



Diversion Workgroup Meeting

January 14, 2025

Zoom

1. Proposed workplan for 2025
2. Raise the age data: CYSA presentation

JJPOC Diversion Workgroup
January 14th, 2025
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Web Based Meeting- Zoom

Attendance

Aliyah Henry	John Saccu	Steve Smith	TYJI Staff
Anthony Nolan	Joshua Bernegger	Tasha Hunt	Andrew Zhebrak
Brian Perry	Kate McDonald	Thea Montanez	Brittany LaMarr
Brianna Baker	Kathryn Dube	Victor Jones	Erika Nowakowski
Christina Quaranta	Kelly Orts		Michaelangelo Palmieri
Curtis Eller	Lisa Simone		Shelby Henderson-Griffiths
Derrick Gordon	Nicole Taylor		
Elisabeth Cannata	Nieka Thompson		
Wheeler			
Erica Bromley	Shirley Ellis-West		
Jason O'Connor	Ray Dancy		

Meeting Objectives:

The January 14th, 2025 JJPOC Diversion Workgroup meeting consisted of a discussion regarding the proposed 2025 workplan, a presentation by (CYSA) on the Raise the Age data, and a presentation from CSSD on cases involving youth under 14 years of age.

Meeting Summary:

- Proposed Workplan for 2025
 - Per previous discussion among members and TYJI, the Diversion Workgroup monthly meetings will be focused on the three legislative recommendations that were produced and approved by the JJPOC and their progress.
 - The Diversion Workgroup would then meet on a quarterly basis and the time between workgroup meetings will be spent working on the implementation plan. A smaller working group would then be created to focus on implementing the recommendations.
- Raise the Age Data: CYSA Presentation
 - Information regarding youth aged 10 to 13 years old who have gone through the Juvenile Review Board (JRB) process.

- For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, there were 2,553 active cases involving these youth across 81 JRBs with 59 JRBs reporting at least one case with a youth aged 10-13 years old, representing 22% of the total active cases for the year.
 - In terms of demographic majority trends, the following data was observed: most youth identified as male, not Hispanic, White or Black/African American.
 - In addition, the following majority trends were observed regarding these youth: they qualified for free or reduced price lunch at schools, lived with a single female parent, were not homeless, did not report families that were homeless, were not involved with DCF, had been suspended sometime in the last two years, had not been expelled in the last two years, do not qualify for special education status at school, and had an incident at school.
 - Roughly half of the youth had been arrested and roughly half had not been arrested prior to the JRB referral. Most of those who were arrested were charged with breach of peace or criminal mischief.
 - The number 1 referral source was the police with most youth being referred due to delinquent behavior. 83% of these youth who completed the JRB process were successful. Those who did not successfully complete the JRB process failed to complete due to a new arrest or noncompliance.
- CSSD Under-14 Presentation
 - Roughly 15% of court referrals involve youth aged 10-13 years old with most of these referrals involve youth between 12 and 13 years old.
 - For 10–11-year-olds, roughly 68% of court referrals were for misdemeanor charges and 32% were for felony charges in 2024 with similar numbers in 2023.
 - The top charge for this age range was 3rd degree assault and most of the referrals are coming from New Haven. In terms of the source of the referrals, most referrals are from the police.
 - In terms of demographics, most youth in this age range are male and the majority are non-Hispanic Black.
 - For this age range, roughly 25% are being diverted back to the community with a significant number of the remaining cases being handled non-judicially.
 - For 12–13-year-olds, roughly 72% of court referrals were for misdemeanor charges and 28% were for felony charges in 2024.
 - The top charge for this age range was breach of peace and most referrals came from New Haven and Bridgeport. In terms of the source of the referrals, most referrals are from the police.

- In terms of demographics, most youth in this age range are male and the majority are non-Hispanic Black.
- For this age range, roughly 35% are being diverted back to the community with many of the remaining cases being handled judicially.
- A larger percentage of court referrals are being disposed through means of supervision for 10–11-year-olds compared to 12-13-year-olds.
- For both 10-11-year-olds and 12-13-year-olds, the majority of these youth were classified as a level three risk level.
- Regarding the 12-month re-arrest rate, each age group increases in incidents of re-arrest.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2025