



# Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

<b>Committee/Task Force:</b>	Juvenile Justice & Cross-System Youth Task Force		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)	September 3, 2021	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	David Sexton	<b>Location:</b>	Held Virtually via Zoom

## 1. Meeting Objective(s)

Updates from sub-committees and the Children’s Commission

## 2. Standing Members

Name	Organization	In Attendance (X indicates present)
Steve Balko	Indiana Department of Education	X
Jeff Bercovitz	Indiana Office of Court Services	X
Sirrilla Blackmon	Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health & Addiction	
Coleen Connor	Tippecanoe County CASA	X
Ann Davis	Indiana Association of Resources and Child Advocacy (IARCA)	
Terrie Decker	Indiana Department of Correction	
Hon. Kimberly Dowling	Delaware Circuit Court #2	
Tracy Fitz	Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council	X
Hon. Stephen Galvin	Co-Chair – Monroe County Circuitry Court #7	X
Kory George	Wayne County Probation	
James (Mike) Goodwin	Indiana Department of Child Services, Sullivan County	
Mike Gray	Madison County Probation Department	X
JauNae Hanger	Children’s Policy and Law Initiative	X
Jill Johnson	Marion County Public Defender Agency	Shannon O’Toole (proxy)
Heather Mollo	Jurist in Residence	
Angela Reid-Brown	Indiana Office of Court Services	
Michael Ross	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	X
Sandy Runkle	Prevent Child Abuse Indiana/The Villages	X
Don Travis	Indiana Department of Child Services	X
Nancy Wever	Co-Chair – Indiana Office of Court Services, JDAI	X
Julie Whitman	Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana	
Joel Weineke	Indiana Public Defender Council	X

## 3. Staff/Guests

Name	Organization



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<b>4. Updates/Old Business</b>			
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Approval of minutes from previous meeting	Don Travis moved to approve the minutes from the May and June meetings. Jeff Bercovitz seconded	Minutes approved unanimously	
Reintegration Sub-Committee	Nancy – Reinstatement of Jurisdiction survey results from JDAI Counties	Nancy did distribute survey results as requested	
Meeting for sub-committee chairs	Judge Galvin and Nancy update on group convening Meeting was held in June  The biggest question coming out of the June meeting was about the role of the subcommittee after they present recommendations to the committee. Discussion on that is tabled until next meeting.  Another item of discussion was the role of the Taskforce in relation to work being done by the Council of State Governments (CSG). CSG has created a Juvenile Justice Reform Taskforce that is focusing in many of the same areas as sub-committees of this Taskforce and there are questions about the duplication of efforts. Tracy Fitz added that she feels that, for now, the group has figured out how to continue its work and still support the work of CSG.	Nancy asked that any sub-committee chairs with these kind of questions let her and Judge Galvin know so they can work to get direction from Julie.	
Strategic Plan tracking document	Update from Nancy	Nancy has not yet updated the document	
Sub-committee Rosters	Update from Ashley	Ashley updated the rosters before her departure from IOCS.	
<b>5. New Business/Presentations</b>			
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Executive Director Update	Tabled	Tabled	
Set meetings for 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Virtual Meeting on 11/5?</li> <li>- Plan for in-person in 2022?</li> </ul>	The Taskforce will plan to meet virtually on 11/5 if able.	



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## 6. Sub-Committee Reports

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Dual Status Implementation Committee	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.	Judge Molo was not present to deliver the report. Don Travis reported that the Committee is working on a statewide training to be held towards the beginning of December. 2/3 of counties have responded with their new memorandums of agreement. The committee should have a full picture of the MOAs for the next Taskforce meeting. Judge Galvin asked if FFPISA would have an impact on the MOAs. Don answered that there would be some impact around 30-day assessments.
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Committee	Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for identification, referral, and appropriate services for victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).	Judges Dowling and Harvey were not present to deliver the Committee report. Nancy delivered a brief report that was sent via email from Judge Harvey. The committee is nearly finished updating the HT Screening Tool and have developed instructions. The committee has also created quick reference cards for law enforcement and healthcare providers.
Emergency Shelter Care Committee	Increase alternatives to detention for youth, such as shelter care, assessment centers, intake centers, and alternative therapeutic settings.	The Committee recently presented recommendations to the Commission and is currently awaiting direction. The Taskforce is awaiting direction from Julie on that. Don Travis will update the Taskforce as soon as a DCS replacement for Matt Gooding can be appointed to the co-chair role. Mike Gray reported that there had been some correspondence around the SharePoint site. Don added that he believes that there are administrative issues with access to SharePoint at a state level.



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Diversion Subcommittee	Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for preventing and diverting youth from entering the youth justice system.	<p>Tracy Fitz delivered the report. The Subcommittee is working on compiling and finishing its snapshot of diversion practices statewide. The snapshot will determine the direction of the Sub-committee. Snapshot information will be shared with the Commission and CSG.</p> <p>Judge Galvin asked if the Subcommittee feels they are getting adequate responses to their survey. Tracy answered that the responses are in good shape. Judge Galvin asked if there was anything notable in the data so far. Tracy answered that many of the responses are what would be expected, centering around a lack of quality diversionary programming. Joel Wieneke added that a lack of community mental health and diversion programs was a major topic in the Legislative Summer Study Committee for Courts and Corrections.</p> <p>Jeff Bercovitz added that it will be helpful to have a breakdown of what exists out there, so we know where to build. Tracy responded that that will be part of the Subcommittee’s work. Judge Galvin asked if the subcommittee would note which of the programs they identified are evidence based. Tracy answered that they would.</p>	
Preventing Serious and Violent Delinquent Behavior Committee	Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising practices for preventing serious and violent delinquent behavior.	<p>Stephen Balko delivered the report. Due to a postponement of their last meeting, the Committee is still waiting to try and get more data. Consistent equal access to data on offenses is one of the consistent challenges for the group. The Committee will be meeting the week of Sep. 6 and plans to examine their position with data and start preparing to make recommendations.</p> <p>Joel Wieneke noted that in a youth roundtable he noticed there was a strong desire from youth for conflict resolution in schools as a means of violence prevention. Steve noted that he has been working with Michael Ross and CJI on developing resources in a similar vein to conflict resolution.</p>	
Youth and Family Engagement Committee	Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising programs to engage justice-involved youth and parents in effective treatment, services, and community connections.	<p>Coleen Connor delivered the report. The Committee had tentatively been scheduled to present to the Commission in August. It wrapped up work and their final presentation in July. Their presentation has been moved to the Commission’s October meeting.</p>	



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Reentry Committee	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.		Joel Wieneke delivered the report. The Committee has concluded that they have adequate survey responses and are now working to process the data. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for September 28.		
Child and Adolescent Development Committee	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.		JauNae Hanger delivered the report. The Committee has not met over the summer and is planning to meet in September. The Committee will have an IUPUI doctoral student working with them to gather best practices on age limits for prosecution and detention. JauNae also detailed the success of the youth roundtable that Stephen Balko mentioned previously and discussed some of the lessons learned from that.		
<b>7. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)</b>					
<b>Action</b>		<b>Responsibility</b>		<b>Due Date</b>	
N/A		N/A		N/A	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>					
<b>Action</b>				<b>Time</b>	
Meeting Adjourned				--	
<b>8. Next Meeting</b>					
<b>Date:</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)	11/05/2021	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Location:</b>	Held Virtually
<b>Topics/Objective(s):</b>					