

Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

July 15th, 2021

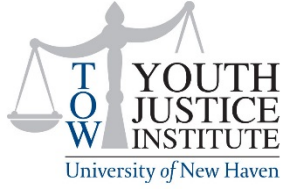
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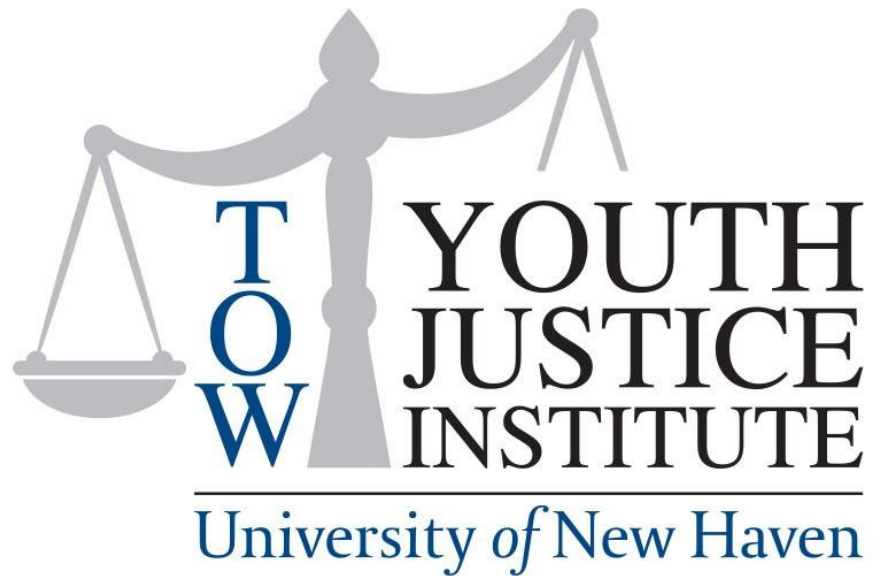
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- Meeting facilitation
 - Meeting is being recorded
 - Remain “muted” on Zoom, unless speaking
 - Refrain from interrupting with comments or questions until each presenter is finished speaking
 - Questions and Comments will be limited to JJPOC members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

Meeting Overview



- Acceptance of the June 2021 Meeting Minutes
- Presentation on Sexual Violence and Criminalized Youth
- Overview of MYI Agreement
- Discussion on Juvenile Car Thefts



Presentation on Sexual Violence and Criminalized Youth

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Sexual Violence & Criminalized Youth

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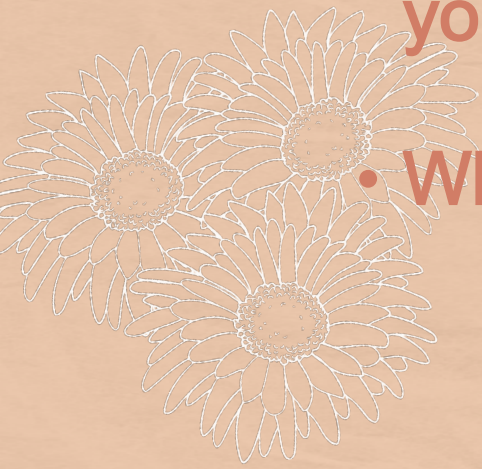
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Today's Discussion

- Who/What is the CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence?
- What is sexual violence and how does it impact young people who are system - involved?
- What can we do about it?



CONNECTICUT ALLIANCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE



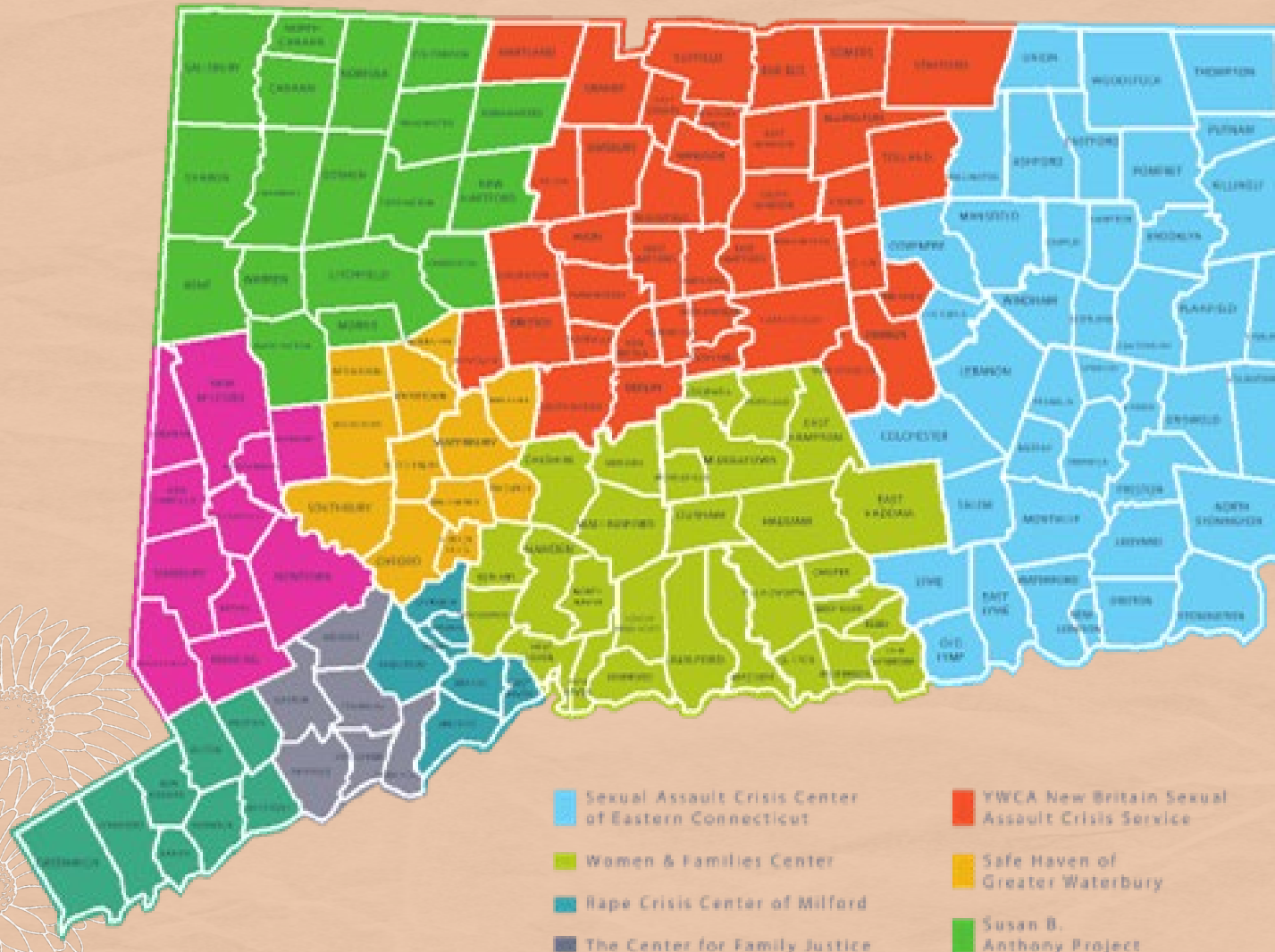
Support. Advocate. Prevent.

formerly CONNSACS

24-Hour, Toll-Free Hotlines:

1-888-999-5545 (English) | 1-888-568-8332 (Español)

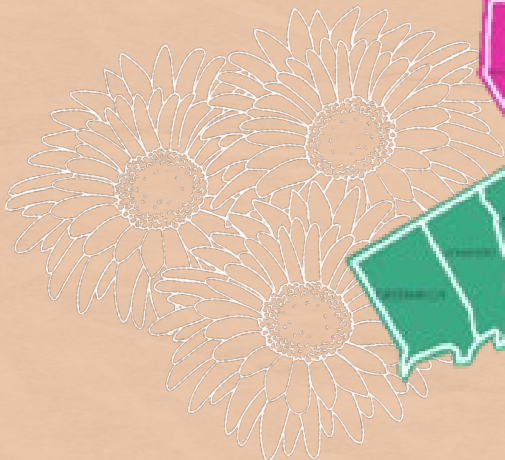
Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence is a statewide coalition of individual sexual assault crisis programs whose mission is to end sexual violence and to ensure high-quality, comprehensive, culturally competent sexual assault victim services.



All services are free and confidential.

The sexual assault crisis programs provide:

- certified sexual assault victim advocates
- 24/7 hotline services in English and Spanish
- short-term counseling for individuals and groups
- information and referrals to other social and legal services
- accompaniment and support in hospitals, police departments and courts





SELF-CARE





What is Sexual Violence?



SEXUAL VIOLENCE IS ANY UNWANTED CONTACT OR NONCONTACT SEXUAL ACTS OR BEHAVIORS. SEXUAL VIOLENCE DESCRIBES A RANGE OF BEHAVIORS CARRIED OUT WITH THE USE OF COERCION, MANIPULATION, THREATS, INTIMIDATION, FORCE, OR ABUSE OF POWER. THESE INCLUDE RAPE OR ATTEMPTED RAPE; FONDLING; INCEST; EXPLOITATION; EXHIBITIONISM; OBSCENE PHONE CALLS, EMAILS, OR TEXT MESSAGES. SEXUAL CONTACT WITHOUT AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE;



IT IS NEVER THE VICTIM'S FAULT.





Impacts of Sexual Violence can include

IN GENERAL:

increased use of drugs and/or alcohol, depression, anxiety, self-harm, self-harming behaviors, chronic headaches or other pain, insomnia, hypervigilance, perfectionism, people-pleasing/fawning -

FOR CHILDREN:

this may include STIs, isolating themselves from friends and family, regressive behaviors, an increase in sexual behaviors and understandings of sexual topics that are not developmentally appropriate, unexplained changes in eating habits, being overly compliant, new and extreme worry or fear.

REMEMBER:

Every victim/survivor's experience is unique, as are the ways they physically, emotionally, and behaviorally respond to their experiences.

Prevalence of Sexual Violence



1 IN 4 GIRLS AND 1 IN 13 BOYS EXPERIENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE BEFORE
THEY TURN 18

NATIONALLY, 41.3% OF FEMALES WHO
EXPERIENCED A RAPE IN THEIR LIFETIME FIRST EXPERIENCED ONE
PRIOR TO THE AGE OF 18;
30.1% WERE AGED 11 TO 17.

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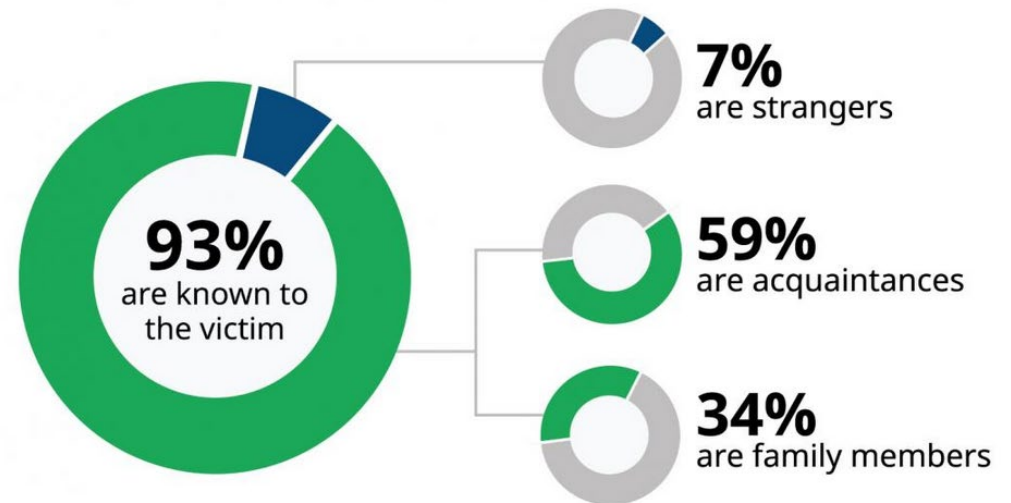
Why might a young person
not share their
experiences of sexual
violence?

Barriers to Disclosure

- Lack of language or understanding
- Shame & Guilt
- Lack of support system & safe spaces

CHILD VICTIMS OFTEN KNOW THE PERPETRATOR

Among cases of child sexual abuse reported to law enforcement:



RAINN

National Sexual Assault Hotline | 800.656.HOPE | online.rainn.org
Please visit rainn.org/statistics/children-and-teens for full citation.⁴

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- Trauma to Prison Pipeline
 - Survived & Punished
 - Carceral Facilities





OUR CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM RELIES ON &
ASSUMES THAT

Crime is neutral, apolitical, and unconnected
to oppression

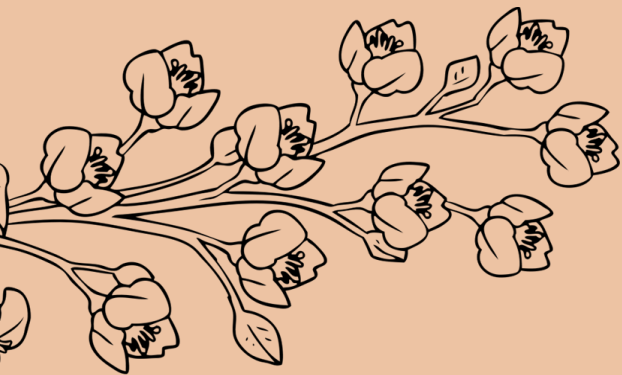
Survivors never commit crimes and are perfectly
sympathetic



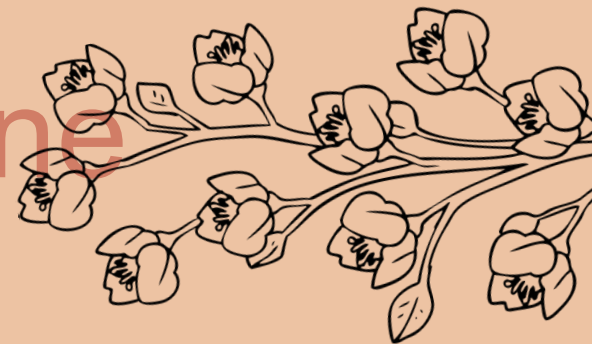
Survivors want incarceration, deportation, and
punishment. These things make the world safer.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES WITH THIS?



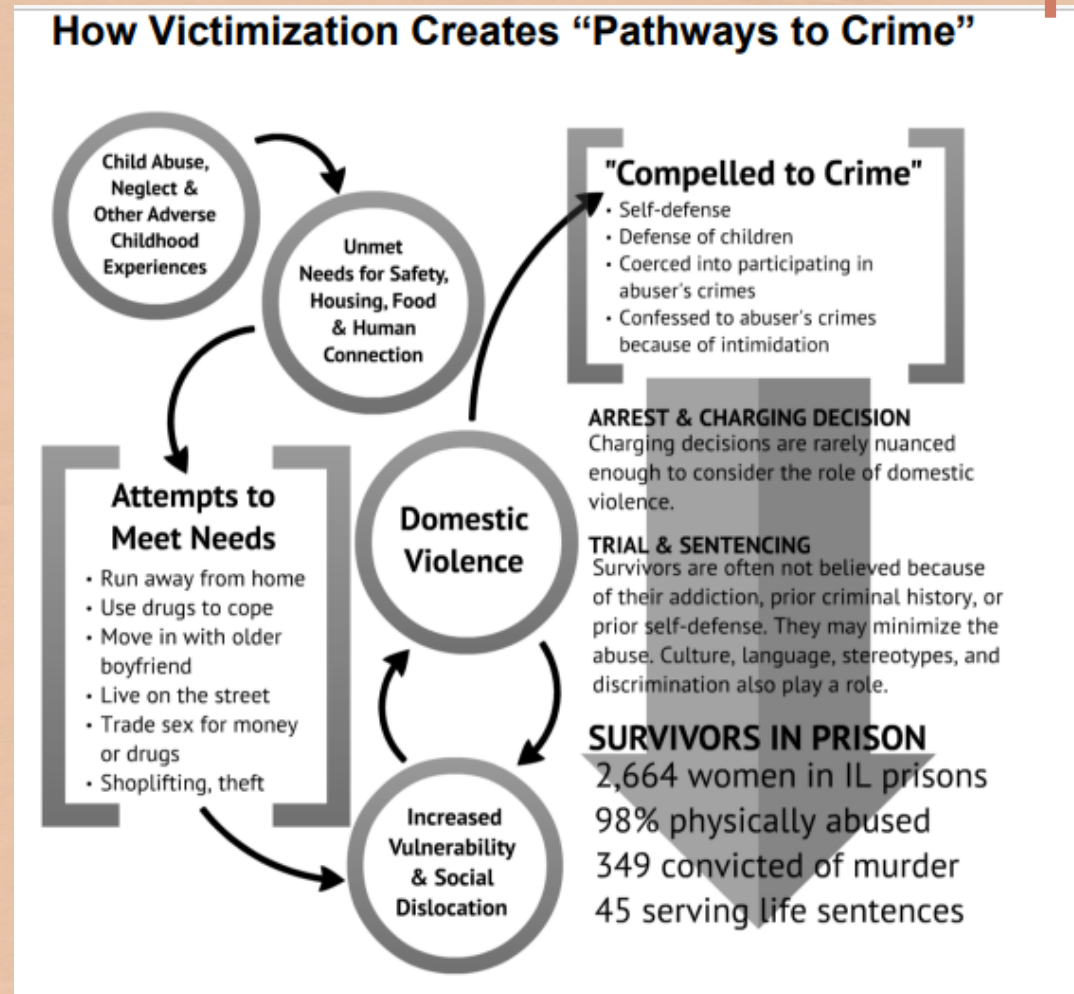


Trauma to Prison Pipeline

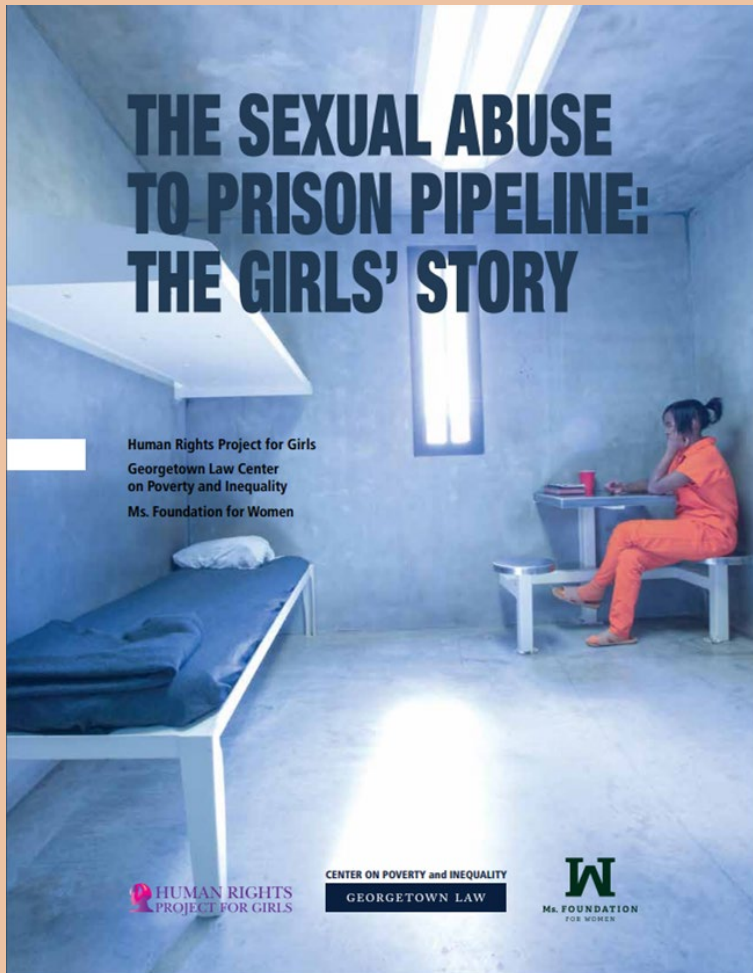


MANY SURVIVORS ARE
CRIMINALIZED FOR THE WAYS
THEY EXPERIENCE & NAVIGATE
TRAUMA AND SURVIVAL

Trauma to Prison Pipeline



Trauma to Prison Pipeline





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WHAT DO WE HOPE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS DO?

- Places of rehabilitation
- Provide people with needed
mental health care



- FEMALE-ONLY FACILITIES HAD THE HIGHEST RATES OF YOUTH-ON-YOUTH SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION (5.7%),
- MALE-ONLY FACILITIES HAD THE HIGHEST RATES OF STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT (8.2%).
- AN ESTIMATED 92.4% OF ALL YOUTH WHO REPORTED STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT SAID THEY WERE VICTIMIZED BY FEMALE FACILITY STAFF
- AN ESTIMATED 9.5% OF ADJUDICATED YOUTH IN STATE JUVENILE FACILITIES AND STATE CONTRACT FACILITIES (REPRESENTING 1,720 YOUTH NATIONWIDE) REPORTED EXPERIENCING ONE OR MORE INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION BY ANOTHER YOUTH OR STAFF IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS OR SINCE ADMISSION, IF LESS THAN 12 MONTHS

**DOES MORE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT MEAN MORE VULNERABILITY
FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE BOTH SURVIVORS AND EXPERIENCING
CRIMINALIZATION?**





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TENSION BETWEEN BODILY AUTONOMY VS SECURITY MEASURES

“PRISONS ALSO FOSTER AN ATMOSPHERE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE THROUGH SECURITY PROCEDURES. THIS EMPHASIZES INCARCERATED SURVIVORS OF THEIR LACK OF POWER AND TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THEIR SUPPOSED PROTECTORS (RICHIE 2012, 51)”

Richie, Beth. Arrested Justice: Black Women, Violence, and America's Prison Nation. 2012





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WHEN DID YOU FIRST LEARN ABOUT CONSENT, BOUNDARIE
HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BEHAVIORS?



HOW ARE YOUNG PEOPLE'S IDEAS OF VIOLENCE AND
RELATIONSHIPS INTERTWINED AND IMPACTED WHEN THEY
SEPARATED FROM THEIR COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AND PLA
UNDER STATE SUPERVISION?





"I was locked up ten different times within a two year period. Inside juvie I met other girls like myself who were there for prostitution, running away, and truancy. All of us were from the same neighborhoods, poor families, and seemed to have the same disposition of trauma, anger mixed with hopelessness. We were not violent girls. We were girls who were hurting. Being confined to a tiny cement room was one of the hardest things I have ever had to experience. Being locked up all I could do was reflect on my life but it didn't seem to help. I became even more withdrawn and angry." — *Nadiyah Shereff*

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THERE ARE NO PERFECT VICTIMS. WE CAN'T ASSUME THAT THE
WE ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING
ALL SURVIVORS REGARDLESS OF
HOW THEY'RE LABELED OR JUDGED
BY THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM

LEGAL SYSTEM IS ALWAYS
IDENTIFYING SITUATIONS AND
THE PEOPLE WITHIN THEM
CORRECTLY OR ETHICALLY.

NOT ALL LAWS ARE JUST. WE
HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO
SUPPORT SURVIVORS AGAINST
ABUSES OF POWER, EVEN WHEN
THE LEGAL SYSTEM IS
INVOLVED IN PROSECUTING
THEM

NO ONE DOES THE WORK
KNOWING HOW TO DO IT
PERFECTLY FROM THE START.
HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE MANY
OF THE SKILLS WE NEED
ALREADY



Values to Center

WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE
ANSWERS, BUT WE DO
HAVE A LOT TO SHARE
AND LEARN FROM EACH
OTHER

INCREASE KNOWLEDGE

Attend our trainings! Learn more about sexual violence and the way it impacts all of us.

DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS

Partner with us and your local crisis center!

INVEST IN EARLY INTERVENTION

Expand diversion pathways, involve anti -sv advocates in JRB/YSB, participate in Sequential Intercept Mapping

UNDERSTAND TRAUMA IMPACTS

Accept that trauma responses are incredibly diverse. They impact how survivors navigate their environment and how they perceive safety, harm, and authority.

What can we do?



People and Organizations to Learn From

- Mariame Kaba
- K Agebeyi
- Beth Richie
- Andrea Ritchie
- Survived & Punished
- Project Nia*
- Interrupting Criminalization
- Generation Five*
- Color of Violence
- Sexual Abuse to Prison Pipeline: The Girls' Story*





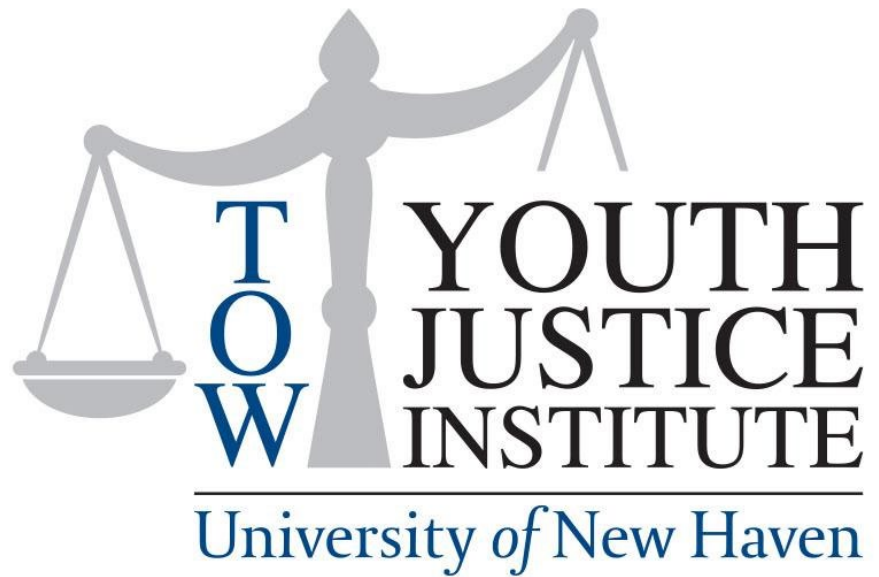
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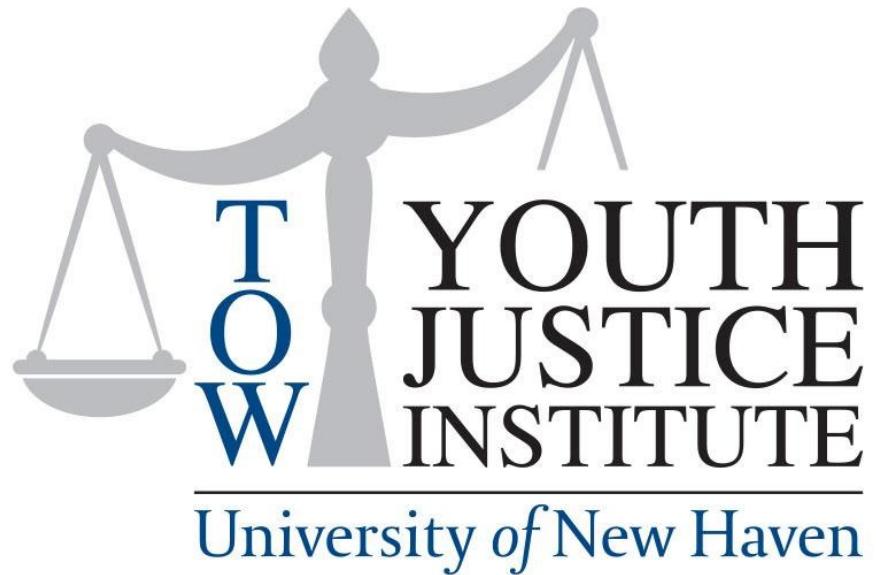
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Questions?



MYI Agreement

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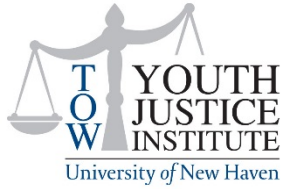
DA Eulalia Garcia and Warden Derrick
Molden, Department of Corrections

Agreement concerning MYI youth

History

- Summer 2020: Negotiations commence to address conditions being experienced by youth during the COVID-10 pandemic
- CCA engages national partners Juvenile Law Center and National Center for Youth Law
- Key areas of focus:
 - Access to education
 - Access to mental health services
 - Out of cell time and access to programming given health concerns
- Meetings between national experts and DOC personnel, January 2021

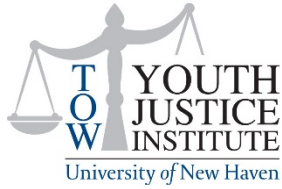
Agreement concerning MYI youth cont'd



- Agreement terms:
 - Education:
 - Ensures ongoing in-person instruction, except for those in medical isolation or quarantine
 - Ensures individualization of packets and feedback on packets for those in medical isolation or quarantine
 - Ensures installation of an internal WiFi network to support an online learning platform with target date of September 2021
 - Mental health:
 - Provision of in-person mental health services, including in-person bi-weekly reassessment of all young people under 18 not currently receiving services (exceptions for those in medical isolation or quarantine)
 - Clear posting & opportunity for over 18 year olds to request and/or be reassessed for MH services on a weekly basis
 - Out of cell time & programming:
 - National expert consultations to commence with DOC staff regarding expanding out of cell time and programming options
 - Fees for experts and attorneys' time
 - Monthly reporting



Manson Youth Institution



Agreement reached concerning Youth at MYI

- Educational Resources
- Mental Health Services
- Out of cell time and programming opportunities

Education



Access to educational services and resources

- Youth at MYI have continued to receive mandated educational hours.
- Education will continue to be provided in person barring any facility emergency or safety concerns.
- Remote learning will continue to be an available resource with continued efforts to enhance the experience for the students.
- CDC guidelines and safety protocols continue to be at the forefront of our mission.
- Students in quarantine will be provided remote access to educational resources
- Wi-Fi platform will be available to deliver educational services.
- We will look to enhance engagement in the remote learning experience.

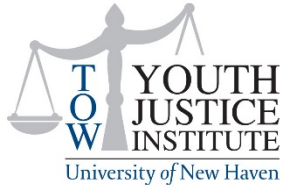
Health Mental Services



MYI staff and Administration have committed to ensuring quality Mental Health Services are provided to the young people at MYI.

- All requirements of the agreement are being adhered to.
- Opportunity for reassessment has been offered to all persons housed at MYI and parental notices sent to parents and guardians per the agreement
- Literature has been posted to inform over 18 population of reassessment opportunity.
- An Informational brochure will be provided at time of admission/transfer regarding access to care and available programming.
- Will review ways to simplify accessing Mental Health resources and services i.e. color coding documentation to expedite provision of services.

Out of Cell Time and Access to Programs



Manson Youth Institution is fully invested and committed to shifting culture and creating a therapeutic environment for our population to thrive and have success reintegrating back into the community post incarceration.

- MYI has added additional post to provide more out of cell opportunities.
- We have added a Counselor Supervisor, Activity Officers, and additional Counselors to the 2nd shift compliment.
- 3 additional recreation opportunities have been incorporated into the daily schedule.
- One of the new Counselors is dedicated to developing and implementing programs for the population.
- A Manson Youth City Council is being formed comprised of young people from our population.
- Opportunities for family engagement will be provided through additional visiting opportunities and programs that promote family engagement.

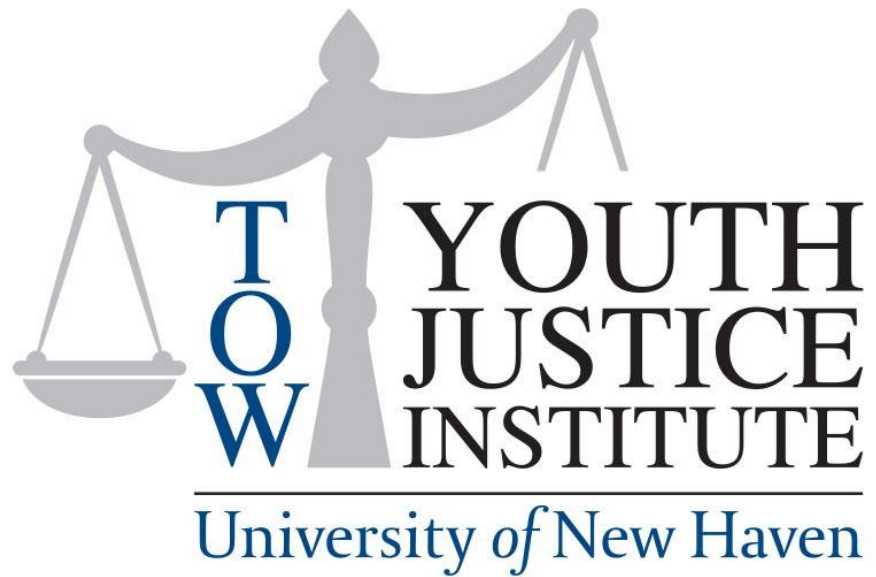
Collaborative Efforts



The Department of Correction is committed to collaborating with a multitude of agencies in efforts of delivering the most quality resources to the population we serve.

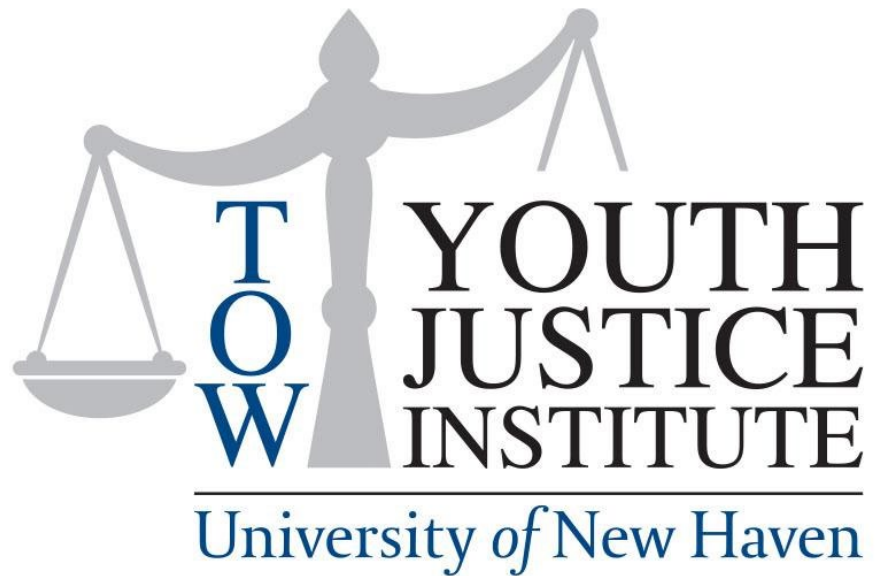
The MYI Administration continuously engages in meetings with the agencies listed below. Our goals are to work together to develop solutions and policies that represent the best interest of the young people we serve.

- The State Department of Education
- The Department of Children and Families
- The Office of the Child Advocate
- The Center for Children's Advocacy

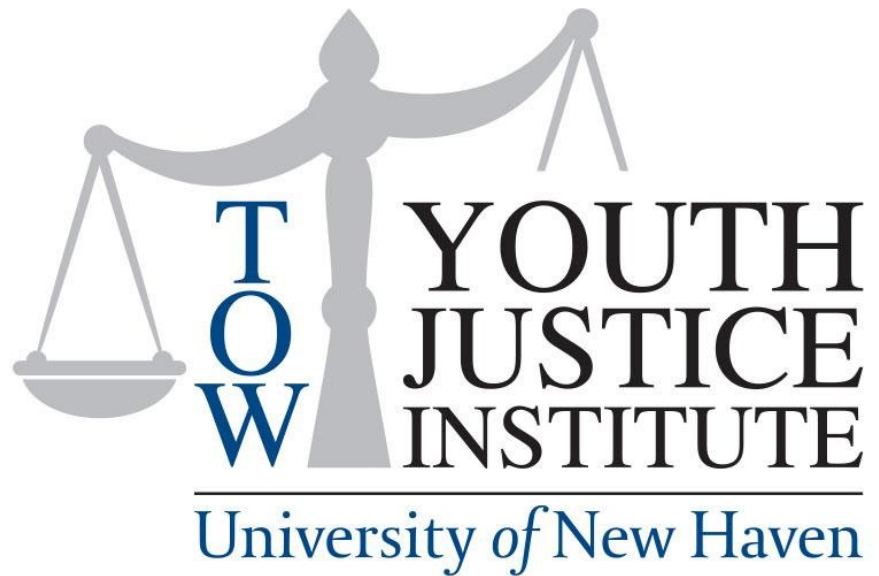


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Discussion on Juvenile Car Thefts



***Next JJPOC Meeting
September 16th, 2021
2:00-3:30 PM***

****NO MEETING IN AUGUST****