



Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

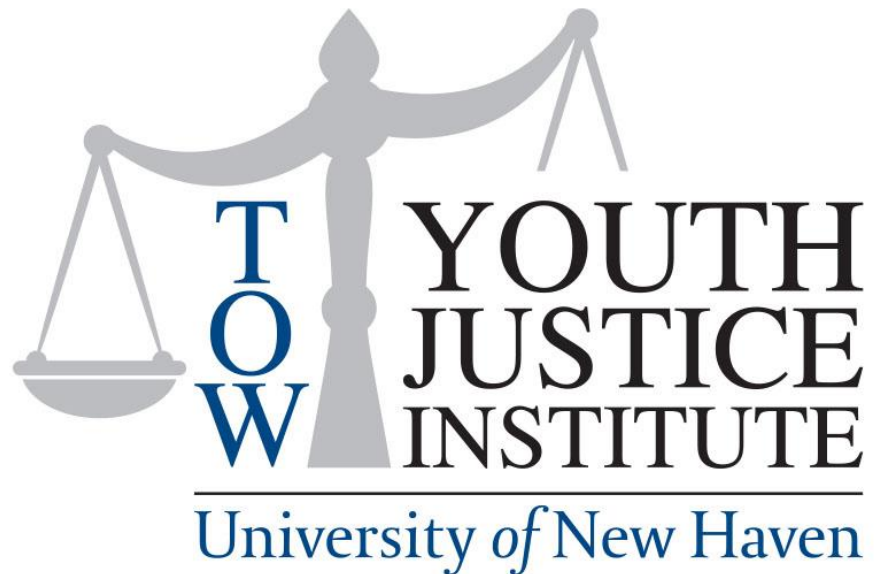
Dec. 20th, 2018

Legislative Office Building

2pm Room 2B

Progress Report

- JJPOC 2019-2021 Strategic Plan:
 - “Achieving Positive Youth Outcomes for Safer and Healthier Communities: A Shared Vision for Connecticut’s Juvenile Justice System”
- Presentation:
 - Recommendations and Findings from the Study of Community-Based Programs and Services



***JJPOC 2019-2021
Strategic Plan:
“Achieving Positive Youth
Outcomes for Safer and
Healthier Communities: A
Shared Vision for Connecticut’s
Juvenile Justice System”***

Strategic Plan Process Recap

- Initial development:
 - Discussions at full JJPOC meetings, Development and distribution of a survey via Survey Monkey
 - Meetings with the co-chairs of the committee and workgroup co-chairs.
- July 2018 Presentation to JJPOC:
 - Goals, Objectives and JJPOC structure
- Sept-Nov 2018
 - Workgroup co-chairs and community partners identified strategies, indicators, and milestones.
 - This plan was created with input and feedback from all JJPOC co-chairs and workgroup members.

JJPOC 2019- 2021 Strategic Plan

- In this presentation the co-chairs of the workgroups will report on:
 - The four goals of the strategic plan.
 - Examples of strategies, indicators and milestones of each goal.
 - Strategic Plan should be considered a “living document” that can be developed further over the course of the three-years

Goal 1



Limit Youth Entry into the Justice System

Connecticut is committed to preventing youth from entering the formal justice system by appropriately serving them by alternative means or systems (e.g. community-based diversion, restorative justice approaches, mental/behavioral health services, etc.) in order to achieve better outcomes for youth.

- Primary Measures
 - Number of youth entering Juvenile Justice system
 - Number of youth participating in diversion programs
 - Number of youth successfully completing diversion programs
 - Number and percent of youth participating in diversion programs that have justice involvement 12 months later (data development agenda)

Goal 1 Objectives



- A. Increase and assess both the quality and availability of diversion programming
- B. Ensure that youth have appropriate supports from youth-serving agencies (schools, Department of Children and Families, community providers, etc.) as viable alternatives to the formal juvenile justice system, including but not limited to:
 - Substance use services, mental and behavioral health services, child protection and welfare services, educational services (including special education), other services for youths with disabilities, and homelessness services
- C. Identify sustainable funding for the Community-Based Diversion Plan and School-Based Diversion System through a variety of resources
- D. Reduce inappropriate referrals to the juvenile justice system
- E. Apply restorative practices and principles in diversion programming

Goal 1 Strategies, Indicators, and Milestones



Example Strategies	Example Milestones	Example Indicators
Create a standard definition for “Diversion”	Issuance of report that maps and identifies diversion programs, strategies and interventions within communities	# of instances of new services and interventions within areas of need
Conduct a gap and needs analysis to identify missing resources, services, and interventions needed within the community system, including data collection and data availability	Issuance of gap and needs analysis identifying missing resources, services, and interventions needed within the community including gaps in the data collection and data availability.	% increase in the number of individuals served and types of services provided within areas of need
Investigate possible sources of new funding including – foundation, federal grants, other state funding models	Issuance of a report per PA 18-31 that mandates that by January 1, 2020, the JJPOC shall report on a Justice Reinvestment Plan.	% of total community-based diversion system dollars that are newly leveraged
Conduct on-going police training and awareness regarding appropriate utilization of alternatives to arrest; including if they should be referred to DCF	Creation of learning objectives for police training on appropriate referrals to the child welfare system	% of police who were trained reporting a better understanding of alternatives to arrest

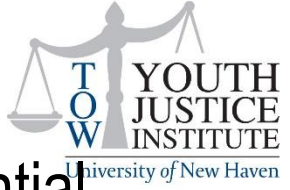
Goal 2

Reduce Incarceration

Connecticut is committed to ensuring that youth who are committed to confinement are held accountable through individualized rehabilitative services, treated with fairness and dignity, and offered the support needed to mature into healthy and productive members of our communities.

- Primary Measure
 - Number and Percent of justice-involved youth that are incarcerated (pre and post-adjudication)

Goal 2 Objectives



- A. Support efforts to create and operate developmentally appropriate, small, residential settings (in lieu of formal, adult-like correctional settings) that can provide therapeutic care for Connecticut's youth who cannot succeed in less restrictive environments (regardless of whether the youth was prosecuted in the juvenile or adult system).

- B. Improve the quality and availability of behavioral health care services and education and vocational training provided to juvenile justice system-involved youth placed out of home

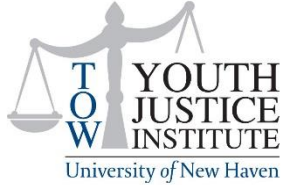
- C. Conduct an exploratory study to determine how other states detain transferred youth under 18 pre- and post- trial (where are they held, what agency has oversight of the facility, what model (s) of interventions are used etc.)

Goal 2 Objectives



- D. Achieve safe and humane conditions of confinement that are culturally responsive, conducive to healthy development and responsive to special populations (e.g. gender, sexual orientation)
- E. Increase and improve re-entry support and services for youth
- F. Ensure that probation violations are handled in a developmentally appropriate manner
- G. Provide evidence-based, developmentally appropriate responses as well as positive incentives to youth in the justice system

Goal 2 Strategies, Indicators, and Milestones



Example Strategies	Example Milestones	Example Indicators
Conduct an exploratory review of best-practices for detained youth under 18 in all types of facilities	Issuance of exploratory review of best practices for detained youth under 18 in all facilities	% of needed resources secured
Use all data collected, including cost data, to create a plan for housing of MYI/YCI youth	Issue plan for housing of MYI/YCI youth	Reduce # of youth in adult prison pre and post-trial
Establish community based involvement to support youth returning to the community	Issuance and review of re-entry services and what is effective	# and % of returning youth that receive re-entry services
Create youth councils with a diverse representation of youth who are incarcerated and gather input and feedback from these councils	Creation of youth councils with a diverse representation of youth who are incarcerated	# of recommendations that come out of youth councils that are accepted/implemented

Goal 3

Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities of Youth in Connecticut's Juvenile Justice System

Connecticut is committed to eliminating racial and ethnic disparities of justice-involved youth to ensure fairness and equity for all youth.

- Primary Measures
 - Relative % rates of justice involvement
 - Relative % rates of disposition
 - Relative % rates of service provision by type of service
 - Relative % rates of incarceration

Goal 3 Objectives



- A. Ensure that race and ethnicity data and the strategies to address disparities are interpreted and developed in true partnership with communities of color
- B. Ensure the collection, review and public reporting of race and ethnicity data at each important point of contact in the juvenile justice system
- C. Enhance and support opportunities for localized review (community oversight) of school and police practices
- D. Promote the use of racial justice assessments of policy proposals that impact juvenile justice
- E. Identify opportunities where inequities within the juvenile justice system can be effectively addressed

Goal 3 Strategies Milestones and Indicators



Example Strategies	Examples Milestones	Example Indicators
<p>Conduct outreach and community listening sessions of leaders in communities most impacted by justice system inequities (Commission on Equal Rights and Opportunities, Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, NAACP, faith leaders from the Black and Latino/Hispanic communities, etc)</p>	<p>Issuance of report on data gaps</p>	<p># of opportunities/events where there is specific involvement of communities of color</p>
<p>Research best practices for local oversight of police and school policy and practice around racial equity issues. Identify what Connecticut is doing on community oversight of police and schools and how partnerships can be established</p>	<p>Creation of system map of disparities by decision points</p>	<p>Application of %, rates, and relative rate index (RRI) when appropriate</p>
<p>Implement the recommendations of the State of Connecticut OPM JJAC most recent report “An Assessment of Disproportionate Minority Contact in Connecticut’s Juvenile Justice System”</p>	<p>Issuance of report on best practices for local oversight of police and school policy around racial equity</p>	<p>% of citizens that report they feel they have the opportunity to review and affect school and police practice</p>
<p>Examine best practices from CT or other jurisdictions that have dealt successfully with inequities in those areas of the system and try to replicate them here</p>	<p>Issuance of best practices report on how other jurisdictions are dealing with inequities in the system</p>	<p># of potential solutions regarding inequities that are implemented</p>

Goal 4

“Right-Size” the Juvenile Justice System by Setting Appropriate Lower and Upper Age Limits

Connecticut is committed to focusing its juvenile justice system to the appropriate age range of youth to provide developmentally appropriate and effective services for both the youngest youth (lower age of jurisdiction) and the older youth (including emerging adult) in order to improve individual outcomes and increase public safety.

- Primary Measure
 - Number and % of justice-involved youth, by age categories

Goal 4 Objectives

- A. Eliminate or reduce the barriers in the justice system that prevent or hinder youth in their ability to mature and “age out of crime” and lead productive, healthy, law-abiding lives
- B. Review research and develop recommendations on developmentally appropriate lower and upper age limits of juvenile justice jurisdiction

Goal 4 Objectives

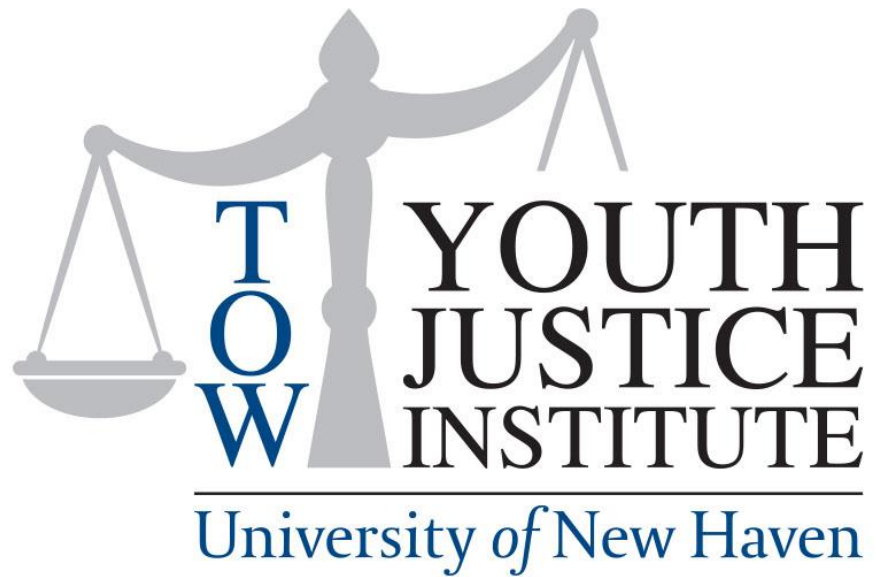
“Right Size” the JJ System, by setting appropriate lower age limits

Example Strategies	Example Milestones	Example Indicators
Review non-juvenile justice interventions and community alternatives to juvenile justice involvement	Report on national/international standards and research for lower age limits	# of 7-11 year olds in juvenile justice system
Conduct outreach to families and communities affected by the juvenile justice system and gather input and feedback through focus groups and surveys on the age limits of the juvenile justice system	Report/memo with/by DCF regarding how they would serve youth with specialized needs in lieu of their involvement in the Juvenile Justice system and what (if any) additional supports they would need to do that work	# of focus groups held regarding lower age limit by participant type

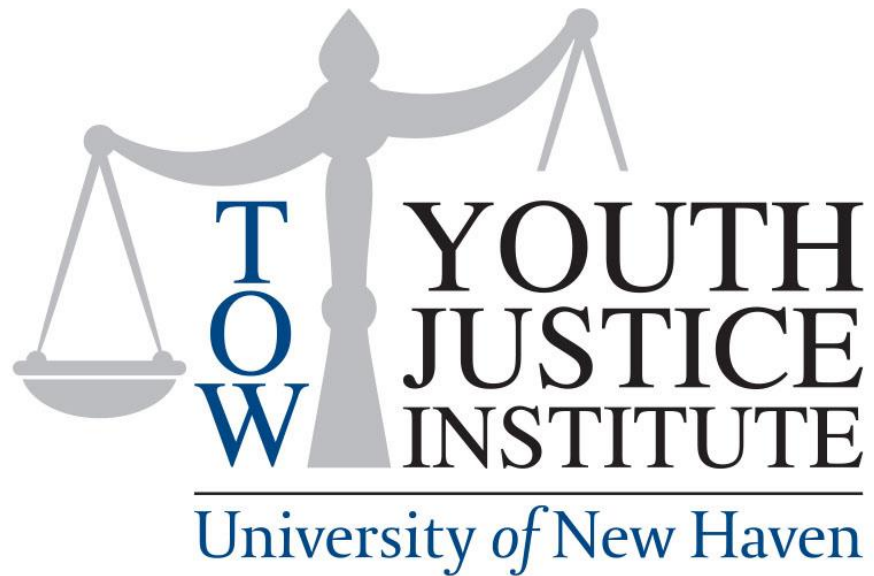
Goal 4 Objectives

“Right Size” the JJ System, by setting appropriate upper age limits

Example Strategies	Example Milestones	Example Indicators
<p>Examine the effectiveness of the previous Raise the Age legislation that included 16 and 17 year olds in the juvenile justice system</p>	<p>Report on national/international standards and research for upper age limits</p>	<p># of 18-20 year olds in the CJ system</p>
<p>Ensure that cases involving youth with specialized behavioral health needs are referred to and served by DCF as part of their behavioral health/child welfare mandate rather than through the juvenile justice system.</p>		<p># of OTC from the bench by type of placement</p>



Discussion



***Next JJPOC Meeting
January 17th, 2018
2:00-3:30 PM***