

Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission

Presentation to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on
Judiciary

April 14, 2026

Presented by DeVere Karlson, Chair, Juvenile Justice Commission

Purpose of This Update

- Provide an overview of the statutory role of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission (JJOC)
- Update the Committee on implementation of Assembly Bill 384 (2025)
- Report on progress under the 2024–2029 Strategic Plan
- JJOC role in developing and monitoring the Three-year plan
- Bill Draft Request for NRS modifications

Statutory Authority of the JJOC

Established under NRS 62B.600–62B.645

The JJOC is responsible for:

Statewide oversight of Nevada’s juvenile justice system

Monitoring compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA)

Reviewing policies, programs, and data

Advising on system improvements

Submitting required state and federal reports

State Advisory Group role

The Commission also serves as Nevada’s State Advisory Group (SAG) under federal law, linking state oversight with federal juvenile justice requirements.

Federal Compliance Responsibilities

Core protections under the JJDPA

Nevada must comply with four federal core requirements:

1

**Deinstitutionalization
of Status Offenders
(DSO)**

2

Jail Removal

3

**Sight and Sound
Separation**

4

**Addressing Racial
and Ethnic
Disparities (RED)**

The JJOC is a federally mandated infrastructure tied to Nevada's eligibility to Title II funding.

Compliance with the four federal core requirements is mandatory for Title II funding.

Three Year Plan identifies gaps in services, which then provides a focus area for Title II funding.

Assembly Bill 384 (2025)

Expanded responsibilities of the JJOC

AB 384 requires the Commission to:

- 1 Conduct structured stakeholder engagement
- 2 Examine juvenile justice services statewide
- 3 Review wraparound services for youth who are in the juvenile justice system
- 4 Identify service gaps and system barriers
- 5 Develop findings and recommendations
- 6 Submit a report to the Legislature by March 1st of each year.

This legislation extends the Commission's role beyond a one-time review and establishes a continuing statutory responsibility for system assessment and legislative reporting.

AB 384 Implementation Progress

Governance and structural actions taken

- JJOC approved Scope of Work to be Re-entry and Transition Support for those youth exiting State and County Facilities.
- Drafted and approved bylaw revisions to align governance with statutory expansion
- Integrated AB 384 responsibilities into lead standing committee structure and development of a Task Force
- Identified stakeholders
- Established timelines to ensure compliance with reporting deadline

The Commission is building a transparent, data-informed process with governance structures designed to support ongoing review and timely reporting.

AB 384 Task Force will focus on:

Reentry
coordination
gaps

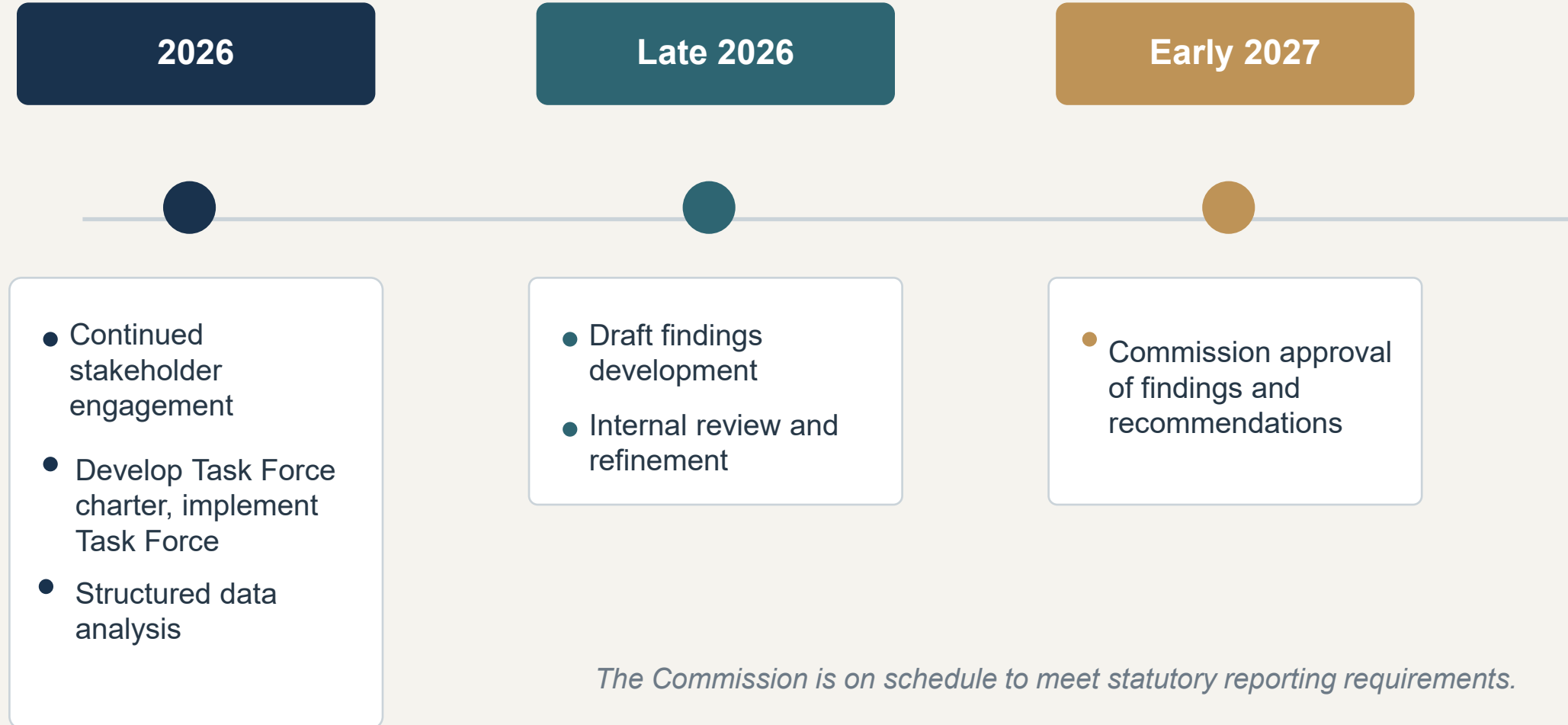
Rural
service access

Workforce
capacity
challenges

Cross-system
collaboration

Wraparound Services

Timeline to March 2027 Report



The Commission is on schedule to meet statutory reporting requirements.

2024–2029 Strategic Plan

Strategic plan focus areas

Five-Year Strategic Plan

Implementation milestones achieved to date

Recent alignment with statutory responsibilities

Clarified strategic priorities and implementation framework

Expanded data sharing and performance monitoring

Elevated family engagement

Collaboration with juvenile justice organizations to inform best practices

Three-Year Plan (Federal Plan)

State Three-Year Plan priorities

- Federal compliance monitoring
- Compliance with core protections
- Disparity reduction initiatives
- Review of crime data
- Identification of areas in need of improvement and a plan on how to improve those areas

JJOC is responsible for the development and oversight.

The Three-Year Plan serves as Nevada's roadmap for meeting federal requirements while improving statewide practice.

Policy Considerations (Preliminary) for Possible BDR

The Commission is currently in the process of reviewing NRS 62B.600 – 62B.645 to:

- Identify JJOC roles that need clarification
- Identify JJOC roles requiring revision or restructuring
- Ensure alignment with Federal Requirements

Important note

No formal recommendations have been finalized at this time.

Review remains underway

Commitment to Collaboration

The JJOC remains committed to:

Transparency

Data-informed decision-making

Collaborative system improvement

Supporting Nevada's youth and families

Partnering with the Legislature

Legislative partnership

We value continued communication with this Committee and welcome ongoing collaboration as the Commission advances its work.

Shared goal: better outcomes for Nevada youth and families



Questions

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this update.
We welcome your questions and feedback.

**Juvenile Justice
Oversight
Commission**