

Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

Strategic Plan



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Strategic Planning Process



- JJPOC meetings
- JJPOC workgroups
- Tow Youth Justice Institute
- Review of more than 70 research and academic reports
- Initiated studies of select juvenile justice issues



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Short Term Goals

Complete current studies and analysis

- Impact of Raise the Age Legislation
- Juvenile Parole Recidivism
- Juvenile Correctional Facilities
- Mental Health Overlap
- Educational Systems
- Results Based Accountability



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Medium Term Goals



- Diversion
- Incarceration
- Recidivism
- Data interoperability
- Disproportionate minority contact (DMC)



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Targets for Medium Term Goals

Over next 3 years

↑ Increase rate of diversion by 20%

↓ Decrease rate of incarceration by 20%

↓ Decrease recidivism rate by 10%



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Increase Diversion 20 Percent: Juvenile Delinquency Referrals

- Total number of youth under 18 arrested and referred to juvenile court statewide
 - FY 12/13: 8,232 youth
 - FY 13/14: 7,574 youth

Target rate: 6,060 youth by FY 17/18

- 8% reduction in arrests prior to specific JJPOC strategies



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Juvenile Review Board Referrals

- Total number of youth under 18 referred to JRBs statewide
 - FY 12/13: 498
 - FY 13/14: 932

Target rate: 1,118 referrals by FY 17/18

- Increase without new interventions
- 76 towns with JRBs
 - All major cities have JRBs



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Diversion Increase Strategies

- Increase and improve police training
 - adolescent development
 - youth brain development
 - mental health
 - JRB referrals
 - discretionary decision making



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Diversion Increase Strategies

- Open CYFSCs for use in JRB referrals
- Standardize JRB protocols and reporting
- Complete comprehensive assessment of JRB
- Urban JRB focus on minority populations



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Diversion Increase Strategies

- Expand SBDI
 - schools with highest rates of expulsion and suspension (DMC impact)
- Increase use of MOA process between schools, police and OPM
 - Target urban areas (DMC impact)
 - Impact police discretion and decision-making



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Decrease Incarceration 20 Percent: Juvenile Detention Center Admissions

- Juvenile Detention Centers
 - Boys and girls under 18
 - Average length of stay 11 days
- Youth in pre-trial status
 - FY 12/13: 2,605
 - FY 13/14: 2,334

Target rate: 1,867 by FY 17/18



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DCF Commitments

- CJTS/Pueblo Unit are secure correctional facilities
 - CJTS average length of stay 6 to 9 months
 - Pueblo average length of stay 50 days
- Admissions
 - 2013: 256 youth
 - 2014: 202 youth

Target rate: 162 youth by 2018



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Admissions to DOC



- Manson Youth Institution
- York Correctional Inst.
- Admissions under 18
 - FY 12/13: 93
 - FY 13/14: 60

Target rate: 48 by FY 17/18



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Incarceration Reduction Strategies

- Decrease incarceration for probation and parole violations
- Improve assessment and program matching
- Address gaps in services
 - Mental health
 - Substance abuse
 - Specialized services
 - Family engagement
 - Older high risk youth
 - DMC impact



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Decrease Recidivism 10 Percent: Youth on Probation

Recidivism rate for adjudicated youth on probation

- FY 12/13: 59 percent
- FY 13/14: 60 percent

Target rate FY 17/18: 54 percent



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Youth Committed to DCF

- IMRP is currently analyzing DCF data to determine baseline recidivism rate
 - Not currently available

Target rate to be determined



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Young Adult Recidivism Rate

- OPM Annual Recidivism Analysis 2011
 - Under 23 years old: 70%

Target rate: 63% by 2018



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Recidivism Reduction Strategies

- Validate assessment tools
- Train DCF on Risk, Needs and Responsivity
- Adopt evidence-based programs
- Address gaps in program availability
- Quality Assurance
- Research and evaluation



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Data Improvement Strategies

- Data interoperability
 - State agencies
 - State agencies academic institutions
 - State agencies and state-funded organizations
- Research exemptions to state and federal confidentiality laws
- Establish secure data platforms



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Data Improvement Strategies

- Create data workgroup to collaborate on data interoperability
 - JJPOC members
 - State and private academic researchers
 - IT technicians
 - Legal counsel



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Next Steps

- JJPOC adopt goals
- JJPOC reformulate workgroups
 - Diversion
 - Incarceration
 - Recidivism
 - Data Interoperability
- Regular progress reports
- Research



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