

Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Meeting Subcommittee on Programs and Practice

Overview

The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Programs and Practice Subcommittee held its inaugural meeting on March 29th and convened for a second meeting on April 11. The committee includes a total of nineteen members, representing eleven federal offices as well as practitioners from the field.

At its first meeting, the Programs and Practice Subcommittee focused on topics that emerged from the Young Justice Leaders panel recommendations shared at the October Council meeting—mental health and substance use; mentoring; increasing/improving supportive services for youth exiting the system; fines, fees, and addressing financial hardship as a barrier; prevention and the school-to-prison pipeline; and equity. Agencies provided information about current programs and activities and discussed the importance of identifying opportunities to partner and to leverage existing partnerships.

The subcommittee's second meeting focused on learning about potential partnerships that the subcommittee might leverage for action towards implementing youth panel recommendations. The HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) provided information on the establishment of a Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CICC) to reduce child poverty and improve child wellbeing. ASPE is working to establish the CICC, as directed by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. Congress has indicated that it intends for the CICC to foster greater coordination and transparency on child policy across agencies and to examine and periodically report on a broad array of cross-cutting issues affecting child poverty and well-being.

In addition, ASPE presented on the work of their Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs (IWGYP), providing an overview of youth.gov and the Map My Community feature, which provides information on more than 10,000 federally-funded programs from more than 100 federal agencies' financial systems. Map My Community also includes a customized search of USASpending.gov to help communities identify who has received federal funding for programs that serve youth and their families in their communities. In particular, the subcommittee discussed ways that the CICC and the IWYG might work with the Coordinating Council to complement--rather than duplicate--each other's efforts.

In its discussion of strategies that the Subcommittee might consider for addressing youth panel recommendations and supporting agencies' programs, practices, and partnerships, the subcommittee identified one recommendation for the full Council's consideration. Committee members reviewed a proposal that the Council serve as co-sponsor of the OJJDP National Conference to be held in Washington DC in November 2024. As co-sponsor, it is anticipated that Council partner agencies might host a session featuring multiple agency representatives to provide information about available federal resources of interest to conference attendees.

Other possible co-sponsor activities could include planning a series of conference workshops focused on recommendations from the Young Justice Leaders who presented at the October Council meeting. There is precedent for this activity by the Council, which served as sponsor of a similar conference in 2006. The conference would be funded and supported by OJJDP.

Recommendation:

- The subcommittee recommends that the Coordinating Council serve as co-sponsor for the OJJDP National Conference in November 2024.

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