

Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice Special Meeting

September 11, 2024

Welcome to today's teams meeting.

We will begin shortly. Thank You!



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Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

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Minutes Approval

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Sept. 11, 2024 Agenda Review

11:00 AM	Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
11:05 AM	Minutes Approval & Agenda Review
11:10 AM	Brief Updates
11:30 AM	Grants & TA Committee Recommendations
11:35 AM	Governor's Report Recommendations
12:50 PM	Next Steps
12:55 PM	Public Comment
1:00 PM	Adjournment



Brief Updates

Gordon McHenry Jr., Council Chair
Sean Goode, Council Vice Chair

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Governor's Office-Updates

Barbara Serrano, Senior Policy Advisor – Public Safety
Governor's Office

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DCYF Updates

Stephanie Budrus, Policy Analyst
Office of Public Affairs, DCYF

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DCYF Decision Package Development and Agency Request Legislation - 2025

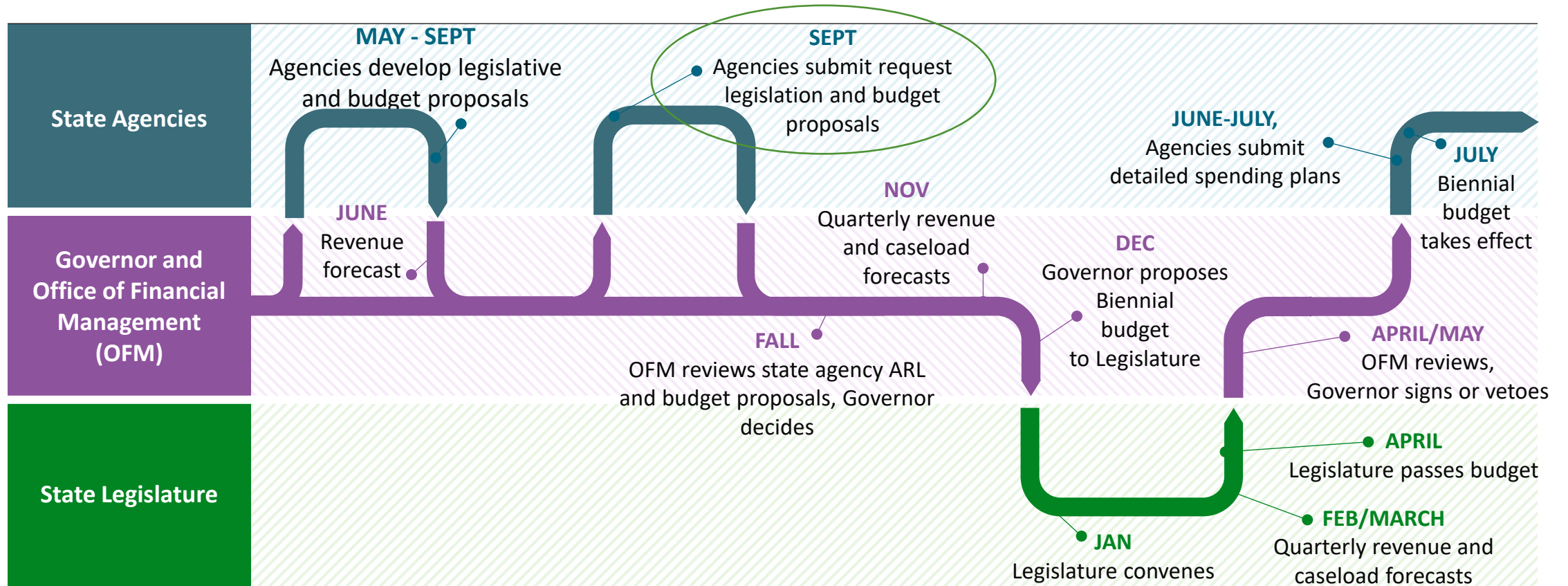
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Preparing for Legislative Session



Realities for 2025

- Long-term solutions – any changes/funding take effect July 1, 2025 or later
- New Governor Administration; significant lawmaker changes
- Declining revenues and slowing economic outlook; Uncertainty over ballot initiatives and future revenues



DCYF Priorities for 2025



**Juvenile
Rehabilitation**



Early Learning



**Prevention
Services**



**Forecast:
Staffing &
Services**



**Effective &
Efficient
Government**



Mental Health and Wellbeing (DP)

What: Mental health and substance use programming and quality assurance

Why: A need to create a more trauma-informed environment with appropriate treatment for an evolving population of young people

Components

- Mental Health Treatment in four residential living units – serving GHS and EGCC
- Reentry-focused Opioid Use Disorder program
 - *Positive Outcomes through Successful Transition (POST), delivered in partnership with Seattle Children’s Hospital*
- Discharge Planners in preparation for Medicaid Transformation
 - *Which will kick off Medicaid coverage activation 90 days prior to release*
- Implementation of OWL Health Measurement Based Care (MBC)
- Expanding quality assurance via the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP)



Educational and Vocational Programming (DP)

What: Opportunities and supports for educational and vocational programming

Why: Current suite of offerings does not meet needs. Young people need more opportunity.

Components

- Specialists and Post-secondary vocational staff
- Family Engagement and Ongoing Monitoring
- Vocational Programming Expansion
 - Landscaping, Automotive, HVAC
- Reentry/Future Planning Preparation Gap Analysis + Recommendations



Safety, Security, and Transparent Processes (DP)

What: Processes and Security Infrastructure to work toward safety, transparency and resident needs

Why: Longstanding need for formal, accessible processes

Transparent Processes Components

- Internal Infractions Unit
- Formal Grievance Process
- Hearings Unit Staff
- Classification Unit
- Records Management Unit
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Framework
incorporating Positive Behavior Management (*shift from legacy Integrated Treatment Model*)

Security Infrastructure

- Securus Communication System
- Video Storage and Privacy Protection
- Contraband Investigation capacity
- Security Technology Systems manager
- Continuation of Echo Glen Contracted Security
(*for duration of fence construction*)



Electronic Health Records System (DP)

What: An Electronic Health Record system to serve young people in JR

Why: We much have the technology baseline needed to participate in the Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP) Re-entry Project

- **Facility Requirements and mandatory activities of Medicaid Reentry Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver**
 - Adopt an EHR that supports communication with providers and Medicaid Billing
 - Support targeted pre-release services:
 - Case Management
 - Medications for alcohol and opioid use disorder
 - 30-day supply of medications and medicinal supplies at release



Siting Dollars for Small Facilities (Capital DP)

What: Siting dollars to identify and lease/build small, community-based facilities that can serve individuals with a medium security classification.

Why: The physical footprint of DCYF JR does not match the needs of the current population

- Many young people are not eligible for Community Facilities or Community Transition Services
- Growing understanding that there is a lack of effectiveness of large congregate-care juvenile facilities and benefits to small, decentralized facilities
- All young people could benefit from smaller facilities with more intensive supports
- Solve for increasing population of older males



Protection of Body Scanner Images ARL

What: A Public Records Act exemption for sensitive images from body scanners

Why: We must ensure the same protections that other facilities have

- DOC and private detention facilities both have protections for sensitive images that result from millimeter wave body scanners
- DCYF recently implemented use of these machines in our secure facilities
- This language would add a narrow exemption to the Public Records Act to ensure that sensitive image records cannot be disclosed, except for to young people who the records pertain to – if requested.



Forecasting ARL + Decision Package

What: Establishing a JR per cap rate to replace the existing marginal rate for funding

Why: We need to ensure that the level of funding for JR is the appropriate level of resource for residential placement *as well as* necessary programs, services, and treatment

- Establishes a JR per cap to replace the existing marginal rate that funds the forecasted caseload provided by the Caseload Forecast Council
- Goal is to include full cost of providing care for young people in JR



Grants & TA Committee- Year 1

- Year 1 Funding Awards– November 2023 through September 2024
 - Jesus is the Answer Church– Mentoring Today’s Youth: \$128,500
 - Big Homie Ministries International– Big Homie Program: \$128,500
 - Tacoma Boat Builders– Diversion Expansion: \$140,000
 - Schack Art Center– Art Alternatives: \$140,000
 - Dispute Resolution Center– Credible Messengers Project: \$96,603.15
 - Cocreative Cultures– Ubuntu Diversion Program: \$140,000
- Together these programs served over 500 youth as of June 30th, 2024

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Grants & TA Committee- Year 2

- Year 2 Funding Requests– October 2024 through September 2025
 - Mentoring Today’s Youth– School-Based Diversion Program: \$92,000
 - Big Homie Ministries International– Big Homie Program: \$92,000
 - Tacoma Boat Builders– Diversion Expansion: \$92,000
 - Schack Art Center– Art Alternatives: \$89,556
 - Dispute Resolution Center– Credible Messengers Project: \$92,000
 - Cocreative Cultures– Ubuntu Diversion Program: \$92,000
- Together these programs are projected to serve over 700 youth in Year 2 with the requested funding.

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Governors Report Recommendations

Identification of Top Priority Areas

Breakout Group Discussion

Group Report Out

Final Discussion & Summary of Recommendations

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Identification of Priority Areas

Prevention & Early Intervention

- Crisis Response for Families
- School-Based, Trauma-Informed Care

Increased Diversion

- Incentivize Diversion
- Increase Funding
- Eliminate Justice by Geography

Infrastructure Investments

- Training
- Data Collection Improvements
- Program & Outcome Evaluation

Expansion of Community Partnerships

- Invest in Community-based services
- Address service deserts

Smaller State JR Facilities

- Capital investments
- Closer to home
- Small facilities

Emerging Adult Supports

- Developmentally appropriate services, policies, & system design
- Release DOC youth to CFs

Effective Treatment Models & Delivery

- Mental Health TX Models for youth of color
- Co-occurring Disorders
- Substance Abuse TX

Expansion of Sentencing Alternatives

- Incentivize Sentencing Alternatives
- Expand options & eligibility
- Increase funding



Breakout Groups

- 30 minutes for breakout group discussion
- Answer the following questions:
 1. Within this focus area, what is the most important and impactful change that could be made within the next 9 to 12 months?
 2. For this change to occur what is needed? Funding, RCW changes, capital investment, training, etc.?
 3. Who would be responsible for implementation?
 4. Who are the key partners?
 5. What are the potential barriers?

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Group Report Out

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Prevention & Early Intervention- 1

1. Within this focus area, what is the most important and impactful change that could be made within the next 9 to 12 months?
 - Elementary and Middle school age interventions, could even be pre-school focused on supporting families with parenting
 - Exclusionary discipline policies
 - After school programs for the 2 hours between school and end of parent's workday
 - All students in school receiving school breakfast & lunch: expansion of Title I School program?
 - Consider the social determinants of future criminal legal system involvement:
 1. receiving a poor school education
 2. being Indigenous
 3. having early contact with police (in school?)
 4. having unsupported mental health and cognitive disability
 5. problematic alcohol and other drug use
 6. experiencing homelessness or unstable housing
 7. coming from or living in a disadvantaged location



Prevention & Early Intervention- 2

2. For this change to occur what is needed? **Funding**, RCW changes, capital investment, training, etc.?

- Consistent resourcing and programming across all schools no matter the location
 - Financial Education: Your Money Matters Mentoring
 - Arts embedded in all the schools at all levels rather than extra if possible
 - Free parenting resources: parenting based on child's current developmental stage, access to healthcare



Early Intervention/Prevention- 3

3. Who would be responsible for implementation?

- Legislature and OSPI



Early Intervention/Prevention- 4

4. Who are the key partners?

- Inspire Washington, check their work and see if the PCJJ can sign on to their work



Early Intervention/Prevention- 5

5. What are the potential barriers?

- \$\$\$\$
- Time
- Geography



Focus Area – Diversion- 1

1. Within this focus area, what is the most important and impactful change that could be made within the next 9 to 12 months?
 - Counties could use more state-level funding to incentivize use of pre-trial diversion
 - Funding is a challenge at the county level due to revenue restrictions
 - Would be helpful to see examples of where it is working really well so we can concentrate efforts on what works
 - Include examples in the recommendations to point towards what works



Focus Area – Diversion- 2

2. For this change to occur what is needed? Funding, RCW changes, capital investment, training, etc.?

- Funding for counties
 - State funding could be particularly helpful
 - Upstream work to keep young people out of state systems makes sense

Focus Area – Diversion- 3

3. Who would be responsible for implementation?
- Counties, where the adjudication happens



Focus Area – Diversion- 4

4. Who are the key partners?

- Team Child
- Stand for Children
- Columbia Legal Services
- Office of Public Defense
- Superior Court Judges Association
- ACLU
- WAPA
- WASPC
 - Choose 180
 - Credible Messengers
 - Other programs contracted with counties for diversion programming
- Association of Counties – if we could identify/provide appropriate funding



Focus Area – Diversion- 5

5. What are the potential barriers?

- Political resistance from conservative counties
- Political resistance from conservative prosecutors



Focus Area - Expanding Sentencing Alternatives- 1

1. Within this focus area, what is the most important and impactful change that could be made within the next 9 to 12 months?

Modification under diversion statute to permit pilot program to allow juvenile court jurisdiction for 18- and 19-year-olds accused of certain low-level misdemeanors to participate in a diversion program. Bring some young adults under juvenile court jurisdiction to afford benefits of juvenile system.

Limit prosecutors' discretion: Expand mandatory diversion to include certain low-level felonies. Could also reduce use of detention.

Do we have up-to-date information on frequency/use of alternatives by jurisdiction? Look at caseload forecast council report

Re-evaluate and modernize juvenile sentencing grid with present-day research, context (could be started within next 9-12 months). Evaluation should explore drivers of disparity in sentencing. Race and disability



Focus Area - Expanding Sentencing Alternatives- 2

2. For this change to occur what is needed? Funding, RCW changes, capital investment, training, etc.?

RCW changes— diversion code, jurisdiction code, sentencing

Should be a cost savings to divert cases out of court system and invested in diversion instead.

Training: Trauma-informed, culturally relevant training for court staff statewide about the developmental, workplace, educational needs of emerging adults.

Focus Area - Expanding Sentencing Alternatives- 3

3. Who would be responsible for implementation?

Community-based providers, organizations

Technical assistance from systems– like OSPI and DCYF

JR responsible to execute implementation

Judiciary/courts as “owners,” accountability must be codified: mandate, intent, data capturing



Focus Area - Expanding Sentencing Alternatives- 4

4. Who are the key partners?

- Didn't get to this one.



Focus Area - Expanding Sentencing Alternatives- 5

5. What are the potential barriers?

- Didn't get to this one.



Smaller State JR Facilities- 1

1. Within this focus area, what is the most important and impactful change that could be made within the next 9 to 12 months?

Dispersed closest to the communities where youth are coming from

Increased staff ratios (addressing safety issues, staff retention)

Working closely with counties/LE/prosecutors around forecasting

Make sure all stakeholders are involved (CBOs, community advocates and experts, etc.)

Visits to potential locations and including community feedback



Smaller State JR Facilities- 2

2. For this change to occur what is needed? Funding, RCW changes, capital investment, training, etc.?

Infrastructure

Workgroups and proper planning (multi-systems)

RCW changes

Capital Investment



Smaller State JR Facilities- 3

3. Who would be responsible for implementation?

DCYF – placement of youth, access to education and programming

Community Partnerships- who is providing additional supports and programming?

Local jurisdictions where facilities will be located

Law Enforcement- support with messaging to the larger community regarding potential concerns

School Districts

Smaller State JR Facilities- 4

4. Who are the key partners?

- Didn't discuss



Smaller State JR Facilities- 5

5. What are the potential barriers?

Adequate workforce and access to programming

Opportunities for engagement and success

Funding/Costs

Community Pushback



Next Steps

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Public Comment

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Remaining 2024 Partnership Council Meetings

October 17, 2024

3 to 5 PM

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Closing Remarks

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