

Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

CBI Subcommittee

Virtual Meeting

June 17, 2021

1:00-2:30pm

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review/Approval of May meeting minutes
3. Learning Lab Updates
4. CRA Case Management: Presentation by Kim Lawrence, Massachusetts Probation Service
5. Member Discussion on CRA Presentations to Date + Next Steps

OCA Interview Update

Conducted– 45 interviews (as of 6/17/21)

- DCF (current & former)-5
- Providers (current & former)-1
- Judges- 3
- Probation-8
- Clerk Magistrate-3
- Attorneys- 2
- Academic Researchers-2
- Other states-2
- FRCs-6
- Police-4
- Schools (current & former)- 2
- Juvenile Court Clinics (current & former)- 3
- Other EOHHS/Gov't-2
- Advocacy Orgs: 3

Upcoming/Planned

- DCF
- DMH
- Providers
- Probation
- Attorneys
- Advocacy & Parent Orgs
- Police
- Schools
- Juvenile Court Clinics
- MA LGBTQ Youth Commission
- Other States TBD
- Youth/Family Focus Groups

Emerging Key Themes from Initial Interviews

Unnecessary/Inequitable
Use of CRAs

CRAs as System Fail Safe

CRAs & Out of Home
Placement

Child Requiring
Assistance...or Families
Requiring Assistance?

Informal vs. Formal Case
Triage

CRA Runaways/Warrant
Issues

Two More Emerging Key Themes from Initial Interviews

Informal vs. Formal CRA Triage

- Many courts indicate value of keeping CRAs informal, with desire to reserve formal for higher levels of care
- Goal of CHINS → CRA reform was to keep youth out of court, but even at informal stage, the youth is in front of judge for Preliminary Hearing.
 - Could judicial hearings be reserved for only certain kinds of cases?

CRA Runaways

- CRA Runaway filings are an undercount
- What is the appropriate role of police in dealing with issues re: youth who run away from home/congregate care? Do they have the tools needed to play that role? (e.g. confusion re: warrants/paperwork)
- Challenges in relationships between police/congregate care in some communities
- Are there other/effective non-police-based models for responding to issues re: youth who run away from home/congregate care?

Next Meeting Date

July 15, 2021
1:00pm-2:30pm
Virtual Meeting

*2021 CBI Subcommittee meetings are on the
3rd Thursday of the month 1:00pm-2:30pm until further notice.*

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