

JJSP EIT Education Sub-Committee
April 26, 2011

Attendees: Terri DeFrancis, Anne McIntyre-Lahner (conference call), Dorothy Cantrastano, Cathy Foley Geib and Amy D'Amaddio

Overview of School Climate Initiatives

The SDE representative for the School Climate Initiative, JoAnn Freiberg, was not able to join us as planned.

Terri DeFrancis reported that the "Anti-Bullying" legislation is in the General Assembly. If passed, the legislation will cover more than what the initial draft of legislation recommended. This version covers school climate plans, as well as cyber-bullying.

Educational Training Updates

The **Cross System Training Curriculum**, developed by CSSD, DCF and the CSDE, has been completed.

The target audience for the training has been identified as parole, probation, school personnel, parents, police, Youth Service Bureaus, residential treatment facilities, CSSD Residential Services educators and the CT Association of Non-Profits.

A suggestion was made and accepted that this curriculum would be piloted in New Haven in September, 2011. Also, it was decided that the forum to present this information would be the NH LIST.

Amy D'Amaddio is going to contact the NH LIST chairs, Gabrielle Hall, from Clifford Beers, and Carol Suber, from the New Haven Youth Service Bureau, to inquire whether the NH LIST would be willing to host representatives from the SDE, DCF and CSSD to present this curriculum.

Coordination of Efforts: School Based Arrests - Updates

As discussed in the last meeting, this group will take on the coordination of the school based arrest initiatives in an effort to minimize duplications of services and capitalize on what is being learned about how to best curb the use of the police and courts to manage students in school.

1. CTJJA-
The three identified communities to participate in the CTJJA TA project have changed:
 - i. Willimantic
 - ii. Stamford
 - iii. Manchester

2. JJAC - School Police Task Force- The grants that are being awarded require that the schools and police establish an MOA to ensure that roles and responsibilities are defined and adhered to.

Cathy Foley Geib will forward a draft MOA to the LIST.

3. CTJJA- They continue to facilitate two hour forum/ community dialogues- Information exchange as it relates to juvenile justice and educational issues.

Next Meeting:

June 16, 2011 at CSSD Central Office located at 936 Silas Deane Hwy.,
Wethersfield, CT – 3rd floor, room 305