



**JJPOC Diversion Work Group  
FWSN Subgroup  
March 6, 2020  
9:30-11:00am**

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

## Meeting Summary:

- Finalize Documents
  - The subgroup reviewed the FWSN referral form and the parent guide. There were several clarifying and other grammatical edits made in efforts to finalize the documents for distribution.
- Process for Referrals/Guidelines for YSBs & Police
  - Subgroup deferred this topic to larger Diversion Work Group meeting.
- Education on New Process for YSBs & Police
  - For YSBs:
    - On the receiving end of the referrals, YSBs should be prepared to handle these cases and collaborate with their local resources
    - Request that providers at LIST meetings share info with their respective staffs.
    - Record a live webinar to be upload to CYSA website afterwards.
    - Use regional CYSA meetings, trainings, and conferences to inform attendees
  - For Police:
    - Utilize training officers at departments.
    - Draft a memo for the CT State Police Officer Standards and Training Council, and the CT Police Chief's Association, similar to the parent guide, emphasizing the joint effort should be made with the parent.
    - Utilize JRBs to connect with local police departments.
    - Have courts send a letter to their local police departments.
    - Educate police officers and prosecutors on diversion options available
- Discussion on Available Services
  - Mapping of services available through the LISTs
    - Utilize DCF to fill in any gaps in services.
    - Coordinate for Commissioner Dorantes to attend annual conference
  - YSBs are now able to make direct referrals for MST services in the community
    - Acquire a list of providers from CSSD.
  - Once available services are determined, order them by intensity to allow for proper matching to juveniles.
  - Discussion was had on how raising the minimum age to 12 would affect the FWSN changes
- Next Steps

- Dana and Fran will work on the memo for the police.
- Erica will ask the CYSA regional representatives about the runaway population in their districts.
- Erica will follow up with CSSD/MST providers to obtain court-related forms and current intake questions for FWSN referrals.
- TYJI will correct and finalize the referral form and parent guide.
- TYJI will schedule monthly meetings for the subgroup to meet

**Next Meeting:** Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30pm @ The Village