



**JJPOC Diversion Work Group  
FWSN Subgroup  
October 16, 2019  
9:00-10:30am**

State Department of Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103

## Meeting Summary:

- Review Draft Referral Form & Instructions
  - The members of the Subgroup reviewed the draft documents and made several changes. The changes focused on making the form and guide less clinical and more positive. The instructions are intended for parents/guardians on how to make a referral.
  - There was discussion on the challenges YSBs continue to have with parents who do not cooperate and the limited options YSBs have in these situations.
  - It was discussed that separate instructions should be developed for use by members of law enforcement. This would explain the legislative change, a step-by-step guide for the police officer as to what their role is, and the emphasis on specific behavior in their police report or on the referral form to assist the YSBs.
    - This form will be distributed to POST prior to July 1, 2020 in order to disseminate the information and guide across the state.
- Discussion on Referral Process
  - Services
    - CSSD FWSN data was reviewed by the group to look at the service needs of the population, which included crisis services and educational advocacy.
    - It was emphasized that YSBs needed to provide wraparound services for children and families in order to meet their needs. This may include groups and family case management.
    - The members of the Subgroup engaged in a discussion on the difficulties associated with understaffed and underfunded YSBs.
    - There was discussion on the possibility of sending youth to surrounding towns if services can't be met in their home communities. Discussion on using insurance but there are challenges to the process, such as licensing staff.
  - Funds
    - Similar to previous requests, funds will be requested for the diversion system and discussion on specifics, based on the services most used, will enhance this request.
- There was a discussion on how reform efforts push kids to the diversion system but the support to the front end services and programs are not proportionally increased or thought of.
- Next Steps

- YSBs will be trained prior to the implementation date.
- The draft documents will be updated to reflect the proposed changes and sent back out to the members for further review.
- The documents still need to be created in Spanish. Contacting a graduate student was suggested to save money.

**Next Meeting:** TBD after Diversion Work Group meeting on 11/1/19