

Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

Community Based Interventions
Subcommittee Meeting

September 25, 2024

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of August Meeting Minutes
3. Pretrial Project: Discuss Draft Recommendations
4. Next Steps

Magic Wand Poll Results

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- Increase statewide diversion (10)
- Release more youth on PR, especially those on category A conditions to focus on youth that need active supervision (9)

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- Create respite options
- Release youth into the community pretrial without increasing the use of GPS
- Collect & report data related to GPS use
- Collect & report data on what conditions are set

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- Increase access to upstream services
- Increase warm handoffs to community-based services
- Limit the use of GPS for use only under the 58A statute
- COR based in positive youth development
- Expand DYS' Community Based Option (CBO)
- Judicial training

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- Create standards for all conditions to be tied to the alleged offense
- Add a graduated response process to the pretrial phase

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- Divert every nonviolent offense pre-arraignment
- Eliminate bail for DCF involved youth
- Increase the availability of DCF placements able to meet the needs of this population
- No detention for misdemeanors/low-level offenses

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- Eliminate PTP as a disposition (5)

Draft Findings

1. Pretrial practice (setting conditions of release and cash bail) does not align with policy
2. There is a lack of shared understanding and conflicting legal guidance on when/if GPS should be used
3. There are vastly different regional practices at this stage leading to concerns about “justice by geography”
4. There are statewide disparities regarding who is detained pretrial, who gets placed on pretrial monitoring/supervision, and who is released on personal recognizance
5. There are youth placed on pretrial monitoring/supervision detained that could be better served in the community/without system involvement

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Multiple mechanisms to achieve each goal:

- Change statute
- Change agency policy
- Modify practice
- Add trainings

Opportunity #1: Change how conditions of release (CORs) are set

- Modify law and/or agency policy to give additional guidance on condition-setting
- Implement juvenile court specific pretrial forms and/or procedures
- Trainings for court stakeholders on which cases need supervision, condition-setting for those youth, and which can be released on PR

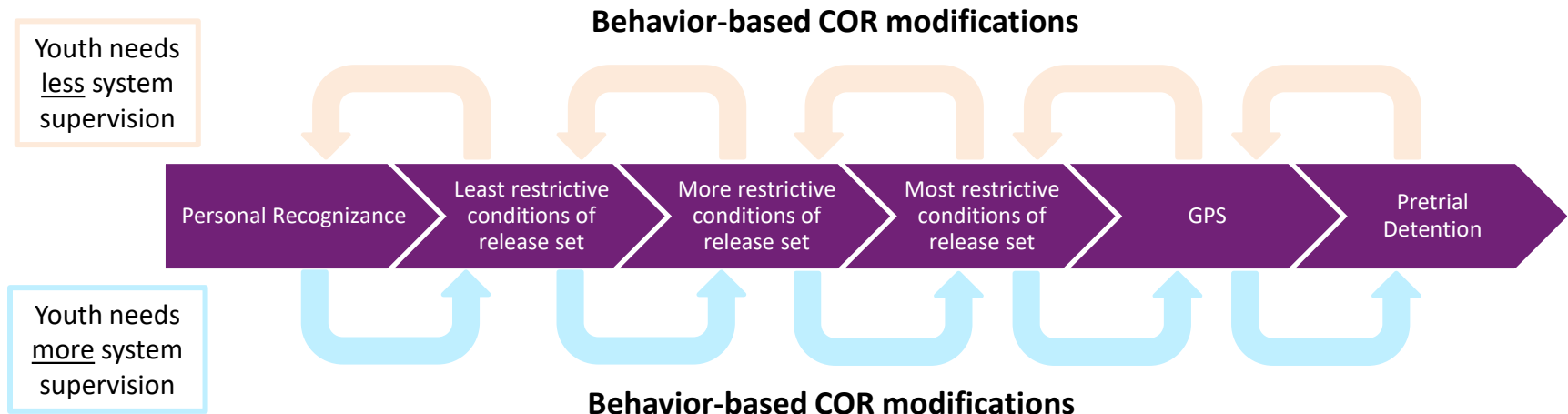
Which of these stands out to you?

What specific considerations do you want included for each/any/all?

Pros/cons to each?

Opportunity #1: Change how conditions are supervised/what warrants revocation

- Create a standardize graduated response system for pretrial violations of probation & standard “step downs” to decrease level of supervision



What specific considerations do you want included?
Pros/cons?

Opportunity #2: Limit the use of GPS

- Modify law and/or agency policy to include GPS time constraints (modeled after [California](#))
- Modify law and/or agency policy to include GPS case type constraints
- Only use when there is no less restrictive condition that would ensure appearance in court or protect an identifiable person from imminent threat from serious physical harm (modeled after [Illinois](#))

Which of these stands out to you?

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Opportunity #3: Divert more youth

- Divert youth pre-arraignment by expanding opportunities for state diversion and increase community-based alternatives
- Increasing awareness of community-based alternatives in lieu of detention/probation
- Divert from detention by expanding placement options and probation tools

Which of these stands out to you?

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Opportunity #4: Limit the use of cash bail

- Study & report on alternatives to detention for youth involved in DCF, youth who have CSEC concerns, youth with other safety concerns

Which of these stands out to you?

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Opportunity #5: Increase data availability

- Report the number of cases released on PR
- Report outcome data for 58A Hearings and violation hearings
- Report on conditions and length of time

Which of these stands out to you?

What specific considerations do you want included for each/any/all?

Pros/cons to each?

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 21st 11:30-1:00pm

(All meetings are virtual; Zoom information is in each calendar invitation)



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