

## **JJAG RED Recommendations Voting Recap**

Date of vote: October 11, 2022

*Note about JJAG voting requirements:* For a recommendation to pass, eleven (11) YES votes (51% or greater of JJAGs 21 members) are required.

In this instance, all RED Core goals and recommended strategies voted on received at least 11 YES votes.

An overview of the voting tally is outlined for each Core Goal and Strategy below.

### **Goal 1 - Reduce contacts between police and youth.**

**VOTE: 17 members voting – unanimous approval**

#### **Recommended Strategies**

1. Make inadmissible in criminal or delinquency court proceedings the fruits of a search if seized when: (1) the subject of the search is a youth under 18 years old; (2) the justification for the search by sworn members of a DC law enforcement agency is consent; and (3) the search is not executed pursuant to a warrant or another exception to the warrant requirement.

**a. VOTE: 17 members voting – 14 YES, 1 Abstain, 2 Reject**

2. Direct agencies and contracted service providers to develop and implement standard policies with the goal of reducing the issuance of court orders, warrants and arrests for abscondence, and add contract language, fully resource and hold accountable contracted service providers to implement evidence-based best practices to create welcoming, youth-friendly environments informed by adolescent development and reduce youth leaving placements. Increase or improve community education about adolescent development and behavior.

**a. VOTE: 17 members voting – 16 YES, 1 Abstain**

3. Increase or improve community education about adolescent development and behavior.

**a. VOTE: 17 members voting – unanimous approval**

4. Increase or improve education for young people about their rights during interactions with police, during school, or while out in the community

**a. VOTE: 17 members voting – unanimous approval**

5. Expand prevention and early intervention strategies designed to reduce risk behaviors and increase protective factors for youth through supportive services, with an emphasis on trusted channels like peers, credible messengers, community-run service providers, etc.

**a. VOTE: 17 members voting – unanimous approval**

## **Core Goal 2: Where contacts do occur, ensure that all police policies, procedures, and practices with youth mitigate harm and trauma, promote fairness, and achieve positive youth development and healthy outcomes for youth.**

**VOTE: 17 members voting – unanimous approval**

### **Recommended Strategies:**

1. Engage adolescent development experts to update Miranda warnings or MPD's explanation of Miranda warnings to reflect adolescent development and effective communication.

**a. VOTE: 17 members voting – 14 YES, 3 Abstain**

2. Make inadmissible statements made by youth under 18 during custodial interrogation unless: (1) they are read their Miranda rights by a law enforcement officer in a developmentally appropriate way; (2) they have the opportunity to consult with counsel before making a waiver; and (3) in the presence of their attorney, they make a knowing, intelligent, and voluntary waiver of their rights. Fully fund the office of the Public Defender Service to provide 24-7 access to attorneys for waiver consultations.

**a. VOTE: 17 members voting – 13 YES, 3 Abstain, 1 Reject**

## **Core Goal 3: Hold youth accountable in developmentally appropriate ways.**

**a. VOTE: 17 members voting – 15 YES, 1 Abstain, 1 Reject**

### **Recommended Strategies:**

1. Decriminalize youth behaviors that do not pose a risk to public safety, including cannabis possession and domestic violence involving threats, simple assault, or property destruction.

**a. VOTE: 17 members voting – 12 YES, 3 Abstain, 2 Reject**

2. Fully resource and hold accountable robust, citywide holistic and effective non-system, collaborative community-led services for youth, such as those described in the JJAG's 2020 report, *Create New Opportunities for Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) to Succeed Without Legal System Intervention*.

**a. VOTE: 17 members voting – 16 YES, 1 Abstain**

3. Equip all adults who interact with youth, including in schools, with language, tools, and services developed and normed for traditionally marginalized youth.
  - a. **VOTE: 17 members voting – unanimous approval**
4. Engage the Office of Unified Communications and MPD to expand 911's rapid dispatch options to include service providers without police, including violence interrupters, youth development, restorative, or community service providers.
  - a. **VOTE: 17 members voting – 15 yes, 2 Abstain**
5. Fully implement a text-capable hotline and other no-barrier mechanisms, such as street outreach teams, for youth or families to learn about and access services, including mental health or substance use disorder treatment and preventative, community-led services.
  - a. **VOTE: 17 members voting – 16 YES, 1 Abstain**
6. Agencies, including DYRS, DBH, schools, OAG, MPD and OUC should share information to contribute to collaboration and ensure awareness and access to services for youth and community.
  - a. **VOTE: 17 members voting – 15 yes, 2 Abstain**
7. Require equal investment in prevention/intervention services that work and policing in each Ward.
  - a. **VOTE: 17 members voting – 16 YES, 1 Abstain**

**Core Goal 4: Increase capacity and accountability for the District to reduce racial and ethnic disparities at arrest of young people and the trauma associated with policing.**

**VOTE: 17 members voting – unanimous approval**

**Recommended Strategies:**

1. Add age range, race and gender in aggregate form to publicly available data in youth stops and arrests.
  - a. **VOTE: 17 members voting – 15 YES, 1 Abstain, 1 Reject**

8. Raise awareness and understanding among youth and families of the effects and impact of justice system involvement and policing on young people and the effects of disproportionate contact on individuals, neighborhoods, and the community in a way that protects youth confidentiality.
  - a. **VOTE: 17 members voting – unanimous approval**
9. Engage trusted community-led organizations to communicate to the wider DC community the effects and impact of and of justice system involvement and policing on young people and the effects of disproportionate contact on individuals, neighborhoods, and the community in a way that protects youth confidentiality.
  - a. **VOTE: 17 members voting – 16 YES, 1 Abstain**
10. Engage trusted community-led organizations to educate public safety, education, and other youth-serving professionals across DC agencies about the effects of justice system involvement and policing on young people and the effects of disproportionate contact on individuals, neighborhoods, and the community in a way that protects youth confidentiality.
  - a. **VOTE: 17 members voting – unanimous approval**
11. Publicly document the system failures contributing to delinquency in the lives of youth and families in a way that protects youth confidentiality.
  - a. **VOTE: 17 members voting – 15 yes, 2 Abstain**
12. Value youth voice and create spaces for community participation and accountability to youth perspectives and voices in public safety and public health agencies.
  - a. **VOTE: 17 members voting – unanimous approval**
13. Declare that systemic **and** institutional white supremacy are a public health threat. Acknowledge and commit to repair the continued harms that racism and white supremacy continue to cause to Black young people and their families, as well as Indigenous and people of color, and the whole DC community
  - a. **VOTE: 17 members voting – 15 yes, 2 Abstain**