

**OJJDP Cooperative Agreements with Tow Youth Justice Institute/  
University of New Haven**



This is a summary of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention OJJDP funds received by the University of New Haven in 2018, 2019 and 2020/2021.

**2020/2021 - Restoring Connecticut youth in and out of the juvenile justice system**

- Federal award date 12/22/21
- Project Start Date 5/1/22
- Grant completion 09/30/24
- Sub-grantees: Connecticut Youth Services Association (CYSA) and Center for Children’s Advocacy (CCA).

<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>Implement restorative justice practices in pre-trial detention programs, secure post-disposition juvenile justice facilities, step-down juvenile justice residential facilities, youth shelters, therapeutic residential programs and probation services and community-based programs.</b>
<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Inform system-wide and organizational design and change to support Youth Service Bureaus (YSBs) and Juvenile Review Boards (JRBs) capacity to drive and achieve Connecticut’s juvenile diversion goals.</b>
<b>Goal #3</b>	<b>Strengthen Connecticut’s network of Restorative Practices offerings by building up the infrastructure so they are more easily accessible to youth and families.</b>

**Accomplishments to date** – Grant activity began May 1, 2022

**Goal #1 - CCA**

# of training events held	49
# of individuals trained	338
# and % of technical assistance requests delivered.	43
# of youth leaders trained on JJ issues	42
% of programs that employed a restorative practice recommended by CCA.	100
# of facilities trained	10

**Goal #2 – CYSA**

# of questions in YSB survey	156
# of questions in JRB survey	167
# of surveys administered to YSBs	104
# of surveys administered to JRBs	88
# of surveys collected	182 (99 YSB 83 JRB)
# of data points established	29,305 (surv resp x quest)

### Goal #3 - TYJI/UNH RJ Infrastructure

# of planning activities	22
# of new partnerships established	35
# of surveys distributed	12
# of surveys completed	8
# of convenings of restorative practitioners	10
# of organizations represented	31
# of contacts identified for database	40



### 2019 - Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities through Local and Statewide Strategies

- Project Start Date 4/1/21
- Project Completion Date 9/30/2023
- Sub-grantees – Center for Children’s Law and Policy (CCLP) and Regional Youth Adult Social Action Partnership (RYASAP)

<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>Comply with 2019 OJJDP Required Deliverables for Non-participating States – University of New Haven completed</b>
<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Utilize Restorative Practices (RP) to improve the school climate and resolve conflict in BPS</b>
<b>Goal #3</b>	<b>Develop a roadmap for the JJPOC’s RED Workgroup to address and implement strategies that reduce racial and ethnic disparities that still exist in many decision points in the juvenile justice system.</b>

### Accomplishments to date

#### Goal #1 - TYJI/UNH

- All required publications have been submitted and approved by the OJJDP.

#### Goal #2 - RYASAP

# of Conflict Resolution circles facilitated	37
# Impromptu Conferences facilitated	403
% drop in tier 3 level issues	94
# of staff trained	13
# of coaching or TA hours provided	24
# surveys completed	28
# of BPS positions adapted or added to implement RP continuum	16
% of RP being used after training/TA	100

#### Goal #3 – CCLP

# of communities of color involved in the interpretation and development of strategies to address disparities	34
# of data sources identified and reviewed	172
% of workgroup members who are people of color	Approx. 47%

# of oversight mechanisms identified to promote increased local engagement with oversight and accountability mechanisms for schools and law enforcement focused on racial and ethnic equity that will be included in issue brief	37
# of LISTs that have RED subcommittees or other structured partnership with RED tables	24
# of RED Workgroup members educated about conducting racial equity impact analysis	20
# of RED Workgroup workplan items identified during each year of the project period	40
# of potential solutions developed and recommended out of the JJPOC committees regarding inequities	5

**2018 - Achieving Positive Youth Outcomes for Safer and Healthier Communities**

- Project Start Date 5/1/19
- Grant completed December 2022
- Sub-grantees: Connecticut Youth Services Association (CYSA) and Center for Children's Advocacy (CCA).

<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>Divert Youth from the Juvenile Justice System by Appropriately Serving them in the Community</b>
<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Reduce the disproportionate number of minority youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Hamden, Norwalk and Waterbury.</b>
<b>Goal #3</b>	<b>Assess prevention and intervention approaches focused on justice-involved youth in Connecticut - University of New Haven</b>

**Accomplishments to date**

This project concluded in December, 2022. Final reports are being prepared.

**Goal #1 – CYSA**

Some of the metrics achieved include:

# of training events held	30
# of coaching/technical support hours provided	181
# of agencies receiving coaching/TA (YSBs and JRBs only)	46
# of hours collaborating with other stakeholders	68
# of other collaborators/partners	29
# of Juvenile Review Board diversion cases from July 2020- June 2021 (during the pandemic)	1,476
Rate of recidivism among JRB cases within the 6 months they are active with the JRB	.30%
Rate of successful completion of JRB cases	72.8%
# of Juvenile Court referrals returned to the community	277

**Goal #2 – CCA**

# of partnerships established/stakeholders committed to participating in the RED Reduction work	33
# of training events held during the reporting period	57

# of people who attended the above training events	1,016
# of planning meetings held during the reporting period	144
# of agency policies or procedures proposed	97
# of agency policies or procedures created, amended, or rescinded	46
# of organizations that received training	583
# of organizations that received technical assistance	6
# of program materials disseminated	360

### **Goal #3 – TYJI – Final Report is being developed**

- 10 communities were identified with the highest incidents of racial and ethnic disparities within their arrest and school discipline data identified.
- Attended each of the six quarterly meetings and receive from and offer information related to our shared work on front-end diversion and reducing racial and ethnic disparities.
- Collaborated with the Judicial Branch, who produces the public reports  
Reviewed data from edgisght.gov for education population data
- Completed interviews to collect feedback related to selecting or referring youth, intake process, determination of service needs, completion determination, discharge process, engagement with parents and the community as partners, and data collection strategies and obstacles.
- Discussed the role of COVID-19 on the services they provided and the relationships that they had build with youth and/or community partners.
- Data analyzed and drafted for the overall OJJDP report that will be produced at the end of the grant period.