

JJPOC Cross Agency Data Subgroup Meeting

February 9th , 2026, 11:00 – 12:30 PM

Zoom

1. Discuss Draft CADS Workplan
2. IMRP Equity Dashboard Project Status Update and Timeline for Work
3. Cross Over Youth Project Status Update
4. Education Workgroup Data Request

THIS MEETING DID NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION

JJPOC Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup

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Web Based Meeting- Zoom

Attendance

Ajit Gopalakrishnan
Brian Hill
Bryan Sperry
Derrick Gordon
Indre Fishman
Jabarey Wells
Kelly Orts
Kyle Baudoin
Ken Barone
Lydia Wileden

Mary Lansing
Martha Stone
Michele Massores
Mike Carone
Robert Francis
Scott Gaul
Sharmese Walcott
Stephanie Russo
Victor Jones
Vin Duva

TYJI Staff

Andrew Zhebrak
Danielle Cooper
Erika Nowakowski
Namandje Wali
Paul Klee
Ryan Connick

Meeting Overview

On February 9th, 2026 the Cross Agency Data Sharing (CADS) Workgroup met to review the 2026 CADS Workgroup workplan, received a status update and timeline from IMRP on their work extending “The Connecticut Model” to the Equity Dashboard, received an update from OPM on the cross over youth project through CT Data Link and reviewed the Education Workgroups data request.

Administrative Updates and Introduction of the new JJPOC Senior Project Manager

The meeting began with administrative updates, a practice that has been standardized across the JJPOC its workgroups and subgroups. The administrative update consists of a brief summary of what is happening at each workgroup or subgroup and agenda items and dates for forthcoming meetings. The new JJPOC Senior Project Manager, Namandje Wali, introduced herself to the workgroup.

- Special Note: The JJPOC Youth Day was rescheduled to March 19th. This is a youth-led meeting focused on employment opportunities, additionally there will be a Juvenile Art Marketplace auction to benefit the youth’s reentry wallets. Everyone is highly encouraged to attend.

Equity Dashboard 2.0

As the group evolves and the work evolves, we began with a discussion about the next phase of the Equity Dashboard. This discussion is deemed the “Equity Dashboard 2.0” discussion and will

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be an agenda item for each workgroup meeting moving forward. The Equity Dashboard Team from OPM emphasized the need for structured conversations about data sources and measures. The forthcoming discussions regarding the equity dashboard 2.0 will include conversation around agencies that need to be included, what specific data to include, and what data visuals will help answer user questions in a clear and concise way.

Education Data

The group discussed school discipline data reporting. A representative from the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) explained that CSDE has been reporting school discipline data for more than 15 years in annual reports, and that all data is publicly available through EdSight. CSDE's next school discipline data annual report is expected in March, 2026. Representatives from CSDE and the Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division (JBCSSD) discussed the challenges in collecting school-based arrest data, specifically noting that the discrepancies between CSDE and JBCSSD numbers are due to different reporting methods and definitions, with JBCSSD using a more comprehensive approach based on police reports. A workgroup member on the meeting suggested adding data on truancy and chronic absenteeism to future discussions, highlighting how these issues often intersect with JRB discipline cases and affect students' academic eligibility.

The group discussed issues around chronic absence and truancy tracking systems, with a workgroup member raising concerns about inconsistent documentation of attendance tracking. A representative for CSDE explained that the state reports both chronic absence and truancy data. The group agreed to connect with Kari Sullivan and John Frasinelli regarding these efforts. A workgroup member cautioned against relying solely on CSDE data for school-based arrests, noting that most cases are diverted rather than going to court. A representative from the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) suggested a presentation on the State Department of Education's data initiatives, and a representative from JBCSSD proposed examining JRB system information to complement the school-based referral data.

Crossover Youth Operational Definition and Pilot Project

The workgroup discussed the need for a common operational definition of crossover youth to ensure consistency in data collection and analysis. The chairs of the workgroup emphasized the importance of starting with a small, manageable project to demonstrate success in identifying crossover youth and developing strategies to address system-level issues.

A representative from OPM discussed a pilot project comparing crossover youth population estimates between CSSD and DCF using privacy-enhancing technologies, with results from two matching methods currently being analyzed. They further explained that the pilot, conducted through DataLink CT, aims to test automated matching methods that protect personal information while potentially reducing data exposure risks. A representative from JBCSSD noted that while the current replication of a 2014 study provides basic population estimates, the group needs to develop more precise definitions of crossover youth for future analysis.

IMRP Extending “The Connecticut Model” to the Equity Dashboard

A team from the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP) outlined a three-phase approach to enhance the equity dashboard, focusing on transparency and identifying disparities for deeper community engagement. The current phase involves assessing available data, exploring advanced statistical analyses, and creating a roadmap for future improvements. The team from IMRP emphasized that the project aims to highlight differences rather than place blame on specific jurisdictions, with the ultimate goal of understanding and addressing disparities. The team acknowledged that progress has been made and that additional data and time would be needed to deliver on the project's scope of work, much of the introduction to this project draws parallels to racial profiling prohibition project.

The workgroup discussed their progress on developing an annual analysis of juvenile justice equity at the municipal level, which began with a June RFQ. Lydia explained they are working to translate the original request into actionable insights using available data, focusing on visualizing pattern disparities that can be extracted from existing dashboards. The group emphasized the importance of partnerships and collaboration to move forward with their initiatives, with Derrick and Brian expressing their commitment to representing the collective vision and leveraging it as a tool for the JJPOC. The next meeting was scheduled for April 20th, and the work plan is still in draft, with final updates to be provided at the upcoming JJPOC meeting.

Next Steps and Upcoming Meeting Topics

- The final Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup workplan will be shared with the workgroup.
- The workgroup will continue to engage in conversation around the Equity Dashboard and what the next phase of the Equity Dashboard will look like. This will be on the agenda as Equity Dashboard 2.0 Conversation moving forward.
- The Connecticut State Department of Education will be invited to present the data that they collect and report on. This meeting will be extended to the Education Workgroup members and other applicable JJPOC and workgroup members so that all interested can attend.
- IMRP Update
 - Develop and present a roadmap over the next few months outlining what is available in the Equity Dashboard, what enhancements can be made with current data, and what additional data/information would be needed for more advanced municipal-level analysis.
 - Provide low-hanging fruit visualizations and analysis (e.g., mapping relative race indices by court district) using existing dashboard data to surface findings for the group.
- Discuss and potentially develop a statutory definition for "diversion" in collaboration with the Diversion Workgroup for possible 2027 legislative session.
- Present a level-setting training on crossover youth definitions to the Data Sharing Workgroup the next meeting.



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- They also planned to reactivate work on school-based arrest and school discipline data to support the education workgroup.

Next Meeting: Monday April 20th, 2026

Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup Workplan: 2026

Purpose Statement: To support comprehensive data requests from the JJPOC Workgroups and the JJPOC Committee, as well as to support annual state agency presentations and prepare the annual state of the system report. Analyze policies and practices for their equitable implementation and effectiveness for all youth in Connecticut.

Goals:

1. Provide quantitative metrics across agencies to support the understanding of system involved youth
2. Proactively monitor implications of racial and ethnic disparities

Initiatives:

1. Equity Dashboard 2.0
2. Support JJPOC Workgroup Data Requests
 - a. SDE
 - i. School Based Arrest
 - ii. School Discipline
3. JJPOC State of the System on Juvenile Justice
 - a. CYSA
 - i. Front End Diversion
4. Special Projects
 - a. IMRP
5. Cross Over Youth

Meeting Frequency:

CADS Workgroup will meet virtually every other month, the third Monday of those months, 11:00-12:30 PM.

2026 Meeting Schedule

2/9
4/20
6/15
8/17
10/19
12/21

2026 Monthly Meeting Agenda

February	• Draft Workplan • IMRP Project Level Set: intent and timeline. • CCA RED Update • Education Workplan Data Request: SDE
April	• Cross Over Youth Presentation by TYJI • CCA RED Update
June	• IMRP Update

	• JJPOC State of the System Development Report • CCA RED Update
August	• CCA RED Update
October	• JJPOC State of the System Development Report Preview • CCA RED Update
December	• CCA RED Update