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JJPOC Incarceration Workgroup MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2022

1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Web-Based Meeting - Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Meeting Summary

1. Update of Juvenile Probation Pilot Projects

- Key components for the Risk-based Case Handling Pilot
 - o Expedited Electronic Police Referrals
 - Diversion Eligibility and Case Handling Decisions Based on Needs of Reoffending and Behavioral Health Needs
 - o Diversion Low-risk Youth from Formal System Involvement
 - o Family Engagement
 - Restorative Justice
 - Case Management and Targeted Services
- Overview:
 - Pilot Sites are located at Bridgeport, Hartford, Rockville, and Stamford Probation
 - Phase 1 (Planning):
 - CSG Technical Assistance and literature review
 - 2. Legal and policy review
 - 3. Academia Consultation
 - 4. Workgroup Formation
 - 5. Focus groups with court personnel, community providers, and Juvenile Probation Staff
 - Phase 2 (Development):
 - 1. Stakeholder Engagement
 - 2. Derivative risk assessment development and testing (PrediCT-s)
 - 3. Focus Groups to inform protocol
 - 4. Decision tree planning
 - 5. Technology enhancements
 - 6. Practice Book Enhancements
 - Phase 3 (Implementation):
 - 1. Protocol implementation
 - 2. Stakeholder training

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- Data collection
- 4. Standing court personnel and Probation meetings
- 5. Protocol Adjustments
- o Phase 4 (Support):
 - 1. Pilot site check ins
 - 2. Data analysis
 - 3. Quality assurance
- Phase 5 (Next Steps):
 - 1. Policy and practice development
 - 2. Statewide Stakeholder meetings
 - 3. Statewide Implementation
 - 4. Ongoing quality assurance and data sharing
- Beginning January 1, 2023, Juvenile Probation will screen all police referrals with the exception of violent felonies and active probation cases.
- Concerns were expressed regarding quality assurance of the diversion mechanism and protocol with the Department of Children and Families to analyze recidivism.
- It was asked if there had been an uptick in police utilizing Expedited Electronic Police Referrals due to previous reluctance to do so.
- Between January 2, 2022, and August 10, 2022, overall, 40% of referrals underwent the Risk-Based Case Handling process at the four locations where this has been implemented.
- Data was shown regarding re-arrest rates 90 days out from screening.
 - For clients ages 15 and younger that were recommended for diversion 97.7% had not been re-arrested. For clients ages 15 and younger that were recommended for non-judicial handling 83.33% were not re-arrested.
 - For clients ages 16 and older that were recommended for diversion 93.58% had not been re-arrested. For clients ages 16 and older that were recommended for non-judicial handling 65.22% were not re-arrested
- o Key Components for the Child and Family Partnerships Pilot
 - 1. Juvenile Probation Family Engagement Guiding Principles
 - 2. Family Mapping at Pretrial
 - 3. Child Family Conferences (CFCs) using Restorative Circles
 - 4. Independent Facilitator-led Child and Family Tram Meeting (CFTMs) to Reduce Technical Violations and TICs
 - 5. Discharge Planning
 - 6. Child and Family Feedback After Discharge

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Overview

- Pilot Sites located in New Britain and Waterford Juvenile Probation
- 2. Phase 1 (Planning):
 - a. CSG Technical Assistance
 - b. Literature Review
 - c. Workgroup Formation
 - d. Consultation with national family engagement experts
 - e. Focus Groups with youth and former court involved families
- 3. Phase 2 (Development):
 - a. Stakeholder Engagement
 - b. Practice guide development
 - c. Creation of feedback and quality assurance forms
 - d. CSG Consultation
- 4. Phase 3 (Implementation):
 - a. Juvenile Probation and Provider Training
 - b. Child Family Conferences (CFCs) and Child Family Team Meetings (CFTMs)
 - c. Pilot site check ins
 - d. Protocol adjustments
 - e. Data Collection
- 5. Phase 4 (Support):
 - a. Quality Assurance
 - b. Data Analysis
- 6. Phase 5 (Next Steps):
 - a. Policy and practice development
 - b. Statewide stakeholder meetings
 - c. Statewide implementation
 - d. Ongoing quality assurance and data sharing
- Family Planning to be implemented early in the process to develop a support system for the client.
- Between the two sites they have handled 11 non-judicial cases, 56 judicial cases, 29 family mappings, 6 child family conferences, and 12 Child and Family Team Partnership Meetings.
- Family feedback collected after discharge indicates that the Probation officer assisted the family and client with understanding the dynamics and processes

• End Discussion:

 Members were asked to review the workgroup timeline and prioritize what work the group will be doing in the next year.