CRIME AND JUSTICE INSTITUTE West Virginia's Senate Bill 393: Comprehensive Reform Implementation Successes

LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

OUTCOMES*

SERVICES

 Expand Youth Reporting Centers (YRCs) to provide alternative community-based options for youth committing less serious offenses

- Evaluated existing YRCs using the Correctional Program Checklist evidence-based assessment
- Developed YRC Framework and Handbook and implementation plan for new YRCs

Expanded Use of Alternatives

- 2 New YRCs opened
- A total of 16 YRCs operating programs statewide

youth can be served across all YRCs at any given time

PLACEMENT

REINVESTMENT

• Establish presumptive 3-month length of stay in residential placement

- Ensuring scoring consistency in risk assessment to improve outcomes
- Implementing train-the-trainer process to enhance and sustain skills

Fewer Youth in State Custody



10%DJS** Average
Daily Population



11% DJS Length of Stay

• Reinvest savings from reduction in out-of-home placement into community-based services

- Trained staff to implement Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
- Trained staff to conduct evidencebased program assessments and monitor fidelity

More Community-Based Programs

• Up to **240 youth** can be served in ART program annually starting in Feb 2017

*Outcome data show trends from 2014 (1 year pre-reform) to 2016 (1 year post-reform)

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