



JJPOC Diversion Work Group
September 6, 2019
11:00- 12:30
450 Columbus Blvd, Hartford
State Department of Education

Meeting Summary

- Update from Subgroups
 - FWSN subgroup is focused on the implementation and referral process. FWSN data was presented to the JJPOC with the assistance of CSSD in July 2019.
 - Truancy subgroup finalized the brochure for parents for YSBs to personalize and distribute. There was discussion on private schooling and home schooling situations. There was discussion on obtaining signed consent in order to move forward with the process. The editing and vetting process was explained by the co-chair and the final version will be sent out to the group with instructions on distribution. Work group members provided an update regarding changes in voluntary services around the state. The co-chair also explained that the subgroup is looking into planning an attendance forum with the assistance of LIST.
 - Right-Sizing the Age subgroup was able to meet with CSSD to review data for youth under 13, their charges, and services received. The subgroup is looking at other states and is being mindful of the recent and frequent changes Connecticut's system has had. TYJI will follow up with CSSD on the charts for this subgroup to be used in future presentations.
 - School- Based Diversion subgroup was formed this summer to work alongside the Georgetown team on their capstone about school-based diversion in Connecticut. It was explained that a definition of "school-based diversion" was needed to move forward with their surveys to the schools in Connecticut. Through this subgroup, members with expertise were able to provide input, feedback, and further recommendations on important entities to interview throughout the vetting process. The proposed definition will move forward with the Georgetown capstone project and the Diversion work group co-chairs will be kept apprised to future progress.
- The membership list for the Diversion work group was distributed. Any changed (removals, additions, edits, etc.) should be emailed to Kelly Orts at TYJI.
- Timeline & Tasks of Diversion Work Group
 - There was discussion on potential legislation proposal on raising the lower age limit in Connecticut and funding for community-based diversion programs.
 - The group was recommended to take a look at the strategic plan again to go over the tasks outlined.
 - Due to the number of tasks at hand, the subgroups will continue to meet and accomplish the bulk of the work for the Diversion work group. Although there was a request among

JJPOC member to minimize and consolidate due to the three major projects (Council of State Governments Justice Reinvestment Project, Center for Children's Law and Policy consulting with the Incarceration Work Group, and Peter Leone consulting on improving educational services), the Diversion work group needs to accomplish the tasks outlined in the strategic plan and will therefore continue to meet on a regular basis.

Next Meeting:

November 1, 2019, 11-12:30, 450 Columbus Blvd, State Department of Education