



COMMUNITY- BASED DIVERSION SYSTEM

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DIVERSION VIDEO

- ▶ CT YOUTH SERVICES ASSOCIATION CREATED A SHORT VIDEO ABOUT DIVERSION TO HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND THE POWER AND SUCCESS OF THIS PROCESS
- ▶ VIDEO WAS COMPLETED WITH SUPPORT FROM CHDI
- ▶ AUDIENCE WILL BE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, POLICE, SCHOOLS AND MORE
- ▶ SUBJECT OF THE VIDEO IS A REAL CONSUMER AND A GREAT SUCCESS STORY!
- ▶ <https://vimeo.com/211739299>

COMMUNITY-BASED DIVERSION SYSTEM

- ▶ Concept of Diversion System
 - ▶ Streamlined approach
 - ▶ Screening and referral
 - ▶ System capacities
 - ▶ Community Education
 - ▶ Data Collection and Evaluation
 - ▶ Training
 - ▶ LIST Collaboration

COMMUNITY-HUB CONCEPT

- ▶ Youth Service Bureau System in CT
 - ▶ 101 YSBs serving approximately 144 communities
- ▶ Statutory mandate (10-19m)
 - ▶ (statute language)
- ▶ Structure and set-up of YSBs
 - ▶ Rural, suburban, urban
 - ▶ Services provided (based on needs of community)
 - ▶ Staffing
 - ▶ Community collaborations and partnerships

WHAT DOES A YSB LOOK LIKE?

- ▶ Urban YSBs
 - ▶ Structure
 - ▶ Contracted Services
 - ▶ Staffing
 - ▶ Services
- ▶ Suburban YSBs
 - ▶ Structure
 - ▶ Staffing
 - ▶ Services
- ▶ Rural YSBs
 - ▶ Structure
 - ▶ Staffing
 - ▶ Services

COMMUNITY-BASED DIVERSION SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

- ▶ Plan calls for a phased in process
 - ▶ First phase would occur July 1, 2017
 - ▶ Second phase would occur July 1, 2018
- ▶ (In April, YSB Directors' Summits are being held across the state to discuss the Diversion System, its implications, and discussion regarding potential roll-out and needs of YSBs)
- ▶ Additional feedback will be gathered from current providers of status offenders and other diverted populations for input, concerns and potential barriers
- ▶ July – August would be used for training, support, technical assistance and community education regarding this system and its process

IMPLEMENTATION (continued)

- ▶ August 2017 – Truancy and Defiance of School Rules cases will no longer be under Juvenile Court jurisdiction and will be referred to the YSB (which can then refer to a JRB or a FWSN Board)
- ▶ Need a system in place in order to accommodate referrals coming from schools as well as a standardized process for all school districts to follow for making referrals
 - ▶ Truancy subgroup of the Diversion Workgroup is creating standardized forms for schools to use with a referral guide. (Schools' requirements for making a referral remain the same as what was required before sending to court)

WHAT WOULD THE SYSTEM LOOK LIKE?

- ▶ Questions to consider:
 - ▶ Is this system different than what is happening now?
 - ▶ Will there be additional services provided by the YSBs?

ROLE OF JRBs

- ▶ JRBs play a key role in this System
 - ▶ JRBs will undoubtedly see more referrals
 - ▶ Currently there are 81 JRBs across CT serving over 100 communities
 - ▶ Some JRBs take delinquency and status offense cases, some only take delinquency cases
 - ▶ Some communities have separate FWSN/Tuancy Boards separate from their JRBs
 - ▶ Addendum to the JRB Policies and Procedures Manual regarding handling truancy cases will be released in the summer of 2017

ROLE OF COLLABORATORS

- ▶ Community Organizations also play a key role
 - ▶ Some services may need to be contracted through community organizations if the YSB does not have the capacity or the structure to provide services
 - ▶ Communication and collaboration on cases is critical to avoid duplication of services and to fully engage the family

BARRIERS AND CHALLENGES



OVERCOMING BARRIERS



OUTCOMES OF IMPLEMENTATION

