



JJPOC Incarceration Work Group Meeting Summary of May 20, 2019
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SUMMARY:

1. Massachusetts work on Room Confinement - Presentation from Center for Children Law & Policy
 - Jenny and Jason provided information regarding MA definition, implementation, and limitations on room confinement
 - i. There is no fixed time limit
 - ii. Used for “out of control” or posing a risk to harm self or others
 - iii. Not used as a punishment/discipline
 - iv. Suicidal assessment
 - v. Exit/release strategy, series of steps to transition into general public
 - DBT and training for all staff
 - i. Distress coping plan
 - “Repair” and “Relationships with Staff” were important in their success
2. Update from the Definition on Room Confinement Subgroup
 - Edits were suggested for Sarah and Sue to review the document. Some notable changes include:
 - i. Sec. 6- addition of “hardware secure”
 - ii. (2)- “with authorization” replaced with “with supervisory approval”
 - iii. D- January 1, 2020 was agreed upon
 - There was discussion on the length of time in involuntary room confinement that prompts an individualized plan to be formed
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 - Next Steps: Revised document will be sent out via email to review before the June 17th meeting
3. Discussion on Creation of Subgroup vs. Education Committee
 - There are a list of concerns regarding education services for confined youth that will either be discussed in the Education Committee or a new subgroup of the Incarceration Work Group, depending on the overlap of the concerns