

Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Meeting Subcommittee on Policy

Overview

The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Policy Subcommittee has met two times since the last full Coordinating Council meeting on September 19, 2023. Monthly meetings were held on October 19 and November 16. The committee includes a total of fifteen members representing six federal agencies and five practitioners from the field.

During the committee's two most recent meetings, members examined statutory language focusing on the goals of the Coordinating Council and prioritized its five objectives. The subcommittee identified Objective 1—Examining legislation/regulation/organizational policy and Objective 5 – Exploring policy and practice for youth in federal facilities – as its first two priorities. Pursuant to these priorities, the subcommittee agreed that it would begin work to collect and build a living repository for legislative and regulatory information across member agencies. In addition, the group will begin gathering data and background information on youth in custody.

The subcommittee also welcomed Sarah Meehan, a Presidential Management Fellow temporarily detailed to OJJDP's Policy Coordination Division. In support of the committee and its work towards Objective 1, Sarah is conducting interviews with federal members. The goal of this process is to identify policies and statute across partner agencies that are relevant to the Council's mission, including gaps that may impact our ability to effectively serve youth. The subcommittee will use this collection of federal policy information to conduct a review and analysis and propose options and recommendations to the Council for closing these gaps. Some initial gaps were identified for illustrative purposes where federal agencies could more fully support system-involved youth and youth transitioning out of juvenile facilities.

The committee is also examining how different agencies define key terms, which will assist members when reviewing legislation and future policies, and inform cross-agency communication related to youth at-risk of entering or already involved in the juvenile justice system.

Moving forward, the committee will continue to gather policy information via the key informant interview process and to analyze the information provided by Federal agency representatives. Work on the data and background for Objective 5 – Federal facilities is beginning and ongoing.

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