

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE**

### 2015 Subcommittee Charge

The Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice was established in 2015 by the Supreme Court of Ohio's Advisory Committee on Children, Families and the Courts to:

1. Improve the standards, practices, and effectiveness of Ohio's courts handling juvenile delinquency cases;
2. Provide training regarding best practices for judges and other professionals who serve in Ohio's juvenile courts;
3. Provide support for judges and other professionals through continuing education, research, publications, and technical assistance;
4. Contribute to the development and implementation of judicial policies, standards, best practices, and procedures regarding court diversion, rehabilitation and reentry, detention reform, and other system-wide issues impacting Ohio's juveniles;
5. Make recommendations to juvenile courts regarding their structure, management, and procedures;
6. Acknowledge and uphold the rights of all parties and victims, the safety of all family members, and the safety of the community;
7. Inform all juvenile justice partners as to the work of Ohio's juvenile courts.

Future activities are organized into three areas of interest; each has been assigned specific activities:

1. Ohio Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)
  - a. Increase JDAI's scale.
  - b. Develop and promote uniform practices and principles in juvenile detention reform.
  - c. Shackling in Ohio's juvenile courts.
    - i. Establish and improve statewide policy and practices to limit and guide the use of restraints in juvenile courts.
2. Juvenile reentry reform
  - a. Advance and support system-wide reentry policy and practice changes to help improve reentry outcomes for juveniles across the state.
3. Human trafficking
  - a. Collaborate with the Subcommittee on Child Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency to recommend procedures and possible rules to help identify and provide comprehensive protection for human trafficking victims in the juvenile justice system.
  - b. Develop education and trainings for Ohio's juvenile justice stakeholders so that courts and first responders can better identify human trafficking victims and provide victims with a safe and supportive treatment.