

NEW INITIATIVES

In 2021, the JJPAD Board (including the Childhood Trauma Task Force) will focus on the high-priority policy questions and challenges stemming from the Board's previous two years of work:



Crossover Youth: Deepen our understanding of factors driving youth to crossover from the child welfare and Child Requiring Assistance systems to the delinquency system, and identify more effective ways to intervene earlier



Data & RED: Increase our ability to use data to drive system improvements, with a particular focus on reducing racial and ethnic disparities (RED) at early stages of the juvenile justice system



Trauma Screening & Referral: Study and develop recommendations to increase early identification of youth who have experienced trauma and referrals to appropriate services

OVERSIGHT AND CONTINUATION OF OTHER WORK

The JJPAD Board will continue mandated core functions and provide support to advance prior Board and Subcommittee projects:



COVID-19: Track the on-going impact of COVID-19 on the juvenile justice system and children's behavioral health, with the goal of providing recommendations on what systemic policies should continue beyond the pandemic and how we should consider the impact of the pandemic on children's behavioral health in the years to come



Impact of Statutory Changes: Continue to track the implementation of juvenile justice system statutory changes from the 2018 Criminal Justice Reform Bill and the 2020 Policing Bill and make recommendations on further system improvement



Continuation of Ongoing Work: Continue work on prior JJPAD/CTTF initiatives, including:

- Monitoring the implementation of statewide diversion Learning Labs
- Continue to disseminate the *Framework for Trauma Informed and Responsive Organizations* to state and community agencies and support implementation
- Submit FY21 data as part of the JJPAD Annual Report and continue updating the [Juvenile Justice Data Website](#)
- Update the JJPAD's 2019 report on juvenile justice system data availability to reflect any changes since the writing of that report

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<https://www.mass.gov/juvenile-justice-policy-and-data-board>