

MEMO

November 12, 2014

To: Members of the Education Work Group, JJPOC

From: Kitty Tyrol, Curriculum Developer/Instructor, Tow Youth Justice Institute
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Re: Education Work Group

Good afternoon. We are looking forward to working with all of you on this important issue.

The first meeting will be held on:

Wednesday, November 17, 2016, 1:00 pm

Legislative Office Building

Hartford, CT

Room 1 A

PA 14-217, sec.79 (f) (5) mandates that “strengths and barriers identified by the committee that support or impede the educational needs of children and youth in the juvenile justice system, with specific recommendations for reforms” therefore the JJPOC has convened an Education Work Group. The JJPOC must report on this matter by January 1, 2015. By July 15, 2015, there is a requirement to complete an “examination of how the state Department of Education and local boards of education, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Department, and other appropriate agencies can work collaboratively through school-based efforts and other processes to reduce the number of children and youth who enter the juvenile justice system as a result of being a member of a family with service needs or convicted as delinquent.”

In order to facilitate the preparation for this report, the JJPOC has asked for this Work Group to present specific information regarding educational needs of youth involved in the juvenile justice system from a variety of agencies and organizations wherein the two systems intersect. Special attention will focus on the impact of Raise the Age on educational needs of 16 and 17 year olds.

To this end, we ask that you come to the November 17 meeting prepared to share briefly the strengths and barriers that support or impede the educational needs of children and youth involved in the justice system as this relates to your experience in your organization or agency. We will discuss gaps and challenges and prioritize specific recommendations for reforms for children and youth in the juvenile justice system.

To support your preparation for the meeting, we have also attached some relevant statutes and an article for your review. We hope that they are useful.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in November.

AGENDA

Education Work Group

November 19, 2014

1:00 PM

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Hartford, CT

Room 1 A

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Charge and Overview of the JJPOC
3. Expectations for the Education Work Group
4. Topic: Strengths and barriers that support or impede the educational needs of children and youth in juvenile justice in your system
 - a. Brief reflection on the charge by each agency or organization
 - b. Discussion
5. Identify gaps and challenges
6. Prioritize Recommendations
7. Next Steps

Education Work Group

Charge:

PA 14-217, sec.79 (f) (5) mandates the following:

To identify “strengths and barriers identified by the committee that support or impede the educational needs of children and youth in the juvenile justice system, with specific recommendations for reforms.”

Deadline: January 1, 2015

PA 14-217, sec.79 (g) (4) mandates the following:

Shall report on an “examination of how the State Department of Education and local Boards of Education, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Department, and other appropriate agencies can work collaboratively through school-based efforts and other processes to reduce the number of children and youth who enter the juvenile justice system as result of being a member of a family with service needs or convicted as delinquent.”

Deadline: July 1, 2015

The Education Work Group was established by the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee (JJPOC) to address these goals.