

## **YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS (YSB) in CT**

- YSBs are statutorily mandated under CT General Statute 10-19m
- YSBs were moved from State Department of Education (SDE) to Department of Children and Families (DCF) as of July 1, 2019.
- There are 103 YSBs serving 146 communities as of July 1, 2019
- Youth Service Bureaus are structured differently in each community based on their community needs. Some YSBs have only one staff person, while others have many staff and run many programs. YSBs can provide services in diversion, positive youth development, mental health, employment skills, mentoring, and much more.
- Data is collected on YSB participants who do more intensive programming and include demographic info, program info, etc.
- Service gaps include resources (funding and staffing) as well as some access to specialized services
- 2018 Legislative session codified the Community Based Diversion System that identifies YSBs as the “hub” for referral in each community

## **JUVENILE REVIEW BOARDS (JRB) in CT**

- Juvenile Review Boards (JRBs) are mainly a function of the YSBs, however there are a few that are run by a local police department or other agency.
- There are currently about 88 JRBs serving approximately 135 communities.
- Members of JRBs include YSB staff, school personnel, police, mental health providers, juvenile court representative, DCF representative, other community members
- Training for JRBs is based on individual JRB need and several opportunities for training are available each year.
- Data is collected for JRB cases and includes demographic info, completion info, recidivism within time period case is open, services provided, etc.
- In 2016, a JRB Protocols and Procedures Guide was copyrighted by CT Youth Services Association to help guide existing and new JRBs across CT