

Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

Sept. 20th, 2018 Legislative Office Building 2pm Room 2B

Progress Report

- Announcement:
 - 2019 Transforming Youth Justice: A Leadership Development Program
 - Applications are due by November 16th 2018
 - On-line application can be found at the TYJI website
- Presentation:
 - Shay Bilchik, Founder and Director of The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University
 - Transforming Juvenile Justice System to Improve Public Safety and Youth Outcomes
- Update:
 - Transfer of Juvenile Justice Functions from DCF to Judicial

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Transforming Juvenile Justice System to Improve Public Safety and Youth Outcomes

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Transforming Juvenile Justice Systems



- Strategy One Decriminalize status offenses and automatically divert all youth who commit certain offenses and are screened as low risk from court involvement
- Strategy Two Develop professional standards and supports to cultivate a dedicated cadre of juvenile court judges and attorneys
- Strategy Three The conditions of supervision directly to youth's delinquent offenses and eliminate the practice of filing technical violations of probation and parole
- Strategy Four *Redefine the primary function of community supervision as promoting positive youth behavior change*
- Strategy Five Focus case planning and service delivery on strengthening youth's connections to positive adults, peers and community supports
- Strategy Six Use data and predictive analytics to guide system decisions and hold supervision agencies, courts and service providers accountable for improved youth outcomes



Update: Transfer of Juvenile Justice Functions from DCF to Judicial

Judicial Branch CSSD Update on JJ Transfer



- Supervision of 172 children transferred from DCF to JB CSSD on July 1st
- Juveniles were placed under Probation Supervision by operation of law. Court hearings by October 1st to review orders.
- Approximately 50 children were in out-of-home placement.
- Expanded community-based services
 - Six FREE programs picked up by Judicial through December 31st
 - MST TAY and MST-FIT contracts transferred from DCF
 - Treatment Foster Care Oregon (TFCO) available January 1st
 - Flex Funds expanded for wraparound services and supports
 - Assumed full funding for LISTS (\$300,000 total)
 - LYNC program model bid to replace CYFSCs for January 1st

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Implementation Timeline to Date

- October 31, 2017: Budget passes including the Transfer of Juvenile Justice from DCF to Judicial
- January 1, 2018: Funding for JJ services transferred from DCF to Judicial
- February: MOA is executed between Judicial & DCF to transfer money back to DCF for last 2 Qs of FY18
- February June: Judicial works with other system stakeholders on legislation to effectuate transfer
- February 23: Judicial issues RFP for Secure Community Based Programs
- February 28: Judicial Issues RFP for Staff Secure Community Based Programs
- May 8th: Legislation passed to effectuate the transfer and provide new juvenile court requirements. Public Act 18-31 signed by the Governor.
- CSSD revises Juvenile Probation and Residential Services policies and procedures to incorporate the changes
- May Present: Judicial plans and implements REGIONS treatment services in Detention Centers
- July 1st: Judicial enters into a contract with Journey House, MST TAY, FREE Programs, and assumes full funding of LISTS
- July 1st: Judicial assumes responsibility for payment of services for those juveniles in congregate care due to delinquency. Later in July, Judicial enters contracts with providers in order to make new referrals.
- August 1st: First juvenile admitted to the REGIONS program.

CJTS Replacement



- Designed and bid a program treatment model: REGIONS
- Input from providers, advocates, other stakeholders
- Consultation from the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR), Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA) and Penny Sampson, Dr. Keith Cruise (Fordham University), Dr. Monique Marrow (Center on Trauma & Children at UKy, Center for Trauma Recovery and Juvenile Justice at UCHC)
- Court order of 'Probation Supervision with Residential Placement'
- Purpose is to reduce recidivism risk and improve well-being
- Length of stay dependent on treatment progress and goal attainment

REGIONS Treatment Programs



(Re-Entry, Goal Oriented, Opportunity to Nurture Success)

- Focus on building skills, changing thinking, education and vocational opportunities, as well as, building positive community connections and relationships
 - Positive Youth Development approach
 - Trauma-informed, therapeutic & nurturing environment
 - Supportive & collaborative learning environment (youth voice)
 - Build skills to self-regulate, cultivate prosocial thinking, and develop healthy and supportive relationships with adults and peers
 - Address overall well-being to ready child to step down to next level of care or transition to community
- REGIONS-Secure bid generated one proposal for boys; not awarded.
 - New RFP to serve boys will be issued this Fall.
 - Journey House, a secure residential facility for girls formerly operated by DCF, serves girls (13 beds).
- REGIONS-Secure provided at Hartford and Bridgeport Detention (12 beds each center)
 - Yale Behavioral Health providing treatment services
- Three REGIONS-Staff Secure programs for boys recommended for award. Two contracts awarded providing 20 beds anticipated for November 1st.

Per Diem Residential Treatment Providers



- Also using "per diem bed" providers for specialized needs when delinquency is a secondary problem (complex psychiatric issues, significant substance disorder, problem sexual behavior, developmental disability)
- 10 contracts awarded to date
- Issuing RFQ again to attract more providers



Discussion



Next JJPOC Meeting October 18th, 2018 2:00-3:30 PM