

The Juvenile Justice System in Connecticut: Initiatives Impacting Our Work Summary 5-19-05

Fifty-three Juvenile Justice Initiatives were identified and organized into 15 Topical Areas:

- Age of Jurisdiction
- Balanced and Restorative Justice
- Community Reintegration
- Deinstitutionalization
- Disproportionate Minority Contact
- Diverting Status Offenders
- Prevention
- Evidence-based Practices
- Gender Specific Programming for Girls
- Medical and Mental Health Issues
- Substance Abuse
- Violence Prevention
- Research Projects
- Trauma Responsivity
- Youth Employment

There were six Topical Areas with universal support from DCF, CSSD and Advocacy Groups:

- Evidence-based Practices
- Gender Specific Programming for Girls
- Medical and Mental Health Issues
- Prevention
- Research
- Trauma Responsivity

For DCF, Balanced and Restorative Justice, Substance Abuse, and Gender Specific Programming for Girls were the most significant initiatives represented.

For CSSD, Evidence-based Practice, Mental Health issues, and Gender Specific Programming for Girls were the most significant initiatives represented.

For Advocates, Disproportionate Minority Contact, Age of Jurisdiction, Deinstitutionalization, Gender Specific Programming for Girls, and Diverting Status Offenders appear to have the most universal advocacy support.

Special Populations to be considered in the Strategic Plan:

- Girls
- Status Offenders
- Minority Groups (michDMC)
- Adolescents with Mental Health needs
- High Risk Adolescents in JJ