

# ***Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee***

***September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019***

***Legislative Office Building***

***2pm Room 1E***

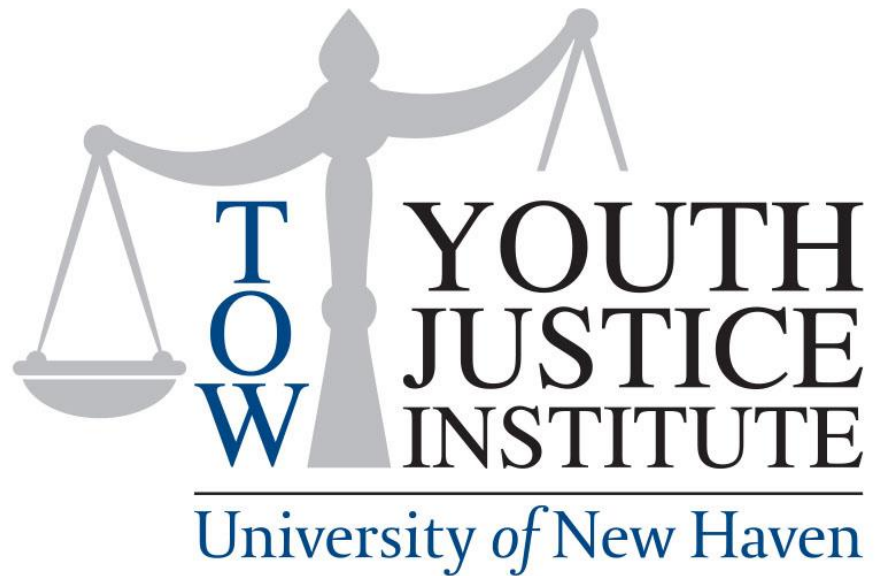
# Progress Report

- New Member Introductions
- Spectrum Report Presentation
- Judicial Branch Update
- Department of Correction Presentation on Education at Manson Youth Institution
- Key Dates Regarding:
  - Peter Leone
  - Center for Children's Law & Policy Projects
  - Council of State Governments

# Key Dates for Ongoing Technical Assistance Projects

- October 17<sup>th</sup> 2019
  - Preliminary Presentation from Dr. Peter Leone (Education Committee)
- November 21<sup>st</sup> 2019
  - Preliminary Presentation from Center for Children's Law & Policy (Housing of MYI/YCI Juveniles)
- December 19<sup>th</sup> 2019
  - Preliminary Presentation from Council of State Governments (Justice Reinvestment)

**\*All presentations will occur during the regularly scheduled monthly JJPOC meetings\***



**Update:**  
**CT Judicial Branch**  
**Court Support Services**  
**Division**

# Judicial Branch Update

## Disposition Options effective 7/1/18

- Probation Supervision with Residential Placement – up to 18 months
- Probation Supervision – also up to 18 months
- Both can be extended an additional 12 months (total period of up to 30 months)

**New Residential Programs:** The Judicial Branch has established new treatment-oriented residential facilities for juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent.

- Two categories – **Secure** and **Staff-Secure**.
- The recommended level of a placement is determined through a comprehensive assessment process that informs the Court to assist in the adjudication of each case.
- Juveniles are not sentenced to a set period of time in these programs. Discharge is based on the progress they make with respect to their individualized treatment goals.

# Judicial Branch Update

## Juvenile Probation

### Expansion of Juvenile Probation Officer Role and Services

- Juvenile Probation Officers maintain client contact/relationship and case management responsibility throughout placement, to promote the client's engagement in treatment, attainment of goals and transition back into the community.
- Supervision practices and case planning are aligned with cognitive-behavioral principles to promote behavioral change in risk relevant domains.
- Juvenile Probation Officers identify natural supports and community resources to ensure sustainable connections and linkages after the completion of probation.
- Expanded capacity to modify conditions of probation without filing new charges for technical violations.

# Judicial Branch Update

## Juvenile Probation – Continuity of Supervision and Re-entry Planning

- Re-entry planning begins immediately following placement to ensure continuity of services and supervision post-release.
- Juvenile Probation Officers work collaboratively with clients, families, and providers to address barriers to successful reintegration and identify resources needed to succeed in the community and prevent recidivism.
- Treatment and community interventions address targeted risk and provide opportunities for prosocial development across life domains.
- Juvenile Probation Officers apply a developmentally-appropriate, strength-based approach to supervision; officers encourage accountability and promote positive behavior change through the use of graduated responses and incentives.

# Judicial Branch Update

## Community-Based Programs – REGIONS Secure in the Community

- Boys' program in Hamden, operated by CPA: 8 beds
- Considerable renovation required
  - *By September 30, 2019, construction documents due to Judicial from A&E firm.*
  - *By October 15, 2019, Judicial Facilities, CSSD and A&E firm will make refinements.*
  - *By November 5, 2019, the architectural and engineering firm will finalize specs.*
  - *November 2019 – January 2020, a JB bid process will determine which construction company provides renovations.*
  - *By March 2020, construction begins.*
  - *By August 2020, the program is ready to accept clients.*



# Judicial Branch Update

## REGIONS Secure in the Community, cont'd

- Third bid for additional REGIONS Secure In the Community released July 17, 2019.
  - No responses received by due date September of 12, 2019.
- Girls' Limited-Secure Program: Bid process is underway
  - Contract inherited from DCF expires December 31, 2019
  - RFP issued May 2, 2019; closed June 2019
  - Bid recommendation under legal review.
- Staff Secure Programs
  - 2 programs are currently operational
    - 20 beds total
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> program coming on-line in January 2020 (minor renovations required)
    - Will add 8 additional beds
  - 4<sup>th</sup> program bid pending release.

# Judicial Branch Update

## REGIONS Diversion & Re-Entry Supports

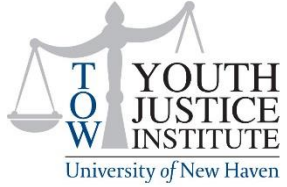
- Per Diem Beds
- Per Diem Services
  - Bid anticipated for release in November 2019
- Treatment Foster Care Oregon – Adolescents (TFCO-A)
- MST Family-Integrated Transitions (MST FIT)
  - Services available in January 2020
- Prosocial Detention Services
  - Services currently in place
  - New RFP scheduled for release in Spring 2020

# Judicial Branch Update

## Community-Based Programs

- Vocational Services
  - MOA and RFP
- MST Transition-Aged Youth (TAY)
  - Proposal review panel to meet on September 23, 2019
- MultiSystemic Therapy (MST)
- Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
- Flex Funds
- LYNC
- LISTs

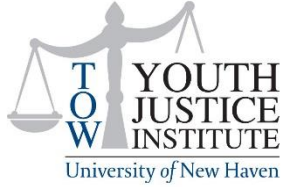
# Judicial Branch Update



## REGIONS Secure Programs

- Secure treatment programs established at each detention center (Bridgeport and Hartford) for the highest risk youth.
- Total Capacity: 24 beds
- Yale Behavioral Health provides Clinical Manager, 2 clinicians for each program, and psychiatry. Judicial provides case management, youth mentoring, and prosocial programming through existing staff and contractors.
- Bridgeport Public Schools and Hartford Public Schools, through DOMUS, provides educational services.
- Programs have been at capacity for the past 8 months, with a waiting list at most times.
  - Stage 1 Treatment Program has been developed for youth on wait list.
- Services for girls are provided at Journey House through Natchaug Hospital/Hartford Healthcare. Total Capacity: 2 treatment beds and one respite bed.

# Judicial Branch Update



## **REGIONS Staff-Secure Programs**

Three Providers:

- Boys & Girls Village, Milford (capacity of 12)
- Connecticut Junior Republic, Waterbury (capacity of 8)
- Community Partners in Action, Hartford (will have capacity of 8).

All provide the following:

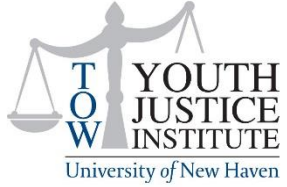
- Staff-secure treatment and programming similar to secure programs to allow for continuity of care, reinforcement of skills building and prosocial thinking
- Approved Private Special Education Programs
- On-site, Hands-on Vocational Programming
- Reintegration Mentors work with youth and their Juvenile Probation Officers for 3 months post-discharge.

# Judicial Branch Update

## **Assessments and Dispositions from 7-1-2018 through 8-31-19**

- 123 juveniles received a comprehensive forensic and behavioral health evaluation to determine public safety risk and treatment needs.
- 51 juveniles have been placed in the REGIONS Secure programs.
- 55 have been admitted to REGIONS Staff-Secure.
- 30 have been placed in specialized per diem beds.
- 26 girls have been admitted to Journey House.

# Judicial Branch Update



## REGIONS Treatment & Programming

- START: AV assessment and Integrated Treatment Plan used to develop treatment goals and monitor progress.
- Multidisciplinary team meetings weekly and monthly.
- Incentive Program to motivate participation and behavior change.
- Restorative Practices to increase social understanding, build community, and develop personal responsibility.
- Prosocial Programming to address gang affiliation and antisocial thinking, explore creative interests, develop soft employment skills, and promote leadership skills.
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) to teach mindfulness, distress tolerance, emotional regulation, and interpersonal effectiveness.

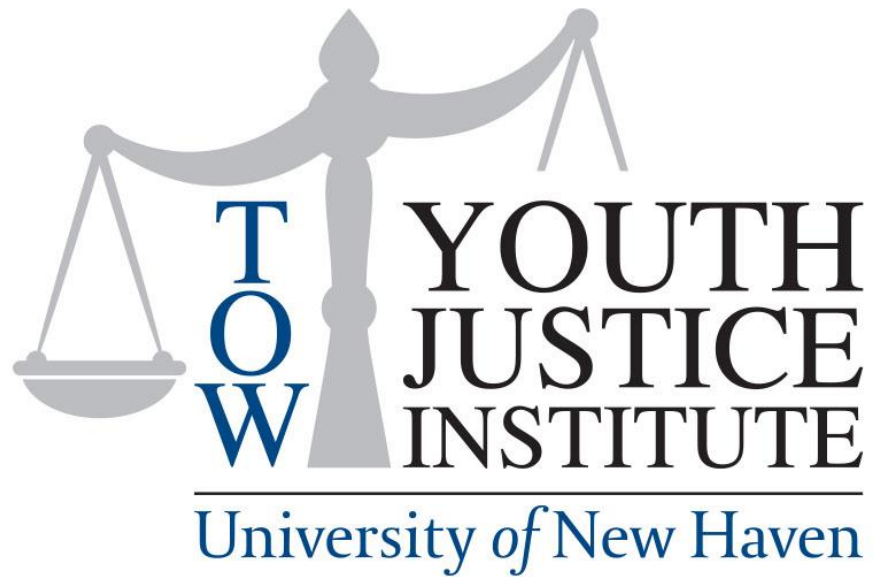
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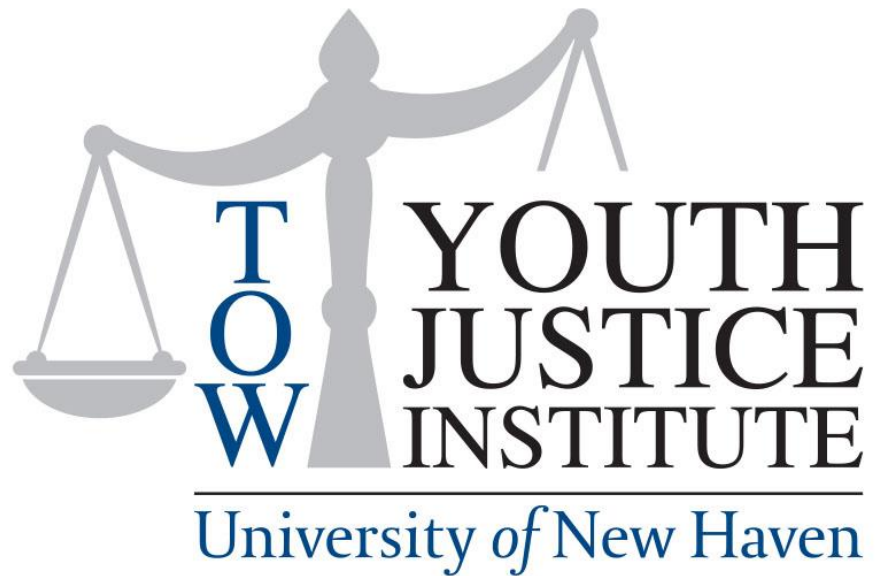
## **REGIONS Continuous Quality Improvement**

- Weekly Youth Council & restorative circles, biweekly ombudsperson visits, weekly milieu & progress tracking, bimonthly planning & implementation meetings.
- Ongoing development of incentives, complex case review, vocational programming, and expansion of recreational space and activities.
- Monthly consultation with REGIONS Clinicians and reviews of Integrated Treatment Plans; review of application of DBT in treatment plans.
- Quarterly review of assessments by Clinical Coordinators.
- DBT training and consultation for minimum of 3 years.
- Development of data reports to monitor youth outcomes and program effectiveness.

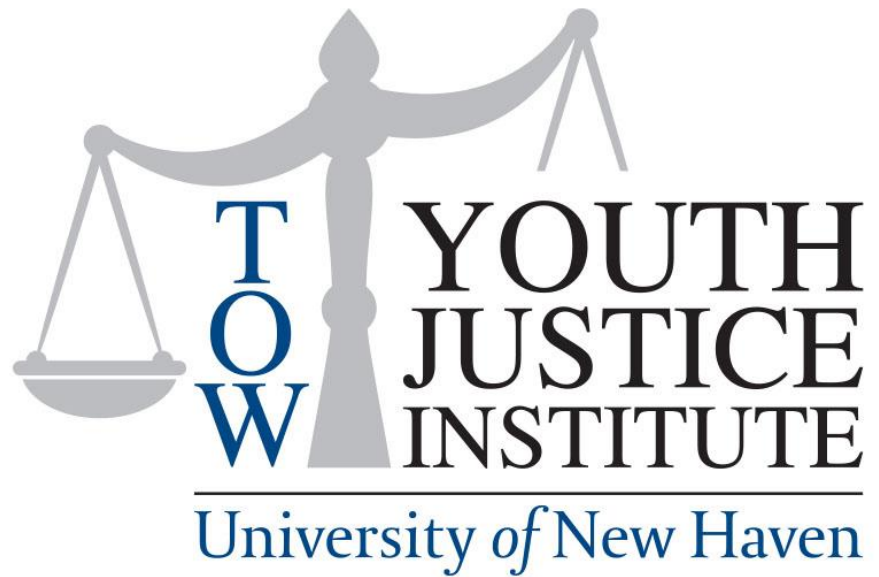




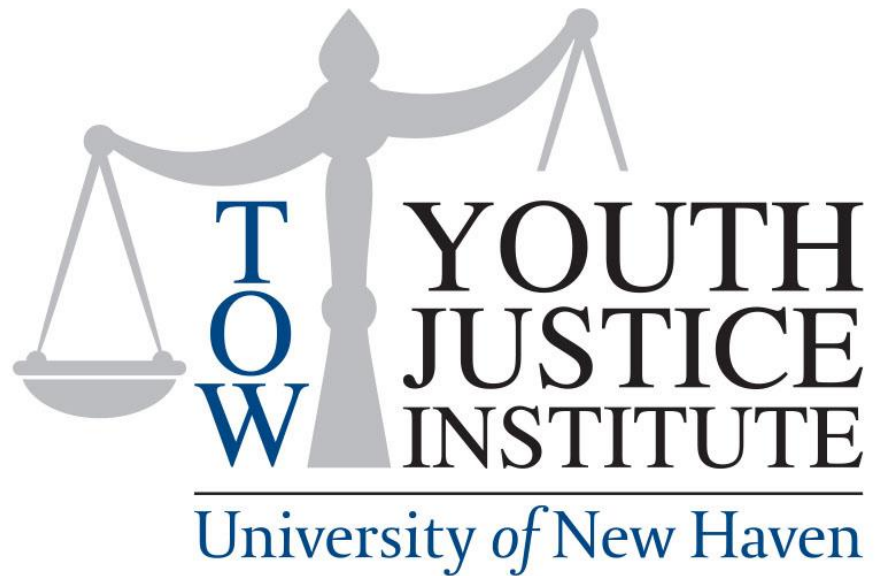
Questions  
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Discussion



**Update:  
Department of  
Correction**



## Discussion



***Next JJPOC Meeting  
October 17, 2019  
2:00 – 3:30 PM***