

<b>GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE</b>	Transmittal # 17-10	Policy # 25.2
Applicability: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All DJJ Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services <input type="checkbox"/> Secure Facilities (RYDCs and YDCs)	Related Standards & References: HB 242, O.C.G.A. Title 15, Chapter 11 Governor's 2014 Strategic Goals for Georgia DJJ 2014 Strategic Plan	
Chapter 25: REENTRY SERVICES	Effective Date: 10/31/17 Scheduled Review Date: 10/31/18	
Subject: Reentry Strategic Framework	New Policy Community Services Division	
Attachments:  A – Reentry Strategic Plan B – Task Force Governance Committee Bylaws	APPROVED:   <hr/> Avery D. Niles, Commissioner	

## I. POLICY:

The Reentry Strategic Framework (RSF) will guide DJJ youth reentry reform through work groups and collaborations. The RSF goal is to have a measurable positive impact on a youth's successful transition and reintegration into the community as well as on youth recidivism rate.

## II. DEFINITIONS:

**Reentry Oversight Committee (ROC):** An internal DJJ committee comprised of DJJ staff designated by their respective Deputy Commissioner and the Associate School Superintendent or designee. The Associate School Superintendent and every Deputy Commissioner is required to select two staff members to serve on the Reentry Oversight Committee.

**DJJ Reentry Strategic Plan:** An agency-wide roadmap designed to improve the reentry outcomes of DJJ-involved youth. The Reentry Strategic Plan includes 3 phases, 7 decision points, and 27 targets for change.

**Reentry:** A process that starts when a youth initially enters our system and ends when the youth has successfully reintegrated into his or her community and the case is closed.

**Reentry Governance Council:** The Council responsible for ensuring that the Reentry Task Force and its subcommittees work toward the completion of established outcomes.

**Reentry Task Force:** A group of internal and external partners (public/private) who work collaboratively to resolve barriers for youth as outlined in the Reentry Strategic Plan.

**Targets for Change:** Identified assets or barriers defined in the Reentry Strategic Plan which provides guidance to improve youth reentry. Each Target for Change is supported by goals, policy, and operational expectations.

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### III. PROCEDURES:

#### A. Reentry Oversight Committee (ROC):

The ROC will establish subgroups to work on the resolution of identified barriers and development of projects supportive of successful youth reentry. Each subgroup will be chaired by a subject matter expert. The subgroups will conduct meetings to work on the assigned tasks, and will present progress reports with related timeframes during the monthly ROC meeting.

1. The ROC will meet monthly. The ROC will call for additional meetings when needed.
2. The Office of Reentry Services will be responsible for the ROC schedule, facilitation, agenda, and After Action Report.
3. The ROC members will attend meetings in person or by conference call.
4. The ROC will be comprised of subject matter expert representatives of their respective areas/divisions.
5. The ROC will provide oversight of the Reentry Strategic Plan (Attachment A) to continuously review Targets for Change assets and barriers and to develop plans of action to enhance assets and overcome barriers.
  - a. The ROC will establish goals, identify policy gaps, and develop operational expectations consistent with the agency Reentry Strategic Plan.
  - b. The ROC will conduct a yearly review of the Reentry Strategic Plan.
6. The ROC members will keep their division leadership and the agency wide constituents informed of their work.
7. The ROC will develop and establish performance and outcome measures as needed.
8. Reentry Strategic Plan revisions and updates will be reviewed and approved by the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners, and Deputy Commissioners.

#### B. Reentry Task Force:

1. The Reentry Task Force (Task Force) is developed to assist in the expansion of DJJ reentry efforts by soliciting and engaging external partners to assist in removing barriers, providing support and improving outcomes for DJJ youth returning home. The Task Force will engage in projects and activities that will support youth reentry and the Reentry Strategic Plan using guidance from

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identified evidence-based practices, and will be organized into subgroups and a Governance Council.

2. The Task Force will meet quarterly or as needed. Office of Reentry Services will be responsible for scheduling, distributing agendas, facilitating quarterly meetings, and After Action Reports.
3. The Task Force is comprised of assigned DJJ staff including the Reentry Strategic Framework and representatives of other state agencies and other external partners. Reentry Task Force partnerships will be established by Memorandum of Understanding, as needed.
4. Task Force members will attend meetings in person or by conference call. In addition to the quarterly meetings, Task Force members will attend their assigned subgroup monthly meetings.
5. The Office of Reentry Services will collaborate with the Task Force working with community leaders and organizations in support of the Reentry Strategic Plan.
  - a. ROC members will provide support to the subgroups by attending meetings and participating in project development and execution.
  - b. Office of Reentry Services staff will assist each subgroup in developing and implementing projects that impact youth reentry. ORS staff will document and track progress toward the implementation of projects supportive of the Reentry Strategic Plan.

C. Reentry Governance Council:

1. The Office of Reentry Services Director or designee will ensure that the Governance Council provides support to the subgroups and Task Force as a whole.
2. The Governance Council is comprised of representation from each subgroup and ensures that the Task Force operates at the maximum level of efficiency. The Governance Council will operate in accordance with the Reentry Governance Committee Bylaws and will assist with recruitment strategies, training programs, monitoring of Task Force activities, and evaluation of Task Force subgroup performance. (See Attachment B.)

**IV. LOCAL OPERATING PROCEDURES REQUIRED: NO**