

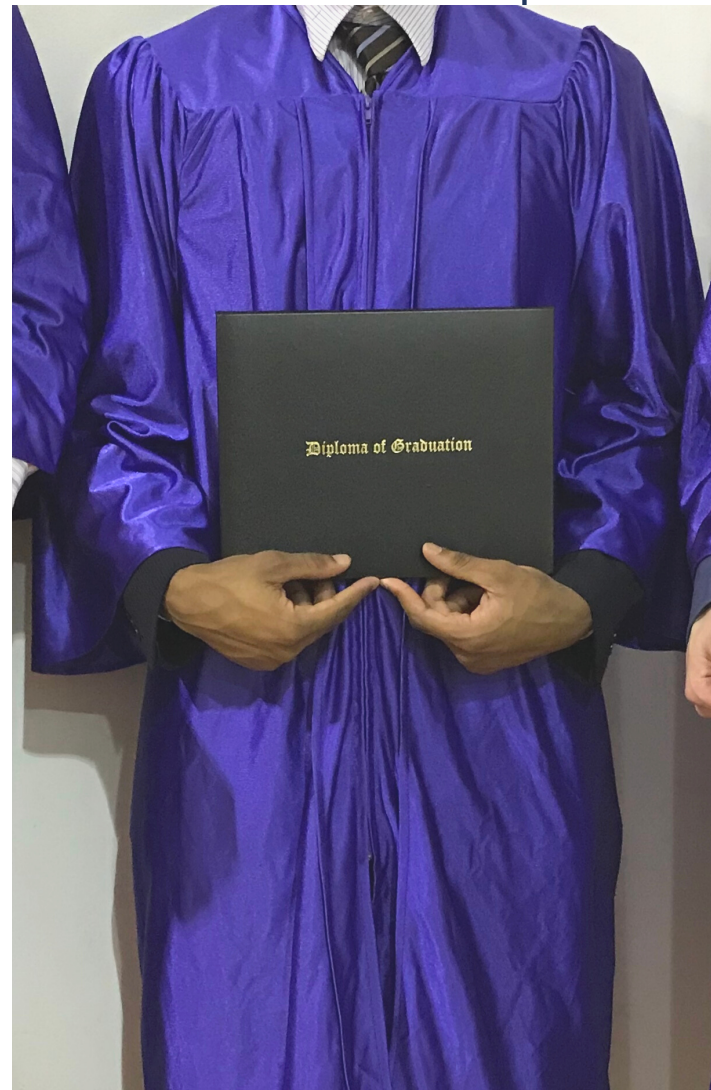
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE
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QUARTERLY TRANSFORMATION REPORT



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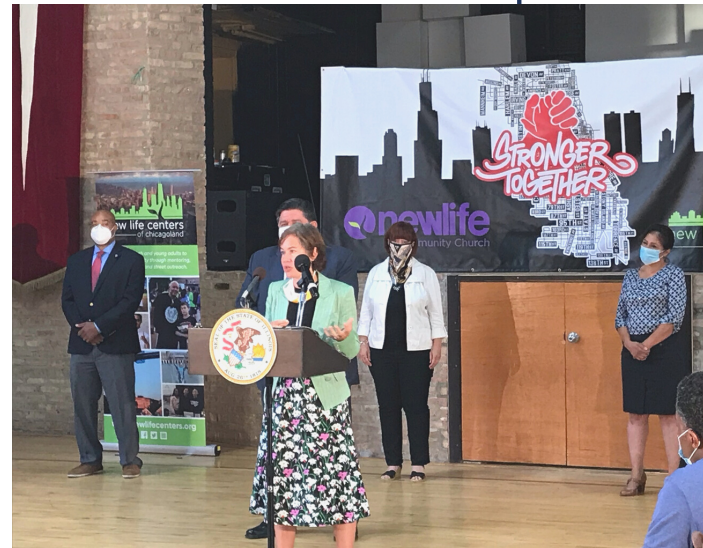
- **Implementation Planning**
- **Capacity Building**

On July 31, 2020, the Pritzker Administration announced the 21st Century Illinois Transformation Model. This new model of juvenile justice was created in partnership with the Justice, Equity, and Opportunity initiative, which is spearheaded by Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, and designed to reduce the harm of incarceration for youth committed to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice.

Since the announcement, our department has been laser focused on building capacity for the long overdue transition to community-integrated restorative justice for youth in secure custody.

As promised, we are committed to a transparent process and sharing updates along the way. We will release a quarterly Transformation Report with details on our progress, our setbacks, and how interested individuals can become involved in this transformative journey with us.

In order to ensure the success of our transformation, we are building out our Aftercare Department to provide a significant increase in community services



through our newly formed Community Services Division.

Operationally, we are moving forward with capital projects at IYC Warrenville and the new IDJJ residential center coming to Central Illinois.

We are also participating in the Pritzker Administration's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion initiative, which pairs perfectly with our efforts to reduce the harm of incarceration, particularly for Black youth who are disproportionately represented in our population.

Lastly, in partnership with the Lt. Governor's office, we are launching our first round table discussion for formerly justice-involved youth and their families to gain insight on how we can improve their experiences and better engage with families.

We hope you will stay connected with us as we work towards transforming the department. For more information on how you can participate, please [click here](#).

CAPITAL PROJECTS

With new, regional, community-integrated residential centers as one of the primary goals of the 21st Century Transformation Plan, IDJJ is making progress towards completing two new capital projects.

The first capital project is for the new residential center in Lincoln, IL. An architect is being selected for the project and selections for a contractor will follow shortly thereafter.

The second capital project is for renovations at IYC Warrenville. There have been comprehensive walk-throughs to determine the scope of the project and a selection process for an architect will take place in the coming weeks.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Aftercare, IDJJ's current version of community supervision for released youth, is expanding to support the department's transformation. The new version will be called the Community Services Division and it will include Family Support and Services, Behavioral Health Services, and Residential Placement oversight, in addition to traditional Aftercare Services.

The new services will allow the department to provide increased intensive supervision, trauma responsive care, victim services, family engagement and stabilization support, and more. In the coming weeks, the department will convene working groups to gather further insight on the community supports needed by justice-involved youth and families.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

The Pritzker Administration recently launched a Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion initiative to start dismantling racism at the state government level.

As a department, this initiative enhances our Transformation plan and helps to improve equity within IDJJ. Some of our DEI objectives are below:

- Identify treatment disparities among marginalized youth in our care
- Review and revise internal policies to reduce opportunity for biased decision making
- Develop cultural responsiveness & competency curriculum to be implemented among staff
- Monitor facility climate concerning diversity, as well as cultural responsiveness & competency
- Invest and partner with culturally responsive community based resources for youth under our care

IDJJ, in conjunction with the Lt. Governor's office, will host several round table discussions in the coming months.

Each round table discussion is geared towards a specific audience with a special focus on how they are impacted by the department.

The first round table is schedule for October 27, 2020 and is for the Families of Justice-Involved youth and Former Justice-Involved Youth.

Future round table discussions are in the works for judges and probation departments, local community leaders, service providers, juvenile public defenders and prosecutors, juvenile justice advocates, and more.

For more information about how to get involved in IDJJ's Transformation Process or to learn how you can submit suggestions and feedback, please visit our our Transformation page :

<https://www2.illinois.gov/idjj/Pages/transformation.aspx>

The work at IDJJ is a part of a sea change in the larger juvenile justice landscape.

JUVENILE JUSTICE HEADLINES

Across the country, juvenile justice systems are working towards restructuring and improving the conditions for youth in secure custody. Lt. Governor Stratton met with some of these stakeholders to share ideas about how to implement change in Illinois. Below is a snapshot of juvenile justice headlines from across the country.

- California aims to phase out state-operated youth prisons
- New program aims to make sure teens in the juvenile justice system don't re-offend
- County to replace 'jail-like' juvenile detention center
- Former Seattle foster child reflects on the end of youth jail: 'This brings me to tears'
- Reform trends: community-based alternatives

NEXT STEPS

Predicting next steps is difficult and external factors may force our immediate plans to change, but the goal will always remain the same.

In the next quarter, we plan to:

- Begin construction on the new residential center and renovations on IYC Warrenton.
- Host several round table discussions about the Transformation plan and begin convening working groups for additional input.
- Continue ramping up the new Community Services Division, formerly known as Aftercare.

This community centered approach will benefit greatly from community involvement. For more information on how you can participate, please, [click here.](#)

