

***Juvenile Justice Policy and  
Oversight Committee***

***May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

***Legislative Office Building***

***2pm Room 2C***

# Progress Report

- Legislative Update
- Workgroup Report
  - Recidivism
  - Diversion
  - Cross Agency Data Sharing
- Community Provider Presentation
  - Preparing for Juvenile Justice Needs

# *Workgroup Report*

# *Recidivism*

# Recidivism



- Major Projects:
  - Vocational and Educational (Sec. 17)
  - Prohibit out-of-school suspension in Congregate Care (Sec. 13)
  - Educational needs of children and youth in JJ system (Sec. 14)
  - Recidivism Reduction Framework (Sec. 15)
  - De-escalation Techniques training (Sec. 16)
    - Restorative Justice Programming

# *Diversion*

# Diversion

- Major Projects:
  - Truancy Subgroup (Sec. 7, 8)
  - Police Recruit Training (Sec. 10)
  - School-Based Diversion (Sec. 11)

# *Cross Agency Data Sharing*



# Cross Agency Data Sharing



- Major Projects:
  - OPM Annual Recidivism Report (Sec. 17)
  - Result Based Accountability (Sec. 18)
    - Population & System Metrics Report
  - Data collection for the new grounds for detention diversion release plan (Sec. 5)
  - TYJI Research Projects for JJPOC

# Community Providers Perspective on Juvenile Justice System Needs

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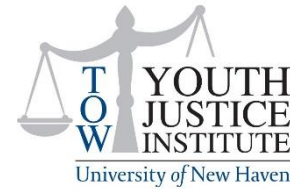
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# Community Providers Perspective on Juvenile Justice System Needs



- Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR) is a private nonprofit agency whose mission is:
  - To provide care, treatment, education and family support for at-risk, special needs and troubled young people so they can become productive and fulfilled members of their communities.
- Programs and Services:
  - Residential Programs: Litchfield Residential, East Hartford and Winchester Group Home
  - Community-based programs located in Danbury, East Hartford, Middletown/Meriden, New Britain, New Haven, Rockville/Manchester, Torrington, Waterbury
  - Behavioral Health & Wellness Programs
  - Vocational and Educational Programs
- 2015-2016 Outcomes:
  - 2,615 young people and their families received services through CJR
  - 81% of the youth served by CJR's New Britain A-CRA substance abuse treatment program completed services successfully
  - 87% of the youth discharged from New Britain-based Fostering Responsibility Education and Employment (FREE) Program completed services successfully.
  - Torrington Child, Youth and Family Support Centers (CYFSC) served 140 children and families and had service completion rate of 91%
  - 96% of the girls admitted to CARE (Community Residential Program) completed services successfully and were referred to the appropriate level of aftercare in their home communities
  - 85% increase in number of children and families receiving services in the Wellness Center
  - The Cable Academic and Vocational Center had a 92% average daily attendance rate, served students from 59 towns and school districts of this total 40 were represented by day students.

# Community Providers Perspective on Juvenile Justice System Needs



LISA, Inc. is a private nonprofit agency whose mission is:

To provide safe, supporting, empowering programs that build skills, awaken hope for the future, and help young people successfully transition into adulthood.

## Programs:

- Residential
  - Lisa's Wish; 8-bed SWEPT program - girls age 17-21 in Plainville
  - SAIL Program; 12-unit TLAP program for young men and women age 18-23 in Bristol.
- Community Based Life Skills (CBLS); youth 14-21, statewide.
- Youth Excellence Program; 13-17 year old boys leadership program - statewide.
- DST prevention and intervention groups for girls age 14-21

## Residential Demographics

67% female  
62% age 16-18; 29% age 19-21  
34% African American  
18% Caucasian  
47% Hispanic  
36% JJ involved; 50% of girls involved in DST (Wish)

## Staff Diversity

91% female  
37% African American  
42% Caucasian  
21% Hispanic

## 2016 Residential Outcomes

67% met educational requirements  
50% completed life skills  
64% discharged to higher level of independence  
45% got a job  
\*100% of CBLS youth had gains in all LS areas

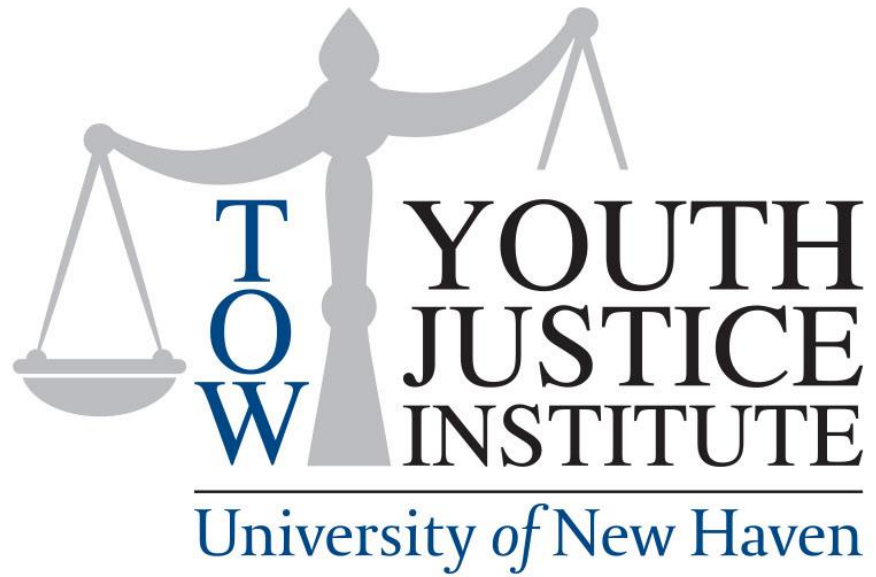
# System Service Gaps



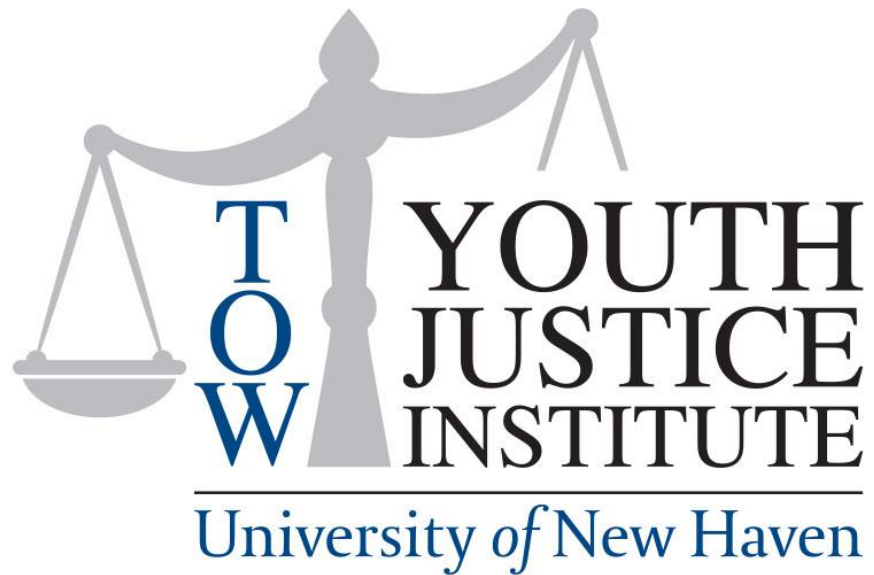
- Integrated treatment
- Longer term interventions
- Early interventions
- LGBTQI, gender specific and culturally responsive services
- Wraparound support
- Access to supplemental services
- Education options
- Independent living skills
- Vocational and employability skills
- Intermediate, short term, residential treatment options
- Step-down program options

# System Recommendations

1. Integrate current diversion services into a formalized system
2. Establish innovative funding structures to encourage a public/private partnership
3. If the system remains bifurcated, identify a provider to provide care coordination.
4. Pilot the preferred service delivery system in one geographic area or region
  - Design, fund, and implement in one location
  - Identify a “lead provider” or coalition to lead activities
  - The system would include services for all levels of youth in JJ and at high risk for delinquency.
  - Replicate; but only after all processes and services are proven effective



## ***Discussion***



***Next JJPOC Meeting  
June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
2:00-3:30 PM***