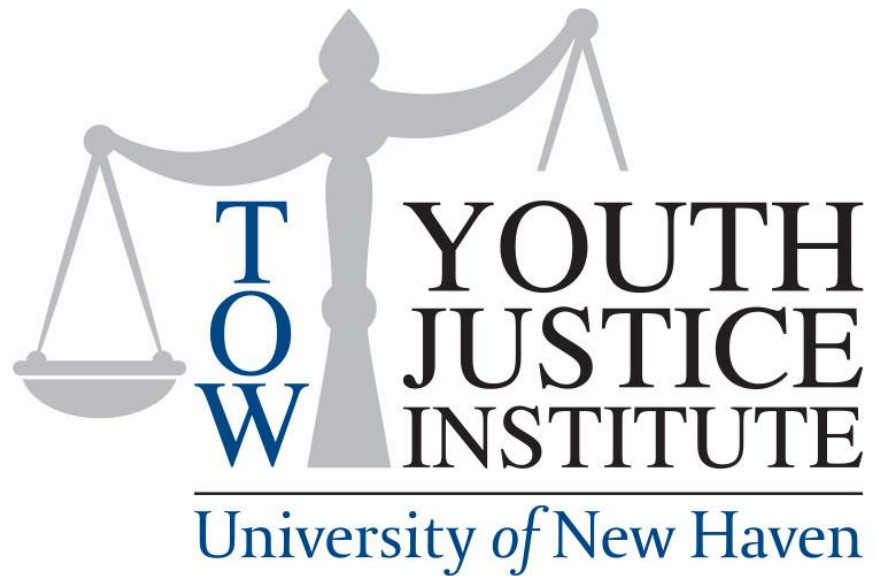


Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

***May 17, 2018
Legislative Office Building
2pm Room 2B***

Progress Report

- Public Act No. 18-31 *“An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee and Concerning the Transfer of Juvenile Services from the Department of Children and Families to the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch”*
- DCF follow-up on questions raised at the April 19th 2018 JJPOC meeting
- Update regarding Transfer of Juvenile Justice Functions from DCF to Judicial Branch
- Diversion Work Group Update
 - Truancy Update
 - Ohio Scales Screening Tool Update



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Public Act No. 18-31

- JJPOC recommendations and the language necessary to implement the transfer of DCF JJ functions to the Judicial Branch were both in H.B. 5041, as amended by LCO 4767
 - JJPOC recommendations are in sections 1 – 7
 - Transfer Implementation language is in sections 8 - 43

Public Act No. 18-31

DIVERTING CHILDREN FROM CONTACT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

- **Section 1**
 - Codifies the Community Based Diversion System Plan developed under PA 16-147,18(K), in which the Youth Services Bureaus are identified as the primary agent for diversion of children from the juvenile justice system.
 - The Community Based Diversion Plan addresses the newly developed process for making referrals of juvenile justice children from police, schools and other agents to the youth services bureau system.
- **Section 2**
 - Codifies the School Based Diversion Plan developed under previous legislation.
 - The Plan addresses priority strategies for school-based diversion: disciplinary policy review, use of community resources such as the Emergency Mobile Crisis Teams, improved professional development for school staff.

Public Act No. 18-31

REMOVING BARRIERS IN EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT

- **Section 3**

- Starting 8/1/18, school districts where juveniles reside must continuously maintain the enrollment of youth who are held in juvenile detention centers so that they can more seamlessly transition when they are returned.
- State detention centers must notify the district to which the child is returning as soon as the discharge date is determined.

- **Section 4**

- On August 1, 2018, each eligible school district (those with more than 6000 students) will have to designate an employee as a liaison to facilitate transitions between the school district and the child in “justice system custody”.

Public Act No. 18-31

OPENING ACCESS TO THE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN RETURNING FROM OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT

- **Section 5**

- Not later than 1/1/20, the Technical High School System and the Court Support Services Division will collaborate to provide career and technical education programming for youth who are in justice system custody or who are returning to their home communities.
- The collaboration is intended to create a pathway to enrollment and the technical schools are called upon to amend their admission criteria to enable this change.
- By January 1, 2019, the Board and the Superintendent of the Technical Schools shall submit a plan to accomplish this to both the JJPOC and the appropriate committees of the legislature.

Public Act No. 18-31

CREATING A DATA SYSTEM FOR “REAL TIME” SHARING OF EDUCATION RECORDS

- **Section 6**

- By 1/1/20, the Education Department must develop a plan to incentivize and support school district participation in a statewide information technology plan that allows for real time sharing of education records.
- By 2/1/19, the commissioner will provide information to JJPOC on the progress being made on the above plan.

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PLANNING FOR A CONSOLIDATED EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR YOUTH IN CUSTODY

• Section 7

- By 1/1/20, the Education Department must develop a plan to incentivize and support school district participation in a statewide information technology plan that allows for real time sharing of education records.
- By 2/1/19, the commissioner will provide information to JJPOC on the progress being made on the above plan.
- By January 1, 2021, a single agency will be in charge of a statewide system for education of transitional supports for children in custody
- By 7/1/18, the JJPOC will convene a committee, the member of which are designated in the bill, to develop the plan mentioned above.

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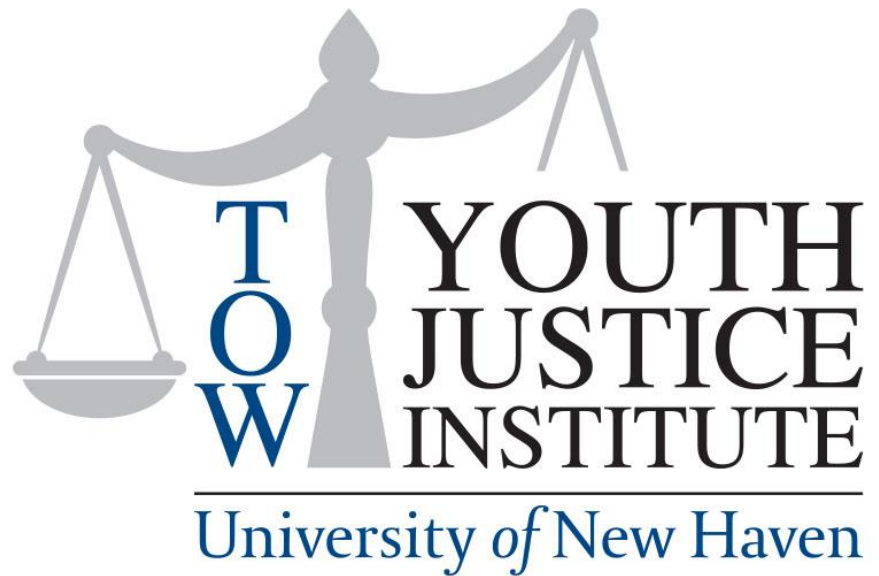
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- By 1/1/19, the JJPOC will receive a report from such committee and propose legislation to vest responsibility for the education of children in custody in a single state agency that will provide all education and related transitional supports, effective July 1, 2020.
- Among the many things that the Plan must address are the following: the range of services for the justice-involved youth must include, at a minimum, a traditional high-school diploma program, an accelerated credit recovery program, vocational training, and access to post-secondary options.
- By 10/1/18, the JJPOC must report on the services available for persons under the age of 18 at the Manson Youth Institution.

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- **PLANNING FOR JUSTICE REINVESTMENT**
- **Section 7**
 - By 1/1/20, the JJPOC shall report on a Justice Reinvestment Plan that will allow for the reinvestment of a portion of the savings from the decreased use of incarceration and congregate care programming to become strategic investments in home, school and community based behavioral health services for children diverted from the juvenile justice system.



**Update: Transfer of Juvenile
Justice Functions from
Department of Children and
Families to Judicial Branch**

Judicial Branch: Court Support Service Division



Highlights of the Legislation:

Transfer of DCF–Committed Juveniles on 7/1/18:

- Provides for the transfer of all committed delinquent children & youth from DCF to the Judicial Branch effective 7/1/18
- Sets out the process for that transfer:
 - Effective 7/1/18, all children & youth in that status will be deemed to be on probation
 - The conditions of parole supervision will become interim conditions of probation
 - An in-court review of each case will take place by 10/1/18 to determine whether those conditions should continue or be modified
 - The period of probation shall not extend past the commitment end date

Judicial Branch: Court Support Service Division



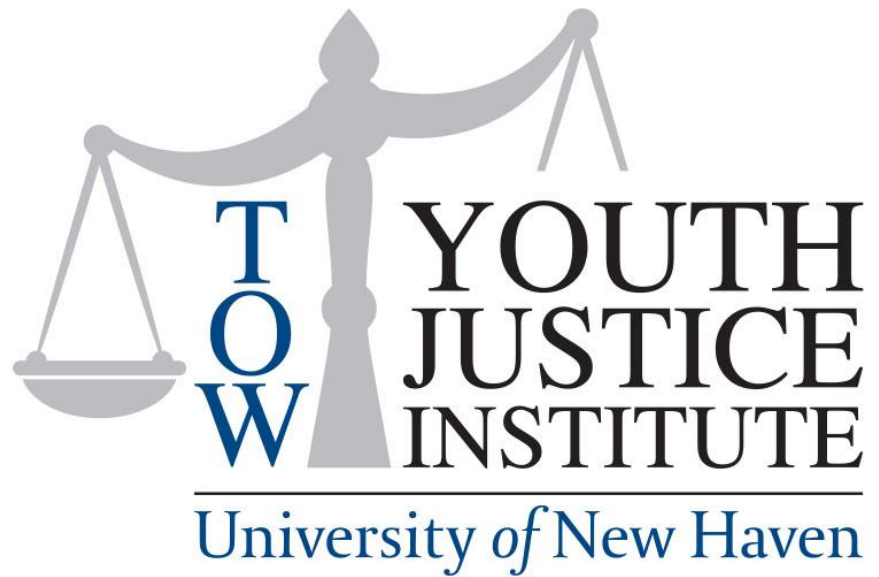
Highlights of the Legislation:

Disposition of Delinquency Cases:

- Updates the list of factors that a judge must consider when determining the appropriate disposition in a delinquency case
- Changes the possible dispositions in a delinquency case to:
 - Probation Supervision in the Community
 - Probation Supervision with Residential Placement
 - Dismissal with or without a warning (existing practice)
- Requirements that must be met for a child to be placed on probation supervision with residential placement
 - Placement is indicated by the child's clinical and behavioral needs, or
 - The level of risk the child poses to pub safety cannot be managed in a less restrictive setting

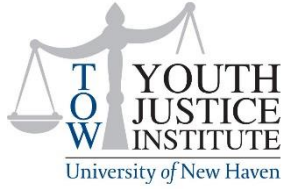
Highlights of the Legislation:

- Specifies the terms of probation as up to 18 months, with a possible extension of 12 months
- Updates the list of conditions of probation that may be imposed
- Provides statutory authorization for the current practice of convening a Case Review Team



Diversion Work Group Update

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- Background
- Truancy Referrals: YSB Referral Form and Guidance Document
- YSB Tool Kit
- Truancy Intervention Models
- UNH Truancy Study
- Ohio Scales for Youth Screening Tool Implementation Update
- Data Collection

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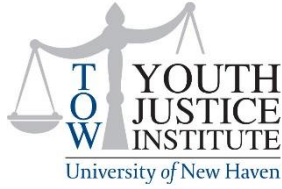
- Background
 - Statutory Changes to FWSN referrals for Truancy
 - Definitions
 - Truancy
 - Habitual Truancy
 - Chronic Absenteeism
 - Diversion Work Group/Truancy Sub Group
 - Membership
 - Process

Diversion Work Group Update



- Truancy Referrals
 - Youth Service Bureau (YSB) Referral Form
 - Referral Form Companion Guidance Document

Diversion Work Group Update



- YSB Truancy Tool Kit
 - Created by JJPOC Truancy subgroup
 - February 2018
- YSB Directors' Summits

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 - February 2018

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- Survey of Truancy Intervention Models 2017: Inventory and Summary of Findings
- SDE Truancy Intervention Models

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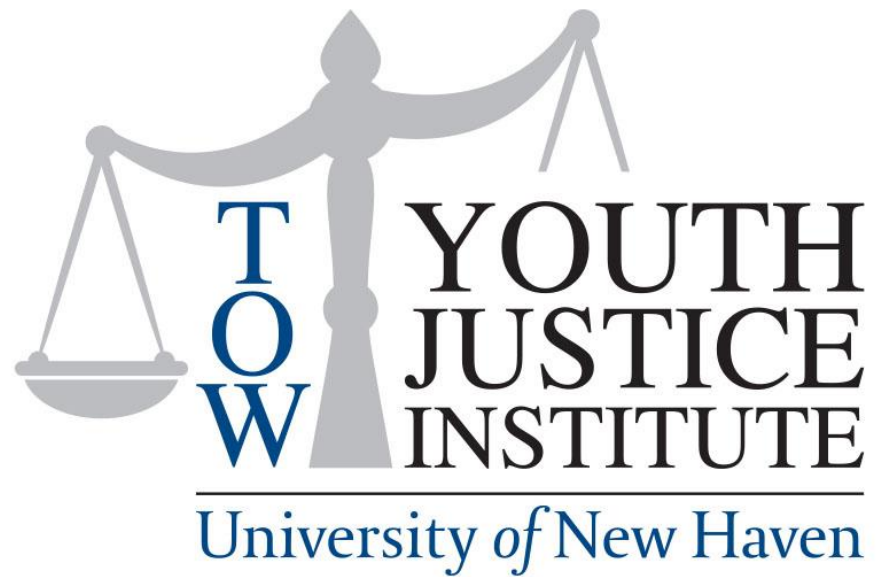


- Ohio Scales for Youth Screening Tool Implementation Update
 - YSB Staff Trainings
 - CT Train the Trainer Sessions
 - Launch Date
- Ohio Scales for Youth: Maximizing a Cross-Systems Approach
 - Stakeholder Forum
 - Post implementation cross-system follow-up

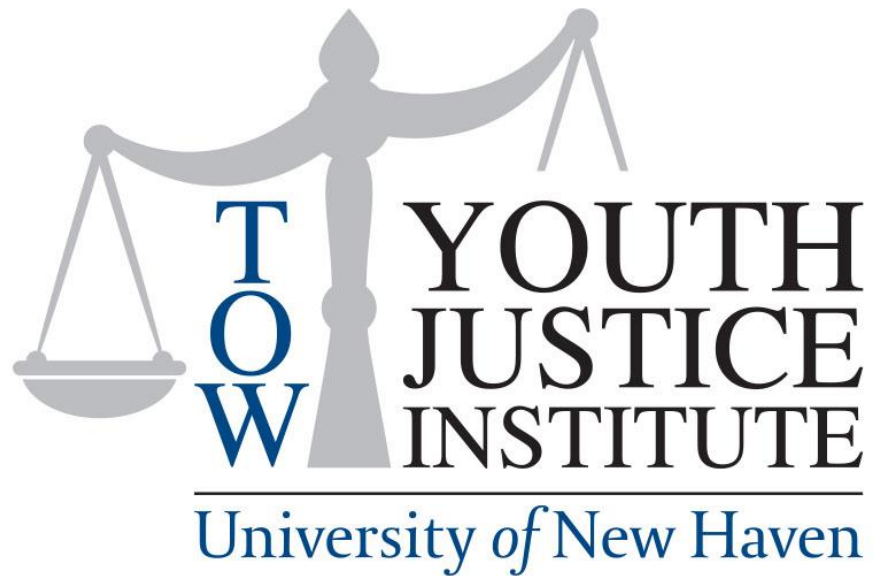
Diversion Work Group Update



- CSDE Truancy Website: <http://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Truancy/Truancy>
- Data Collection
- Next Steps



Discussion



***Next JJPOC Meeting
June 21, 2018
2:00-3:30 PM***