



## EXECUTIVE ORDER 15-03

### THE WASHINGTON STATE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

#### **PREAMBLE**

The Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice provides a common point of analysis, planning, and advocacy for youth involved in the juvenile justice system or youth at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system. The collective efforts of this broad array of stakeholders further the positive development of youth and the health and safety of the state. This executive order restructures the membership of the Partnership Council, in order to improve its efficiency and effectiveness as an advisory body.

**WHEREAS**, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-415), as amended in 2002, (Pub. L. 107-273) (the Act) requires each state to establish a state juvenile justice advisory group to receive funds under the Act;

**WHEREAS**, this advisory group can promote juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, intervention, and behavioral health programs to ensure the effective delivery and improvement of services for youth;

**WHEREAS**, coordinated efforts to improve the juvenile justice system will better protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, provide treatment and rehabilitative services tailored to the needs of juveniles and their families, and improve the lives of youth and families in Washington;

**WHEREAS**, this advisory group provides a platform for assisting the Governor in leading the state's collective efforts to address the disproportionate numbers of youth of color in the juvenile justice system and tackle complex racial and ethnic disparities in new and meaningful ways;

**WHEREAS**, this advisory group can encourage the creation of employment opportunities and a seamless education experience for youth transitioning out of the juvenile justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, this advisory group can play an important and beneficial role by reviewing and providing recommendations for the state's juvenile justice and delinquency prevention needs and programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the state of Washington do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The re-establishment of the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice (Partnership Council), with membership to conform to the requirements of the Juvenile

Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended. The Partnership Council will be the State Advisory Group for the state of Washington and will comply with all federal requirements pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5601 – 5681 and 42 U.S.C. 5781 – 5784.

2. The Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Governor as required by federal regulation and, on a regular basis, shall provide information and recommendations to the Governor. The Partnership Council shall be designated as the primary advisory state-planning group for matters pertaining to juvenile justice in Washington.

The Partnership Council shall operate as the advisory board for all planning, administrative, and funding functions of the Act and shall make sub-grants for planning and improving juvenile justice consistent with the intent of the Act.

The Partnership Council shall:

- a. Play a strong, proactive role, providing collaborative leadership and direction, and recommend innovative juvenile justice reforms and best practices for implementation;
- b. Establish priorities for the granting of federal juvenile delinquency and delinquency prevention funds;
- c. Submit, at least annually, recommendations for the improvement of the juvenile justice system to the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) for review and comment, to the Governor, and to the Legislature;
- d. Promote effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, family re-engagement, and rehabilitation programs in the areas of juvenile delinquency and improvement of the juvenile justice system;
- e. Promote partnerships with community employers to create new opportunities for skill development, job readiness and training, and engagement in the workforce for at-risk and system-involved youth;
- f. Promote partnerships with the educational system to increase effective responses to youth who have learning disabilities, or emotional, behavioral, and substance abuse issues both before and during involvement in the juvenile justice system;
- g. Promote strong transition and reentry programs for system-involved youth;
- h. Promote strategies to reduce the percentage of youth of color involved at each level of the juvenile justice system; and
- i. Develop and approve the state's three-year juvenile justice comprehensive plan and implement the plan.

DSHS is the designated state agency that will convene the Partnership Council and will provide staff support through the DSHS Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) subject to the availability of federal funds.

3. The OJJ shall:
  - a. Provide staffing, administrative support, and assume other responsibilities, as requested, to enable the Partnership Council to perform its functions;
  - b. Provide background information and analysis of juvenile justice delinquency issues as needed;
  - c. Monitor and evaluate the state's compliance with the Act;

- d. Review the progress and the accomplishments of the juvenile justice and delinquency prevention projects funded under the state's three-year comprehensive plan; and
  - e. Administer grants and other financial and technical assistance pursuant to federal regulations.
4. The Partnership Council shall operate under its by-laws. Its members may receive reimbursement for travel expenses as authorized by state and federal law.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The Partnership Council shall be convened by DSHS. The Partnership Council will be staffed by the OJJ. The Council shall consist of no more than 25 members appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall designate one-third of the initial appointees to serve a one-year term, one-third of the initial appointees to serve a two-year term, and one-third of the initial appointees to serve a three-year term. Thereafter, all appointees, except appointments to serve out the remainder of an existing term, shall serve three-year terms and shall be eligible for reappointment at the discretion of the Governor. Members may be appointed to serve three full consecutive terms. If a member resigns before completing a term, the Governor shall appoint a new member to serve out the remainder of that term.

The Partnership Council will be comprised of leaders who have extensive experience and knowledge in juvenile justice and who are able to affect or influence system reform and improve educational, vocational, and employment opportunities for youth across the continuum and address racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system. In making appointments, the Governor shall ensure geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity with special consideration of representation of overrepresented minority populations in the juvenile justice system. A majority of the members of the Partnership Council shall not be full-time employees of the federal, state, or local government.

The Partnership Council membership shall consist of:

- 1. One general public member to serve as chair of the council who shall not be a full-time employee of the federal, state, or local government;
- 2. One locally elected official representing general purpose local government;
- 3. One representative of law enforcement;
- 4. One representative of juvenile court administration;
- 5. One representative of juvenile and family court judges;
- 6. One representative of prosecuting attorneys;
- 7. One representative of defense attorneys;
- 8. One representative of the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration within DSHS;
- 9. One representative of public agencies engaged in children's mental health and concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment;
- 10. One representative of private nonprofit organizations with a special focus on preserving and strengthening families, parent groups and parent self-help groups, youth development, delinquency prevention and treatment, neglected or dependent children, the quality of juvenile justice, education, and social services for children;
- 11. One representative of volunteers who work with delinquents or potential delinquents;
- 12. One representative of youth workers involved with programs that are alternatives to incarceration;

13. One person with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and alternatives to suspension and expulsion;
14. One person with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to learning disabilities, child abuse and neglect, and youth violence;
15. One representative of Washington State tribes;
16. One representative from the office of the Governor;
17. One representative from the Washington State House of Representatives;
18. One representative from the Washington State Senate;
19. One representative of private or public employers who help youth with job development, job skills and training, and opportunities to help them overcome barriers to obtaining and retaining employment;
20. One person with special experience and competence in helping youth achieve a successful transition and reentry back to their communities;
21. Five members shall be under the age of 24 at the time of appointment, three of which must have been or are currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system;

This Executive Order, which supersedes Executive Order 10-03, shall take effect immediately.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington, on this 10th day of June 2015, at Olympia, Washington.

By:

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Jay Inslee  
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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Secretary of State