



JJPOC Re-Entry Subgroup Meeting

APRIL 2ND, 2024

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Attendance:

Talia Nunez

Marissa Morello

Kristen Mongillo

TYJI Staff

Brittany LaMarr

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Sarah Eagan

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Tammy Perreault

Joanne Tremblay

Indre Fishman

Katie Dunrad

Meeting Summary:

- Workgroup member outlines the upcoming deadlines for the RE entry plan submissions.
- Workgroup member reported transition support recommendations are discussed, including funding and quality assurance needs.
- Workgroup member presented funding requirements for reintegration mentors, case managers, and flex fund program.
- Workgroup member presented vocational and employment recommendations for CSSD, including career exploration, development, and occupational training.
- Workgroup member reported Transition Support Recommendations:
 - IDs and documentation assistance provided to released youth, funding needed for additional counselor.
 - Family connection and transportation funding for visits required, estimates to be provided.
 - Flex funds for follow-up support after release, potential need for new staff member.



- Workgroup member reported Vocational and Employment Recommendations:
 - Ensure access to preferred educational goals, career exploration, and occupational training during facility stays.
 - Expansion of vocational training opportunities based on youth interest, potential need for additional staff.
 - Quality assurance through documentation of school attendance and program participation.
 - Emphasis on job readiness and career training programs with credentials or certifications.
 - Exploration of additional vocational opportunities aligned with youth interests, consideration of under-18 funding constraints.
 - Continuation of vocational participation documentation for under-18 population.
- Workgroup member reported prioritization of Recommendations:
 - Recommendations being elevated for scrutiny by the Appropriations Committee.
 - Focus on accuracy and detail for key recommendations, particularly regarding transitional supports and credible messengers.
- Workgroup member reported inclusion of State Department of Education (SDE)
 - Discussion on the role of SDE in monitoring and enforcing special education obligations for incarcerated youth.
 - Need for SDE involvement in quality assurance and transition planning for youth re-entry.
 - Consideration of funding implications and collaboration with other stakeholders.
- Workgroup members discussed clarification on Transitional Support and Vocational Recommendations:
 - Need for clarity on roles and responsibilities regarding transitional support for non-sentenced youth.
 - Exploration of alternative coordinating entities for vocational and employment recommendations.
 - Identification of gaps in planning and coordination, particularly regarding coordinating entities and vocational education.
- Workgroup member reported upcoming focus on Housing Recommendations:
 - Next month's agenda to focus on housing recommendations and implications for various state agencies.
 - Call for preparation and background research on housing-related issues before the meeting.