

Juvenile Justice Reform Taskforce: System Financing Working Group

Key Funding Elements	
Goal Oriented:	Funding supports adoption and effective implementation of research-based programs and practices that improve public safety and youth outcomes
Flexible:	Counties use funding as they see fit for pre-arrest diversion through reentry
Incentivizes Diversion and Community-Based Supervision/Services:	Incentivizes increased use of diversion/community-based supervision and services and reduced reliance/funding for residential placements
Reduces Administrative Burden:	Streamlines oversight from DHHS and administrative requirements, with focus on budget management, cost reporting, and risk-based auditing, potentially through a financial management system outside of current one.
Provides for Collaborative/Local Oversight:	Establishes funding oversight committee, heavily comprised of local representatives/associations, that provide coordinated statewide leadership for funding policies, evidence-based practice improvements/technical assistance, and quality assurance/data/collection
Requires and Supports Statewide Evidence-Based Approaches	<p>Increase in base funding levels to support evidence-based funding requirements, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of detention screening tool, diversion screening, and risk assessment tool pre-disposition, and participation in associated training, quality assurance, and data collection activities. • Programs/services that have a general research base of effectiveness (i.e. not ineffective practices) • Adoption of best practice probation standards (developed by oversight committee), and probation officers must attend and be certified in curricula every two/three years. All counties, or those above a certain population size, must employ a JJ QA Specialist. • County/regional cross-systems youth services committee (recommended as part of existing human service committees) to improve availability, use, funding, and capacity building of community-based services for youth in the juvenile justice system
Promotes Local Fidelity and Best Practices	Investment in building the capacity of SCAO JJ Bureau/entity TBD to employ QA monitors to help oversight committee manage the grant at local level and provide/coordinate training and TA. Locales would provide brief programmatic/data reports to this oversight entity and they would report on statewide performance measures on an annual basis.

Retain Child Care Fund Basic Structure with Incentives/Supports for Community Services and Evidence-Based Practices	
Funding Formula:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase state reimbursement level TBD (60/65%?) for community based services (including respite/shelter). This increased funding will support evidence-based requirements below as well as increased investment in community-based alternatives to detention and incarceration. • Maintain 50% state match for residential services (detention and longer-term placements)
Funding Level:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning process subsequent to legislation authorization can help determine how much the CCF will cost once implementation begins, including accounting for raise the age population.
Funding Components:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single funding source for community-based services, residential services, and raise the age.
Local Cost Control:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as current—provides for unanticipated expenses, with local match, while incentivizing increased local investment in community based alternatives.
State/Residential Cost Control:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectation is that increased community-based match rate + evidence-based requirements would over time drive down use of residential placements/expenditures, and ultimately, result in local and state cost savings.
Reinvestment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For exploration, but consider how reduced cost to the state overall, or specifically in residential costs, above certain amount gets reinvested into discretionary grant opportunities for local courts.

Roles and Responsibilities: Evidence-Based Juvenile Justice Child Care Fund (EBJJCF)

Department of Health and Human Services	
Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial and audit staff • Identify staff specifically to work on EBJJCF
Exclusive Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews and approves county budgets aligned with EBJJCF requirements • Oversees ongoing reimbursement process • Reviews ongoing financial statements, identifies high risk counties, and performs audits as needed • Tracks data on financial expenditures, and provides financial reports as required/requested to legislature and other parties
Collaborative Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In cases of substantial dispute with counties on budgets/reimbursement (dollar threshold?), submit for review to EBJJCF oversight committee • Required consultation with oversight committee on changes to budget and reimbursement management policies and processes • Ongoing notification to SCAO and oversight committee and collaborative troubleshooting on financial concerns overall and with specific counties • Quarterly reporting to SCAO and oversight committee on expenditure/reimbursement data to inform ongoing EBJJCF management

State Court Administrator's Office	
Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juvenile justice service division including director + training, quality assurance, and potentially research staff • Potential public/private partnership with local university or other partner to do more in-depth data analysis and risk/needs assessment tool validation
Exclusive Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for risk and needs screening and assessment tool validation and promulgating state adoption and implementation standards • Trains probation staff statewide on risk and needs assessment tools, evidence based practices, and statewide probation case standards • Conducts at least annual quality assurance reviews and technical assistance engagements with all counties on their evidence-based programs and practices associated with the EBJJCF and more generally. Engages in more frequent engagements and corrective action processes with counties experiencing challenges as needed. • Serves as the coordinating hub of data collection (if statewide tools) for collection, analysis, and reporting on use of risk assessment tools

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Collaborative Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners and must consult with oversight committee on probation case standards, training curricula, quality assurance activities, local service collaboratives, and statewide supervision improvement efforts. Convenes county EBJJCCF funded quality assurance specialists on a regular basis to discuss progress, challenges, and improvement efforts. Coordinates with DHHS and oversight committee on fiscal issues generally, and in specific counties, that impact implementation fidelity Coordinates with oversight committee on overall evidence-based requirements and resource management.

Oversight Committee	
Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juvenile justice/court/county associations such as MAFCA, MJA, and MAC Local court/county representatives such as judges and court administrators State agencies including SCAO and DHHS (juvenile justice, child welfare, and behavioral health divisions) Has independent statutory authority but administratively sits within and is supported by SCAO, including a dedicated committee coordinator.
Exclusive Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broad oversight of evidence based funding requirements including establishing/revising/adding requirements, and development and dissemination of information, updates, and policy guidance around their implementation to local counties/courts. Establishment of performance measures that all counties must track, ongoing review of these measures, and annual reporting on measures and overall impact of EBJJCCF to legislature and other parties. Serves as coordination and information dissemination hub for county/regional cross-systems youth services committees, and convenes chairs on a regular basis to discuss challenges and best practices. Responsible for statewide, cross-systems coordination on development, funding, training, capacity building, and quality improvement of evidence based, community based services, including alternatives to system involvement, detention, and incarceration. Direct liaison with legislature on community-based system improvement funding priorities and asks. Authority to oversee discretionary state/federal funding/pilots including RFP/resource allocation, and grant oversight.
Collaborative Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinates with SCAO and DHHS as detailed above, as well as with MCJJ, proposed statewide residential committee, and other entities as needed.

