

Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices Assignments and Tasks

Officers: Chair Andre Davis; Vice Chair Liz Park; Secretary Eric Ford

Workgroup 1: Fatality Review

Objective: Review and offer recommendations to prevent fatalities involving children under DJS supervision.

Co-Chairs: Lara Weathersbee and Carlotta Woodward

Members: Donald L. Baker, Nick Charles, Lisa Garry (DJS Designee), Denise Henderson, N. Scott Phillips, Bethany Strong, Gabrielle Wallace

Workgroup 2: Prevention

Objective: Review and offer recommendations to improve services to youth before involvement in the justice system.

Co-Chairs: Donna Christy and Aubrey Edwards-Luce

Members: Munazza Abraham and Maisha Davis (DJS Designees), April Adams, Sandy Bartlett, Nick Charles, Arntice Crowder-Nickerson, Eric Ford, Russell Hamill, Rafael Lopez or designee

Workgroup 3: Juvenile Justice Processes and System Coordination

Objective: Review and offer recommendations to improve the processes by which juveniles move throughout the juvenile justice system and facilitate inter-agency coordination.

Co-Chairs: Alycia Capozello and Susan Leviton

Members: Donald L. Baker, Nate Balis, Denise Henderson, Rafael Lopez or designee, Maria Navaro, Liz Park, N. Scott Philips, Will Smith, Betsy Fox Tolentino or Jenny Egan (DJS Designee), Lara Weathersbee

Workgroup 4: Youth Rehabilitation Services

Objective: Review and offer recommendations to improve rehabilitative treatment and re-entry services for youth in the juvenile justice system.

Co-Chairs: Aaron Betsinger and Liz Park

Members: April Adams, Sandy Bartlett, Arntice Crowder-Nickerson, Maisha Davis and Munazza Abraham (DJS Designees), Meghann Galloway (DHS Designee), Russell Hamill, Brandy James (MDH Designee), Will Smith, Gabrielle Wallace, Carlotta Woodward

Workgroup 5: Public Education and Narrative Change

Objective: Educate the public about the challenges and the promise of Maryland's children and explain the relevant data in an informative and accessible way to inform policymaking.

Co-Chairs: Nate Balis and Eric Ford

Members: Aaron Betsinger, Alycia Capozello, Aubrey Edwards-Luce, Eunice Yahari Humphrey, John Irvine (DJS Designee), Susan Leviton

Statutory Requirements

This table provides a visual summary of which Commission workgroups are addressing each statutory requirement under § 9-3502 of the State Government Article. While workgroups often address overlapping issues, each statutory requirement is aligned with the workgroup most directly responsible based on its charter. This chart reflects those primary assignments, illustrating how the Commission, through its workgroups, is collectively addressing all responsibilities outlined in its statutory mandate.

Statutory Requirements	Responsibility
1. Review and report on all juvenile services, facilities, and programs in the state	All
2. Review and report the educational programs and services of the Department of Juvenile Services	Processes and System Coordination
3. Review and report programs designed to divert children from the juvenile justice system	Prevention
4. Review and report the treatment and programming needs of females in the juvenile justice system	Processes and System Coordination
5. Review and report the use of child in need of supervision petitions	Prevention
6. Review and report the number of child in need of supervision petitions authorized or denied by jurisdiction	Prevention
7. Review and report the wait times for placement of children in facilities	Processes and System Coordination
8. Research culturally competent, evidence-based, research-based, and promising programs and practices relating to child welfare	Youth Rehabilitation Services; Prevention
9. Research culturally competent, evidence-based, research-based, and promising programs and practices relating to juvenile rehabilitation	Youth Rehabilitation Services
10. Research culturally competent, evidence-based, research-based, and promising programs and practices relating to mental health services for children	Youth Rehabilitation Services; Prevention
11. Research culturally competent, evidence-based, research-based, and promising programs and practices relating to prevention and intervention services for juveniles	Youth Rehabilitation Services; Prevention
12. Evaluate the cost-effectiveness of existing and promising programs and practices researched by the commission	Commission w/expert support
13. Identify means of evaluating the effectiveness of programs and practices researched by the Commission	Commission w/expert support

14. Giving special attention to organizations located in or serving historically underserved communities, identify strategies to enable community-based organizations that provide services for juveniles to evaluate and validate services and programming provided by those organizations	Commission w/expert support
15. Review data relating to arrests, completion of programming, and recidivism from the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center	All
16. Identify opportunities for greater coordination between the Department of Juvenile Services, the Office of the State's Attorney, law enforcement, and local organizations that provide services to juveniles	Processes and System Coordination, Prevention
17. Recommend policies and programs to improve juvenile services in the state	All
18. Participate in interpreting for the public the objectives of the juvenile services in the state	Public Education and Narrative Change
19. Participate in planning the development and use of available resources to meet the needs of juveniles	Processes and System Coordination, Prevention, Youth Rehabilitation Services
20. Coordinate with the Maryland Department of Labor to identify potential job and apprenticeship opportunities for juveniles under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services	Youth Rehabilitation Services
21. Examine and review fatalities involving children under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services for the purpose of providing recommendations on policies and programs to prevent fatalities, including a death caused by a child under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services, if the child is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for the death	Fatality Review
22. Examine and review fatalities involving children under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services for the purpose of providing recommendations on policies and programs to prevent fatalities, including the death of a child under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services	Fatality Review