



## JJPOC Gender-Responsiveness Workgroup MEETING

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

**THIS MEETING DOES NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES**

### Meeting Summary

#### 1. Introduction and Overview

- The goal of the workgroup is to focus on the array of services for specific populations at high risk for contact with the juvenile justice system.
- Emphasis on meeting individual needs of those entering the system.
- Collaboration with ROCA and the Trafficking in Persons Council (TIP) to address trauma and connect individuals with services.

#### 2. Workgroup Goals:

- Define the target lens for the workgroup.
- Understand the target population (who, how many, and location).
- Identify key considerations and best practices.
- Explore potential improvements.
- Define gender-responsive approaches.
- Review prior work in Connecticut related to juvenile justice.
- Identify gaps in services, especially those affecting girls.

#### 3. Concerns Regarding Girls:

- Girls placed in spaces not designed for them.
- Discussion on data collection, screening processes, and identifying suitable placements for girls.
- Consideration of a collaborative casework model for girls.
- Highlighted the challenge of having trained gender-responsive officers without appropriate facilities for placements.

#### 4. Collaboration with Community Expertise Work Group:

- Emphasis on involving youth and community members.
- ROCA's research informed by focus groups with young women.

#### 5. Draft of Workgroup Activities

- Define "gender-responsive" in the context of the workgroup.
- Create a landscape of gender-responsive work in the state.
- Review previous gender-responsive initiatives.



- Engage stakeholders from various disciplines.
- Seek input from youth, families, and impacted communities.
- Collaborate with TIP for analysis and reports on municipal police data related to human trafficking.
- Develop an operational plan for reporting, collecting, and distributing police data on human trafficking.

**6. Legislative Planning:**

- Discussion on the best plan of action for legislation in the 2024 Legislative cycle.
- Compile legislative and policy recommendations for JJPOC/TIP.

**Next Meeting: October 26, 2023**