Crossover Youth Practice Model State Policy Team

Purpose:

The purpose of the State Policy Team is to support the development of collaborative efforts between the child welfare and juvenile justice systems in order to address the needs of youth who are dually-involved, or are at-risk of becoming dually-involved, in the two systems. The work of this team will determine the need for statewide policy and/or practice guidelines that will impact youth involved with multiple agencies. This includes, but is not limited to: identifying best practices in working with dually-involved youth, interpreting information-sharing laws, supporting cross-systems data collection, identifying communities for implementation of the Crossover Youth Practice Model, and providing oversight for those implementation locations. Additionally, the team will explore the need for and development of state legislation and/or regulations that support systems improvement for dually-involved youth. The State Policy Team will partner with youth and families in support of these efforts.

Representation:

The membership of this team should consist of state-level representation from the following youth-serving agencies:

- Child Welfare
- Juvenile Justice
- State Supreme Court
- Education
- Mental Health
- CASA
- Substance Use

Convening:

This team should meet on a monthly basis and a team coordinator should be identified to partner with CJJR in developing meeting agendas, assisting with follow-up activities, and managing the policy team logistics.