

Reduce Secure Detention and Commitment Populations

RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSE	RESPONDER
<p>Limit detention and commitment to youth who pose a significant danger to others (p.9, 54)</p> <p>Limit use of detention and commitment for technical violations of conditional release, probation, and community supervision (short-term goal #13, p 133)</p>	Reduce detention population by 14% since 1-1-20	DOC, DHHS and Legislature
Secure funding to support the expansion of existing evidence-based programs (eg Youth Advocate Programs, as an alternative to commitment and placement, Multisystemic Therapy, Functional Family Therapy) and short-term temporary housing and crisis bed capacity, which will help to significantly reduce the incarceration of youth who are not a public safety risk. Ensure that any such expansion includes gender-responsive programming to ensure that all youth benefit from these efforts (Short-term goal #5, p 133)	Reduce commitment population by 49% since 1-1-20	
	Reduce Long Creek total population by 36% since 1-1-20	
	Institute weekly meetings to ensure reason for detention is risk to public safety	
	Develop new intake process that targets Length of Stay (LOS)	
<p>Revise Detention Risk Assessment Instrument to limit detention to youth who pose danger to the community (p.10)</p> <p>Revise the Detention Risk Assessment with objective criteria, points of only the most serious offense, and “mitigating” circumstances that demonstrate youth or family strengths (Short-term goal #9, p133)</p>	Revise Detention Risk Assessment Instrument to focus on youth who pose danger to community	

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<p>Limit detention and commitment to youth who pose a significant danger to others (p.9, 54)</p> <p>Eliminate the mandatory required one year of commitment to DOC in Maine statute and create length of stay guidelines for committed youth in both law and practice. (Short-term goal #14, p. 133)</p> <p>Create a process for regular judicial review of commitments and out-of-home placements and codify the process in Maine statute. (Short-term goal #15, p. 134)</p>	<p>LD 320:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Prohibit DT of child under 12 for more than 7 days; > Establish 12 as minimum age for commitment; > End requirement of one-year minimum term of commitment; > Allow youth to petition for review of disposition every 180 days; > Provide counsel through review process; > Add criteria for court to consider in deciding whether to commit youth 	LEGISLATURE
<p>Limit the use of detention to “provide care” and require specific findings about why detention was needed to begin to reduce the high number of youth detained for that reason (Short-term goal #8, p.133)</p>	<p>LD 546:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Remove “provide care” as reason for detention; > Require DOC to report annually on benchmarks for diversion, detention, commitment, use of DOC funds allocated for Long Creek, staffing levels at Long Creek, efforts to improve housing options for reentry youth, implementation of System Assessment recommendations 	

Develop Continuum of Community-Based Programs and Services

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Develop a continuum of community-based services as alternatives to incarceration (pp.7, 52)	Create community residence for boys transitioning out of Long Creek (Bearings House)	DOC (and partners)
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Identify the funding sources and funding mechanisms that can support community-based continuums of care and provide funding directly to communities to work with youth. Ensure that funds go to programs that address the particular needs of vulnerable populations including youth of color, immigrant youth, LGBTQ+ youth, disabled youth and tribal youth (Short-term goal #3, p. 133)	Expand Youth Advocate Program	
	Expand Credible Messenger programming	
	Expand Change Companies programming	
	Reallocate \$6 million in funding from 14 vacant staff positions at Long Creek to support community-based programs and services	
	Develop Community Outreach Expansion Pilot Program in Lewiston, with focus on diversion, youth/family engagement, Credible Messengers	
	Provide state funds for programs and seek additional federal funding	

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<p>Develop a continuum of community-based services as alternatives to incarceration (pp.7, 52)</p> <p>Plan for and begin to develop options that could better address the needs of the small number of youth requiring secure out-of-home placement because of a risk to public safety (Medium-term goal #10, p. 135)</p>	LD 546: Require DOC to identify by 2-1-22 options for 2-4 small secure therapeutic residences for detained and committed youth	LEGISLATURE
	LD 546: Call for JJAG to carry on efforts of JJ Task Force to implement recommendations of System Assessment	
	LD 546: Eliminate 20 staff positions at Long Creek and use money to support new community-based housing and programming	

Increase MaineCare rates, expand behavioral health services

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Provide a more robust array of behavioral health services (p.9, 59-61)	Raise provider reimbursement rate for MaineCare	OCFS
Identify resources to raise the rates for evidence-based behavioral health services that have been reduced or eliminated in certain parts of the state (MST and FST) (Short-term goal #6, p. 133)	Increase clinician rate for Multisystemic Therapy and Functional Family Therapy	
	Secure 4-year \$8.5 million federal System of Care grant	
	Work with Dirigo Clinic and Counseling in Bangor to support adolescent intensive outpatient (IOP) services	
	Provide new training program for practitioners no Detox	
	Update comprehensive assessment of Children's Behavioral Health Services and identify short- and long-term strategies	
	Conduct study of rates for Children's Private Non-Medical Institution services to raise rates and comply with Family First Act	
	Expand Behavioral Health Program training contract with Woodfords Family Services	
	Improve crisis services through pilot Crisis Aftercare program in Aroostook County, expand statewide, establish new Crisis Center contract with Spurwink for Portland facility	
	Provide training to clinicians on Trauma Focuses Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	
	Increase beds available for girls with substance use disorder	
	Work with Day One to reopen boy's facility	
	LD 118: Collect data on children who wait in ERs for behavioral health	LEGISLATURE

Increase Collaboration With Other State Agencies

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Develop more collaboration among state agencies (p.64)	Scale up and expand three Regional Care Teams with flex funds from JJAG	DOC, JJAG & Agency and University partners
Address educational disengagement when youth enter the juvenile justice system (pp.65-66)	Partner with Department of Education to develop Restorative Justice practices in schools	DOC, DOE
Expand use of diversion, including use of restorative practices, as an alternative to probation and commitment for assault and theft, the two most common offenses leading to commitment (Medium-term goal #4, p. 134)		
Invest in a shared vision to enhance behavioral health services (p.127) Provide services in rural areas (p.66)	Partner with Office of Child and Family Services to expand substance use services in rural areas	DOC, OCFS
Create a method for integrating data across systems (p.51)	Work with child-serving agencies to monitor cross-system youth and increase data sharing	All Agencies; Judicial Branch
Improve accessibility of data	Increase public access to juvenile data	DOC

New Training for Juvenile Justice Personnel

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Create new training for juvenile justice system personnel (pP.12, 114)	Train staff in girls' unit at Long Creek in gender responsive trauma-informed TIER Program	DOC
Designate or create an entity charged with training judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and other juvenile justice personnel on adolescent development, research on interventions with youth, and the harms associated with out-of-home placement. (Medium-term goal #11, p. 135)	Create new training curriculums on Adolescent Brain Development and Adolescent Trauma	
	Create separate Juvenile Certification/Training Curriculum for Maine Criminal Justice Academy	
	Changes to the Maine Juvenile Code training	JJAG, MCJPAL, MPA

New Programs for Tribal Youth

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Ensure that programs and services address the needs of vulnerable populations including tribal youth (p.10)	Partner with Aroostook Band of Micmacs and Boys and Girls Clubs of Presque Isle to secure \$500,000 grant over 5 years for delinquency prevention	DOC, JJAG

Additional Legislation to Improve the Juvenile Justice System

RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSE	RESPONDER
	LD 2: Requires Racial Impact Statements in legislative process	LEGISLATURE
	LD 27: Allows immediate appeal from bindover decision	
Develop alternatives to detention that provide supervision without incarceration (e.g. day or evening reporting centers, intensive shelter care) in the highest referring communities. Ensure that any alternatives address the particular needs of vulnerable populations, including youth of color, immigrant youth, LGBTQ+ youth, disabled youth and tribal youth. (Medium-term goal #5, p. 134)	LD 81: Extends shelter placements from 30 to 90 days; allows admission to homeless shelter without notifying parent/guardian for limited period	
	LD 963: Ensures that DOC's treatment, recovery, prevention, diversion, restorative justice programs are culturally informed	
	LD 1617: Defines "restorative justice"	
	LD 1676: Limits access to and provides protections for juvenile case records	

School Legislation Related to Juvenile Justice Involvement

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	LD 474: Prohibits expulsion and denial of recess time, and limits suspension, of children grade 5 or below	LEGISLATURE
Promote positive relationships between communities and police (p.80)	LD 1040: Requires implicit bias training for school resource officers	
	LD 1373: Limits use of seclusion and restraint in schools, prohibits restraints that restrict breathing, provide TA to schools, requires schools to collect data on use of seclusion and restraint	
	LD 1451: Provides due process standards for expulsion, gives school officials more options for alternatives to expulsion, adds restorative interventions to respond to dangerous student behavior	

Legislation Passed But Vetoed By Governor Mills

RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSE	RESPONDER
<p>Enhance and expand diversion (pp.10, 78)</p> <p>Continue diversion, but focus on aligning policies, practices, and programs with best practices outlined in the report. Ensure that gender-responsive programs are available to ensure equitable access to diversion. (Short-term goal #7,p. 133)</p>	<p>LD 847: Require diversion of young adults 18-25 for first time Class E offenses and require consideration of diversion for Class C, D, and E offenses</p>	<p>LEGISLATURE</p>
<p>Develop better options for the few youth who need secure out-of-home placement, consider moving juvenile services from DOC to other youth-serving agency (p.12)</p> <p>Achieve removal of all youth from Long Creek (Long-term goal #9, p. 136)</p>	<p>LD 1668:</p> <p>Require DOC to create plan to close Long Creek by 6-20-23;</p> <p>Redirect funds to community-based services not administered by DOC;</p> <p>Develop individual transition plans for committed youth;</p> <p>Create workforce plan for Long Creek staff;</p> <p>Identify options for moving juvenile services out of DOC to another agency serving youth</p>	