

Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Meeting Subcommittee on Policy's Report to the Coordinating Council

Overview

The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Policy Subcommittee has met four times since the last full Coordinating Council meeting on December 6, 2023. Monthly meetings were held on December 14, 2023; January 25, 2024; February 15, 2024; and March 21, 2024

Quarterly Update

Discussions on Recommendations

During the four meetings covered by this report, members continued to review and discuss the recommendations they will present to the full Council. The Policy Subcommittee and the Programs and Practice Subcommittee started with nearly 100 recommendations, drawn from ideas discussed and presented at past Council meetings and shared by members of the public via the Council webpage. Included was the input of youth who spoke at the October 2022 re-launch meeting; speakers and panelists from Harris County; presenters from the April reentry meeting at the Department of Labor; and expert panelists from December 2023. Through a process of discussion, internal agency vetting, and prioritization, this list was categorized and narrowed to a final list of 16 recommendations for consideration by the full Council at its April 10th meeting.

Annual Report

Subcommittee members also discussed the Annual Report to the President and Congress, which is due 120 days after the last Council meeting of the fiscal year. Recommendations identified by the subcommittees, and ultimately approved by the full Coordinating Council, will form the basis of the recommendations and workplan presented in the Annual Report.

Continuum of Care

At the March meeting, Kristen Kracke, Policy Subcommittee Chair, presented to subcommittee members on OJJDP's Continuum of Care (CoC) Framework. OJJDP uses this framework to highlight the range of programs necessary to support justice-involved youth at every point along the continuum. The framework ranges from prevention to intervention, out of home placement, and reintegration. Kristen noted that this information would also be presented at the April 10th full meeting as a possible way to guide the Council's recommendations and future workplan.

During the course of discussion, subcommittee members shared their thoughts on the CoC Framework and its relationship to their own work. Tib Campise, representing the Department of Defense, noted that DoD has been using the multi-tiered system of support, which focuses on prevention and intervention. The CoC Framework helps members to think about what they can put in place to prevent a child from going into the juvenile justice system. Cheri Hoffman, representing the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), noted that prevention in HHS is about keeping children out of the child welfare space. She sees an interplay with child welfare across OJJDP's continuum of care wheel, where child abuse and neglect is a risk factor for delinquency, but also a potential out-of-home placement that HHS shares with OJJDP. Jeff Buehler, representing the Department of Education, saw elements of Education's Title I, Part D

program in the prevention, out-of-home placement, and community reintegration wedges of the CoC wheel.

Recommendations to the Council

The Policy Subcommittee makes the following recommendations to the Coordinating Council.

- The subcommittee recommends that the Council adopt OJJDP's Continuum of Care as a guiding framework for its recommendations and workplan.
- The subcommittee recommends that the Council accept its shortened, top 16 recommendations list for further consideration.

Policy Subcommittee Members

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Marissa Abbott, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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Jennifer Kemp, U.S. Department of Labor

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Diana Morales, U.S. Department of Defense

Mark Patterson, Practitioner Member

Lourdes Rosado, Practitioner Member

Liz Simons, Practitioner Member

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