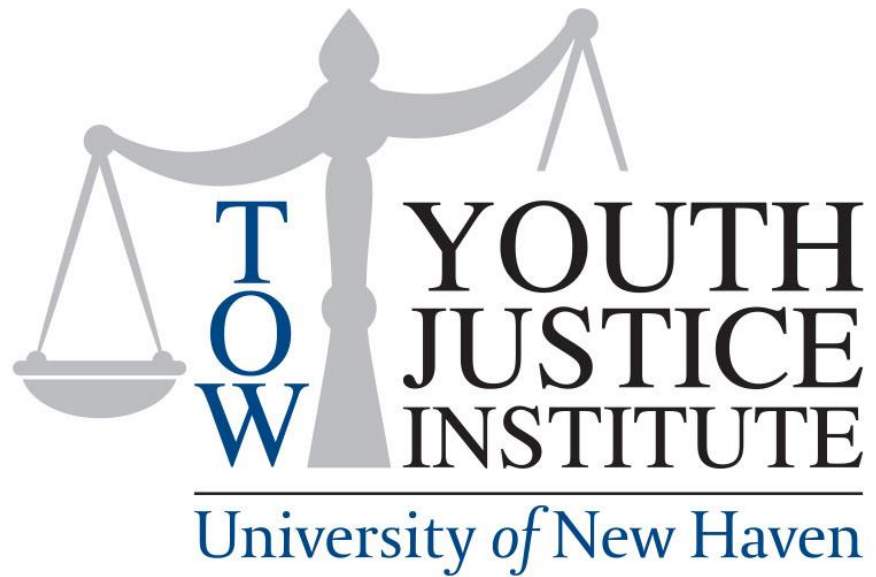
*Number of incidents by calendar year

	2020	2021	2022
C2B - Physical Intervention by a CSSD employee upon a CSSD client	289	259	340
C2Bf - Physical Intervention due to fights/assaults	178	171	163
C2Bm - Physical Intervention by a CSSD Employee upon a CSSD client using mechanical restraints	0	6	3

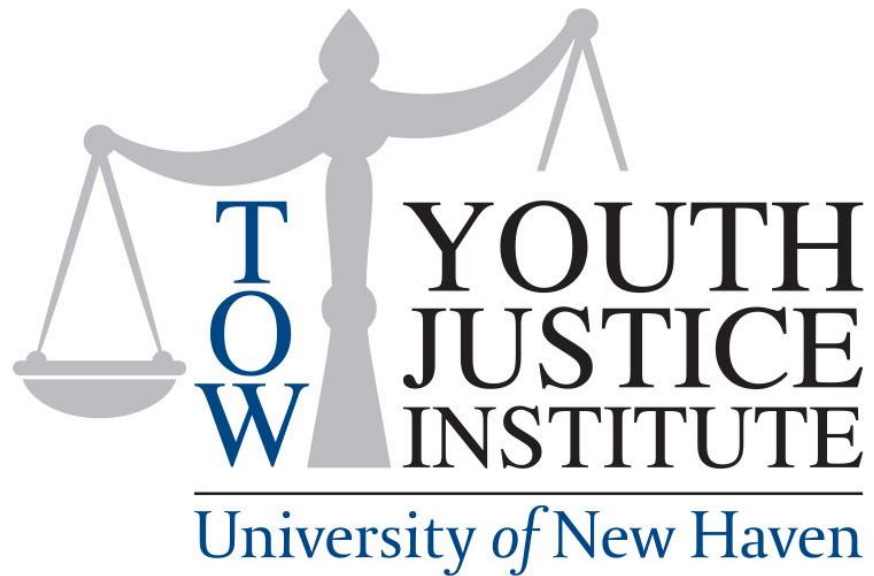
Education and Mental Health Concerns

*Number of pretrial admissions by calendar year

	2020	2021	2022
Ever Expelled	135	159	204
Ever Suspended	229	304	392
Special Ed Student	95	164	174
Interpreter Needed	8	15	5
Parent: Special Ed	164	248	269
EMR: Mental Health	231	301	380
EMR: Intellectual	233	300	371



Discussion



Next JJPOC Meeting
March 16, 2023
2:00-3:30 PM