Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Task Force

Agenda

- Introductions (co-chairs)
- Our Charge (co-chairs)
- Timeline and Process (co-chairs)
- National Juvenile Justice Landscape (Pew)
- Discussion and Next Steps (co-chairs)

Our Charge

"Our charge to this interbranch initiative is to develop data-driven policy recommendations through stakeholder consensus with the goals of:

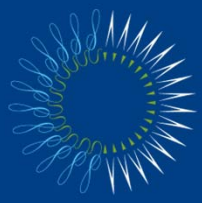
1. protecting public safety,
2. ensuring accountability,
3. containing costs, and
4. improving outcomes for youth, families, and communities."

Tom Wolf Governor	**Thomas Saylor** Chief Justice	**Joseph Scarnati** Senate President Pro Tempore	**Mike Turzai** Speaker of the House
Jay Costa Senate Minority Leader	**Bryan Cutler** House Majority Leader	**Frank Dermody** House Minority Leader	**Jake Corman** Senate Majority Leader

Timeline and Process

Stakeholder Engagement

- Juvenile probation officers
- Youth and families
- Law enforcement
- Judges
- Crime victims, survivors, and advocates
- Prosecutors
- Defense attorneys
- Service providers
- Educators
- Facility staff
- Service Providers
- Others



THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS

National Juvenile Justice Landscape

Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Task Force
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
February 5, 2020

Who we are

The Pew Charitable Trusts is a nonprofit organization that applies a **rigorous, analytical approach** to improve public policy, inform the public, and stimulate civic life.

Pew's public safety performance project helps states advance **fiscally sound, data-driven policies and practices** in their criminal and juvenile justice systems that protect public safety, ensure accountability, and control costs.

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Who we are

The Crime and Justice Institute (CJI) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that provides technical assistance to state and local jurisdictions to help implement data-driven solutions to drive bold, transformative improvements in criminal and juvenile justice systems.

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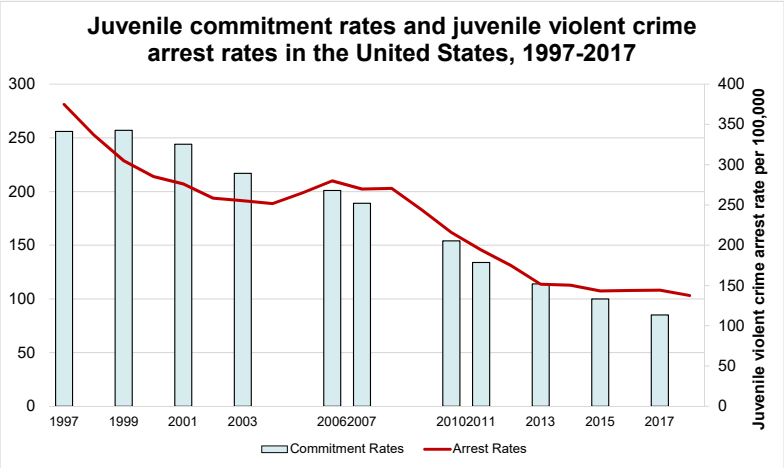
Less crime, less commitment



Sources: OJJDP Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement 1997-2018; OJJDP Statistical Briefing Book ,Juvenile Arrest Rates

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Evolution of juvenile justice in Pennsylvania

- Balanced and Restorative Justice
- Models for Change
- Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice
- Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy

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States facing high annual costs per youth

Georgia	Hawaii	Kentucky	South Dakota	West Virginia	Kansas	Utah	Tennessee	Alabama
$90,000	$199,000	$87,000	$41,000-$144,000	$100,000	$89,000	$127,000	$230,000	$161,000

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States experiencing poor (or unknown) outcomes

Georgia	Hawaii	Kentucky	South Dakota	West Virginia	Kansas	Utah	Tennessee	Alabama
Recidivism: 65%	Recidivism: 75%	Recidivism: Unknown	Recidivism: 45%	Recidivism: Unknown	Recidivism: Unknown	Recidivism: 50%	Recidivism: Unknown	Recidivism: Unknown

Note: Recidivism defined differently in different states

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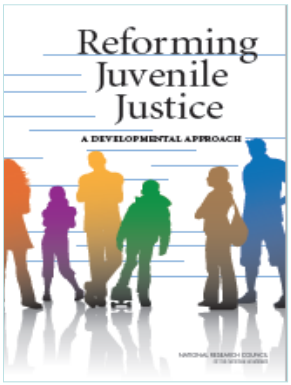
National Academy of Science

Reforming Juvenile Justice: A Developmental Approach

"In general, multifaceted community-based interventions show greater reductions in rearrests than institutional programs."

"*There is no convincing evidence … that confinement of juvenile offenders beyond the minimum amount needed for [providing sufficiently intense services], either in adult prisons or juvenile correctional institutions, appreciably reduces the likelihood of subsequent offending.*"



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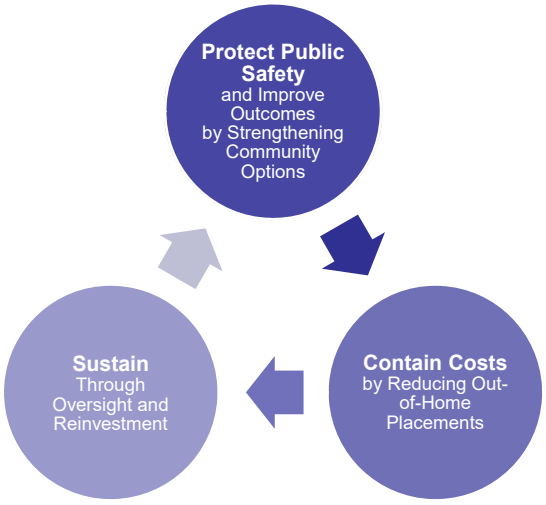
State policy solutions: tailored and reinforcing



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Reinvestment in effective community-based options jumpstarted with upfront investment

Georgia	Hawaii	Kentucky	South Dakota	West Virginia	Kansas	Utah
$6 Million	$1.26 Million	Fiscal Incentive Program Authorized	$6.5 Million	$4.5 Million	$2 Million	$1 Million

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Large projected impact on out-of-home populations

Georgia	Hawaii	Kentucky	South Dakota	West Virginia	Kansas	Utah
30% OOH ↓	60% OOH ↓	37% OOH ↓	50% OOH ↓	16% OOH ↓	60% OOH ↓	47% OOH ↓

Projected decreases in out-of-home placements free up $$ for reinvestment

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Statewide expansion of evidence-based practices and programs

Georgia
Statewide access to EBP through county incentive

Kentucky
Fiscal Incentive Program for Reinvestment

South Dakota
Statewide access to EBP, including family therapy

Kansas
Statewide access to family therapy, outpatient sex offense treatment

Utah
Statewide access to family therapy and other EBPs

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Strong legislative support

Georgia
Senate 47-0
House 173-0

Hawaii
Senate 24-0
House 50-0

Kentucky
Senate 32-6
House 84-15

South Dakota
Senate 35-0
House 60-7

West Virginia
Senate 34-0
House 100-0

Kansas
Senate 40-0
House 118-5

Utah
Senate 24-0
House 67-4

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Discussion

- What are the strengths of our juvenile justice system?
- What improvements may need to be made to our juvenile justice system?

Task Force Meeting Dates

- Dates for next Task Force meetings
  - April 8
  - May 6
  - June 10
  - July 15 (pending confirmation)
  - August 12 (pending confirmation)
  - September 30 (pending confirmation)
  - October 28 (pending confirmation)
  - November 18 (pending confirmation)

Next Steps

- Data analysis and system assessment
- Stakeholder outreach
  - Questionnaires
  - Roundtables
  - Individual meetings
  - Dissemination of an executive summary of today's meeting

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