

Background/Context

- As many as 50-80% of youth involved in the JJ system have a diagnosable mental health condition
 - Higher rates the "deeper" you get into the JJ system
 - Evidence of overlap calls for coordinated and integrated approaches
 - A history of fragmentation in CT's child-serving systems that is increasingly challenged
- PA 14-217
 - "An assessment of the overlap between the juvenile justice system and the mental health care system for children."
 - "Specific recommendations to improve outcomes and a timeline by which specific tasks or outcomes must be achieved."

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- PA 13-178
 - Section 1** called for development of children's behavioral health implementation plan
 - Focused on promoting key principles of effective systems of care
 - Prevention, early identification, early intervention
 - Developmentally and culturally appropriate services organized in a comprehensive array
 - Family, youth, and community engagement
 - Results Based Accountability and data-informed quality assurance
 - Improve integration of school- and community-based services
 - Section 7** called for Judicial to perform a study on youth/young adults with MH needs placed in the JJ/Corrections system (including identifying programs that reduce inappropriate referrals and recommendations for treatment)

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Background/Context

- The Connecticut Children's Behavioral Health Plan includes several themes and recommendations relevant to the JJ system and youth:
 - Intended to enhance access for all children
 - Services available based on need—not on insurance type, system involvement, geographic location, race/ethnicity, or other factors
 - Pooled funding and coordinated management and delivery
 - A Care Management Entity (e.g., single point of access, information, care coordination)
 - A full continuum of care
 - Integrated data system for collection, management, analysis, reporting
 - Promotion, prevention/diversion, treatment, after-care
 - Screening in various settings
 - Reduce disparities; promote standards of culturally and linguistically appropriate care

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PA 14-217 Report on MH/JJ System Overlap

- Review of secondary sources
 - Characteristics of the systems, areas of overlap
 - Characteristics of youth with JJ/MH needs
 - Past and current initiatives, strategies, interventions
- Targeted input from key partners in Connecticut and nationally
 - Strengths, needs, recommendations for enhancement
- Include assessment of relevant data sources
 - Populations
 - Variables assessing MH needs, interventions, outcomes
 - Structure of datasets including common identifiers
 - Gaps in available data
 - To inform further study called for in PA 13-178 (implied in PA 14-217)
- Timeline:** September 1, 2015
- Funding and Support:** Judicial Branch-CSSD, Tow Youth Justice Institute

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PA 14-217 Report on MH/JJ System Overlap



- Deliverable: A report of key findings
 - System overlap, review of national and CT-specific prevalence
 - Identified strengths, needs, and recommendations
 - Areas on which to build and enhance
 - Existing best practice and evidence-based interventions
 - Areas of unaddressed need
 - Recommendations for enhancing MH-JJ system integration
 - Across the continuum of prevention/diversion, services in JJ system, reentry to home/school/community settings
 - Alignment with PA 13-178 and BH Plan implementation
 - Timeline articulating specific tasks / expected outcomes



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Wrap Up

Comments and Questions



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