

## **Michigan Juvenile Justice Reform Task Force: Out of Home Placement Work Group**

### **Purpose**

The Out of Home Placement working group will review current policies and practices related to the use of detention and long-term secure and nonsecure residential placements. The working group will meet regularly, including potentially with associated sub-groups, through June 2022 and is ultimately charged with making recommendations to the Taskforce on legislative, appropriations, and administrative reforms for consensus approval. The Council of State Governments Justice Center will support meeting facilitation and discussion.

### **Key Areas for Working Group Review, Discussion, and Potential Reform**

#### **Detention**

##### *Eligibility Criteria/Use of Detention*

- Purpose of detention and how, when, and for whom it should be used including use as a sanction, as a disposition, for family conflict, behavioral health issues, protection reasons, for youth who commit status offenses, younger youth, and youth tried as adults/use of adult jails.

##### *Detention Decision Making and Lengths of Stay*

- Use of detention risk and needs screening tools, who/how/when such tools/processes are administered, who has ultimate decision making authority, process for use of detention in response to violations/warrants, and lengths of stay guideline including generally as well as specifically for youth awaiting placement.

##### *Alternatives to Detention and Bed Management*

- Continuum of alternatives to detention including services and funding, Regional Detention Support Services, cross systems collaboration, and coordinating statewide bed availability.

##### *Detention Standards, Services, Behavior Management, and Oversight*

- County/court operated detention standards, minimum assessment/service expectations, use of restraints/isolations, quality assurance, and oversight.

##### *Racial and Ethnic Disparities*

- Specific strategies to reduce disparities in use of detention for youth of color and tribal youth, training, protocols, service alternatives, data collection, and statewide coordination.

#### **Out of Home Placement**

##### *Eligibility Criteria/Court Processes/Alternatives*

- Criteria around use of out of home placement, process requirements including assessment tools/pre-disposition reports/stakeholder meetings, age/offense/risk level/other limitations, out of state placements, and alternatives to incarceration including behavioral health services.

##### *Wardship, Placement Process, and Lengths of Stay*

- Bi-furcated wardship structure, placement rules related to level of security and facilities, lengths of stay/release decisions, total time under state/county supervision.

##### *Residential System and Oversight Structure*

- Provider service agreements, funding rates, incentives, youth/family fees, and procurement/contracting, centralized bed management, state role/capacity/funding, state/provider staffing, and provider/government relations.

#### *Assessments, Services, Case Management, and Behavior Management*

- Use of risk/needs assessments, service expectations/programming, case management expectations, staff training, cross-systems collaboration and dual wards, educational/vocational supports, family engagement, use of restraints/isolation, and incident reporting and tracking.

#### *Reentry Planning, Reintegration, and Revocation*

- Reentry planning and service expectations, reentry services, reentry coordination, continuity of care including Medicaid reinstatement, school reintegration, use of residential step-downs, and “parole” expectations, conditions, and revocation policies/protocols.

#### *Racial and Ethnic Disparities*

- Specific strategies to reduce disparities in use of out of home placement for youth of color and tribal youth, staffing, training, protocols, service alternatives, and data collection.

#### *Quality Assurance*

- Licensing standards, reviews, assessment training and fidelity monitoring, service management/assessments/fidelity monitoring/technical assistance, quality assurance reviews, court reporting, and accountability and improvement processes.