

Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

May 20th, 2021

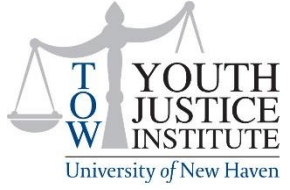
2pm-3:30pm

Zoom Meeting

Opening Remarks

- Meeting facilitation
 - Meeting is being recorded
 - Remain “muted” on Zoom, unless speaking
 - Refrain from interrupting with comments or questions until each presenter is finished speaking
 - Questions and Comments will be limited to JJPOC members
 - Use the “Chat” and “Hand Raising” feature so TYJI can help monitor and facilitate the meeting

Meeting Overview



- Update on CIYPR
- Update on IOYouth Recommendations



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POLICE RELATIONS



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CIYPR Training Objectives



The goal is to:

- Provide monthly training to police officers in the Greater Hartford area to help them more effectively interact with youth and young adults.
- Bridge the gap in police officers' training regarding youth development and how youths and young adults are policed.

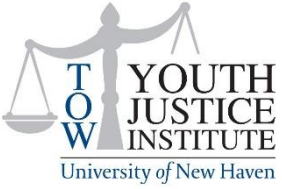


2021 Cohort

14 Participating Officers From 7 Police Departments

- Bristol
- East Hartford
- Glastonbury
- Hartford
- University of Connecticut
- West Hartford
- Windsor

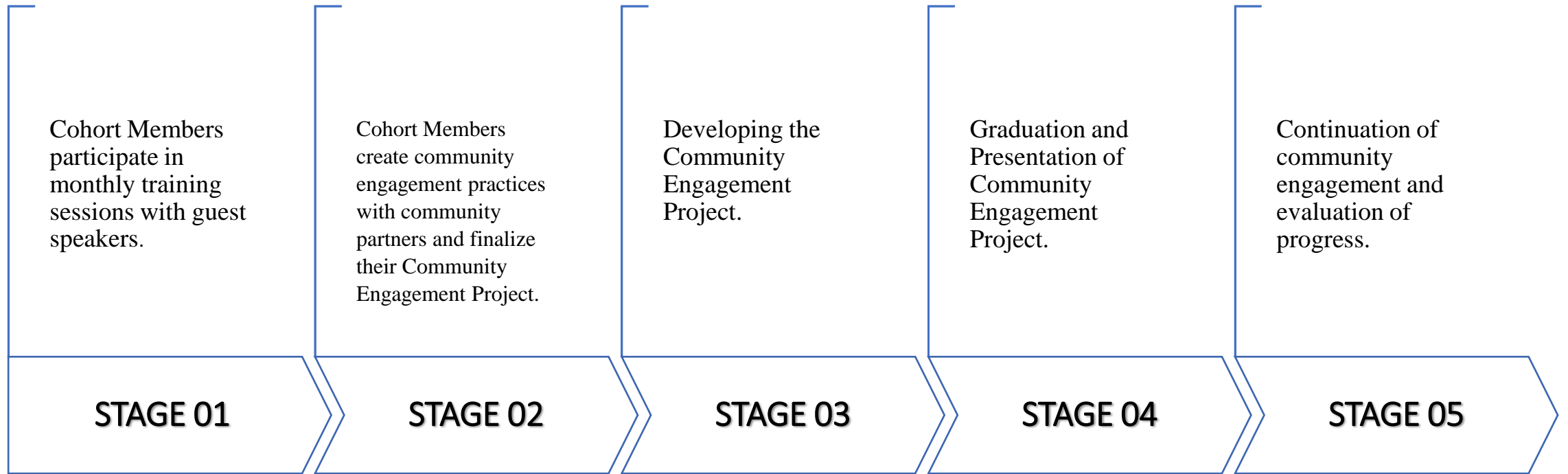
The Goal: Community Engagement Project.



CIYPR Staff provide structure, feedback, and coordinate resources and information to support the reform efforts that will be initiated during the training.

The CIYPR Cohort is encouraged to foster community among themselves and through their departments and community-based youth serving organizations.

CIYPR Timeline



Training and Development

Community Engagement Project Initiation & Implementation

Evaluation &
Curriculum Review

Thank You!



We appreciate the support of our funders who have made the launch of the Connecticut Institute for Youth and Police Relations possible.



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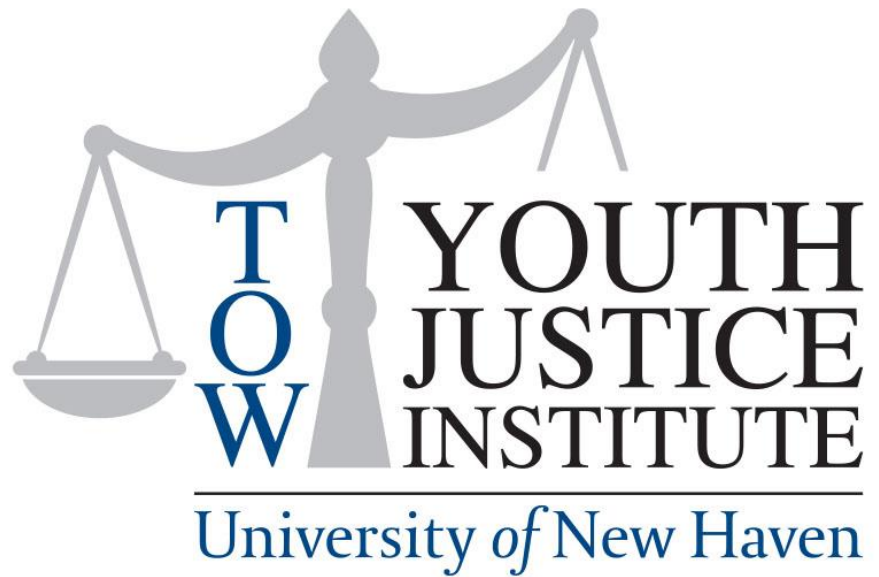
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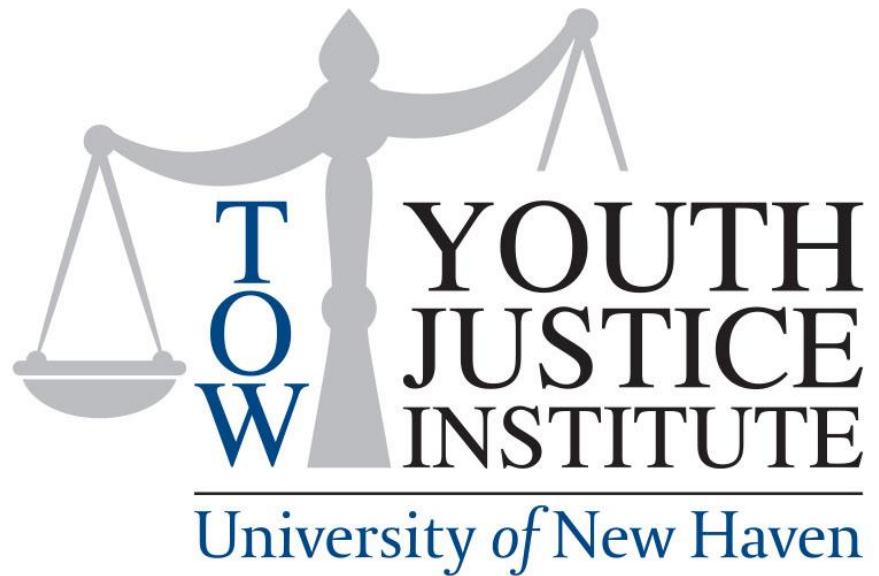
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Update on IO Youth Recommendations

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Support Services Division

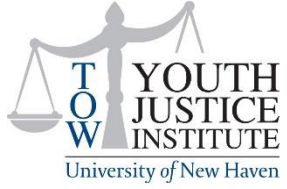
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Juvenile Probation Services-led Projects – Tasha Hunt

- 1.Goal: Ensure court diversion and case handling decisions are based on a youth's assessed risk of reoffending and needs, rather than the nature of the offense
 - a. Develop a risk and needs screening tool and procedures to guide court diversion and case handling decisions
 - b. Divert low risk youth away from formal court involvement
 - c. Preserve court time and resources for the highest risk youth

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- d. Use objective, data informed risk screening to reduce the disparate treatment of youth of color within the juvenile justice system
- e. Match youth pre and post-disposition with the most appropriate level, type and quality of supervision and services to reduce future re-offending
- f. Ensure youth repair any harm caused to victims and communities through restorative justice practices
- g. Identify risk screening quality assurance measures for ongoing monitoring

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2. Goal: Increase family engagement and involvement throughout all phases of a youth's court involvement
 - a. Implement key principles of family engagement in Juvenile Probation policies and procedures to increase youth and family engagement from intake to discharge
 - b. Identify family engagement quality assurance measures for ongoing monitoring
 - c. Establish Family Engagement Specialists to support probation clients and their families and strengthen the partnership with Juvenile Probation
 - d. Develop child and family teaming and safety planning procedures as a precursor to violations of court orders

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Programs and Services-led Projects - Julie Revaz

1. Goal: Ensure that the JB CSSD's continuum of contracted services remains well aligned with the current needs of the youth it serves, and is achieving recidivism reduction and other goals
 - a. Document key indicators of program performance as a means of identifying opportunities to expand/contract/adjust the service array

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2. Goal: Ensure that the procurement / contracting process is functioning optimally for the acquisition of juvenile programming

a. Internal Process:

Offer training to streamline and improve RFP writing, and consider additional training to ensure efficient and effective proposal review.

b. External Process: Explore the possibility of offering “generic” training to potential bidders and other external stakeholders, to make RFPs known to small / grassroots organizations, and provide general information about bid preparation.

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3. Goal: Identify strengths as well as issues/barriers that exist for vendors working with the Judicial Branch CSSD to serve the juvenile population, with particular focus on treatment matching, client engagement / dosage, coordination of care, and the service array
 - a. Conduct focus groups with Directors of current juvenile programs to discuss strengths/weaknesses of the current system

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Residential Services-led Projects – Cathy Foley Geib

1. Goal: Ensure that the Detention Risk Screening Instrument instituted in January 2017 is functioning correctly
 - a. Analyze 3 years of data
 - b. Make adjustments as indicated by the analysis
 - c. Automate the screen to capture all data and provide ongoing analysis

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2. Goal: Limit the use of Detention and address RED

- a. Develop Alternatives to Detention Matrix/Decision-making Guide to safely divert from detention by mitigating risk to public safety
- b. Expand alternative intervention options through better utilization of existing resources and cross-system collaboration
- c. Partner with Law Enforcement and DCF to safely divert from detention

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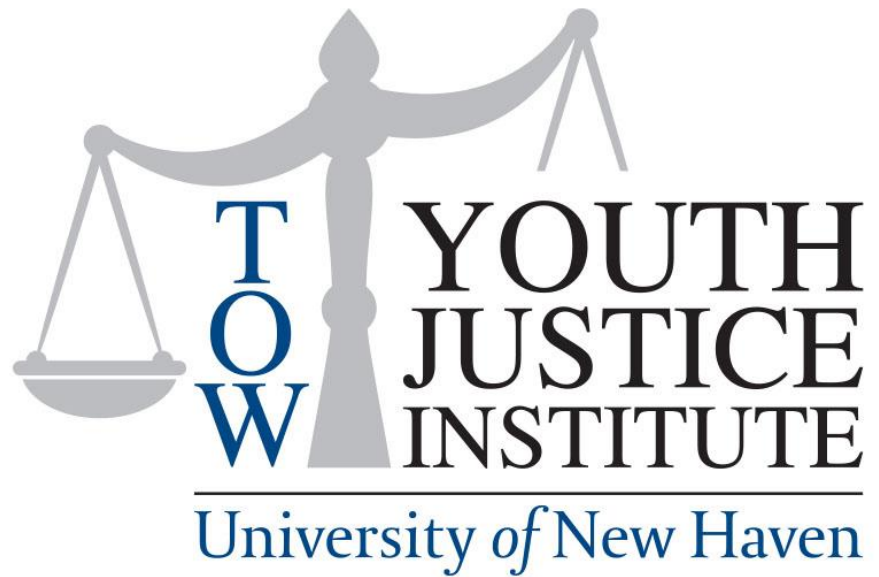
3. Goal: Development of Detention Data Dashboards

- a. Pretrial Detention Dashboards to better align operations, policies, and outcomes that cross Juvenile Residential Services, Probation Services, and Programs & Services.
- b. Dashboards will inform stakeholder ad hoc data requests and the Annual Report will be posted to Judicial website.

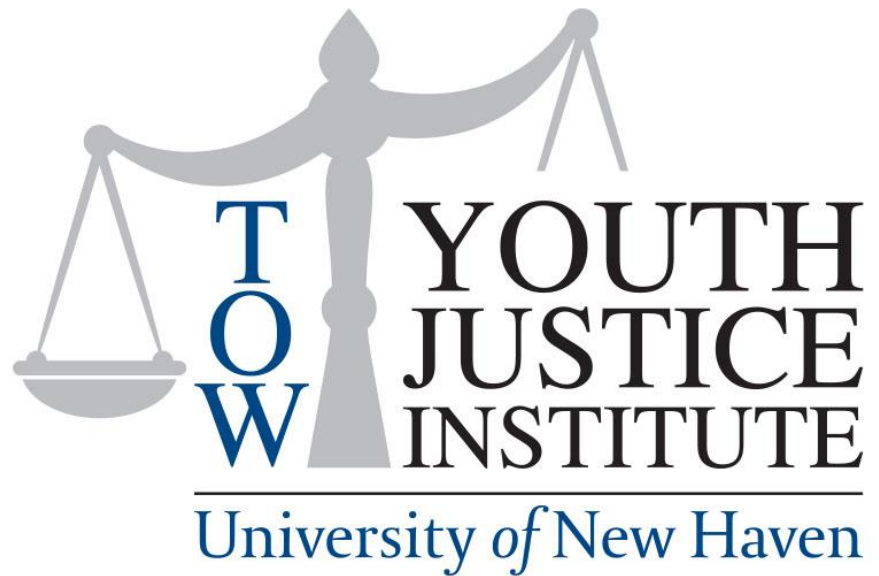
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c. Frequency and Focus of Dashboards

- i. Weekly: Timely identification of clients with unique needs or delayed discharge
- ii. Biweekly: Timely identification of facility use, problems, and population well-being
- iii. Monthly: Review of facility use, incidents, interventions, and access to family, services, and programs
- iv. Quarterly: Trends related to utilization, incidents, interventions, access to services and programs, and youth and staff well-being
- v. Annual Report: Utilization, youth served, services provided, staff wellness, and operational costs



Questions?



Next JJPOC Meeting
June 17th, 2021
2:00-3:30 PM