



EXECUTIVE ORDER #43

Relating to the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission

WHEREAS, the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act requires that participating states create an advisory committee of members appointed by the Governor to carry out the functions designated in the Act;

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice is designated to serve as the state planning agency for administering the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act;

WHEREAS, front-end reforms that focus on preventing youth from ever becoming part of the juvenile justice system, through investments in families, schools, and community-based programs are vital;

WHEREAS, for youths who intersect with the juvenile justice system, increasing evidence-based alternatives like diversion programs and community-based mental health services is necessary; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that the juvenile justice system has the most trauma-informed, evidence-based practices and facilities available.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, including Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby re-create the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission and order the following:

1. The Commission shall serve as the primary body responsible for implementing the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act in Wisconsin. The Commission shall consist of not less than 15 but no more than 33 members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor. The Commission membership shall comply with the requirements proscribed by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, including the appointment of the following members:
 - a. At least one locally elected official representing general purpose local government;
 - b. Representatives of law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies;
 - c. Representatives of public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment;
 - d. Representatives of nonprofit organizations focusing on preserving and strengthening families, parent groups and parent self-help groups, youth development, delinquency prevention and treatment, neglected or depended children, the quality of juvenile justice, education, or child social services;
 - e. Volunteers who work with delinquent youth or at-risk youth;

- f. Representatives of programs that are alternatives to incarceration, including programs providing organized recreation activities;
 - g. Persons with special experience in addressing problems of school violence and vandalism and alternatives to suspension and expulsion;
 - h. Licensed mental health professionals with experience addressing mental health and substance abuse needs in delinquent and at-risk youth;
 - i. Representatives of victim or witness advocacy groups, including at least one individual with expertise in addressing the challenges of sexual abuse and exploitation and trauma, particularly the needs of youth who experience disproportionate levels of sexual abuse, exploitation, and trauma before entering the juvenile justice system
 - j. Representatives from a Tribal Nation with expertise in juvenile justice within the Tribal Nations.
2. The Commission membership shall:
 - a. Consist of at least one-fifth of members under the age of 28 at the time of initial appointment.
 - b. Include at least three members who have been or are currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system, or in the alternative, the parent or guardian of someone who has been or is currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.
 - c. Consist of a majority of members who are not full-time federal, state, or local government employees.
 3. The Governor shall appoint the chairperson of the Commission. The chairperson may create subcommittees as necessary.
 4. The Department of Justice shall continue to provide the Commission staff and pay expenses for Commission members.
 5. In addition to duties required under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, the Commission shall advise the Governor and the Legislature on matters concerning juvenile justice.
 6. The Commission shall develop recommendations for the following:
 - a. A process for assessing youth pre-disposition to ensure that each youth is receiving the most beneficial programming in the setting best suited to his or her needs.
 - b. Creating a state-wide unified treatment-centered system of juvenile justice that minimizes disruptions to youth who go through multiple types of placements.
 - c. Innovations and best practices Wisconsin should adopt across the entire spectrum of the juvenile justice system, including but not limited to non-secure treatment and intervention options.
 - d. Identifying and reducing racial disparities in the juvenile justice system.
 - e. Identifying gaps in data collection and analysis in the juvenile justice system, including data on "dual-status" youth who are involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.
 7. This Executive Order supersedes in part Executive Order #6 signed on January 28, 2019, supersedes in part Executive Order #150 signed on January 26, 2015, and supersedes and replaces Executive Order #8 signed on January 25, 2011.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this third day of September in the year of two thousand nineteen.



TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State