



**Raising the Lower Age Limit Subgroup
Diversion Work Group
December 2, 2019
12:00-1:30PM
Zoom**

Meeting Summary

- CSSD reviewed data on the 7-11 year old population and the 12 year old population. The majority of referrals for the 7-11 year old population were for misdemeanors. The 11 year old population also made up a majority of the referrals. There was discussion on the context of “criminal mischief”, as well as other types of crime classifications. The data showed cases handled judicially versus non-judicially and various outcomes of supervision or services. There was also discussion on JRBs, screening tools, and program cooperation. There was a request for additional information and edits to the slides prior to presenting this to the JJPOC on December 19th.
- The draft recommendation was reviewed by the subgroup members. Sue Hamilton changed the age of “seven” to “twelve” using the current legislation without stages of implementation. There was a discussion on including exceptions to the legislation and steps moving forward. It was recommended that the language for the recommendation be broader and potentially based off of the CA or MA bill. It will be important to ensure access to services for youth of this young population, possibly in a separate statute.
- A list of questions that may possibly be asked by the group were reviewed. These questions will help guide the written recommendation and future presentation.
- Next Steps
 - CSSD will edit the data slides this week and send them to TYJI for review prior to the JJPOC meeting.
 - Sue will draft additional language for the recommendation that will provide a broader.
 - TYJI will work with CT Voices for Children in supporting documents, background information, and additional research for the recommendation.

Next Meeting- TBD