Development of the Plan

- Input from national experts
- Population forecast
- Input from over 300 stakeholders across Connecticut, including:
  - DCF Advisory Councils;
  - LISTs;
  - CJTS and regional DCF staff.
- Focus groups with youth currently or formerly served by CJTS
Service Needs

• Job readiness and vocational training
• Substance abuse treatment and recovery supports
• Educational programs, including credit recovery services
• Transitional housing
• Transportation to facilitate family treatment and access to services
• Individualized plans for youth with complex needs
• Programs with longer length of service to address chronic needs
• Better integration of treatment planning and service delivery
National Consensus on Secure Facilities

**Facility**
- 50 beds or less
- 50 miles from home or less

**Unit**
- 10 kids or less
- 1:10 staff/youth ratio or less
- No locks on bedrooms
- No toilets in bedrooms
- All staff = program staff

**Access/Family**
- Visitation 365 days/year
- Transportation 1x/week
- Accessible via public transportation

**Environment**
- Youth wear own clothes
- Family-style meals
- Youth/staff help prepare meals together

**Education**
- Unit staff assist in class
- Vocation programming
- College classes
- Credit recovery/GED

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CJTS Closure Plan Goals

**GOAL 1:** Redefine eligibility for secure placement

**GOAL 2:** Improve community supervision of youth

**GOAL 3:** Increase access/availability of non-residential community-based services

**GOAL 4:** Right-size CJTS

**GOAL 5:** Redesign CJTS Programming

**GOAL 6:** Replace CJTS secure capacity at an alternate setting(s)