

Proposed CSG Justice Center Scope of Work

- Since 2009, the CSG Justice Center has hosted the National Reentry Resource Center through support from the U.S. Department of Justice. Through the NRRC, CSG Justice Center staff will partner with Connecticut over the period of 12 months through an intensive, collaborative and data driven effort. As part of the Improving Outcomes for Youth (IOYouth) initiative, the CSG Justice Center will conduct the most comprehensive assessment to date of Connecticut's juvenile justice system – from initial point of referral through reentry.
- CSG Justice Center staff will analyze case level juvenile justice data from multiple agencies to better understand the challenges that Connecticut is experiencing in getting better outcomes for youth, as well as conduct an impact and fiscal analysis to determine if resources are being used most efficiently to support supervision and services.
- Results from this comprehensive quantitative and fiscal assessment will be presented to a statewide task force of juvenile justice leaders through a series of meetings.
- If applicable, develop legislative recommendations based on the results and outcomes of the comprehensive quantitative and fiscal assessment to the statewide task force.
- The scope of work will be completed over the period of 12 months which will consist of two phases. Phase one will begin April 1st –June 30th 2019 and phase two will begin July 1st-June 30th 2020.

Deliverables for Phase One:

- Develop MOUs/agreements to gain access to agency case level juvenile justice data and engage in conversations with data/research leads in the JJPOC and at the agency level to better understand the data.
- Review publicly available data, annual reports, and presentations to better understand the CT juvenile justice system.
- Review prior and current year budgets and engage in conversations to better understand resource allocation decisions and funding structures.
- Begin conducting a comprehensive quantitative assessment of Connecticut's juvenile justice system utilizing case level data, to the extent that data is available at this time, to identify system trends and evaluate youth outcomes.
- Hold official launch event and 3 day site-visit, consisting of the following activities:
 - Press conference with key leaders to announce the launch of the initiative
 - Convene the first IOYouth Taskforce meeting
 - Conduct focus groups/interviews with system partners/stakeholders to learn more about the front end of the juvenile justice system
 - Conduct conversations to better understand data collection and information systems and budget information

Deliverables for Phase Two:

- Conduct a comprehensive quantitative assessment of Connecticut's juvenile justice system utilizing case level juvenile justice data to identify system trends and evaluate youth outcomes including recidivism. This includes a review of case level data on:
 - Arrests
 - Referrals/case filings
 - Disposition
 - Diversion
 - Detention
 - Probation supervision
 - Service participation
 - Commitment
 - Parole
- Analyze agency fiscal and expenditure data to better understand resource allocation decisions and funding structures and look at fiscal impact of reforms.
- Conduct in person and telephonic focus groups and interviews with juvenile justice stakeholders and system leaders across the state, including, but not limited to:
 - Judicial officials
 - Public defenders & district attorneys
 - Facility leadership and staff (Detention facilities and Manson Youth Institute)
 - State agency leadership and staff (OPM, Education, Child Welfare, DOC)
 - Probation officials and line staff
 - Law enforcement
 - Advocacy organizations
 - Legislators
 - Community-based and residential providers
 - Youth and families
- Review relevant state laws, administrative policies, and court rules
- Present findings from the system assessment to IOYouth statewide task force in a series of at least 2 presentations, focused on the front and back ends of the juvenile justice system.
- Develop legislative, administrative and appropriations recommendations based on system assessment in collaboration with the statewide task force.
- Translate recommendations into a detailed action/implementation plan, or draft legislative language if warranted.