MAINE RISING

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
An Innovative Approach to Transforming Juvenile Justice
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Purpose of this presentation

- Understand the demographic similarities between New Hampshire and Maine.
- Compare some relevant Juvenile Justice information and data for New Hampshire and Maine.
- Understand some of the contributing factors to Juvenile Justice reform and detention reforms in New Hampshire.
- Identify a “Thinking Framework” to assist Maine in carrying out the recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Task Force.
## Basic Demographics

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<td>Population</td>
<td>1,315,809</td>
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<td>Under 18</td>
<td>293,425</td>
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<td>Minorities</td>
<td>4.5%</td>
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<td>Median Household Income</td>
<td>62,048</td>
<td>45,832</td>
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<td>Persons below poverty</td>
<td>7.3%</td>
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<td>Persons per square mile</td>
<td>137.8</td>
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**SOME BASIC DATA POINTS**

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

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New Hampshire is ranked as the #1 safest state to live in.

New Hampshire is ranked #1 by Kids Count for child well being.
DELINQUENCY

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Delinquency Jurisdiction

Age of Majority: 17

Extended Age of Delinquency Jurisdiction: 20

MAINE

Delinquency Jurisdiction

Age of Majority: 18

Extended Age of Delinquency Jurisdiction: 21
SOME KEY COMPONENTS

- School Court Liaison Workers
- Proactive Judges
- Proactive Probation Officers
- Well Informed Law Enforcement
- Well Informed Stakeholders
Alternatives to Detention

Emergency Home Based Services
Alternative Schools/Day Programs
After School Programs
Emergency Group Home Beds/Foster Care Beds
Shelter Care Beds
MOST IMPORTANT

“A THINKING FRAMEWORK”

- Do No Harm
- Maturation
- Understand adolescent brain development
- Promote principles of positive youth development
- Build competencies in whatever you do.
- Minimization
- Involve all stakeholders in the process.
FOR JUDGES
STAY OUT OF THE BOX
Support Re-Authorization of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act

Support Your State Advisory Group
IT IS NOT YOUR PROBLEM ALONE

It is the responsibility of the:
- Child
- Family
- Community
- School
- Public Health
- Mental Health
- Law Enforcement
- Court
- Attorneys
- Legislators
I know that you will find the motivation to accomplish your work in the faces of the young people that you serve.
Thank You !