

2021 PLANNING PROCESS

GLOUCESTER County

Instructions

This section will allow you to describe to the public your county's planning process regarding identifying the needs of youth in your county. Your answers to each of the following questions should describe your county's planning *process*, **not the results/outcome** of the planning process. Answer all questions using this form.

1. List the ways the County Youth Services Commission (CYSC) notifies the public of its YSC meetings.

Gloucester County Department of Human & Disability services places a newspaper advertisement annually with our meeting dates outlined in either the South Jersey Times or Courier Post newspapers. The County webpage includes a calendar with meeting dates. The YSC also maintains email distribution lists of official members, subcommittees, and interested parties who wish to receive email blasts regarding appropriate juvenile justice matters such as trainings, resources and events. Following mandates, grant availability for professional services are also advertised in our local newspapers and noted on the Gloucester County Purchasing website.

2. How does the CYSC engage or include the public in its planning process?

YSC meetings are open public forums with active community representation. By grant designed a number of participants are mandated members. However, there are a number of nonprofits and community member that do participate consistently. A number of agencies, although unable to participate actively, do receive meeting minutes and are able to access communications relevant to juvenile justice service. These contacts, by request, are included in each YSC distribution of such items as grant announcements, notices of trainings and conferences, and calendars from some of our family support organization within the County. The YSC also has cross-representation on several commissions and councils throughout the County and region where youth services are discussed.

3. How does the CYSC engage or include youth in its planning process?

The size of our Commission allows us to have cross-representation to and from a wide variety of planning resources, including private and public planning efforts for youth. Youth engagement has historically been extremely difficult and limited due to scheduling.

4. How does the CYSC stay informed of best practices or evidence-based programming in serving youth? Does the CYSC mandate that funded programs implement best practice and or evidence based programming? Please describe CYSC efforts to ensure funded programs follow best practices or evidence based programming, if applicable.

The Gloucester County Subcommittees supports the use of best practices and endeavors and request, during the program implementation process, that service providers utilize evidence-based programming and activities. This is also reviewed during annually monitoring.

5. Does your county have a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)? If so, which point on the Continuum does the MDT support? Does the CYSC use information from this team in its planning process? If so how?

Gloucester County does have a JMDT and it meets monthly. Youth and community trends are noted along with a thorough review of current youth cases. JMDY support all aspects of the continuum however does directly refer to pre and post Disposition services for youth in need of service. The YSC does use relevant information discussed during these meetings along with local /regional data to make planning recommendations.

6. Use the table below to describe any additional data or information other than that provided by the JJC (i.e. JJC Residential and Commitments Data, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative - All Sites Data Report, etc.) used in your county's planning process. Attach any additional information you used (i.e., surveys, data, articles, questionnaires, etc.).

Point of Continuum	Description	Source	Timeframe/ Year(s)	How was the data used?
<i>Diversion</i>	<i>Ex: Municipal Arrest</i>	<i>State Police, Uniform Crime Report</i>	<i>Jan – Dec 2015</i>	<i>To focus on municipalities that had high arrest for youth.</i>
<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Survey</i>	<i>YSC funded programs</i>	<i>February 2016</i>	<i>To understand from youth perspective what services they need to be successful.</i>
Prevention	Kids Count data	Ann Casey Foundation	201-2018	Analyze demographics and child health indicators.
Prevention	New Federal Report Surprises	Inquirer	9/26/19	Analyze trends in poverty Levels in PA and NJ.
Prevention	Every NJ School Graded	Patch.com	8/24/20	Analyze GC schools compared to others (none in the top 150)
Prevention	A Crisis Obscured	NJ.com	10/28/19	Special need for DMC attention to suicide
Prevention	Sikh Student Called a Terrorist...	NJ.com	5/20/20	Presents example of extreme racial and religious intolerance in Gloucester County.
Prevention	School Board Member... Disgusting Racist...	NJ.com	7/10/20	Example of extreme racist policy setter in Gloucester County
Prevention	School Districts with Most Drug Alcohol Cases	DOE and Patch.com	2018-2019	To see the self-reported drug / alcohol usage.
Prevention	Self-Reported NJ School Districts	Patch.com	2018-2019	Chart to analyze self-reported drug usage in County.
Prevention	NJ DOE Drop Out Rates	DOE via NJ.gov	2012-2016	Analyze districts with highest drop out rates.
Prevention	NJ DOE Performance Reports	DOE	2018-2019	Analyze most recent data on needy GC school districts

Prevention / Diversion	Youth Mentor (California)	Youthmentor.org	2020	Support need for mentors for youth across the continuum.
Prevention / Diversion / Detention / Dispo	2020 Need Assessment Survey	HSAC	Aug 2020	To see the identified HSAC system needs.
Prevention / Diversion	Forum on Police Force Report Statistics	NJ.com	7/17/2018	Disproportionate minority use of force by police in our municipalities (Gloucester County only analysis)
Diversion	Youth Served Form	Acenda FCIU	2019	To analyze mandated FCIU services
Diversion	FCIU Breakdown of 2019 Numbers	Acenda FCIU	7/23/20	To have County specific FCIU data
Diversion	Charge Summary Sheets from UCR	UCR	2017-2018	Analyze charges for arrested youth.
Prevention / Diversion	Troubling Trend Demand Depression Screenings...	NJ.com	2/3/20	Opinion trend on increased depression & suicide in younger students.
Detention	Master Log Book	Juvenile Detention Unit	2017-2019	To analyze gender, racial, ethnic, residences, arresting towns, charges, dispositions, etc. of detained juveniles. Many queries on individual subjects.
Disposition	Lives of Jersey Inmates to Change	Courier Post	1/27/20	Changes in parole and disposition revamps.
Re-Entry	Philadelphia Flower Show Helps...	Philadelphia Inquirer	2/27/20	Activities of JJC committed youth.
DMC	NJ Supreme Court Know Justice System Has ...	NJ.com	7/19/20	Court plans to become diverse and unbiased
DMC	Supreme Court Outlines Action Plan	NJ Courts	2020	Examine plan to deal with overrepresentation of youth of color along the continuum of services in Family Court

Comments:

- If you are a JDAI site, list topics and discussion points that were shared between the Youth Services Commission and the County Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement and any activities that helped to facilitate the completion of this Comprehensive Plan.

The YSC relies heavily on the data provided by JJC and our Research specialist to plan annually services. This data given to the YSC regarding juvenile crime, arrest and additional aspect dealing

with juvenile detention is what drives 2021-23 Comprehensive planning. It allows us to see, in real time, County statistics that make programs creation relevant to issues we are having “now” and not in the past. The YSC and CJJSI have made a strong effort, with motivation from our Research Specialist to changes aspect of the way we run meeting, specifically becoming more transparent. Agenda have been changed to including information regarding updates at JDAI Innovations meeting, so that both committee are aware of the total service and planning ideas happening in both committees. Both committee have also taken a strong stance to discover methods and programming that will address both family engagement and DMC, specially by collaborating with Family Court stakeholders to secure data regarding RST calls and case review to ensure consistency in discipline. Due to the pandemic, meetings have gone virtual, however, both committees have moved forward with planned goals.

8. Describe efforts made by the YSC to seek additional funding to supplement the funding received through the JJC. Complete the below chart to show what funding the YSC has reviewed as a potential funding opportunity.

Date	Grantor and Name	Eligible	Applied	Approved or Denied	Comments
<i>1/1/20</i>	<i>County of Gloucester</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Renewed</i>	<i>approved</i>	<i>County renewed County funding for 4 juvenile Family Crisis beds at 2 local shelters.</i>
<i>1/1/20</i>	<i>County of Gloucester</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Renewed</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>County renewed Family Support Programming for youth and families in need.</i>

The County YSAC staff does also forward grant opportunities we are giving, from State and Federal jurisdictions. County providers are giving the opportunity to add programming to that could benefits our continuum and allow us to support non-funded YSC programming and to look into different opportunities with funding made available to us.

Additional Comments: