

**THIS MEETING DID NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION – UPDATES AND
DISCUSSION**

**JJPOC RED Subgroup
November 17th, 2022
Virtual Meeting – ZOOM**

MEETING SUMMARY:

- DCF was tasked with facilitating the implementation of Researched-Backed policy in order to reduce inconsistencies in the current system of JRBs and to expand their capacity
 - This is being done through a pilot program involving 7 JRBS:
 - Bridgeport
 - Hartford
 - Waterbury
 - New Haven
 - Naugatuck
 - Norwich
 - Wethersfield
 - This initiative is contracted with the Connecticut Youth Services Association
 - There is an advisory committee that is meeting regularly, it consists of:
 - 7 JRBs
 - CT Youth Services Division
 - CCSD
 - DCF
 - Law enforcement officer
 - Victim Advocate
 - Restorative Justice Expert
 - Family Engagement Expert
 - An overall facilitator
 - Have parent and youth involvement in the form of listening sessions for those with past involvement with diversion
 - These meetings have been broken down into focus areas: Referrals, Screening, Services, Restorative Justice, Family Engagement, and Outcome measures.
 - The restorative justice expert is working to edit procedures
 - Goal is to implement pilot in Late January and hopefully collect data for 6 months and then be able to roll out statewide guidelines
 - This pilot is being done because when the Counsel of the State Government of Juvenile Justice evaluated JRBs, it was found that there is a lack of consistency in diversion efforts in different locations
 - Recommended review of process
 - The Landscape Analysis had looked at this as well
 - Debate surrounding data
 - Outcome data is hard to obtain due to confidentiality issues
 - Looking at other places around country and the Restorative Justice policies used
 - State has been offering Restorative Justice trainings
 - Goal to look more at incident and how to fix it, rather than over behavioral programing
 - Issues with school-based arrest in Waterbury- lack of diversion efforts
- Update on RED work
 - Looked into issues of JRBs and found 4 gaps in service and 3 limitations on data

- Gaps in service: Waitlist for MST and MSFT, No job coaches, Chronic Absenteeism, Lack of formal mediation programs
 - Limits on data: No education data from New Haven, No recidivism data from JRB, Only data DCF committed children (not DCF involved) and their JRB involvement
 - Discussion surrounding issues in Waterbury (lack of diversion) and New Haven (lack of data sharing)
- Recommendations that will be coming forward at JJPOC
 - Commissary plan
 - Reentry services
 - Diversion mandates
 - Raise age to 12
 - Expand voting memberships of JJPOC to Juveniles and parents
- December 2nd: Draft of Recommendations will be complete
- December 6th: Chairs will present recommendations to JJPOC meeting