

JJPOC Racial and Ethnic Disparities Workgroup

November 20th, 2024

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Web Based Meeting- Zoom

Attendance

Aliyah Henry

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Martha Stone

Brianna Baker

Derrick Gordon

EmmaKate Foley

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Kathryn Dube

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Andrew Zhebrak

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Erika Nowakowski

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Meeting Objectives:

The November 20th, 2024, JJPOC RED Workgroup Meeting consisted of an overview presented on the CTRP3: CT Racial Profiling Prohibition Project, an update on the RED committees, and an update on the JJPOC's recommendations and strategic plan.

Meeting Summary:

- Overview of CTRP3: CT Racial Profiling Prohibition Project
 - A representative from the University of Connecticut presented the Racial Profiling Prohibition Project. This project includes the collection and analysis of traffic stop data for every Connecticut police department and use of force incidents in policing.
 - Although identifying points of disparities is important, it is often easier than changing the sources of such disparities. Instead, these disparities analyses are more counterproductive than beneficial.
 - In Connecticut, all 107 police departments are evaluated using seven different tools which are then used to determine which departments have disparities and how to address these disparities effectively.

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- The methods used by this project have been proven to be effective as an independent team of evaluators from Northeastern University recently published in the National Bureau of Economic Research stating that they evaluated 29 out of 33 interventions done in local police departments the year before and the year after an intervention was conducted.
 - It was found that racial and ethnic disparities were reduced by an average of 24% with no increase in crimes or vehicle crashes as a result.
- A workgroup member asked regarding opinions on potential pedestrian stop legislation and how to move forward with this legislation. Although no concrete answers were given, a healthy discussion of forward movements was held.
 - Building rapport and trust with police departments is necessary for positive interventions and collaboration.
- A workgroup member asked whether a partnership was possible between the JJPOC and the CTRP3 in regard to juvenile justice data and providing funding for potential interventions.
- Update on RED Committees
 - Three categories were identified, those being:
 - Data concerns
 - In New Haven, there were 26 arrests of youth aged 12 or younger during the third 2024 quarter, which is significantly more compared to other municipalities in Connecticut.
 - In each of the jurisdictions, delinquency referrals have increased with significant spikes in the arrests of Black youth.
 - New initiatives
 - A new initiative that is currently in development is having law enforcement refer youth to JRBs directly rather than referring them to court.
 - Another initiative is “Project Longevity” being piloted to younger youth in Waterbury.
 - Gaps in services.
 - There is a lack of services available for young people aged 12 years old or younger, a lack of services for girls, a lack of inpatient substance use services, a lack of the LEAP program in some jurisdictions, and a lack of translation services.
- Update on JJPOC Recommendations and Strategic Plan
 - Recommendations will come from the Gender Responsiveness Workgroup, the Education Workgroup, and the Incarceration Workgroup.



Next Meeting: January 15th, 2025

