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Continuum of Care: An Effective Framework for Youth Safety, Accountability, and Justice Webinar

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Welcoming Remarks

Liz Ryan

Administrator

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What will be covered today?

- The Continuum of Care framework.
- How a Continuum of Care works in youth justice – and why it is the best approach.
- *OJJDP's Building Local Continuums of Care to Support Youth Success* initiative.

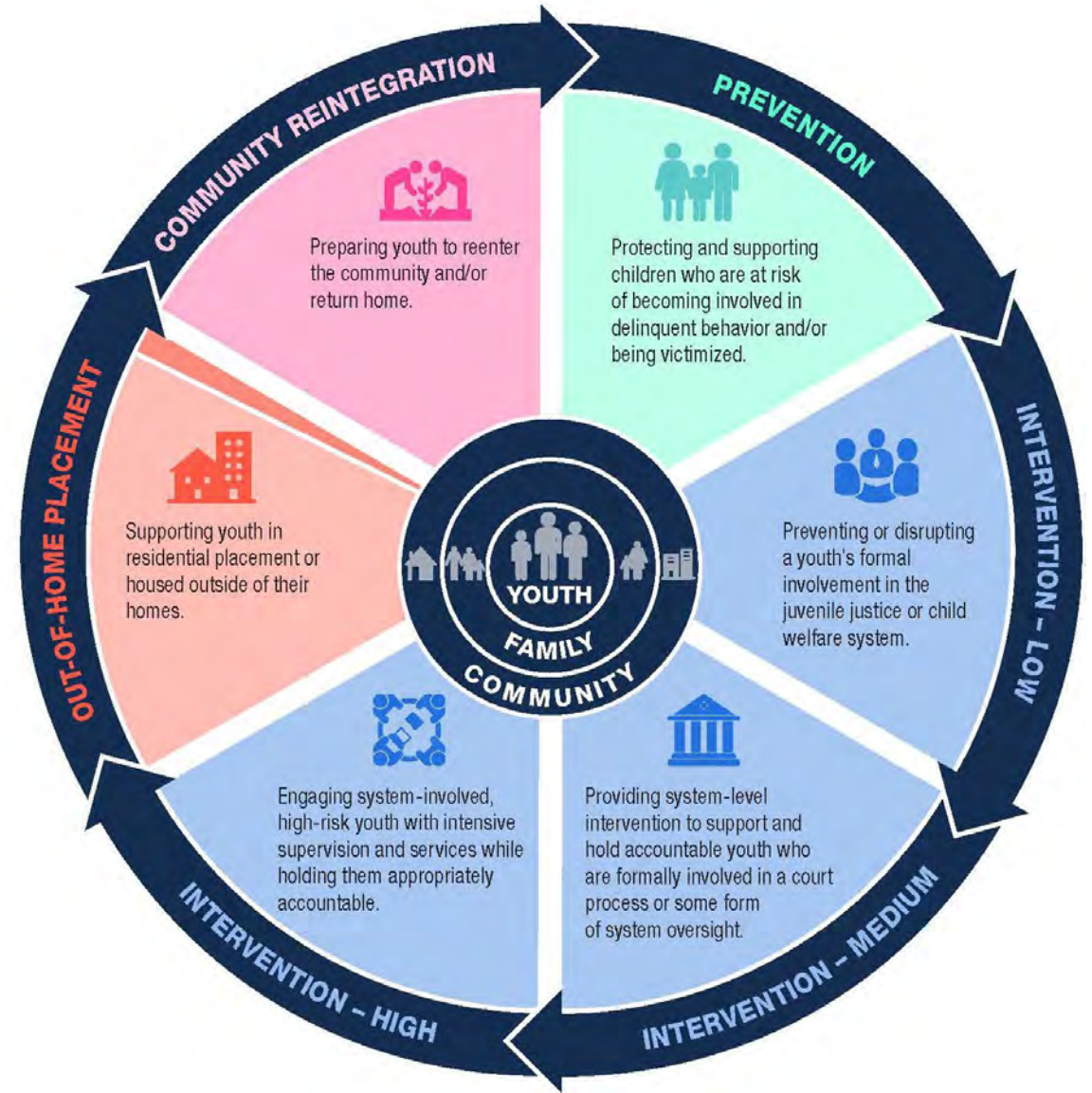


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Continuum of Care for Communities



What is a Continuum of Care?

- System of supports and services that responds to individual, family, community needs and goals.
- Typically reflects a strong prevention and early intervention approach.
- Monitors for emerging needs and quickly responds to issues that impact public safety and community well being.



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Continuum of Care (CoC): A Framework for Youth Well-Being

- A “continuum of care” framework is well established in the health, housing, and other social services fields.
- Youth justice has utilized this framework for years – from the first Juvenile Court (1899) to the latest reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (2018).
- Many states and localities are already using a CoC framework and have done so for years. We are learning from them.

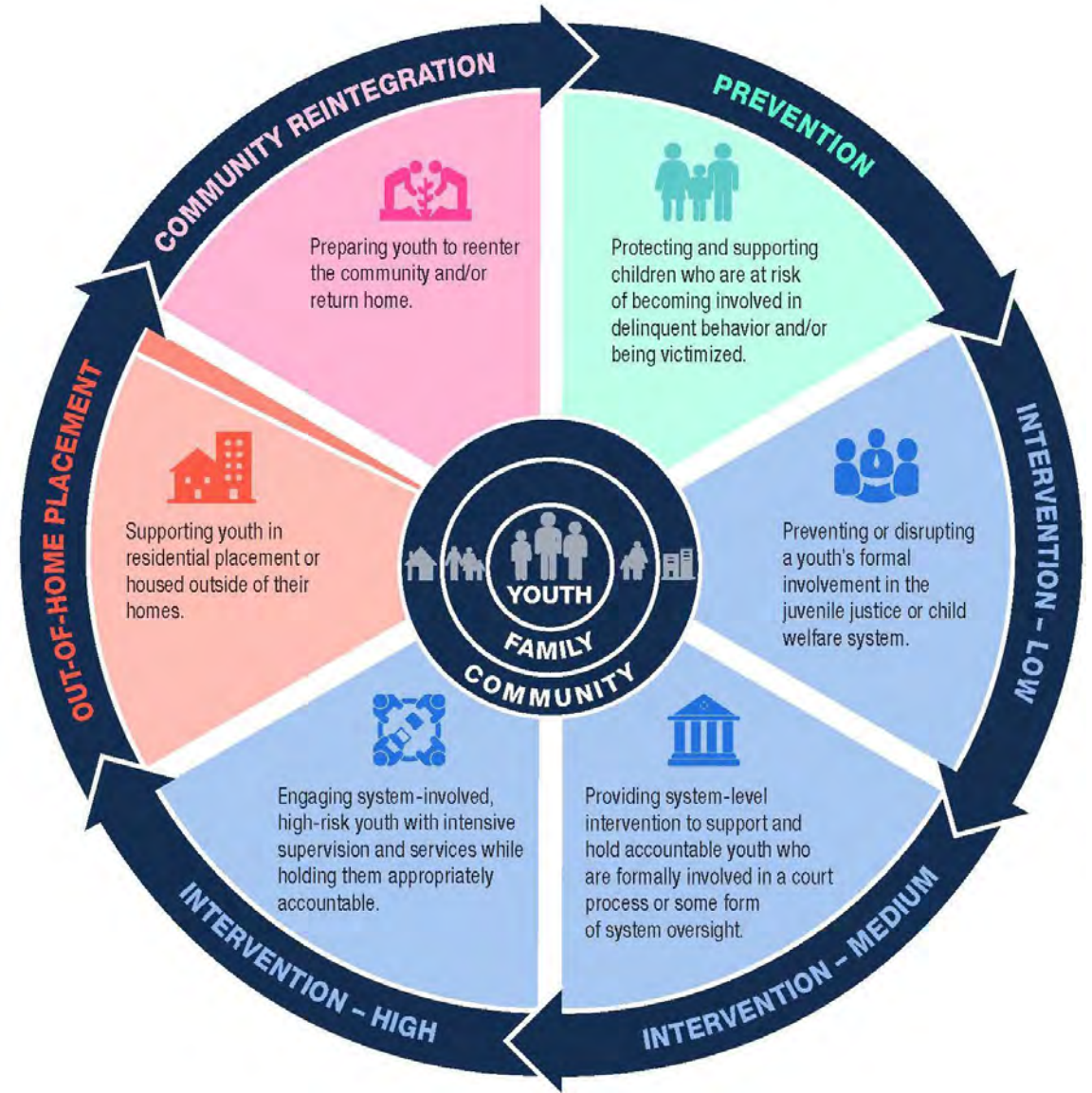


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Continuum of Care: A Framework for Youth Well-Being

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act was reauthorized and substantially amended in 2018, adding four new purpose areas. They are:

- 1) Support State, tribal, and local programs that prevent juvenile involvement in delinquent behavior;*
- 2) Assist State, tribal, and local governments in promoting public safety by encouraging accountability for acts of juvenile delinquency;*
- 3) Assist State, tribal, and local governments in addressing juvenile crime through the provision of technical assistance, research, training, evaluation, and the dissemination of current and relevant information on effective and evidence-based programs and practices for combating juvenile delinquency; and*
- 4) Support a continuum of evidence-based or promising programs (including delinquency prevention, intervention, mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse treatment, family services, and services for children exposed to violence) that are trauma informed, reflect the science of adolescent development, and are designed to meet the needs of at-risk youth and youth who come into contact with the justice system.*



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Why adopt a Continuum of Care?

OJJDP believes it is necessary to utilize a comprehensive Continuum of Care to ensure services are meeting youth and community needs, and to support good outcomes for youth and families.

- Prevention and early intervention prevents later offending and incarceration. Early research identified the importance of prevention and early intervention as the best ways to prevent youth crime and reoffending. Subsequent research has only confirmed this more strongly.
- A strong CoC factors in the needs of the small number of youth with complex issues that need a high level of intervention – and can immediately respond when needed.
- Communities that adopt a CoC approach are able to constantly assess changing needs and respond to change. Community members feel safer when they know their community can respond and that it is spending funds on solutions shown to work.



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OJJDP's Building Local Continuums of Care to Support Youth Success

- *FY 2023 Building Local Continuums of Care to Support Youth Success* awards were made January 1, 2024.

<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ojjdp-2023-171851>

- *FY 2024 Building Local Continuums of Care to Support Youth Success* solicitation closes **Wednesday, July 24, 2024.**

<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/fy2024/o-ojjdp-2024-172146>



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Building Local Continuums of Care to Support Youth Success

- Planning and assessment initiative
- Program Sites - State and local jurisdictions with high rates of youth incarceration
- Training and Technical Assistance



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FY 23 CoC
Award
Information

Category	Number of Awards	Performance Period
State Agency Planning and Assessment Sites	6	18 months
Local Planning and Assessment Sites	17	18 months
Training & Technical Assistance Providers	3	24 months



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FY 24 CoC
Anticipated
Awards

Category	Number of Anticipated Awards	Performance Period
State Agency Planning and Assessment Sites	5	18 months
Local Planning and Assessment Sites	8	18 months



FY 2023 CoC Planning and Assessment Sites

STATE SITES:

- MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES
- MICHIGAN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS
- PA COMMISSION ON CRIME & DELINQUENCY
- TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

LOCAL SITES:

- GOVERNMENT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
- JUDICIAL COURTS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, COOK COUNTY (IL)
- COUNTY OF ALBANY (WY)
- BEXAR COUNTY AUDITOR (TX)
- COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA (OH)

LOCAL SITES (Cont.):

- DOUGLAS COUNTY (NE)
- COUNTY OF ELKHART (IN)
- COUNTY OF FULTON (GA)
- KING COUNTY (WA)
- COUNTY OF SOLANO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE (CA)
- CITY OF BLUEFIELD (WV)
- BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION (MA)
- DENVER DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (CO)
- CITY OF KANSAS CITY (MO)
- CITY OF ORLANDO (FL)
- CITY OF PHILADELPHIA (PA)
- CITY OF ROCKLAND (ME)



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Program Overview

- Supports planning and assessment activities to:
 - Inform the development of a community-based continuum of promising and evidence-based prevention and intervention services.
 - Serve as a strong foundation for preventing youth from entering the juvenile justice system, diverting them from moving deeper into the system (i.e., detention and corrections) and ultimately providing them with the skills they need to lead productive, safe, healthy, and law-abiding lives.



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Overall Objective

Identify available resources and existing gaps in prevention and intervention services for youth at risk of involvement or already involved in the juvenile justice system.



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Objectives - Cont'd

Specific program objectives include:

- Identify strategies that support promising and evidence-based approaches that advance the long-term well-being and success of youth and their families.
- Develop economic impact strategies that result in cost savings and identify how those cost savings can be reinvested into the larger continuum of care.
- Establish a sustainable framework that supports the decarceration of youth and the diversion of children identified as being at risk of involvement in the criminal justice system through a coordinated, collaborative strategy and also promotes safe communities.



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Noteworthy Elements of CoC Solicitation Framework

- Provide a 100 percent full-time-equivalent CoC coordinator to serve as facilitator and project director.
- Convene a planning council.
- 18-month planning process.



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Training and Technical Assistance

- Assistance in areas of mapping community assets, identifying gaps in services, planning for achieving cost savings, and delivering and sustaining a community-based continuum of care.
- Disseminate cutting-edge research, tools, and resources focused on best practices for prevention, early intervention, and diversion programs aimed at reducing youth incarceration.
- Develop tools, resources, and best-practice information and guidelines on developing and sustaining a community-based continuum of care.



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Training and Technical Assistance

- **Institute for Intergovernmental Research**
Building Collaborative Community-Based Service Networks
- **JBS International, Inc.**
Specialization in Mental Health and Victim Services Supports
- **National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform**
Focus on Transforming Juvenile and Criminal Justice Systems



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Years providing training and technical assistance (TTA), including more than 25 years focused on comprehensive approaches to support youth, families, and communities



Offering support, guidance, and resources in assessment and planning processes; individualized TTA consultation; and connection to subject-matter experts and peer engagement opportunities



Comprehensive TTA approach centered on collaborative brainstorming, acknowledgement of on-the-ground expertise, and use of evidence-informed practices that support the building of sustainable initiatives



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JBS International

- JBS is a health outcomes company first—focused on our client’s mission—while offering innovation and solutions to help federal health and human service agencies achieve their goals and objectives.
- JBS works on behalf of the federal government, states, behavioral health providers, and vulnerable populations to deliver health outcomes that support OJP’s projects including OJJDP and OVC’s priorities and performance measures. JBS offers OJJDP and OVC specialized expertise in training and technical assistance (TA), information technology, communications, and program evaluation.



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NICJR: Our Mission and Vision



Working to reduce violence and transform the juvenile and criminal justice systems

- The National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) works to reduce incarceration and violence, improve the outcomes of system-involved youth and adults, and increase the capacity and expertise of the organizations that serve these individuals.



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Our Juvenile Justice Work

- NICJR provides training, technical assistance, and research focused on positive youth development, youth involved in violent/felony crime, and community-based responses to gun violence.
- NICJR is the TA provider for **OJJDP's Community-Based Alternatives to Youth Incarceration Initiative**.
- NICJR started up a **Neighborhood Opportunity and Accountability Board (NOAB)** in Oakland, California. NOAB is an innovative model that diverts youth from formal justice system involvement at the point of arrest and focuses on restorative, rather than punitive practices; increases community involvement in decision-making; and invests resources in youth, families, and neighborhoods.



Next Steps/Upcoming Resources

- OJJDP is working with our CoC training and technical assistance providers to develop a landing page for CoC resources to better serve the field.
- OJJDP's National Conference, November 19-21, 2024, in Washington, D.C., will utilize the CoC as a framework for conference sessions, and will allow an excellent opportunity to engage with CoC across a broad array of youth programs and services.
- OJJDP plans to issue a CoC solicitation in FY 2025 as part of our continued commitment to meet needs of youth and families.



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