



Executive Order 2016-20

ORDER ESTABLISHING THE STATEWIDE JUVENILE JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is committed to improving outcomes for youth within the juvenile justice system, and has a history of reform efforts, which include the Commission on Statewide Juvenile Justice Reform established by the Nevada Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada has significantly reduced its juvenile incarceration rate over the past decade, but more work is needed in this area;

WHEREAS, significant government resources are being utilized to supervise youth within the juvenile justice system, and additional research is necessary to determine whether these investments are having a positive impact;

WHEREAS, neither the State of Nevada nor a majority of counties currently track juvenile recidivism rates or other youth outcomes, which leaves policymakers, judges, and juvenile justice agencies unable to accurately determine who is progressing through the system and whether government resources are being effectively used to strengthen public safety; and

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides that, "The supreme executive power of this State, shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada."

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, I hereby direct and order as follows:

1. The Statewide Juvenile Justice Improvement Initiative Task Force is hereby established.
2. The Task Force shall be headed by two Co-Chairs, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
3. The Co-Chairs, in coordination and consultation with each other, shall appoint members to serve on the Task Force that include representatives from each of the three branches of government and shall specifically include one or more representatives from the following entities:
 - a. The Office of the Governor;
 - b. The Legislature of the State of Nevada;
 - c. Judges from Northern and Southern Nevada juvenile courts and/or rural district courts;
 - d. The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, including the Division of Child and Family Services;
 - e. The Nevada Department of Corrections;
 - f. State, county, and local law enforcement agencies, including the Nevada Department of Public Safety;
 - g. County District Attorney Offices;
 - h. County Public Defender Offices and/or the Nevada State Public Defender;
 - i. County and/or local juvenile services and probation offices;
 - j. K-12 education system; and
 - k. Any other person as determined necessary by the Co-Chairs.
4. The Task Force shall provide recommendations on a more cost-effective and comprehensive set of statewide strategies to reduce recidivism and improve other outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system.

5. Under the direction of the Task Force, the Council of State Government's (CSG) Justice Center will provide technical assistance to conduct an extensive data analysis of the State of Nevada's juvenile justice policies, practices, and resource allocation, from youth diversion through reentry.
6. The Task Force shall ensure that assessment and recommendations for improvement include the following key priorities:
 - a. Youth within the juvenile justice system are matched with appropriate supervision and services;
 - b. Services that youth receive are effective; and
 - c. Data on youth outcomes is tracked and used to guide policy and funding decisions.
7. In collaboration with the CSG Justice Center, the Task Force will review the analysis and develop data-driven policy options to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for youth.
8. The Task Force shall deliver an initial report of its activities to the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, and the Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly on or before November 18, 2016, and a final report on or before June 30, 2017.
9. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for their service, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Co-Chairs.
10. The Task Force shall meet at the discretion and direction of its Co-Chairs.
11. Any meetings conducted by the Task Force or any subcommittee(s) thereof shall be subject to the Open Meeting Law, as codified in NRS Chapter 241.
12. All records documenting the Task Force's activities shall be retained and transferred to the State Archives for permanent retention in accordance with the State record retention policy.
13. The Task Force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 12th day of July, in the year two thousand sixteen.



Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:



Secretary of State



Deputy Secretary of State

