

## **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 three times since the last full Coordinating Council meeting on April 19, 2023. Monthly meetings were held on June 22, July 20, and August 17 respectively. The committee includes a total of thirteen members representing six federal agencies and five practitioners from the field. Four new practitioner members and one additional federal agency member were welcomed to the committee during this period.

The Policy Subcommittee was convened to identify and explore policy opportunities that would benefit from interagency coordination to serve youth more effectively – especially those who are system-involved. Policy, for the purposes of this subcommittee, has been defined broadly to include legislative and regulatory actions as well as federal agency policy and program instruction impacting practice. It was generally acknowledged that practice and policy should be closely coordinated/aligned and that the Council's two subcommittees may find specific areas of mutual support as they begin to identify strategies for action.

During the last three meetings, members worked to identify specific goals and objectives that would focus the subcommittee's efforts, ensure adherence to the statutory purpose of the Council, and define and delineate the role of the policy subcommittee in relation to the subcommittee on programs and practice. To that end, members carefully reviewed statutory language describing the function of the Council and explored ways the policy subcommittee could support those functions. The subcommittee then used the next two meetings to draft, discuss, and finalize a goal and a set of five objectives for future action. The goal and objectives focus on the analysis and review of federal policy to shape recommendations for consideration by the full Council and, ultimately, Congress and the President.

The subcommittee's objectives outline policy areas for review that impact justice-involved youth and those youth at high risk of contact with the justice system across the purview of participating Federal agencies. These areas include review and analysis of the following: 1) legislative, regulatory or organizational policy changes; 2) programs and policy alignment with emergent research and promising practice; 3) interagency agreements; 4) identification of service and system gaps resulting in unmet youth needs; and 5) reasons that youth enter Federal custody and the implications for practice and facility management. Across all five of these areas, the policy subcommittee will assess federal actions and guidelines for consistency across federal agencies, for alignment with emergent research, and to encourage federal collaboration and agreements that more effectively support justice-involved youth and youth at high risk of justice involvement.

The policy subcommittee is proposing to collect, review, and analyze these areas to report back to the Council on findings and make recommendations on policy inconsistencies, gaps and needs for consideration. The subcommittee further agreed that it would continue to meet and use the next few months to organize, share, and work through a process for reviewing the above outlined policy areas.

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