

Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

January 21, 2016



University of New Haven

Tow Youth Justice Institute

1

Progress Report

- Work Group Recommendations
 - Today
 - January 28, 2016
- Process for presenting recommendations on Education and Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Studies



University of New Haven

Tow Youth Justice Institute

2

System Characteristics

- Rehabilitative responses while maintaining public safety;
- Early identification and intervention to reduce involvement with the juvenile justice system;
- Programs and services individualized/customized to youth needs, behaviors and risk;
- Families and youth are at the center of planning and decision-making;
- Reduce disproportionate minority contact;
- Data driven planning and decision making; and
- Utilization of evidence-based practices for all programming

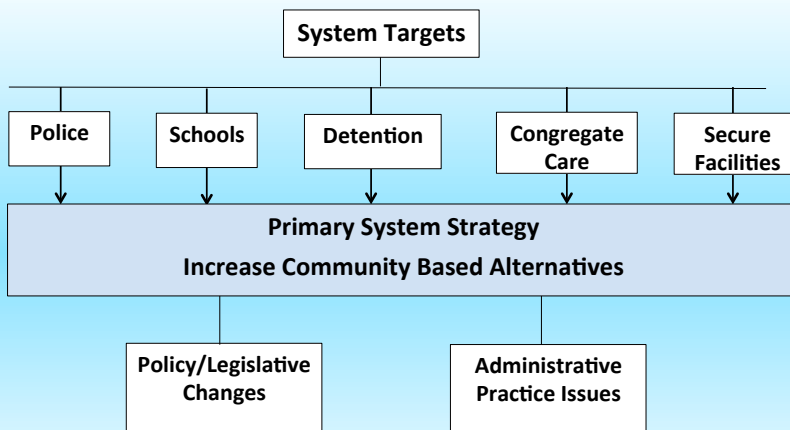


University of New Haven

Tow Youth Justice Institute

3

Work Group Update



University of New Haven

Tow Youth Justice Institute

4

Goal: Reduce Incarceration by 30%

Recommendation #1: Reduce Use of Detention

- Limit the grounds for detention to: public safety, assure court appearance, and hold for another jurisdiction
- Validated Detention Risk Screening Instrument
- Case Review Team meeting for violation of court order
- Community-based alternatives

Recommendation #2: Reduce Use of Secure Confinement

- Close CJTS/Pueblo in accordance with a plan jointly developed by DCF and the JJPOC that promotes public safety and youth rehabilitation.

Recommendation #3: Reduce Use of Adult Facilities

- Review the conditions and outcomes for youth incarcerated in adult facilities and submit recommendations to the JJPOC by April 2016.



University of New Haven

Tow Youth Justice Institute

5

Goal: Increase Diversion by 20%

Recommendation #1:

- Remove truancy and defiance of school rules as FWSN offenses once community and school based diversion services are sufficiently available and accessible to these youth.

Recommendation #2:

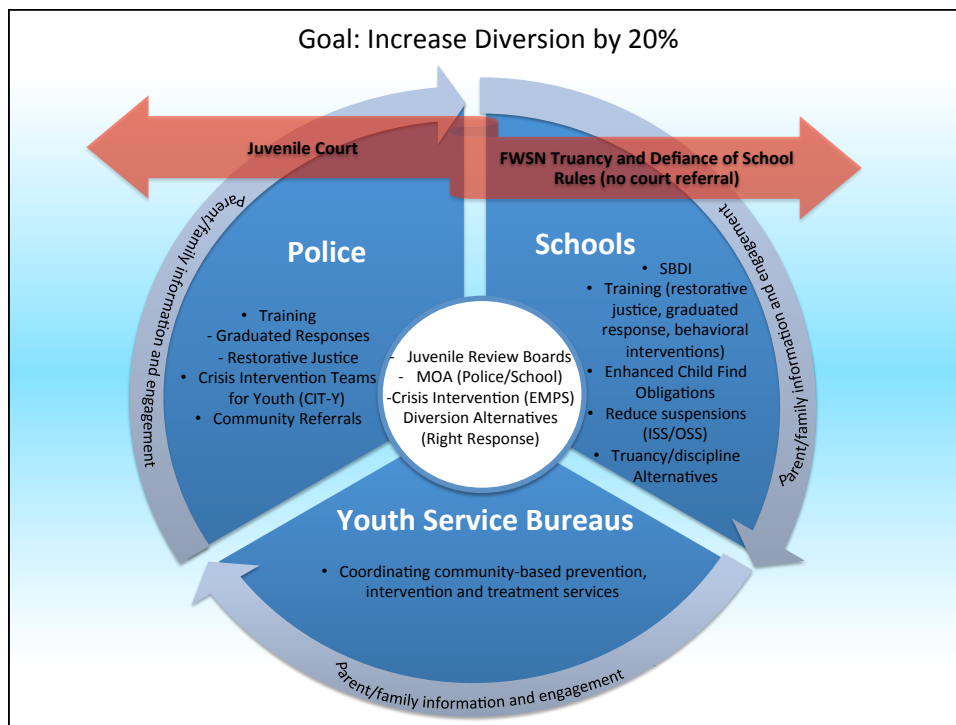
- Implement a community based diversion system that appropriately diverts youth who commit crimes, excluding serious juvenile offenses, from involvement with the juvenile justice system.



University of New Haven

Tow Youth Justice Institute

6



Goal: Decrease Recidivism by 10%

Recommendation #1:

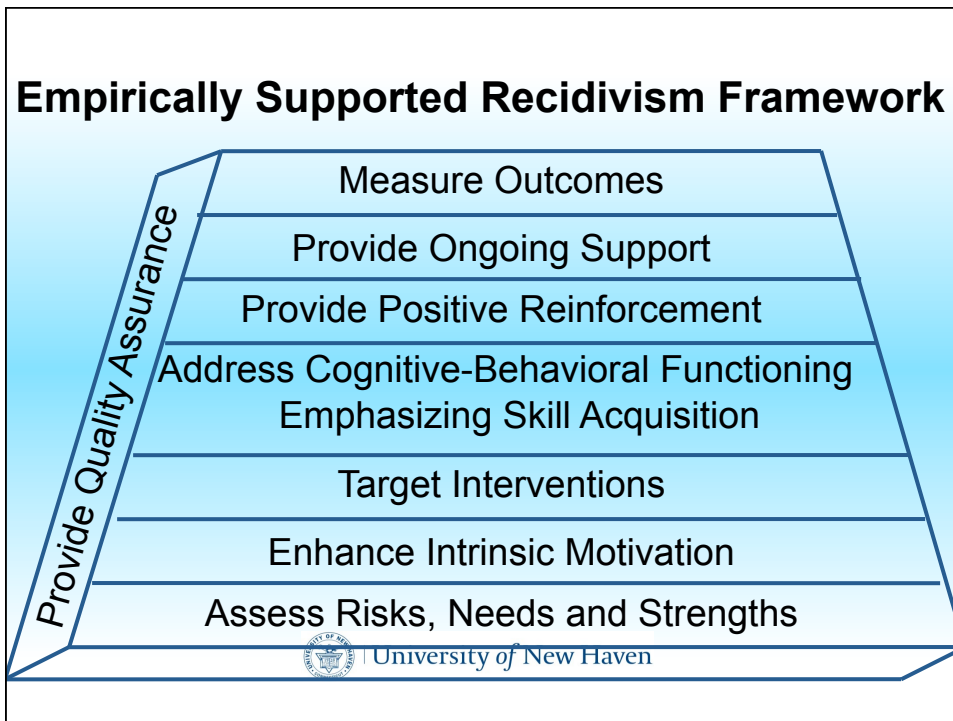
- Adopt and adhere to an empirically supported recidivism framework for CT’s juvenile justice system

Recommendation #2:

- Implement a restorative justice model in secure and congregate care facilities that promotes diversion as a precursor to police involvement.

Recommendation #3:

- Appoint a neutral single state agency to annually track, analyze and report on recidivism of all youth.



Goal: Cross-Agency Data Sharing

Recommendation #1:

- Establish a permanent JJPOC juvenile justice data sharing group.

Recommendation #2:

- Develop recommendations on the use of limited releases for **client specific data** for the sole purpose of improving case management.

Recommendation #3:

- Develop a standard MOU template for data-sharing between Executive Branch agencies, the Judicial Branch and researchers.

Next Steps

- **Develop Implementation Plans**
- **Define Performance Measures and Indicators**
- **Develop Progress and Outcome Monitoring Process**
- **Develop a Recidivism Reduction Plan**
- **Develop a Plan for Young Offenders Ages 21-25**



University of New Haven

Tow Youth Justice Institute

11