

Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

June 15th, 2017 Legislative Office Building 2pm Room



Progress Report

- Legislative Update
 - JJPOC H.B. 7286
- DCF RFI
- Workgroup Updates
 - Diversion
 - Truancy Diversion: New Process



DCF RFI Update



Workgroup Report



Diversion

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- Major Projects:
 - Police Recruit Training (Sec. 10)
 - School-Based Diversion (Sec. 11)



Truancy Diversion: A New Process

Legislation 16-147 Sections 7, 8(b) and 9

- Overview of legislation language
 - Removal of Truancy from Juvenile Court jurisdiction, August 15, 2017
 - School district responsibilities
- Subgroup tasks:
 - Updated referral process
 - Identification of models
 - 2018 Implementation planning



Truancy Subgroup



- Membership
 - Subgroup members include agencies, providers and school representation
- Timeline to date
 - Accomplishments and tasks to be completed



Community Hub Referral Process

- Referral Form
 - Revised current Juvenile Court form for referrals to community hub
- Referral Guidance Document
 - Guide explaining how to complete the referral form and all the steps that need to be taken prior to a community hub referral

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Looking Ahead

- Truancy Intervention Models
 - National Survey
 - Dive deeper into some of the models mentioned
 - Implementation
 - Defining "high rates of truancy"
 - Development of a companion document for the models
 - Tier 3 Interventions
- Truancy Process
 - Employ strategies to decrease absenteeism
 - Exhaust the school's capacity to get the student back on track
 - Refer to YSB to engage community supports
 - YSB identifies additional supports and resources



Chronic Absenteeism

- Ensuring regular attendance in school
- Prevention and Intervention Guide
- Truancy is a part of Chronic Absenteeism
 - Chronic Absenteeism: 18 days absent for any reason
 - Truancy: 4 unexcused absences in a month or 10 unexcused absences in a year



Engaging School Districts

- Timeline
 - July 2016: CSDE Circular Letter to District Superintendents;
 - July 2017: Notification to Districts
 - August 2017: Release Truancy Intervention Models and Referral Process
 - October 2017: Prior year data reported to CSDE
 - January 2018: District data finalized; Begin to decide on models
 - 2018-19 School Year: Begin implementation
- Training
 - August 2017: Commissioner's Back to School meeting
 - September 2017: CSDE Accountability meeting
 - Webinars on Chronic Absenteeism
 - Partnership engagement: CABE, CAPSS, CAS



Discussion



Next JJPOC Meeting July 20th, 2017 2:00-3:30 PM