

Advisory Board Recommendations

3.02 Interim Regional Juvenile Justice Planning & Coordination Advisory Bds.

Functions:

1. Help Develop Consensus in Regions
2. Help Localities and Regions Develop Comprehensive Strategies
3. Sponsor Training and Capacity-Building with Respect to:
 - Comprehensive Strategy Development
 - Balanced and Restorative Justice
 - Graduated Sanctions
 - Community-Based Programs
4. Identify and Prioritize Regional Gaps in Services
5. Submit Recommendations to the Louisiana Board

Rationale for Recommendation:

1. Need for Forum to Receive Input and Build Consensus
2. Need for Extensive Training and Capacity Building
3. Need to Identify Regional Needs
4. Need to Have Directed Communication Between Regions and LA Board.

Groups in Opposition

DPSC; LDAA;
LSA

Arguments Against

1. Duplication
2. Bureaucracy

Suggestions

1. Fine-Tune Existing Organizations
2. Use LCLE District Boards

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3.15 Creation of the Department of Children, Youth and Families

Functions:

1. Coordinate Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Other Functions Vital to Children, Youth and Families
2. Restructure Functions to Implement Single Point of Entry System
3. Restructure Functions to Implement System of Case Management and Wraparound Services
4. Restructure Functions to Create Community-Based Financing System Using Single Pool of Financing
5. Monitor and Evaluate Services

Rationale for Recommendation:

1. Improving Coordination, Communication, Collaboration
2. Facilitating the New System of Financing
3. Reducing Duplication and Directing Savings Therefrom to Children's Services
4. Creating a Better Environment and Culture for Youth Corrections

Groups in Opposition

DPSC; LDAA;
LSA

Arguments Against

1. Will Do Nothing To Improve Juvenile Justice
2. DPSC Committed To Reform

Suggestions

1. Equip DPSC With Proper Resources To Handle Secure Care And Effective Alternatives

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5.02 Change Mandatory Sentencing Law (LChC 897.1)

Purpose:

1. To Amend or Repeal 871.1

Rationale:

1. To Allow For Greater Judicial Discretion in Sentencing
2. To Create Greater Flexibility in Order to Accommodate Less Restrictive and More Effective Placements for Youth

**Groups in
Opposition**

DPSC; LDAA
LSA

Arguments Against

1. Might Lead to More Youth Being Sent to Adult Court

Suggestions

1. Leave It As It Is.

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5.03 Prohibit Waiver of Counsel in Delinquency Cases

Purpose:

1. To Prohibit Waiver of Counsel in Delinquency Cases

Rationale:

1. FINS Prohibition Against Waiver of Counsel
2. Research Findings
3. Overcoming "Path of Least Resistance" Problem; Institutional Laziness
(It is easier to get a youth to waive counsel than it is to find and pay for competent defense attorneys)

**Groups in
Opposition**

LDAA
LSA

Arguments Against

1. Goes Against
Judicial Discretion
2. Ignores Wishes Of
Juvenciles And
Families
3. Inconsistent With
Other Provisions
If Law.

Suggestions

1. Leave It As It Is.

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5.07 Study of the Regionalization of the Juvenile Court System

Purpose:

1. To Determine Whether a Less Expensive and More Effective System Can Be Created;
2. To Determine Whether a Regional System Would Improve the Availability and Quality of Attorney Representation.
3. To Determine Whether a Regional System Would Facilitate Greater Judicial Training in Juvenile Justice.

Rationale:

1. The Current System Is Complex, Inflexible, and Costly
2. The Current System Does Not Facilitate the Development of Greater Expertise in Juvenile Justice

Groups in Opposition

LDAA; LSA
LSBA

Arguments Against

1. Opposes Concept of Regional Courts Therefore Opposes Study.
2. Local System Better
3. Should Not Dilute Authority of District Courts
4. Rural Areas Would Be Short-Changed

Suggestions

1. Don't Study Issue.

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5.12 Statewide Office of Juvenile Advocacy and Representation

Function:

1. To Provide All Attorney Representation to Indigent Juveniles
2. To Provide CLE Courses in Juvenile Law
3. To Upgrade Juvenile Justice Practice

Rationale:

1. Inadequacies of the Current System
2. Greater Efficiency and Effectiveness

Groups in Opposition

LDAA; LSA

Arguments Against

1. Juvenile Defense Services Should Be Extended Through Local Indigent Defense Boards
2. Increase CLE Requirements on IDB Attorneys
3. Rural Areas Would Be Short-Changed

Suggestions

1. Strengthen Local IDB Boards

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3.01 Bullet 6. Ensure That the Actions of the LCLE/OJJDP Board Are Consistent With the Policies of the Children's Cabinet and the Louisiana Juvenile Justice Planning and Coordination Board	LCLE; LDAA LSA	1. Oppose Relocation of OJJDP to Children's Budget 2. Current Administration of OJJDP Funds Should Remain	1. Leave As It Is.
3.04 Bullet 4. Create Single Pool of Federal Financing.			
3.05 Bullet 6. Include Estimates of All Juvenile Justice Funds in Children's Budget			
3.13 LCLE Dedication of Unencumbered Funds			

Purpose:

1. **Not To** Take Over Administration of LCLE Funds
2. **Not** to Relocate OJJDP Funds to Children's Budget
3. **Not** to Pool LCLE Funds in Single Pool
3. To List LCLE Funds in Children's Budget
4. To Ensure That LCLE Funds Are Available to Assist in Reform Efforts, Especially to Help Reduce Incarceration
5. To Ensure That LCLE Programs are Knowledge-Based and Subject to Evaluation.

Rationale:

1. Strategic Investment of All Available State Funds Into Prevention, Early Intervention, and Alternative Sanctions Should Reduce Juvenile Incarceration and Free-Up More Back-End Funds to Go Into Front-End Services.
2. LCLE Has Funds That Can Help to Achieve the Above Objective; Therefore LCLE Funds Should Be Used Strategically to Accomplish the Objective.
3. LCLE Along With All Other State Programs Should be Knowledge-Based and Carefully Monitored and Evaluated to Ensure Effectiveness; the State Shouldn't Waste Any Money on Unproven Programs or Programs That Have Been Proven Not to Work.

Annie E. Casey Recommendations

Recommendation #2: Close a Juvenile Facility Within the Next Year

Purpose:

1. To Aggressively Start the Process of Reducing Juvenile Incarceration
2. To Maximize the Funding That Can Be Transferred From the Back-End To Less Expensive and More Effective Front-End Alternative Services
3. To Aggressively Start the Process of Moving Away From Large-Scale Juvenile Secure Facilities

Rationale:

1. To Clearly Indicate the State's Commitment to Change
2. It's the Only Way to Obtain Significant Funding to Start the Process of Reform

Groups in Opposition

DPSC; LDAA;
LSA

Arguments Against

1. DPSC Is Already Reducing Incarceration.
2. Don't Need To Close A Facility

Suggestions