

Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

June 12th
12pm – 2pm

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of April Meeting Minutes
- Update & Discussion re: JJPAD Board Members awaiting appointment
- Report outs:
 - Community-Based Interventions Subcommittee
 - Childhood Trauma Task Force
- Review of Aggregate Data Report: “Improving Access to Massachusetts Juvenile Justice Data”
- Continued Discussion re: Implementation Challenges

Update on JJPAD Appointments

- New Appointments:
 - Dawn Christie – Parent Representative
- Remaining Unfilled Appointments:
 - Senate Minority
 - Massachusetts District Attorney’s Association
 - Second Parent Representative
 - Data Systems Expert

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Community-Based Interventions Subcommittee

- **May Meeting:** Focused on Judicial Diversion & Probation Diversion Assessment Process
- **June Meeting:** Results of Community-Based Interventions Referrer Survey & Discussion re: Next Steps
- Community-Based Provider Survey Still Out in the Field

Childhood Trauma Task Force

- **May:** Focused on Immigration/Refugee-Related Trauma
- **June:** Presentation on results of trauma services survey
- **Next Steps: Preparing for December Report**
 - **Trauma-Informed Practices:** What does it mean for work to be trauma-informed in Massachusetts, and how can our state promote greater adoption (and consistency) of trauma-informed practices in all organizations that interact with and serve children?
 - **Identification & Referral:** How can we improve our ability as a state to identify various populations of children who have experienced trauma and connect these youth to services as needed?

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FINDINGS

- 1) Lack of available data often impedes our ability to make data-informed decisions about policy and practice
- 2) Juvenile justice agencies face numerous barriers to improving data availability
- 3) There is a need for increased coordination of aggregate statistical data collection and reporting
- 4) Sharing aggregate data on a publicly available website would benefit justice system practitioners as well as the public

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FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT

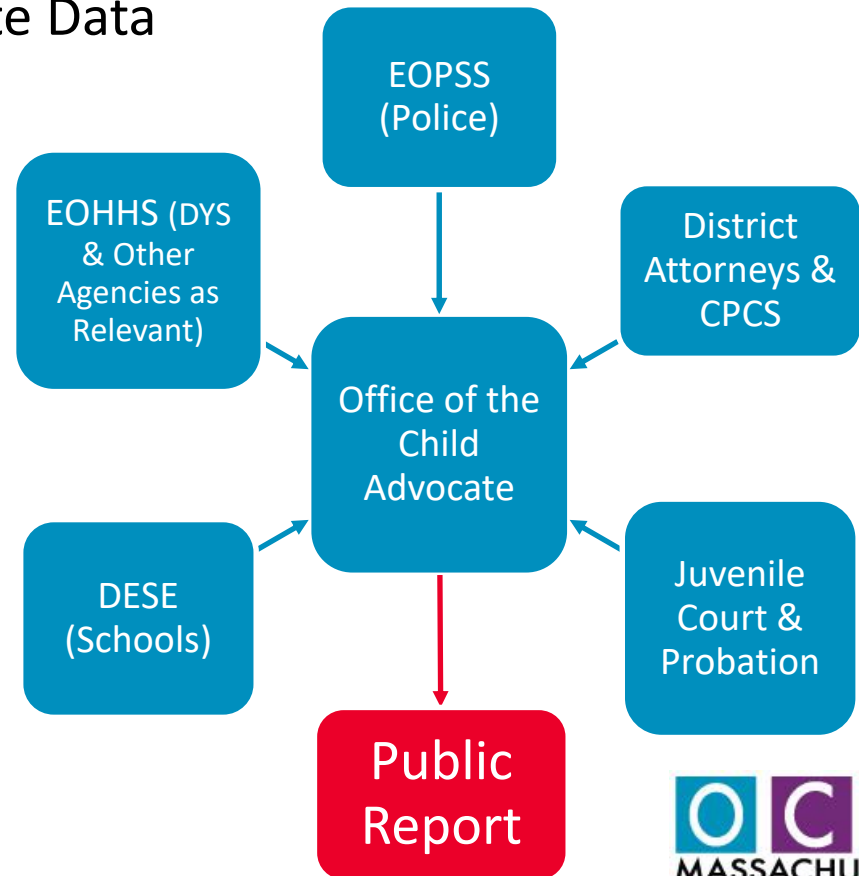
- The JJPAD Board was asked to look at the feasibility of the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) “*creating and annually updating an instrument to record aggregate statistical data for every contact a juvenile has with criminal justice agencies*” and of “*all offices and departments...using the instrument to record a juvenile’s contact.*”
- **At the current time, it is only *partially* feasible to reach this goal**, for two primary reasons:
 - 1) Not all data elements that would meet the definition of “contact” with a juvenile justice agency are currently collected or able to be reported in the aggregate
 - 2) Not all juvenile justice agencies are statutorily mandated to share data with the Office of the Child Advocate

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) The OCA Should Serve as Central Coordinator for Juvenile Justice System Aggregate Data

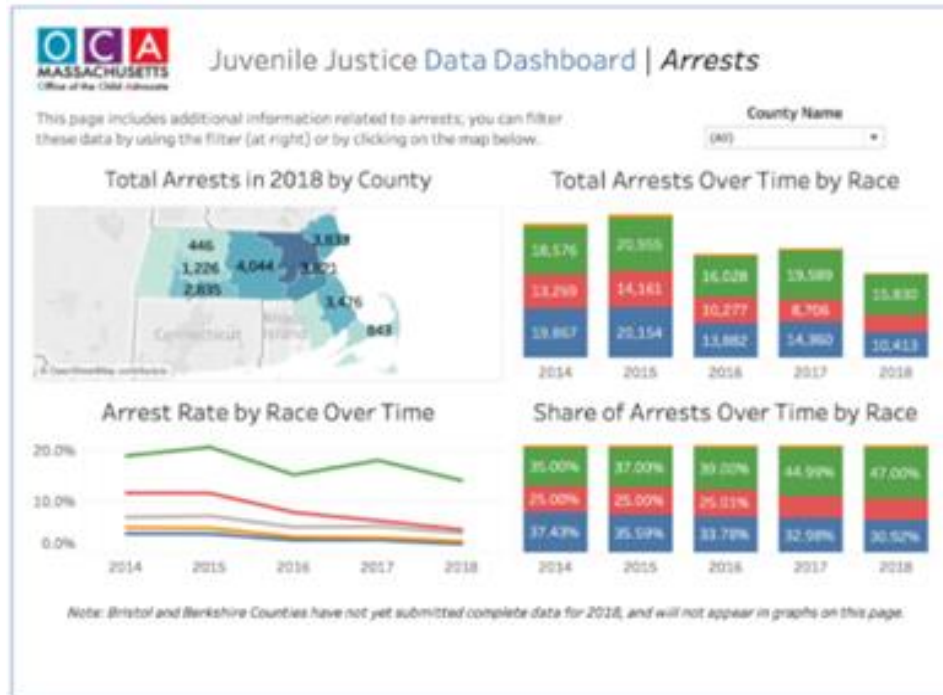


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2) The OCA Should Develop a Juvenile Justice System Data Website



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3) The Legislature Should Consider Policy Changes to Improve Data Availability

Key Missing Data	Potential Legislative Response
Police Use of Summons & Diversion	Statutory reporting requirements Funding/support for training & QA
DA Diversion/Prosecution Decisions (Full Data Set)	Statutory reporting requirements Funding for new case management system
Clerk Magistrate Diversion	Statutory reporting requirements Funding/support for training & QA
Data on Judicial Diversion	Statutory reporting requirements Funding/support for training & QA
Pretrial Decisions (e.g. Bail, 58A, release conditions)	Statutory reporting requirements Additional funding for staff and/or programming
Data on Plea Offers	Statutory reporting requirements Funding for new case management system
Data on Judicial Dispositions	Statutory reporting requirements Additional funding for staff and/or programming

**CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON
IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES**

Pre-Meeting Materials

- Data on Arrests of Youth Under 12
- Response Mapping Chart
- Memo from Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association & Massachusetts Juvenile Police Officer Association
- Memo from Citizens for Juvenile Justice & Mental Health Legal Advisors

Incident Type	Incident Location	Areas of Concern	Immediate Response (Point of Contact)	Short-Term Follow up	Challenges	Possible Responses	Longer-Term Follow Up	Potential System Gaps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violent (e.g. fighting) Property (Theft, Destruction) Trespass, Disorderly Behavior Drug/Alcohol Runaway Sexually inappropriate behavior Motor Vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Community School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth at risk of immediate harm to self Youth at risk of harm to others (public safety risk) Mental Health (Crisis Level) Mental Health (Non-Crisis Level) Substance Use Child Abuse/Neglect Sexual Exploitation Gang Involvement Educational Concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrest (not possible in some circumstances) Take into protective custody (limited circumstances) Issue Directive (leave scene) Contact Guardians Contact DCF Bring to Emergency Room Contact ESP/Mobile Crisis Call 211 School Administrative Response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delinquency Complaint Offer Diversion Connect with FRC for Assessment Direct Referral for Services Encourage Parents to File CRA File CRA (only possible in limited circumstances) Short Term MH Stabilization Services (ESP) File 51A School-Based Assessment (IEP, Behavioral) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Refusal to Participate in Services Family Refusal to Participate in Services Linguistically or culturally appropriate services not available Family Barriers to Participation (e.g. Transportation or time to get youth to appointments) Waiting Lists for Services Services are not working (behavior continues) Youth is non-compliant with police directives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage Parents to File CRA File CRA (only possible in limited circumstances) Re-assess youth needs & service plan File 51A Do Nothing/Wait & See Provide family with support (e.g. help with transportation) Delinquency Complaint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Court Involvement (Delinquency) Court Involvement (CRA) Care & Protection Case Mental Health Commitment Youth Connected to Voluntary Community Services IEP None Needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaps in law enforcement authority to remove non-compliant youth from scene in some circumstances Lack of awareness of options among some system actors Lack of legal leverage to compel participation in services in some situations Assessments for risks and needs not available statewide Waitlists for Mental Health Services Gaps in Linguistically or Culturally Appropriate Services Transportation FRCs not statewide Insufficient Behavioral Health Supports in Schools
<p>DRAFT DOCUMENT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES</p>								

Potential Next Steps

- Working Group on Statutory Language re: Arrests
- Working Group on Implementation of School Policing Reforms
 - Status of MOUs statewide
 - Status of SRO training
- JJPAD Report on Response Options & System Gaps
 - Response Mapping Document as framework
 - Refer to Community-Based Interventions Subcommittee
 - Flesh out system gaps and develop relevant recommendations

Next Meeting

- Full Board Meeting: Will send out Doodle (aiming for September)
- Subcommittees:
 - CBI Subcommittee: June 18th, 1-3pm
 - Data Subcommittee: July 18th, 2-4pm
 - Childhood Trauma: July 23rd: 1-3pm