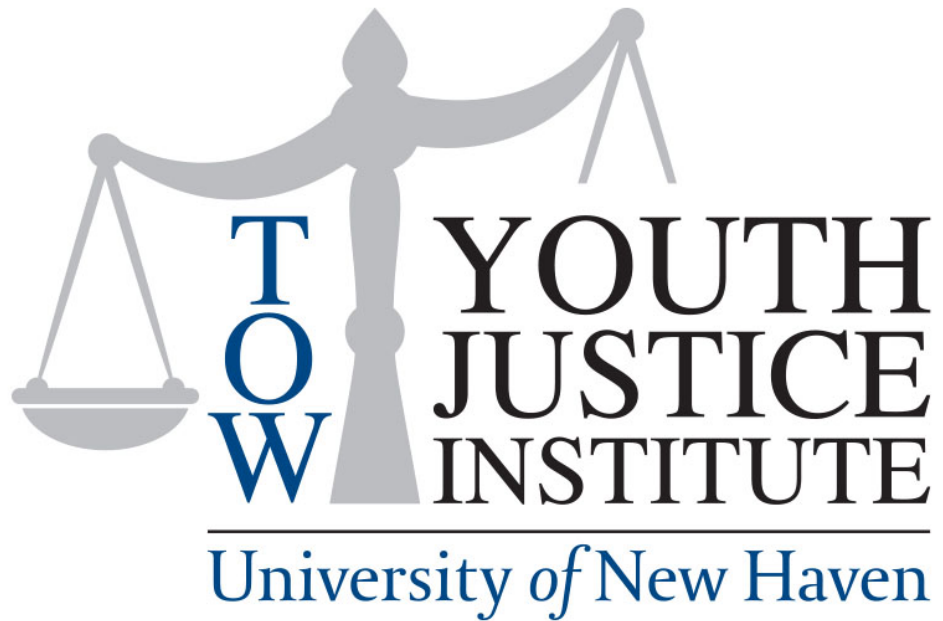


## ***Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee***

***February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Legislative Office Building  
2pm Room 2D***

# Progress Report

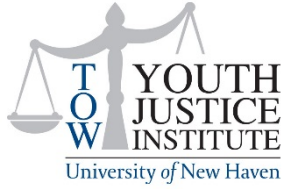
- Update on:
  - Transfer of Juvenile Justice Functions from DCF to JB
  - Closure status of CJTS
  - Next Steps on JJPOC Strategic Planning
  - 2018 JJPOC Recommendations Adopted in January



***Update on Transfer of Juvenile  
Justice Functions from  
Department of Children and  
Families to Judicial Branch***

# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer



### **P.A. 17-2 of the June Sp. Sess. - Section 321**

- States that there will be no more delinquency commitments to DCF as of 7/1/2018.
- Effective 7/1/2018, authorizes the court to sentence children who have been convicted as delinquent to a period of probation that may include placement in a residential facility, in addition to the existing menu of orders and conditions available to the court.

# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer

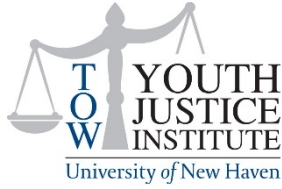


### Implementation of Section 321

- Legislation is needed to provide the statutory authorization for the new options to replace delinquency commitment to DCF
- Workgroup that includes Judicial Branch, Public Defender and State's Attorney representatives has been working to create the framework

# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer



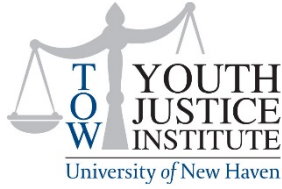
### **Implementation of Section 321**

Guided by the legislation and the work of the JJPOC, the workgroup has drafted language that will put in place a juvenile justice process that:

- Is rehabilitation oriented
- Is guided by juveniles' risks and needs
- Includes a system of graduated sanctions
- Addresses public safety concerns

# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer



### **Implementation of Section 321**

#### **Highlights of Proposed Legislation:**

- Disposition - Two categories of Probation may be ordered by the Court:
  - Probation Supervision in the Community (traditional probation)
  - Probation Supervision with Residential Placement in a secure or staff-secure facility, which includes a period of supervision in the community

# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer

### **Implementation of Section 321**

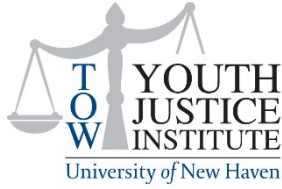
### **Highlights of Proposed Legislation:**

- Maximum Term of Probation:
  - 18 months
  - Extension for additional 12 months possible, with court order
- No longer a 4-year supervision option
  - Research does not support longer periods of supervision
  - In recent years only a small percentage of juveniles have been sentenced to that length of supervision



# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer



### **Implementation of Section 321**

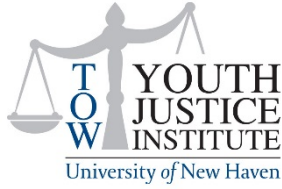
#### **Highlights of Proposed Legislation:**

Changes to language enacted in 1995:

- “Convicted” changed to “adjudicated” throughout the statutes
- “Serious juvenile repeat offender” statute repealed – Rarely used
- Statutes regarding goals and mandates amended & consolidated to reflect current research and practice

# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer



### **Implementation of Section 321**

#### **Highlights of Proposed Legislation:**

- Definitions added for clarity and consistency
- Any change in a child's liberty status must be approved by a judge
- Adds juvenile residential facilities, in addition to juvenile detention centers, to the statute governing education for children in residential placements

# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer

### **P.A. 17-2 of the June Sp. Sess. - Section 322:**

- Requires the Judicial Branch to expand its contracted juvenile justice services to include a comprehensive system of graduated responses with an array of services, sanctions and secure placements.
- Array will be available for the court and juvenile probation to use to:
  - Provide individualized supervision, care, accountability and treatment;
  - Deter the child from the commission of any further delinquent acts;
  - Ensure public safety.

# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer

### **Implementation of Section 322:**

### **Anticipated Array of Community-Based Programs**

- Rebid Child, Youth and Family Support Centers (CYFSC) early to provide greater emphasis on connections to natural ecologies
- Increase the cognitive-behavioral group offerings (curricula) throughout the service continuum
- Expand evidence-based, in-home programs
  - Multisystemic Therapy (MST)
  - Treatment Foster Care Oregon (TFCO)
  - Functional Family Therapy (FFT)

# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer

### **Implementation of Section 322:**

### **Anticipated Array of Community-Based Programs**

- Educational and Vocational Support Services
  - Educational Support Services (ESS) being implemented now
  - Vocational Support Services (VSS) in development
- Increase Flex Funds
  - For highly individualized wrap-around services, and to address basic needs
- Continued reliance on existing programs

# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer

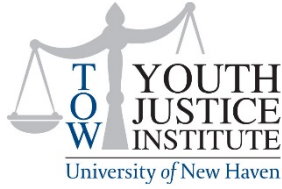
### **Implementation of Section 322:**

#### **Anticipated Array of Residential Programs**

- Bidding secure and staff secure *Re-Entry, Goal-oriented, Individualized Opportunity to Nurture Success* (REGIONS) programs
- Exploring options to secure access to Journey House
- Bidding per diem beds for diversity of service array and efficiency
- New *Helping Adolescent Males In Learning Their Options Now* (HAMILTON) Program ramping up
- Continued reliance on most existing programs

# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer



### **P.A. 17-2 of the June Sp. Sess. - Section 323:**

- Provides a transitional period from 7/1/18 – 1/1/19 when the Judicial Branch may continue to utilize DCF placements and services for children who have been convicted as delinquent – a “safety net”
- Requires DCF to enter into an agreement with the Judicial Branch to allow this
- Requires the Judicial Branch to pay DCF for the cost of those services

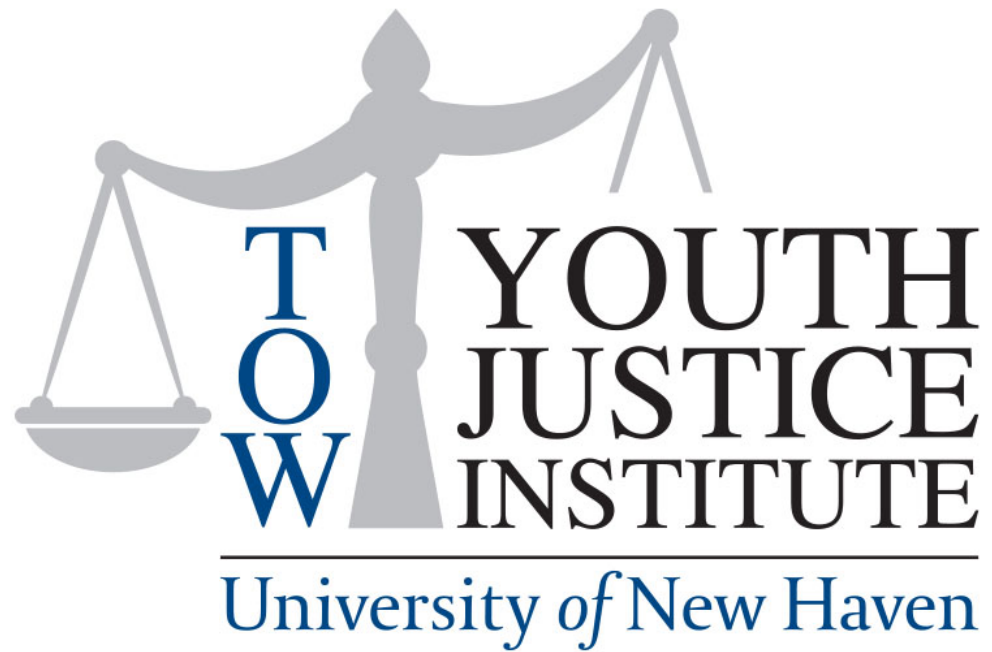
# Judicial Branch

## Update on Juvenile Transfer

### **Implementation of Section 323**

- JB has been meeting regularly with OPM and DCF to facilitate a smooth transition
- Discussions and problem-solving regarding a number of issues, including the option of the Judicial Branch using DCF services/beds after 7/1/18, if necessary
  - If needed, an MOA to facilitate this can be executed expeditiously
- Meetings will continue throughout the legislative session so that issues can be addressed as they arise

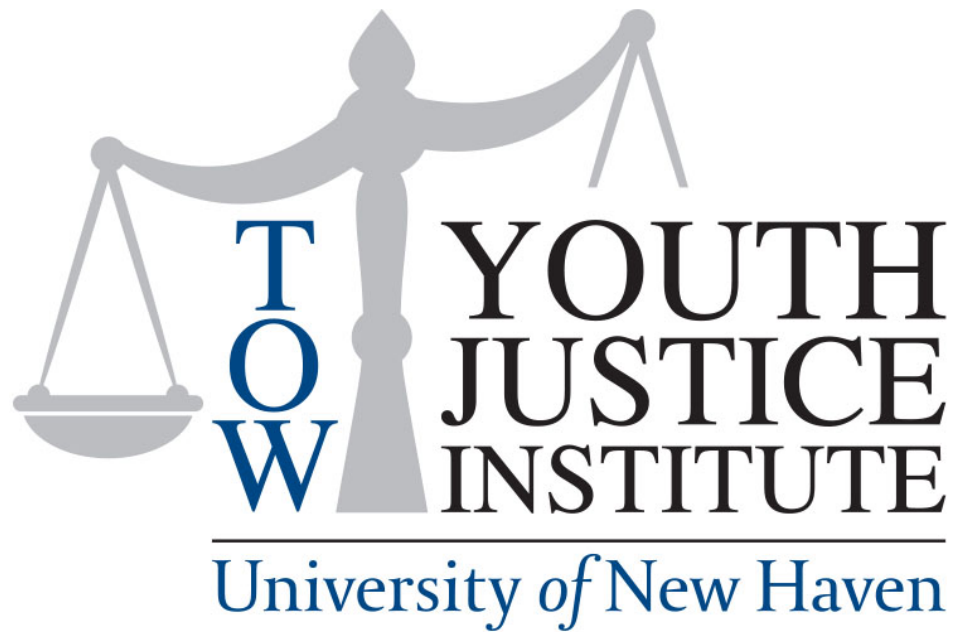




## ***Update on Connecticut Juvenile Training School Closure***

# CJTS Closure Status Update

- Current Census
  - 25 Youth
  - 16 Youth planned for discharge to home with wraparound supports
  - 3 Youth on census by June 2018
- Program Availability
  - 2 Operating units as of 2/15/18
  - Clinical programming, education, home passes and recreation continue with no disruption
- Ombudsman on site once a week
- Next steps:
  - Continue discharge planning for youth and coordinate staff transitions



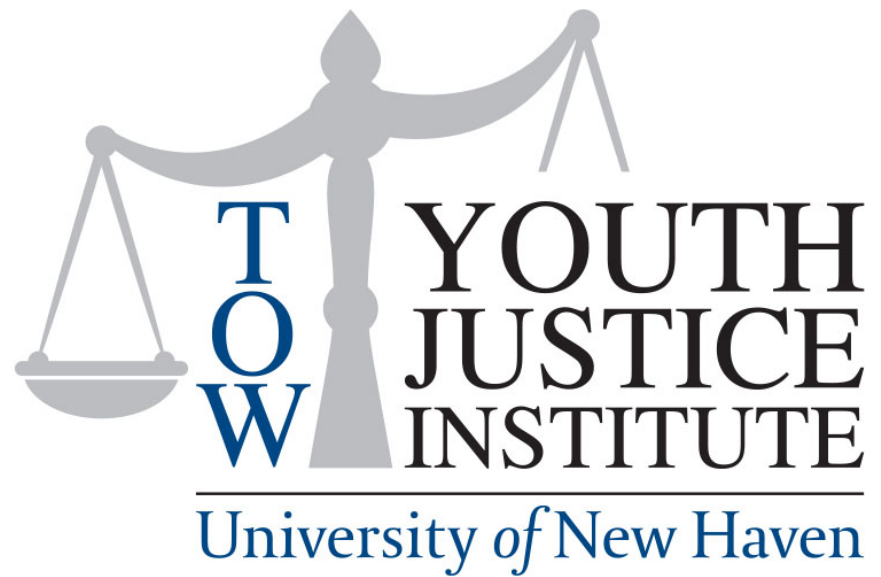
## ***JJPOC Strategic Planning***

# JJPOC Strategic Planning Recap

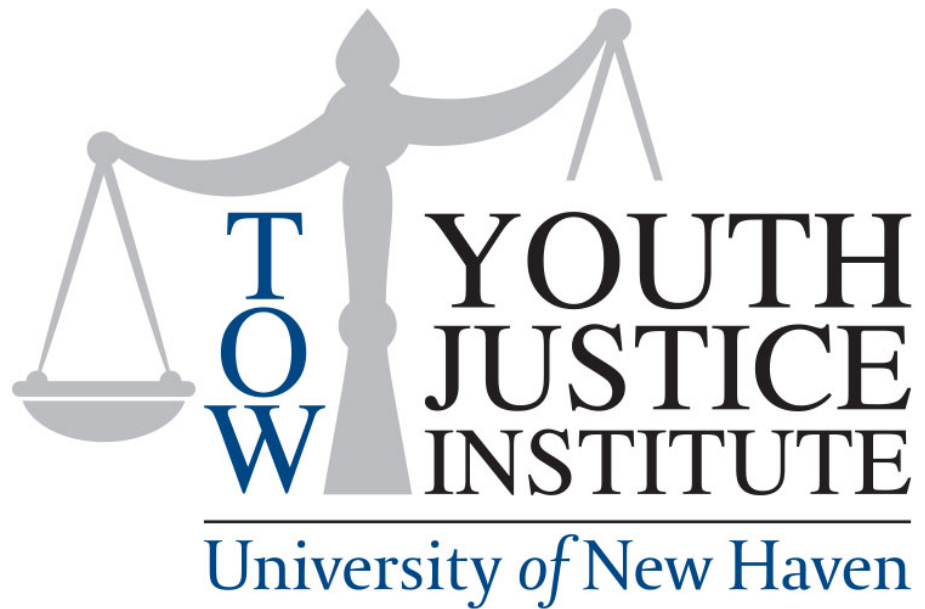
- JJPOC was engaged in two strategic planning meetings facilitated by Leal Chester in July and September 2017.
- Brainstormed list of focus areas which were then put into a survey that the JJPOC completed.
- Survey identified the top 3 priority focus areas
  - 1<sup>st</sup> priority- Improve reentry & reintegration (as a continuum) tied with Ensure smooth closure of CJTS/ appropriate alternatives
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> priority- Address needs in the “front-end” of the system (prevention and diversion)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> priority- Improve early identification of high-risk

# JJPOC Strategic Planning Next Steps

- Leal Chester will lead and facilitate next steps
- Engage the JJPOC work group co-chairs:
  - Further develop and define strategic priorities
  - Identify strategies for meeting new strategic priorities
  - Set new JJPOC strategic goals or measures, if applicable
- Report and obtain feedback from the JJPOC
- Updated JJPOC strategic plan will be presented at the JJPOC June 21, 2018 meeting



## ***Discussion***



***Next JJPOC Meeting  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
2:00-3:30 PM***