

Statutory requirement	Fatality Review	Prevention	Processes and System Coordination	Public Education and Narrative Change	Youth Rehabilitative Services
Review and report on: (i) all juvenile services, facilities, and programs in the state; (ii) the educational programs and services of the department of juvenile services; (iii) programs designed to divert children from the juvenile justice system; (iv) the treatment and programming needs of females in the juvenile justice system; (v) 1. the use of child in need of supervision petitions; and 2. the number of child in need of supervision petitions authorized or denied by jurisdiction; and (vi) the wait times for placement of children in facilities. Research culturally competent, evidence-based, research-based, and promising programs and practices relating to: (i) child welfare; (ii) juvenile rehabilitation; (iii) mental health services for children; and (iv) prevention and intervention services for juveniles			Commission-wide		
Identify means of evaluating the effectiveness of programs and practices researched by the Commission, 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 Participate in interpreting for the public the objectives of the juvenile services in the state					Identify the resources and downstream interventions that prevent deeper system involvement and equip children and families to pivot after system involvement – secondary and tertiary prevention including diversion (work w/ Processes/Systems) For children in the “deep end,” identify residential treatment services and needs Evaluate existing programs and services Identify gaps in service, whether they be programmatic, geographical, financial
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 Recommend policies and programs to improve juvenile services in the state			Identify areas for greater collaboration between agencies/sectors	Educate the public about Maryland's juvenile justice system Highlight more broadly the challenges and opportunities for Maryland youth Identify areas or topics where more information is needed, can be coordinated, or reconciled Engage system stakeholders Identify and prioritize key audiences Identify, prioritize, interpret data	
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: (i) 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, and (ii) the death of a child under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services	Review fatalities involving DJS-involved youth to identify trends and make recommendations to prevent future deaths; Review DJS Report on Shootings Review DJS Report on Shootings	Identify the resources and upstream interventions that prevent or deter juvenile and criminal justice system involvement – primary prevention; map Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs onto the levels of child, family, community, and state to inform strategies that support well-being and resilience at all levels Evaluate existing programs and services Understanding root causes (work w/ PENC) Identify gaps in service, whether they be programmatic, geographical, financial	Prioritize processes and systems in need of investigation and reform for the Commission		
Evaluate the cost-effectiveness of existing and promising programs and practices researched by the commission		x	Investigate and understand those systems, processes, and relevant data		x
Participate in planning the development and use of available resources to meet the needs of juveniles	x	x	x	x	x
Review data relating to arrests, completion of programming, and recidivism from the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center 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		GOCPP has requested data from MLDSC and will present to the Commission			x

Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging Best Practices

Proposed Annual Report Outline (2025)

Introduction

- Commission background, purpose, and scope
- Summary of statutory mandate and key responsibilities

Overview of Year One

- Launching the Commission
- Developing workgroups and their charters
- Engaging members and stakeholders

Workgroup Activity Summaries (Adapt as necessary)

1. Public Education and Narrative Change

- **Co-chairs and members**
- **Objectives and Approach:**
 - Summary of the group's finalized goals.
 - Strategies (e.g., teach-outs, social media, info sheets).
 - Development process (e.g., surveys, member discussions, etc.).
- **Meetings, Presentations and Resources Reviewed:** Key discussion topics (e.g., outreach strategies), surveys, discussion
- **Collaborators:** Vera Institute
- **Emerging Themes/Preliminary Findings:** early observations on public engagement.
- **Outputs:** Informational documents, social media campaigns, etc.
- **Next Steps:** Community education, Commission learning, etc.
- **Reflections & Considerations (optional):**

2. Prevention

- **Co-chairs and members**
- **Objectives and Approach:**
 - Identifying primary/upstream interventions.
 - Development process (e.g., Maslow's Hierarchy across domains, service gap mapping, resilience focus)
- **Meetings, Presentations and Resources Reviewed:** Key topics discussed, documents or data reviewed
- **Collaborations:** DJS, GOC, etc.
- **Emerging Themes/Preliminary Findings:** Early insights from data review or stakeholder input.
- **Next Steps:** Further research, engagement with stakeholders, etc.
- **Reflections & Considerations (optional):**

3. Rehabilitative Services

- **Co-chairs and members**
- **Objectives and Approach:** evaluating secondary and tertiary/downstream interventions and services through presentations, panels, etc.
- **Meetings, Presentations and Resources Reviewed:** Key activities, including expert presentations or data reviews.
- **Collaborations:** DJS
- **Emerging Themes/Preliminary Findings:** Early insights on programs, gaps
- **Next Steps:** Review DJS reports on treatment plans for adjudicated youth and the extent to which those plans were fully implemented, further stakeholder engagement, etc
- **Reflections & Considerations (optional):**

4. Fatality Review

- **Co-chairs and members**
- **Objectives and Approach:** Review cases and other relevant reports to offer trends, insights, and recommendations from reviewed cases.
- **Meetings, Presentations, and Resources Reviewed:**
 - Meeting structure (quarterly) with case presentations from DJS (what makes up the case file)
 - Reports from DJS on nonfatal shootings
- **Emerging Themes/Preliminary Findings:** Early insights from fatality reviews.
- **Next Steps:** regular meeting cadence and share out to Commission; reviewing nonfatal shooting reports.
- **Reflections & Considerations (optional):**

5. Processes and System Coordination

- **Co-chairs and members**
- **Objectives and Approach:** deep dive into understanding processes and outcomes through data requests, presentations, discussion
- **Meetings, Presentations, and Resources Reviewed:** Kids charged as adults, data reviewed and requested.
- **Emerging Themes/Preliminary Findings:** Early findings on charging process
- **Next Steps:** continue investigation of charging, review Judiciary data, review JJMU reports
- **Reflections & Considerations (optional):**

Cross-Cutting Themes

- **Themes Across Workgroups:** High-level observations from workgroups' activities.
- **Systemic Barriers:** Challenges identified across workgroups (e.g., data, coordination, funding)

Next Steps and Future Work

- Focus areas for 2025–2026.
- Recommendations for continued engagement, coordination, and stakeholder involvement.
- Opportunities for collaboration with other state efforts.

Appendices

- Full list of members.
- Meeting summaries.
- Summary of data reviewed.

Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging Best Practices

Workgroup Activity Summary Template

Annual Report - Due October 1, 2025

Workgroup Name:

Workgroup Co-Chairs & Members:

(Include names and affiliations, particularly noting representation from key stakeholder groups.)

1. Objectives and Approach

Workgroup Objectives:

(Bullet or paragraph form summarizing the group's finalized goals.)

Approach to Addressing Objectives:

(Describe strategies such as expert presentations, data review, community engagement, etc.)

How Objectives and Approach Were Developed:

(Summarize the early process—e.g., stakeholder surveys, member discussions, review of Commission mandate, or landscape scans.)

2. Meetings and Activities to Date

Meeting Dates & Frequency:

(List or summarize when and how often the group met.)

Key Discussion Topics:

(Highlight themes or recurring areas of interest or inquiry.)

3. Presentations and Resources Reviewed

Presentations Heard:

Date	Presenter	Topic	Key Takeaways

Key Resources Reviewed:

(List significant data sets, reports, literature, or policy documents examined.)

4. Emerging Themes or Preliminary Findings (Optional)

(Include this section if applicable. Capture early observations or consistent issues noted in meetings.)

5. Outputs or Work Products (If Any)

(List draft or completed materials, such as maps, informational documents, social media campaigns, draft recommendations, etc.)

6. Next Steps

- Planned meetings or presentations
 - Research or data still needed
 - Stakeholders to engage
 - Anticipated deliverables for next year's report
-

7. Reflections & Considerations (Optional)

- Cross-cutting insights across workgroups?
- Capacity or implementation challenges?
- Opportunities for collaboration?