

# Community Compensation Program Workgroup Meeting

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## Agenda

3:00 PM – Welcome, March Recap, Timeline

3:15 PM – Youth Input

3:30 PM – Expenses & Documentation, Retroactivity,  
Program Administration

4:45 PM – Next Steps

5:00 PM – Conclude



# Workgroup Timeline

3/14 Workgroup Meeting	Decide application & eligibility recommendations
5/9 Workgroup Meeting	Decide expense verification & program administration recommendations
5/14-5/30	Workgroup review of recommendations outline
5/23 Presentation to PCJJ	Workgroup members invited to join presentation for Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (PCJJ)
<b>5/30</b>	<b>Deadline for feedback on recommendations outline</b>
6/14-6/21	Workgroup review of full draft
<b>6/21</b>	<b>Deadline for feedback on full draft</b>
7/11 Workgroup Meeting	Approve final draft
Late July through October	Reviews by PCJJ and DCYF



## Input from Justice for Girls GAIN Program Members at Echo Glen

### What is unfair about the current system?

- For the harmed person: There are secondary (non-financial) impacts of the harm that don't get addressed
- For the person who caused the harm: Their situation and needs weren't considered, they were quickly negatively labeled, debt would add to the financial strain that was associated with the original harm
- Unfair for both parties: Lack of restorative justice, no solution beyond police involvement and financial restitution, no attempt to address underlying unmet needs
- Better resolutions: Restorative justice practices to return the stolen property and explain why the harm was caused and create space for empathy, school-level consequence, address obstacles and barriers



## Input from Justice for Girls GAIN Program Members at Echo Glen, Cont.

**If a Community Compensation Program existed, who should tell you about it? Where would you go to find out?**

- Legal system (prosecutor, judges), healthcare providers, school staff

**How could the program ensure that people who apply and their expenses for are eligible?**

- Victims or their families should submit applications and provide bills/verification of expenses
- The program should be able to receive and pay bills directly from hospitals/doctors
- Advocates and nonprofit organizations should be able to help victims submit applications
- Consider a need-based eligibility requirement

# Best Practices & Recommendation Development: Expenses & Documentation, Retroactivity, Program Administration

Robert Hamill, Council of State Governments Justice Center



# Next Steps

- **May 14-30:** Workgroup review & feedback on recommendations outline
- **May 23 at 1:00:** Presentation to PCJJ (workgroup attendance optional but welcome!)
- **June 14-21:** Workgroup review & feedback on full draft
- **July 11 at 3:00:** Last workgroup meeting, approve final draft



Next Meeting:  
Thursday, July 11, 2024 | 3 PM

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