



**JJPOC Diversion Work Group  
FWSN Subgroup  
February 5, 2020  
1:00-2:30pm**

Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

## **Meeting Summary:**

- JJPOC Update
  - At the January JJPOC meeting, the Diversion recommendations were presented. These included Raising the Minimum Age, funding of the Community-Dased Diversion System and the development and implementation of a state-wide data collection system for YSBs.
  - All of the Diversion Workgroup recommendations were passed by the JJPOC and will now be considered during the upcoming legislative session.
- Referral Form
  - Previously, the form had been modified upon request of this Subgroup to make it simpler, more user friendly.
  - The subgroup continued to review the document and make further changes. These changes included grammatical and other clerical errors.
- Parent Guidance Document
  - The subgroup reviewed the document and made several edits to the language.
  - The edits included clarification about potential costs to families and easing of authoritarian language.
- Education / “Marketing” of New Process
  - Electronic versions of the Referral and Parent Guidance document should be made available on DCF, CYSA and individual YSB websites.
  - The CYSA website should also have a page that thoroughly explains the process.
  - The form should physically be available at juvenile courts, YSBs, police departments, school counseling offices, pediatricians, community centers, etc.
  - Utilization of United Way’s “2-1-1” service
- Next Steps
  - Kelly will make the recommended changes to the Referral and Parent Guidance forms.
  - Discussion on available services and the process for referrals/guidelines for YSBs & police will take place in the March meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, March 6th, 2020, 9:30 – 11:00am @ SDE