

# Commission on Statewide Juvenile Justice Reform

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# Background of Commission

- Administrative Docket 455 (ADKT 455) Petition filed on 10/11/10 and Public Hearing held on 11/2/10
- Order issued by the Nevada Supreme Court on 2/15/11 creating the Commission on Statewide Juvenile Justice Reform
- First Commission meeting held 6/9/11

# Outline of Original Petition

1. The juvenile justice system is critical to the maturation, development, rehabilitation, and in limited cases incarceration of youth.
2. Members of juvenile justice community have actively studied various approaches to improving the system.
3. Statistical information from Washoe and Clark Counties demonstrates significant success in reducing juvenile detention populations without increasing risk to public safety.
4. A statewide Commission composed of stakeholders in the juvenile justice system can further these reform initiatives and provide support for local juvenile justice courts in their efforts to best serve the needs of children.
5. Letter from Mike Pomi, Executive Director of the Children's Cabinet, to the Nevada Supreme Court requesting the Supreme Court create and convene a Commission to advance juvenile justice reform utilizing JDAI principles statewide.



# Commission Members

- The Commission is made up of juvenile justice stakeholders from around the state including:
  - The Attorney General
  - District Court Judges
  - Chief Juvenile Probation Officers
  - Directors of Juvenile Justice Services and Programs
  - Assistant County Managers
  - Division of Child and Family Services
  - Community Based Programs



# Commission's Mission Statement

The Commission on Statewide Juvenile Justice Reform will commence its substantive review of the juvenile justice system in Nevada by studying Nevada's deep-end commitment system of placement.



# Mission Statement Cont.

The Commission will study and evaluate:

- Continuum of Care, including possible reorganization of Nevada's correctional commitment facilities to determine whether smaller, regional facilities are most effective and assess whether limited state commitments to the most seriously offending youth should be considered;
- Cataloging the availability and needs of regional based facilities and programs;
- Redirecting more state commitment funds to community-based services and commitment alternatives;
- Implementing judicial protocols for entry of findings and reviews addressing least restrictive placements and reasonable efforts findings; and
- Identifying long-term funding stabilization plans to prioritize juvenile justice funding in the State of Nevada.



# Information the Commission has Collected

- Where is juvenile justice reform needed
- Specific accomplishments of the juvenile departments
- Each jurisdictional district's continuum of care
- Data that is currently collected and why
- Data regarding juveniles that were in a state correctional facility on 11/4/11

# Brief Snapshot

## Total Youth in a State Facility on 11/4/11

**238**

- Gender
  - **Male 204 (86%)**
  - Female 34 (14%)
- Age
  - 13 (3 or 1%)
  - 14 (11 or 4%)
  - 15 (26 or 11%)
  - **16 (67 or 28%)**
  - **17 (80 or 34%)**
  - 18 (47 or 20%)
  - 19 (4 or 2%)
- Counties
  - Carson City (2 or .8%)
  - Churchill (2 or .8%)
  - Douglas (2 or .8%)
  - Elko (1 or .4%)
  - Lander (2 or .8%)
  - Lyon (3 or 1%)
  - Nye (2 or .8%)
  - Pershing (3 or 1%)
  - Washoe (35 or 15%)
  - **Clark (186 or 78%)**

# Standardized Data Collection for Juvenile Justice Subcommittee

- Mission Statement

- To study all aspects of data collection and dissemination for the juvenile justice system, including, but not limited to:
  - Federal and state statutes and regulations and the Uniform System for Judicial Records;
  - Identification of data needed or necessary to achieve the objection of the juvenile justice system;
  - Examination of fiscal costs and technology limitations for data collection; and
  - A review of benefits derived and plans needed to implement a sharing of data among the various stakeholders.



# Standardized Data Collection for Juvenile Justice Subcommittee

The Data Subcommittee is made up of stakeholders from the juvenile justice system including:

- Chief Juvenile Probation Officers
- IT Support Staff
- Juvenile Justice Specialist
- Juvenile Justice Programs and Services
- Division of Child and Family Services

Chair John Simms, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Carson City/Storey County

# Resources and Presentations Subcommittee

## *Presenters and Presentations*

- ABC's Series on *Missouri's Different Approach to Juvenile Justice* (DVD)
- Bart Lubow, Director, Juvenile Justice Strategy Group, *No Place for Kids: The Case for Reducing Juvenile Incarceration*
- Sue Burrell, Staff Attorney, Youth Law Center, San Francisco
- Carey Stewart's PowerPoint presentation to the 2011 Legislature *FY 12-FY13 Proposed Statewide Budget Impacts*
- Continuum of Care outline from each jurisdictional district
- Overview of Juvenile Justice Population in State Commitment on 11/4/11
- David Steinhart, Director, Juvenile Justice Program, Commonwealth
- Cherlyn Townsend, Executive Director, Texas Youth Commission
- Elizabeth Ryan & Neelum Arya, Campaign for Youth Justice
  - Campaign for Youth Justice Forum UNLV Law School (Spring 2012)
- Nevada Department of Corrections
- James Austin, Ph.D.
- Dr. Sean Marsh, National Council for Juvenile and Family Courts
- The W. Haywood Burns Institute-Presentation on Disproportionate Minority Confinement

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## *Resources*

- The Missouri Model
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Model Program Guides
- Council of State Government (CSG)
- National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) *Juvenile Justice Guidebook for Legislators*
- The MacArthur Foundation
- The W. Haywood Burns Institute
- National Council for Juvenile Correctional Administrators
- California Best Practices Approach Initiative
- List of Facilities and Requirements
- Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 62
- Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 62
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges



## How can the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice assist this Commission?

- Collaboration
- Open Communication
- Sharing of Resources
- Consider sponsoring Supreme Court Commission legislative recommendations in the 2013 Session