



# Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

## Juvenile Justice and Cross System Youth Task Force

Friday, March 5, 2021

9:00-11:00 a.m. EDT

Virtual via Zoom

### Agenda

#### Strategic Goal and Objectives:

Improve safety and outcomes of youth who come in contact with the juvenile justice system, as measured by:

- Number of counties regularly holding Dual Status Assessment Team meetings
- Number of JDAI counties
- Number of delinquency and status cases filed
- Number of youths waived to adult court
- Number of youths with justice system history re-entering the adult system
- Ratio of disproportionate minority contact with the justice system at various points

9:00 – Welcome and Introductions

9:05 – Approval of minutes from January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting

9:10 – Action Items from last meeting:

- Dual Status Sub-Committee (invitation to Judge Mollo)
- CSEC Sub-Committee (training video)
- ESC Sub-Committee (presentation to CISC)
- Prevention/Diversion Sub-Committee (survey, presentation to CISC)
- Violence Sub-Committee (share definition and data request)
- Youth/Family Engagement Sub-Committee (meeting invitations, DMHA rep)
- Reintegration Sub-Committee (connect Terrie, survey)
- Adolescent Brain Development Sub-Committee (connect to co-chairs)
- Meeting for sub-committee chairs
- Strategic Plan Tracking document
- Sub-Committee rosters and meeting notes/minutes
- Sub-Committee Reports

10:00 – Sub-Committee Reports

Objectives:

1. Strengthen collaboration between juvenile probation, mental health, the Department of Child Services, prosecutors, and public defenders at the county level, across the state, especially with regard to dual status children

*Dual Status Implementation Committee Chair: Jurist in Residence/Senior Judge Mollo*

2. Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for identification, referral, and appropriate services for victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)

*Sub-Committee Co-Chairs: Judge Dowling and Judge Harvey*

3. Increase alternatives to detention for youth, such as shelter care, assessment centers, intake centers, and alternative therapeutic settings  
*Sub-Committee Co-Chairs: Mike Gray and Matt Gooding*
4. Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for preventing and diverting youth from entering the juvenile justice system  
*Sub-Committee Co-Chairs: Tracy Fitz and Megan Horton*
5. Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for preventing serious and violent delinquent behavior  
*Sub-Committee Co-Chairs: Steve Balko and Bob Bragg*
6. Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising programs to engage justice-involved youth and parents in effective treatment, services, and community connections  
*Sub-Committee Co-Chairs: Coleen Connor and Rebecca Humphrey*
7. Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices to support youth transitioning back to their families and communities from corrections, secure detention, and residential programs  
*Sub-Committee Co-Chairs: Joel Wieneke and Terrie Decker*
8. Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices and policies that integrate the science of child and adolescent development into the justice system's response to children and youth.  
*Sub-Committee Co-Chairs: Judge Pratt and JauNae Hanger*

10:45 – Executive Director Update – Julie Whitman

10:55 – Review Action Items and Next Steps

11:00 – Adjourn

**2021 Meetings:**  
May 7, 2021  
July 9, 2021  
September 3, 2021  
November 5, 2021