

Our Children, Our Families Council
Summary of Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
May 21, 2015

Goals of the Effort

The goal of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) is primarily to develop a comprehensive, multiagency plan, called “The Juvenile Justice Local Action Plan” that identifies the resources and strategies for providing an effective continuum of responses for the prevention, intervention, supervision, treatment, and incarceration of juvenile offenders. The council also provides its members with professional development and opportunities for coordination.

The Council is currently looking at how they can align with DCYF’s plan for identifying needs so that the Local Action Plan’s priorities can align with those of DCYF.

Focal Population of the Effort

The Council’s work is focused on youth and young adults, ages 11-25, as well as on the service providers that have an impact on juvenile offenders’ lives.

Impact

The JJCC completed a Juvenile Justice Local Action Plan in 2011 to establish juvenile justice directives for youth and young adults, ages 11-25. The JJCC sets funding priorities for various funding streams. Resources are now pooled and consolidated around common priorities.

The greatest strength of the council is the collaborative effect that occurs naturally by having such important stakeholders in the room. Consistency is created when all these organizations hear common messages around important issues.

Challenges

Completing the work of the JJCC without dedicated staffing creates a strain on the Juvenile Probation Department.

Origins of the Effort

San Francisco’s JJCC was established pursuant to Section 749.22 of Article 18.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code as a necessary component under the State of California’s Juvenile Crime Enforcement and Accountability Challenge Grant Program. To receive funding, each county is required to establish a multi-agency council to develop and implement a continuum of county-based responses to juvenile crimes.

Leading the Effort

Per the Council’s bylaws, Chief Probation Officer for the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department, Allen Nance, chairs the Council. The council has no other staffing.

Members of the Effort

Per the JJCC bylaws, the council consists of 18 voting members from the following organizations:

- Chief of Juvenile Probation or designee, Chair
- District Attorney’s Office
- Public Defender’s Office
- Sheriff’s Department
- Board of Supervisors
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Public Health – Mental Health Division
- Community-based drug and alcohol program
- Police Department

- SF Unified School District
- Juvenile Probation Commission
- Adult Probation Department
- Mayor's Criminal Justice Council
- Juvenile Justice Commission
- The Youth Commission
- Department of Recreation and Parks
- Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
- At-large community representative

Structure of the Effort

The Council meets quarterly. Meetings have minimal attendance, usually with a staff member from each organization.

Related Documents

- More information about the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council can be found at <http://sfgov.org/juvprobation/juvenile-justice-coordinating-council>
- February 17, 2015 Agenda
- Welfare and Institutions Code Section 749.2-749.27
- September 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- JJCC Bylaws
- San Francisco Juvenile Justice Local Action Plan, 2011 Update