The North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Juvenile Justice Reentry Project

An Overview of the Project Details

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Juvenile Justice Facilities Strategic Plan – April 2014 (recap)

- Phase out outdated/unsafe facilities
- Renovate/expand facilities to be safer, more secure, cost efficient
- Enhance support operations (transportation)
- Continue to provide treatment and education rooted in a cognitive-behavioral approach
- Reinvest cost savings into community-based programming
- Continue to plan and prepare for potential future changes to the JJ system
Reentry Project Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Establish a task force to guide the development of the juvenile reentry systems reform strategic plan

Goal 2: Develop an outcome measurement and evaluation plan

- Track juveniles for 5 years, including employment and educational attainment
- Identify the points at which the juvenile is most likely to reoffend
- Increase juvenile data tracking quality
Reentry Project Goals and Objectives

Goal 3: Develop a juvenile reentry systems reforms strategic plan

- Recommend increased use of evidence-based programming and evaluation
- Create a plan to increase the continuum of care for the most serious juvenile offenders
- Create a plan to increase the training and oversight of our juvenile court counselors
Re-Entry Project Goals and Objectives

Goal 3: Develop a juvenile reentry systems reforms strategic plan (continued)

• Phase out outdated facilities, renovate and expand new, safer, cost-efficient facilities
• Create a plan to better engage families and youth in case planning, supervision, and services
• Create a plan to reduce the likelihood of adult arrest from 1 in 3 to 1 in 6 within 3 years of leaving a youth development center (YDC)
Re-Entry Project Goals and Objectives

Goal 4: Develop an implementation plan

• Develop a realistic juvenile reentry strategic plan implementation schedule

Goal 5: Develop a sustainability plan

• Build and support an action plan to sustain implementation of the strategic plan with and without OJJDP implementation funding
Project Suggested Priorities

- Implement a Comprehensive Service Plan
- Increase family involvement
- Develop more workforce development /educational opportunities for high risk youth
- Increase data quality and number of tracked indicators
North Carolina Juvenile Justice System Strengths

- NC-JOIN and NC-ALLIES data tracking systems
- Annualized measure of recidivism at the state level
- Use of evidence-based programming
- Use of structured decision making tools:
  - Validated risk and needs assessment tool
  - Detention screening tool
  - Comprehensive Service Plan (piloted)
North Carolina Juvenile Justice System Strengths (continued)

• Service matching of juveniles to services most appropriate for their risk and needs
• Appropriate diversion of low risk juveniles to community programs
• Continuity of care: maintain the same court counselor for the juvenile throughout their involvement with the JJ system
• Engagement of Research Triangle Institute (RTI) and Council of State Governments (CSG) for assistance
Project Challenges

- Limited funding in JJ
- Raising the juvenile age of jurisdiction (resources and funds)
- Limited opportunities for training
- Reducing recidivism in the most serious and chronic juvenile offenders
- Tracking juveniles for 5 years, including education and employment
Key to Success: Coordination of Efforts

• This project offers an opportunity for significant advancement in policy and procedure regarding juvenile reentry

• NC’s juvenile justice system does not exist in a silo – our juveniles are involved in many service systems which requires a coordinated effort

• These are OUR children….your input and support will help us to offer the right service for the right child at the right time!
## Project Timeline

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<td>Task force meets monthly</td>
<td>March – September 2015</td>
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<td>Complete the data plan (Establish baseline recidivism rates and other youth outcomes, improvement targets, and plan for tracking progress)</td>
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<td>Complete full draft of strategic plan</td>
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<td>Complete first drafts of implementation and sustainability plans</td>
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<td><strong>Implementation grant proposal submission</strong></td>
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<td>Complete and submit the data plan, strategic plan, implementation plan, and sustainability plan</td>
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<td><strong>Planning grant ends</strong></td>
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