



Truancy Subgroup Meeting JJPOC Diversion Work Group

September 24, 2019

10-11:30am

Zoom Web-Based Meeting

Meeting Summary

- **Parent Brochure**
 - The parent brochure is finalized in the English version. If you know of someone in your agency who can help translate the brochure into Spanish, please contact Erica Bromley.
 - A memo was drafted to explain the purpose of the brochure, guidelines for its use, and instructions on personalization. Suggested edits were provided by the subgroup members.
 - CYSA will distribute the finalized brochure and memo to its directors, as well as post it on their website. Erica B. will also distribute to the LIST and Kelly O. will work on distribution to police departments with another Diversion work group member.
- **Attendance Forum**
 - An overview of the previous attendance forum held was provided by Erica B. and Bill B. There was a discussion on the agenda, location, and discussion questions. It was decided that the next attendance forum will be in late November/early December for the Northwest region of Connecticut. Please contact Erica Bromley if you are interested in assisting in the planning of this forum as collaboration would help in its success.
- **Other Discussion Topics**
 - There was a discussion on the challenges to getting parent signatures for referral forms. It was noted that a previously proposed bill, that did not pass, attempted to allow schools to provide student and contact information to YSBs and overcome the issues of confidentiality. This barrier to referrals continues to remain a challenge for schools and YSBs. There was discussion on ways to address this issue, such as drafting specific legislation through

the Diversion work group that clarify the purpose of the information sharing. There was further discussion on looking into MOU's and getting feedback from advocates regarding this process.

- Next Steps
 - Kelly Orts will edit the memo based off of the meeting today and will send to Erica Bromley by the end of the week to finalize for distribution prior to the CYSA conference
 - Erica and Kelly will work together to send out the previous attendance forum materials and receive feedback from subgroup members.
 - Another Zoom meeting will be scheduled in October for the subgroup to discuss next steps on planning an attendance forum for late November/early December

Next Meeting- October, TBD