

Crossover Youth: From a JRB Lens

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Who are Crossover Youth (COY)?

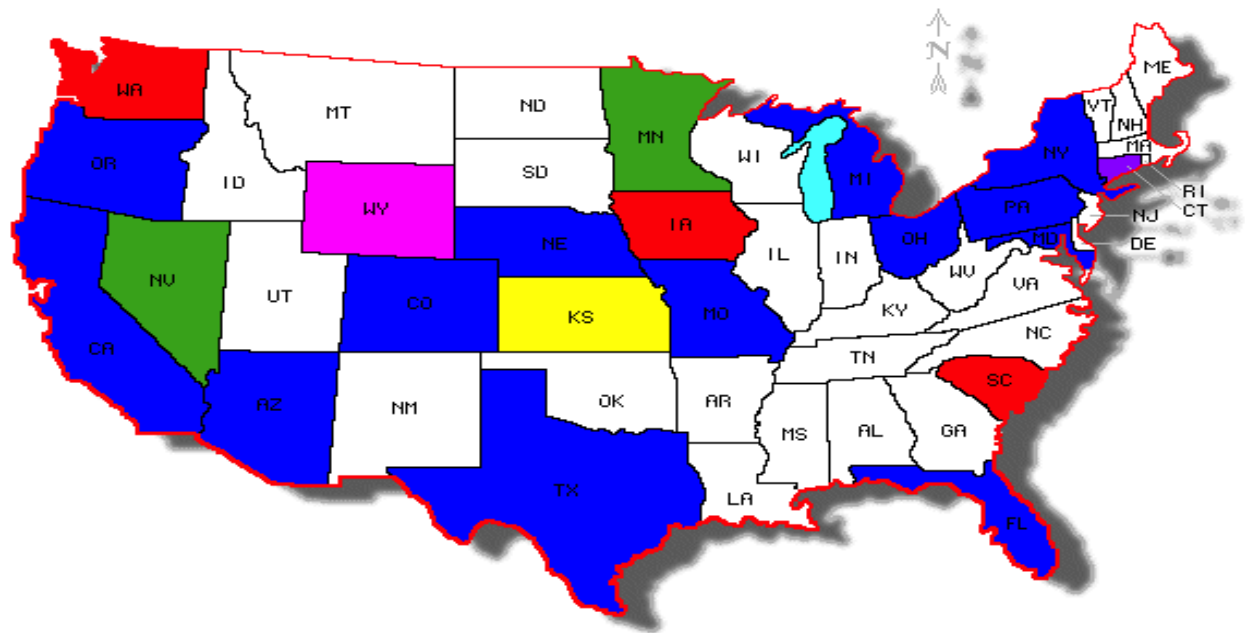
- Youth who are moving through both the child welfare & juvenile justice system or are known to both concurrently
- Research has long documented that youth who have been maltreated are more likely to engage in delinquent behavior.
- Pathway 1: A youth in the child welfare system who is subsequently charged with a delinquent act.

Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) Goals

- Reduction of number of youth placed in out of home care
- Reduction in the use of congregate care
- Reduction in the disproportionate representation of children of color
- Reduction in number of youth becoming dually adjudicated

CYPM Across the Nation

- - 2010 Cohort
- - 2012 Cohort
- - 2013 Cohort
- - 2015 Cohort
- - 2016 Cohort
- - Multiple Cohorts



Waterford/ Norwich Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM)

- Center for Juvenile Justice Reform @ Georgetown
- CYPM work in CT started in January 2015
- Core Leadership Team, Implementation Team & Guiding Coalition
- Multiple Site Visits & Monthly Conference Calls
- Development & refinement of local protocols
- Kick off - March 14, 2016

Video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASs9ejRGj1M>

Benefits of Diversion

- Reducing the labeling effect
- Reduction of unnecessary social control
- Speedy access to services
- Community based approach

How does Diversion Fit?

- Crossover Youth are perceived as higher risk by the JJ system & receive harsher dispositions than non-crossover youth. (*Ryan, Herz, Hernandez & Marshall, 2007*)
- Research on crossover youth points to the necessity of multi-system collaboration to comprehensively address the risk & needs of this population. (Bilchik & Nash, 2009)

How does Diversion Fit?

- Are you currently asking about DCF involvement during your JRB intake process ?
- If, DCF is involved are they being invited to your JRB hearings?
- Does anyone remember denying a case because of DCF involvement? (its ok to say yes, I have in the past)

CYPM: JRB Level

- Intake Stage
 - As part of the juvenile's intake inquire about DCF involvement with the family; is there an assigned social worker?
 - Ask them to invite their DCF SW or provider to participate in the JRB meeting.
 - Get a signed Release of Information
 - Arrange for DCF SW & any provider to attend scheduled meeting date & time

CYPM: JRB Level

- Talking points for gaining consent from parents/guardians to have DCF participate?
 - Assist with the efforts to develop a plan that prevents your child from entering the juvenile justice system
 - Help with connecting with services in your community
 - Eliminate duplication of efforts; i.e. 2 services at the same time

CYPM: JRB Level

- Hearing
 - Are there benefits to the inclusion of the DCF SW in the JRB process?
 - What would you want to learn from a DCF SW that is involved with a family that is appearing before your JRB?

CYPM: JRB Level

- Caucusing Stage (may or may not be different for you)
 - Youth & Family Centric
 - Teaming is a critical part of CYPM
 - Allow youth, family, DCF & providers to participate in the discussions around proposed diversions
 - Translates openness & transparency to the youth & family
 - Brokering of services & available resources can be discussed
 - Agreement formulated: accept or decline
 - Thoughts?

Success Story



- Let's talk about a case example where this process was utilized.

Suggested Steps

- Bring information back to your JRB
- Seek out a training opportunity from DCF
- Consider beta testing the idea; short period of time & assess qualitative & quantitative outcomes

Thank You Very Much For Your Time & Attention

- For further information please feel free to contact.

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