



JJPOC Re-Entry Subgroup Meeting

APRIL 4TH, 2023

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Meeting Summary:

1. The group has received minimal feedback from youth in the CSSD feedback initiative

- Three identified pockets of youth are: Regence and Detentions, Manson Youth Facility, and Contracted facilities
- Discussion regarding what type of feedback the group is seeking
 - Do not want it to be too structured
 - Want to talk to youth in small groups (3 members)
 - Discussion regarding if these conversation will involve all the subject matter or some subjects
- MYI is welcoming group to come talk to individuals ages 15-17
 - Need 2 weeks' notice and a list of who would be coming
- It is more complicated to go to contract and secured facilities because a court order would need to be obtained
 - Possibly could be easier to talk to the Youth Counsel at these facilities
 - The Youth Counsel is a leadership group that decide what types of activities they want in the facilities
 - The meet biweekly
- Discussion regarding Performance-Based Standards (PBS) at facilities
 - To meet these standards, youth and families are surveyed on a regular basis
 - This data is too broad for the purposes of created a re-entry plan

2. The discussed the value of talking to discharged youth about what worked for them

- As far as in Hartford schools, released from longer term would be hard but short detentions would be doable
 - Concerns surrounding which youths can be in a room together
- Member is going to DOC often to work on a report, potential to coordinate to do a zoom session with youth
- Recently released youth have a Reintegration Mentor for 1 year after release



- They could give a survey or structured interview to the youth
- OPP could get information from 18–25-year-olds who may also have younger experience in the system
- 3. **Discussion regarding gaps in representation**
 - The group would benefit from a mental health provider, workforce development agent and family feedback
 - Noted importance of family feedback because the stability of family is concern for re-entry of youth
- 4. **Discussion regarding school re-entry'**
 - When it is a planned discharge, the school is involved and able to make a re-entry plan
 - When it is not a planned discharge the school often is not notified, and it can create a stressful situation for all
 - Group intends to look at other models to take portions of
 - Philadelphia is model of interest
- 5. **Discussion regarding the idea that the plan needs to be analyzed to make sure it covers the statute requirements and additional pieces as recommended by the group**
 - Need to address transportation and gang affiliations
 - Looked at what is already offered
 - Group members will fill chart for it can be compiled and analyzed to see what is already available in the state
 - This will provide a baseline of services
 - Look into if youth are being excluded from other services as a result of their legal system involvement
- 6. **Next steps:**
 - In-person meeting in June to iron out details
 - Speak directly with youth
 - Look into speaking to LIST to get family input