

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

Overview

The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Programs and Practice Subcommittee has met three times since the last full Coordinating Council meeting on December 6, 2023. Monthly meetings were held on January 24, 2024; February 28, 2024; and March 27, 2024.

Quarterly Update

Discussions on Recommendations

During the three meetings covered by this report, members continued to review and discuss the recommendations they will present to the full Council. The Programs and Practice Subcommittee and the Policy 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.

2024 OJJDP National Conference

The Coordinating Council previously voted to sponsor a track at OJJDP's 50th Anniversary National Conference scheduled for November 19–21, 2024. Since this time, the Programs and Practice subcommittee has continued conversations around National Conference planning. Ten proposed sessions were presented to the OJJDP conference planning committee and seven sessions were accepted. The subcommittee seeks the Council's approval of the proposed sessions for the National Conference. A description of these sessions is provided as an addendum.

Continuum of Care

At the March meeting, Kristen Kracke, Associate Administrator for OJJDP's Policy Coordination Division, presented OJJDP's Continuum of Care (CoC) Framework to the Programs and Practice Subcommittee. 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 provided valuable feedback on the

CoC Framework. Nataki MacMurray, PhD, from the Office of National Drug Control Policy, suggested adding a ring around the current graphic that would show the programmatic resources of different agencies and demonstrate how many of these programs, services, and other resources coincide with the levels of intervention already included in the graphic. OJJDP acknowledged this input and will explore ways capture this information. Gregory Henschel, representing the Department of Education, pointed out the CoC graphic did not include school systems and asked if schools would be included in the graphic. OJJDP noted that education is represented throughout the entire wheel but that specific touchpoints for education can be added.

Recommendations to the Council

The Programs and Practice 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 the seven proposed sessions for its track at the OJJDP 50th Anniversary National Conference in November 2024.
- The subcommittee recommends that the Council accept its shortened, top 16 recommendations list for further consideration.

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