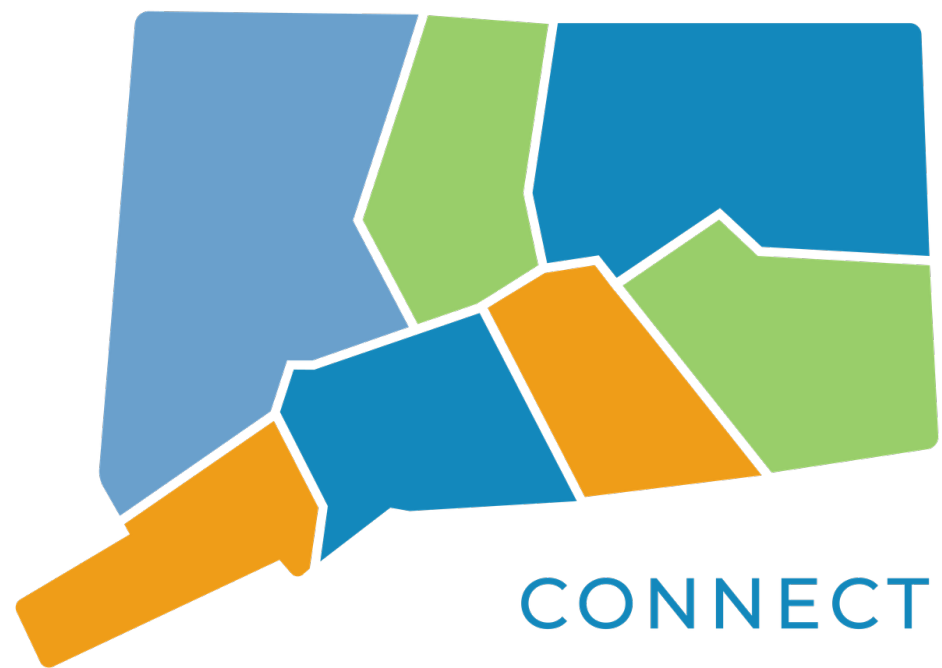


Statewide YDT meeting

August 27, 2026



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Agenda

- Update on training related to Diversion
- JJPOC Diversion Workgroup update
- Juvenile Court referral form
- Erasure concerns and policy changes
- Changes to Waiver/Consent document
- DCF JRB Grant data
- Reminders
- Training requests and challenges/barriers
- Open Discussion – questions, challenges, successes, trends

Training

Upcoming Scheduled Training

- Motivational Interviewing
 - 9/11, 9/17, and 9/18 - Bloomfield
- Victim Engagement
 - 9/15 and 9/16 - Cheshire
 - 11/9 and 11/10 (location TBD)
- YDT Training
 - 10/20, 10/22, 10/27 and 10/28 – Bloomfield
 - 12/7, 12/8, 12/14 and 12/15 – location TBD
- RJ 101 and 201
 - 11/17 and 11/19 – Virtual

ON-DEMAND Training

- Training for Referring Agencies – CYSA website - [On-Demand Webinar: Youth Diversion Team Overview for Referring Agencies](#)
- Training for Team members and Volunteers – [Webinar: Youth Diversion Team Overview for Volunteers & Team Members - CT Youth Services Association](#)
- OHIO Scales Training through CHDI - [On-Demand - OHIO Scales Training](#)

JJPOC Update

- Universal Police Policy for Diversion
 - Current status of policy
 - POST-C created an internal working group
 - Minor tweaks to recommendation
 - Also created a curriculum subcommittee to review the current Academy juvenile curriculum and are rewriting that curriculum to update it and include this new policy
 - Final Diversion policy will not be approved until a revamp of the curriculum is made (both will be approved together)
- Youth And Police interactions
 - A sub-group of the JJPOC Diversion Workgroup has been meeting regularly and will be creating a tool-kit for positive interactions between police and youth and will be available for both police departments and for yuh agencies (such as YSBs)

Juvenile Court Referral Form

- CSSD has created a new referral form for diversion to the YDT
- The form is meant to streamline and standardize the diversion referral process across all Juvenile Courts
- The form will allow YDT staff to know what probation officer is making the referral, all the pertinent information needed and some additional basic information regarding the screening tool results
- Probation officers should now be using this tool
- Additionally, there has been some discussion on the policy of returning cases to Juvenile Court and the parameters
 - Once an intake has occurred, the case cannot be returned
 - If you are having trouble engaging the youth or family, probation can help
 - If no engagement/communication prior to intake, you can discuss with probation officer to see if there is another diversion option they can use

Records Erasure

- A small group has been discussing and working on the issue of records erasure for youth who complete the YDT process.
 - The concern is that there are no policies currently in place directing police on what to do with an arrest record of a youth after successfully completing the YDT process (thus allowing for retention of arrest records)
 - When a youth goes to Juvenile Court for non-judicial handling and completes their probation, the Juvenile Court sends a letter to the police requiring them to erase all records associated with the case. This does not occur for diverted youth.
 - This working group will present to the JJPOC Diversion Workgroup next month in hopes of submitting a recommendation from the JJPOC for the upcoming session. There have been a couple of options for how to best create this type of policy, and we are waiting to hear back from POST to see if the most appropriate place for this to live would be with them. A policy would state that police are required to erase all arrest related records of a youth who has successfully completed diversion.
 - Questions?

Waiver/Consent Form Changes

- Based on conversations that started with Erasure language, we will be making some small changes to the Waiver/Consent form that all families sign prior to participating in diversion.
- The form will be edited now to address some language that needs to be updated (i.e. changing “convicted” to “adjudicated” for the correct terminology, etc.).
- The form will be updated again once we know the outcome of any new Erasure language but wanted to make some changes now instead of waiting until that goes through.
- There is also some language regarding victim engagement that will be added for clarification for the youth and family.

DCF JRB Support and Enhancement Grant

- Awards for FY27 are being made this week
- 10 Audits were completed at the close of the year
- Year-end closeout data (for CYSA sub-awardees):
 - For FY26, the 38 YDTs receiving funding saw a total of 925 new cases and 1,378 cases including carry-over cases
 - An average of 32.2% of cases were Pre-Arrest
 - An average of 32.6% of cases were referred from Juvenile Court
 - 68% of YDTs have engaged victims
 - 82% of YDTs are utilizing the 4-quadrant agreements

General Reminders

- Ohio Scales – please complete at intake AND at case closure.
- Exit Surveys - please complete at case closing. For now, these will be used internally for your data but will eventually become part of the reporting process.
- Fairfield YDT is still holding monthly “support group” meetings for any YDT interested. Please contact Jessica Bloomberg if you are interested in receiving the link: JBloomberg@fairfieldct.org
- Coming soon: More information about a YDT/Youth Diversion Conference in May of 2027! Please look out for save the date information!

Training Requests and Identified Barriers/Challenges

- Based on the Year-End reports from the YDTs receiving DCF JRB funding, here are some of the top training requests:
 - E-bike, financial support for victims, harm circles/community building circles, alternatives to suspension, engaging reluctant/resistant youth and families, guidelines on vaping and substance abuse cases (and addiction services), advanced trauma-informed training (and asking trauma-informed questions), navigating re-offending, human trafficking training
- Here are some of the top barriers/challenges/concerns:
 - Knowing when it is appropriate to engage a victim and the challenges getting victims to agree to participate in the process, lack of job skills training, access to services (not available, cost issues, waitlists), lack of mentoring, lack of non-traditional activities, lack of exposure to career pathways, entrepreneurship, tech and arts.

Open Discussion

- Questions regarding the protocols or implementation of certain components?
 - Concerns or barriers/challenges
 - Challenging cases
 - Successes
 - Additional training requests
 - Other
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Questions?



Feel free to email me with additional questions at: ebromley@ctyouthservices.org
