Youth Justice in Maine:

IMAGINE A NEW FUTURE
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MAINE YOUTH JUSTICE REFORM

We have been here before and we are still at it.

- High Fidelity Wrap Around
- Integrated Case Management with the Children’s Cabinet
- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)
- Trauma Informed Systems of Care
- Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Forums
- 2009 Juvenile Justice Task Force
- 2010 Maine Rising Juvenile Justice Summit
- Jurisdictional Team Planning
EDUCATION

Increase high school graduation rate
Achieve a 90% high school graduation rate by 2016 and 95% by 2020.

Implement uniform discipline policy
Implement uniform statewide suspension, expulsion, zero tolerance, and truancy policies.

Increase early childhood education.
Increase access to quality early childhood education, proven prevention strategies throughout adolescence.
JUVENILE JUSTICE

Reduce use of confinement
Reduce reliance on traditional methods of commitment and pre-adjudication detention. 50% BY 2015

Implement quality case processing
Ensure quality programs & expedient, effective case management for detention alternatives, community based programs, and court proceedings. 100% BY 2011

Implement 8 local district councils
Develop a Coordinated Services District System (CSDS) that will integrate services across sectors & implement recommendations. 100% BY 2010
JUVENILE JUSTICE

Develop plan for continuum of care
Form group charged with coordinating & overseeing the implementation of recommendations & continued reform efforts.

Integrate public and private flex funds
Identify on-going mechanism for flexible funding who are served by multiple state agencies, including funding options for youth in the juvenile justice system.

Form a Juvenile Justice Task Force Institute
Detail a statewide system for in-home & out-of-home services that ensures high-quality, accessible programming.
Then

80.3%

2009–2010

Baseline Maine High School Graduation Rate

Now

87.5%

2014–2015

Most Recent Maine High School Graduation Rate
Then

2009-2010

161 YOUTH CONFINED

Average daily population of commitments & pre-adjudicatory detentions

Now

As of today

79 YOUTH CONFINED

Less than half the number of youth are confined today than were 7 years ago.
The goal of integrated services across agencies remains

By coordinating the system of community-based services and holding those services to high standards of efficiency and effectiveness, youth across Maine will have better access to:

- a continuum of diversion programs and placement alternatives,
- a comprehensive system of afterschool programs,
- drop-in centers,
- weekend recreational programs,
- transition services,
- family supports.

2010 Task Force Report
TODAY AT A GLANCE

An invitation for a temperature check and to reflect upon models of youth justice

- Build on successes of prior reform initiatives
- Learn from national experts regarding justice reform
- Align our vision, priorities and contributions in Maine.
- Identify local solutions to strengthen our continuum of care
BEFORE YOU LEAVE TODAY

- Add your voice to the VISION WALL
- Name your contribution to MAINE’S CONTINUUM OF CARE
- Visit the RESOURCES TABLE
- Take a DATA WALK
- Share your vision on social media #YOUTHJUSTICE ME
- Experience the YOUTH ART INSTALLATION
- Join JDAIconnect
THANK YOU!