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Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee

December 19, 2024

2:00PM – 3:30PM

Legislative Office Building, Room 1E

Zoom Option available

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Rep. Toni Walker/Undersecretary Daniel Karpowitz

Overview of Meeting & Announcements

Brittany LaMarr, University of New Haven, TYJI

Voting on JJPOC Recommendations

Workgroup Chairs and JJPOC Membership

Community Expertise Workgroup

Diversion Workgroup

Education Workgroup

JJPOC 2025 Recommendations



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Community Expertise Workgroup

JJPOC Membership

2025 Recommendation: Appoint Youth to Vacant JJPOC Membership Seats

1. The Community Expertise Workgroup of the JJPOC recommends that "Section 46b-121(n)(b)(23) of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage): Two children, youths or young adults under twenty-six years of age with lived experience in the juvenile justice system, shall be appointed by the Community Expertise Workgroup of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee."



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Education Workgroup

Education Recommendations

Recommendation 1: The Education Workgroup of the JJPOC is recommending an amendment to Section 10-198c of the general statutes. In Section 10-198c of the general statutes the Education Workgroup is recommending that attendance review teams report annually to the Connecticut State Department of Education on their approach and outcomes. Section 10-198(c)(b)(2) should read:

(2) Any attendance review team established under this subsection may consist of school administrators, guidance counselors, school social workers, teachers and representatives from community-based programs who address issues related to student attendance by providing programs and services to truants, as defined in section 10-198a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and chronically absent children and their parents or guardians. Each attendance review team shall be responsible for reviewing the cases of truants and chronically absent children, discussing school interventions and community referrals for such truants and chronically absent children and making any additional recommendations for such truants and chronically absent children and their parents or guardians. Each attendance review team shall meet at least monthly **and shall report annually to the Department of Education on its specific efforts and outcomes.**”

Education Recommendations

Recommendation 2: The Education Workgroup of the JJPOC is recommending an amendment to Section 10-198d of the general statutes. In Section 10-198d of the general statutes the Education Workgroup is recommending that the State Department of Education and the Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap report on its use and efficacy (by school district) of chronic absenteeism prevention and intervention plans. Section 10-198(d)(a) should read:

(a) Not later than January 1, 2016, the Department of Education, in consultation with the Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap established pursuant to section 10-16nn of the general statutes, shall develop a chronic absenteeism prevention and intervention plan for use by local and regional boards of education to reduce chronic absenteeism in the school district, and **shall report on its use and efficacy by school districts.”**

Education Recommendation

The Education Workgroup recommends that it should collaborate with CSDE to identify school district metrics that should be reported to CSDE in 10-198c and 10-198d.



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Diversion Workgroup

Diversions Recommendations

The Diversions Workgroup of the JJPOC Recommends:

Recommendation 1: All municipalities and/or municipal agents responsible for operating a Youth Diversion Team/Juvenile Review Board should report to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) on an annual basis data related to youth being diverted and the outcomes of diversion as per DCF requirements.

Recommendation 2: No later than Dec. 1, 2025, Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) should work in partnership with the JJPOC Co-Chairs and/or their designees, and representatives from the Community Expertise Workgroup develop a proposed statewide uniform youth diversion policy for the consideration of POSTC.

Recommendation 3: No later than Dec. 1, 2025, POSTC should work in partnership with the JJPOC Co-Chairs and/or their designees, and representatives from the Community Expertise Workgroup to develop a proposed youth diversion training curriculum for consideration as a part of its accreditation requirements for local law enforcement.

Next Meeting – January 16, 2024

Voting Meeting to Review Gender Responsive and Reentry Recommendations