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Hi Barb --
I've been traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday, so am late in weighing in. I would think "court advocacy" would be a useful service in principle, but for youth on parole from DJJ, this gets a bit murky. I don't know of any situation in which they would have court hearings or interactions with the courts or probation as a function of parole, unless they are picked up on a new charge.

In those cases, my understanding is that the routine practice (for new charges) is that the preliminary hearing on the new charge is either waived or is cursory at best once it is determined that the youth is on parole. The youth is then automatically returned to a DJJ facility on a parole violation, and the next step is a Prisoner Review Board (non-court) hearing, at which most (all?) youth are held, with parole revoked for receiving the new charge. Youth are not represented by attorneys or anyone else at these PRB hearings and, while advocacy may be useful at this stage, I'm not sure if that's what we're envisioning.

Then, the jurisdiction in which the new offense allegedly occurred determines whether they will prosecute the youth for the new offense. If not, the youth can continue to be held at DJJ for a parole violation. If so, they would have a new case in court, and a public defender, presumably. I'm not sure of the nature or scope of the court advocacy we'd envision in those cases and we'd likely need to think through the interactions with public defenders, etc.

Others may have different understandings, info or perspectives, but I thought I'd share what my understanding is. Lisa

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One of the Lead Agencies suggested that we add court advocacy to the list of services that would be provided or linked to under the NRI component. Does anyone have any problems with adding this to the list?

Thanks, and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

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