

# Commission on Statewide Juvenile Justice Reform

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# Presentations

- ABC Primetime Series on Missouri Model
- Bart Lubow, Report: *No Place for Kids*
- Sue Burrell & David Steinhart, California Legislation
- Cherie Townsend, Texas Legislation
- Rex Reed, Juvenile and Youthful Offenders in the Nevada Department of Corrections
- Carey Stewart, Statewide Budget Impacts
- Snapshot Juveniles in State Commitment on 11/4/11

# What We've Learned

- Regional Facilities
- Limit Who Can Be Incarcerated/Committed to State
- Reduction in Juvenile Crime Rates
- Expand Non-Residential Alternatives & Community-Based Programming
- Different Financial Incentives & Funding Models
- Adopt Best Practices
- Use Data to
  - Increase Accountability
  - Track Results
  - Improve Outcomes

# Deficiencies in Nevada's Juvenile Justice System

- Access to Mental Health
- Sending Kids Out-of-State for Services
- Early Intervention and Diversion Programs
- Juvenile Sex Offender Programs & Statutes
- Front End Resources
- Identifying Crossover Kids
  - Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice
- Consistent Statewide Data Collection System

# Deficiencies in Nevada's Juvenile Justice System

- Fragmented System
  - Lack of Coordination
  - Too Many Systems
  - Institutional Barriers
- Referrals from School Districts for Minor Offenses
  - Truancy
  - Simple School Disturbances
  - Zero Tolerance

# Deficiencies in Nevada's Juvenile Justice System

- Communication
- Oversight
- Wrap Around Services
- Community-Based Programming
- Access to Funding
- State vs. County Responsibilities

# Proposed Solutions

- Provide Mental Health Services to Kids
- Keep Kids in the State
- Provide More Front End Services
- Mandate Training
- Create Non-Advisory Committee
- Sharing of Information – Communication
- Create Better Data Collection System

# Proposed Solutions

- Move Away from Reform Model
- Move Towards Regionally Located Facilities
  - Support Small Residential Placements
- Break Through the Silos-Building Better Relationships
- Day and Evening Centers
- Explore Options for Repurposing & Utilizing Existing Infrastructure/Facilities
- Family Resource Centers



# Examine

- Status Offenses-Child in Need of Supervision (CHINS)
  - Truancy and Zero Tolerance Laws
- Current Funding and Allocation Formulas
  - Community Block Grant
- Sharing of Juvenile Justice Data Laws & Regulations
- Definitional Change for Camps
  - Qualify Camps for Medicaid
- Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) & Representation in General

# Reexamine

- **SB 112** (2011 Session)
  - *Revises provisions relating to the records that may be reviewed by a juvenile court in certain proceedings.*
- **SB 26** (2011 Session)
  - *Revises various provisions relating to judicial administration.*
- **SB 86** (2009 Session)
  - *Makes various changes concerning children who are ordered to be placed in the custody of certain governmental entities by the juvenile court.*

# Identified Statute Changes

- **NRS 62E.710** Violation of Probation or Parole
  - Allow only children convicted of felony or gross misdemeanor to be placed in facility for detention
    - Would not allow children charged with misdemeanors to be sent to state commitment for probation or parole violation
- **NRS 62E.520** A child that is at least 8 years of age but less than 12 years of age, may be placed in correctional or institutional facility
  - Increase the age a child may be placed in correctional facility
- **NRS 62B.390** Certification of Child for Criminal Proceedings as Adult
  - Increase the age a child may be certified
- **NRS 62B.330, 62E.100, 62E.280, 62E.290** Juvenile Competency

# Desired Outcomes

- Law Abiding Behavior
- Reducing Length of Stay
- Early Intervention
- Improving Quality of Life
  - Education
  - Family
  - Employment
- Reducing the Number of Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System

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