

Justice External Advisory Committee Meeting

October 8th, 2024 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Agenda

- DMH/DD/SUS' Community Collaboration Model
- Adult Justice RFA Update
- Update on Investment Initiatives for Youth

As a reminder, this meeting includes a diverse group of stakeholders: providers, plans (Tailored Plans, Standard Plans), community partners, consumer and family members, officials from related state agencies/DHHS divisions and DMH/DD/SUS officials.

Housekeeping

We encourage those who are able to turn on cameras, use reactions in Teams to share opinions on topics discussed, and share questions in the chat.



Guidelines for Engagement

DMH/DD/SUS ("the Division") is committed to transparency in our work and creating shared spaces to engage in constructive dialogue.

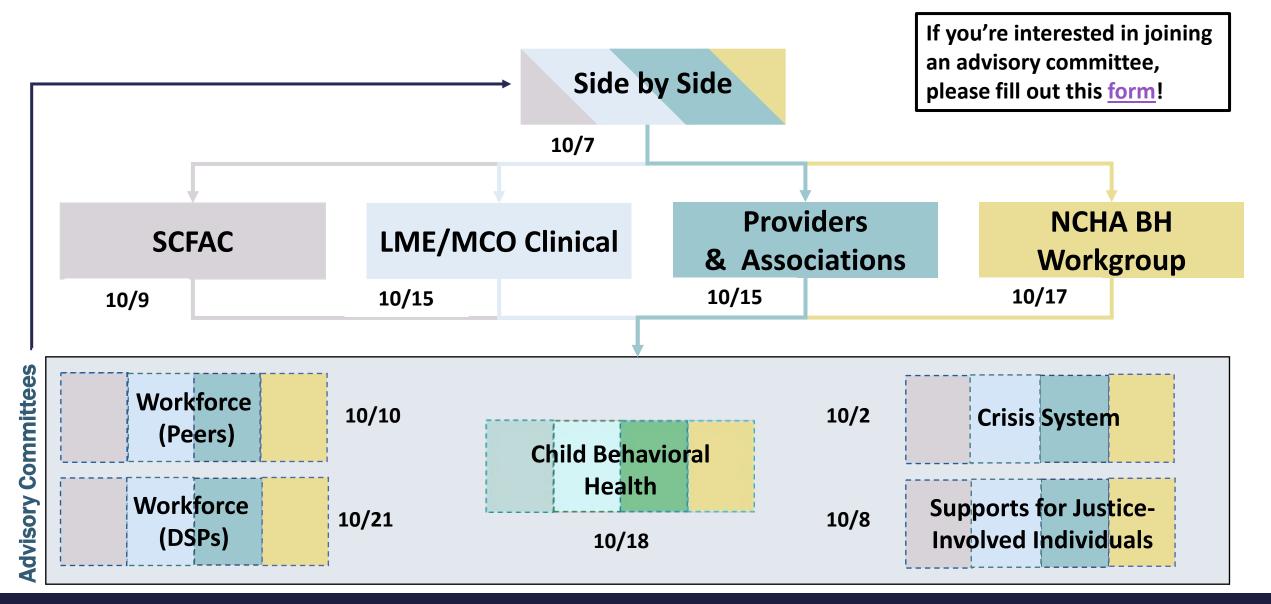
We acknowledge that these topics may be difficult, based on personal experiences and identities, and we honor your willingness to share valuable insight.

- If you have a question, wish to express an idea, or share a concern, please use the raise hand feature or the chat function.
- We ask that you are mindful of time to ensure as many members as possible have a chance to provide input and share their thoughts.
- We may interrupt dialogue to keep the space constructive. One of our staff members will connect you with our DMH/DD/SUS team for additional conversation offline.

DMH/DD/SUS' Community Collaboration Model



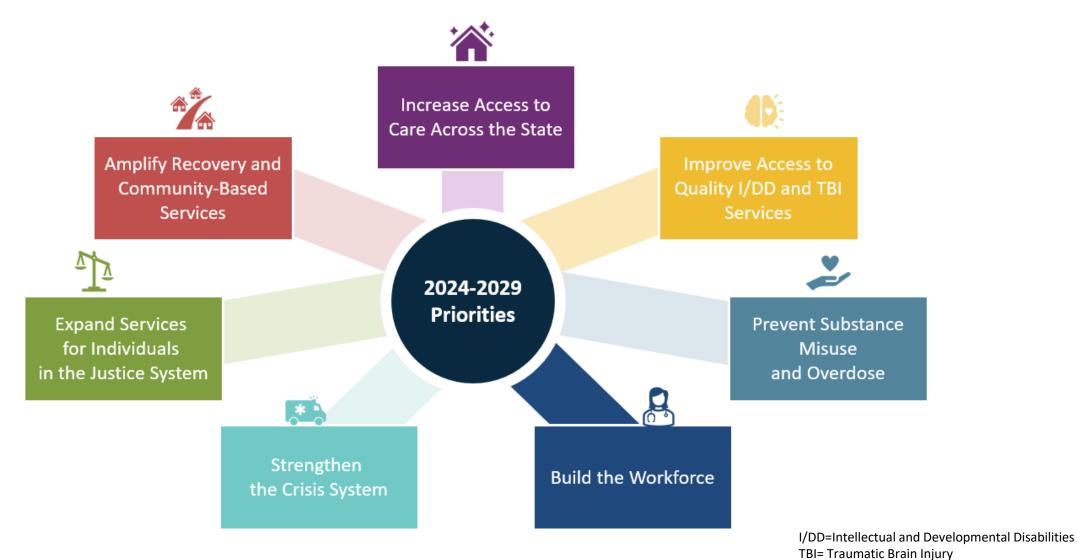
October Community Collaboration



Adult Justice RFA Update

Level-Setting

The Division's 2024-2029 Strategic Plan Priority Areas



Source: 2024-2029 DMH/DD/SUS 2024-2029 Strategic Plan.

Strategic Plan Priority Area: Expanding Access to Services for Youth

The Division's newly released strategic plan highlights that expanding services for youth* in contact with or at risk of involvement with the justice system is a priority area of focus over the next five years.

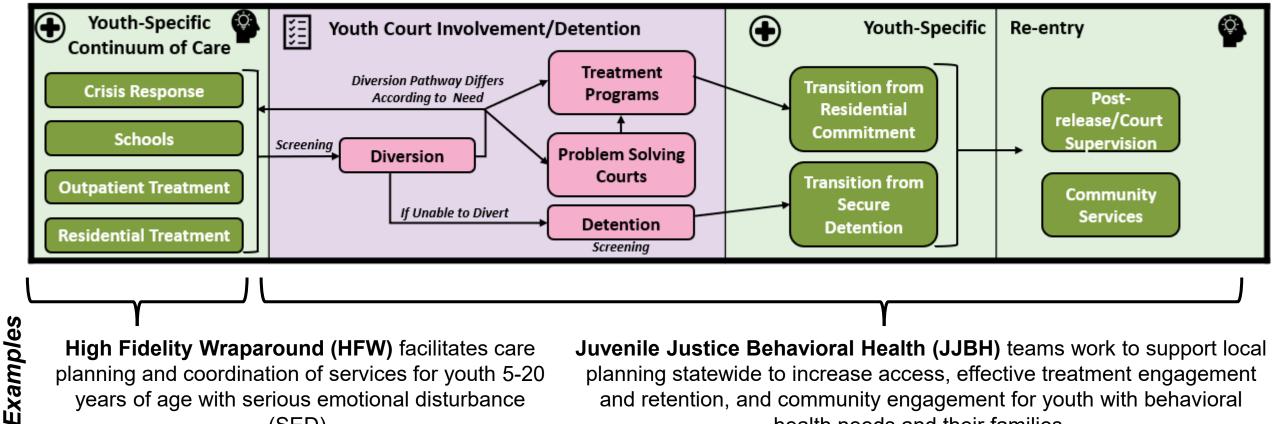
Goal 6.3: Increase Use of Evidenced Based Programs for Youth In Contact with the Juvenile Justice System	Metrics for Tracking Progress
 Youth and adolescents require specialized services that meet them at each point along the youth justice continuum, from community-based diversion services through re-entry. The Division is committed to developing the kind of tailored programming and supports as well as partnerships with community organizations necessary to meet children and adolescents where they are and ensure needed services are available. 	 Number of individuals with mental health or substance use needs served by a deflection or diversion program. Number of individuals with mental health or substance use needs served by a re-entry program. Number of youth receiving evidenced based deflection/diversion, treatment, or re-entry services .

*The Division's Strategic Plan also prioritizes expanding access to treatment, services, and supports for adults.

Source: 2024-2029 DMH/DD/SUS 2024-2029 Strategic Plan.

Reminder: Youth Justice Continuum

The Division intends to build on its existing foundation of services and supports across the youth justice continuum to address challenges and improve supports for youth with behavioral health, IDD and/or TBI needs.



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and retention, and community engagement for youth with behavioral health needs and their families.

Vision: The Division's Role to Strengthen Behavioral Health Services for Youth and their Families





Provide community-based treatment services to prevent youth from entering and supporting youth leaving the justice system.



Establish standards to ensure youth access to evidencebased treatment in residential and detention facilities.



Improves screening, referral, and service outcomes through the JJBH teams in the community.

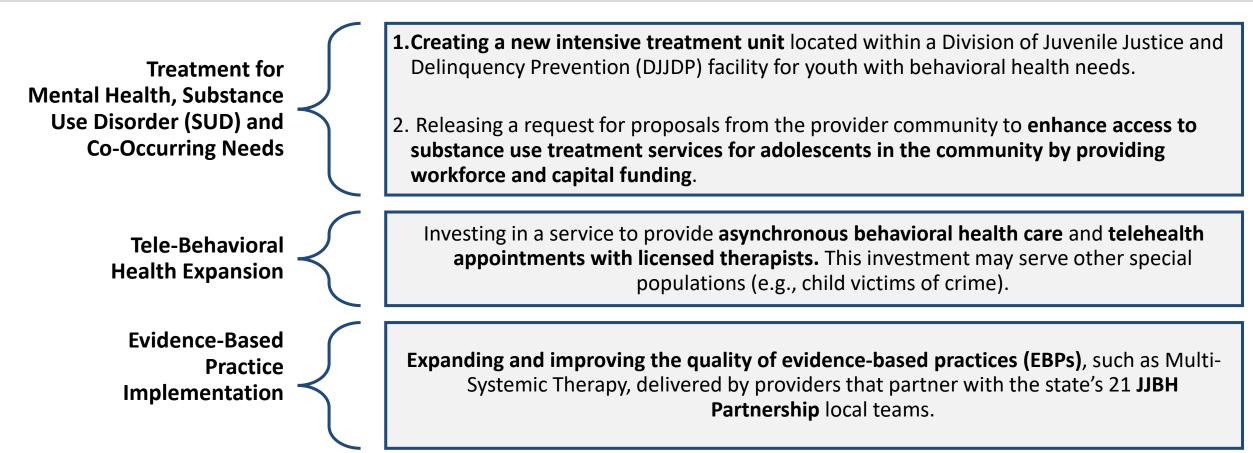
Foundational Elements

- Access to housing, health benefits, education, employment (older youth), and other community services.
- Outreach, education and awareness among community, families, and justice providers.
- Leadership, expertise, and support to enable local communities to identify their needs and implement best practices.

Update on Investment Initiatives for Youth

Overview: Proposed Youth-Focused Investments to Improve Access to Treatment

The Division is exploring several new investments designed to expand access to treatment and support services for youth in contact or at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system.



DJJDP Behavioral Health Treatment Unit

The Division is exploring a partnership with DJJDP, Alliance and New Hope Treatment Center, to expand access to treatment services for youth with intensive behavioral health needs in a DJJDP facility by supporting treatment unit start-up and operation costs.

Investment Overview

- **Purpose:** Establish a trauma-focused, therapeutic environment in a treatment unit at a DJJDP facility for youth who have mental health, SUD, or co-occurring needs beyond the capabilities of the facility. The unit would serve youth statewide.
- Eligible Population: Post-adjudication youth held in a DJJDP facility who have intensive mental health, SUD or co-occurring needs. The Division is exploring whether pre-adjudication youth may be eligible.
- Funding Uses:
 - Initial start-up and ramp-up costs (e.g., facility renovations, initial staff salaries).
 - Operating costs for a set time period (e.g., two years).
- Services Provided by the Treatment Unit:
 - Completion of a **psychiatric evaluation and comprehensive trauma-informed assessment** upon admission to the DJJDP facility.
 - Delivery of treatment services using a trauma-informed, multi-generational family systems approach with 24/7 nursing, licensed mental health and substance use clinicians, a medical director, and youth peer support.
 - Discharge planning and reentry support into the community or another setting.

Source: Sweeney et al, Logging into therapy: Adolescent perceptions of online therapies for mental health problems, 2019.

DJJDP Behavioral Health Treatment Unit: Discussion Questions

- What are participants' reactions to this proposal?
- To what extent does it address some of the gaps in the continuum of care for youth in contact or at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system?
- Should the unit serve both pre- and post-disposition youth? What are some considerations for predisposition youth that the proposal should account for?
- Are there additional ways that one-time investment funding could be used to support the unit?

Substance Use Treatment for Adolescents

DMH/DD/SUS is planning to fund providers' workforce and capital needs to improve access to community-based, integrated SUD and mental health treatment services.

Investment Overview

- **Purpose:** Build or expand the capacity of community-based SUD providers to deliver clinically appropriate SUD and treatment for co-occurring conditions to adolescents in contact or at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system.
- Eligible Population: Youth ages 12-19 in the community in contact or at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system.
- Funding Use Cases:
 - Workforce, training, and certification costs (initial salaries, recruitment bonuses).
 - Capital improvements/purchases.
- Awardees Will Be Required To:
 - Provide SUD treatment and recovery planning support in the community, including integrated mental health care for adolescents with co-occurring needs. Note: The Division expects that most of the treatment services delivered through the pilot would be billable to Medicaid.
 - Provide comprehensive screening and multidimensional assessment to identify SUD and co-occurring needs and the level of care needed.
 - o Accept referrals of adolescents from a variety of sources (e.g., DJJDP, LME-MCOs, Standard Plans, etc.)

Substance Use Treatment for Adolescents: Discussion Questions

- What are participants' reactions to this proposal?
- To what extent does it address some of the gaps in the continuum of care for youth in contact or at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system?
- What types of support do providers need to expand workforce capacity and willingness to provide adolescent SUD services for youth in contact or at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system, including youth with co-occurring mental health needs?

Tele-Behavioral Health Expansion

DMH/DD/SUS seeks to fund a contract with a telebehavioral health service to provide at-risk adolescents with asynchronous and synchronous care.

Investment Overview

- **Purpose:** Offer an additional pathway to treatment for youth who might otherwise not be receiving services.
 - 32% of adolescents in one study reported they would choose an online therapy over traditional face-to-face support.
- Eligible Population: Youth in contact or at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system, youth with incarcerated parents, and youth victims of crime.
- Funding Use: Contract with a tele-behavioral health platform to provide asynchronous texting with providers, and virtual therapy appointments to eligible youth.



What are participants' reactions to this proposal? To what extent does it address some of the gaps in the continuum of care for youth in contact or at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system?

• Are there any challenges, opportunities or lessons learned the Division should consider as it seeks to make investments in virtual care for this population?

Source: Sweeney et al, Logging into therapy: Adolescent perceptions of online therapies for mental health problems, 2019.

EBP Implementation

The Division plans to invest in improving delivery of EBPs through JJBH-supported providers/provider agencies.

Examples of EBPs Utilized by Providers Partnering with JJBH

- Multisystemic Therapy (MST)
- Multisystemic Therapy-Problem Sexual Behavior (MST-PSB)
- Family Centered Treatment (FCT)
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)
- Seeking Safety
- Child-focused Assertive Community Treatment (ACTT)
- Seven Challenges

Stakeholder Feedback on EBP Implementation

- There is an insufficient number of providers offering EBPs to youth in contact with the juvenile justice system.
- Staff recruitment and retention challenges make it more difficult for providers to deliver select EBPs.
- Not all providers are equipped to serve youth with MH, SUD, I/DD, TBI, and co-occurring needs.

- What types of support have previously been most effective in helping providers enhance their delivery of EBPs to youth in contact or at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system?
- What strategies are communities employing today to increase awareness and utilization of EBPs for youth in contact or at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system?
- How can JJBH local teams expand the number of providers/provider agencies serving this population?
- To what extent are providers/provider agencies working to incorporate youth and family voice into their efforts to increase treatment engagement and completion?

Appendix

Advisory Committee Membership

Name	Organization
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