

Comprehensive Enhancement Plan

South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination

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In March 2019, the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination (CPC) and Circuit Directors of Diversion Programs began a diversion program Comprehensive Enhancement Plan (CEP). The CEP is a project to obtain a comprehensive collection of information about South Carolina's solicitor-run diversion programs in order to identify and address the program strengths, weaknesses, and needs, while also creating uniformity and consistency in the programs across the state.

After consulting with the Circuit Directors of Diversion Programs, the CPC created working groups for three primary topics: (1) Data and Measurements of Success; (2) Community; and (3) External Feedback. Each working group consists of Circuit Directors of Diversion Programs from 5 or 6 circuits, and 2 prosecutors. By including prosecutors in the CEP, the goal is to create a bridge between the diversion programs and prosecutors, to obtain prosecutor feedback and insight on our project, and to give prosecutors the opportunity to learn more first-hand about the diversion programs. Each working group has had two meetings, in addition to a meeting on March 22, 2019, in Columbia of all Circuit Directors of Diversion Programs during which the CPC presented the initial concept of the CEP.

In November 2019, each Working Group will submit to the CPC the findings and recommendations from their respective projects. Recommendations will be presented by each working group in three layers:

1. *Internal* – recommendations for actions or changes that can be made within the diversion programs with current resources;
2. *Legislative* – recommendations for proposed legislation that would address issues identified in this process; and
3. *Funding* – recommendations identifying funding needs based on the observations collected during the interview/survey process.

A final report setting forth these CEP recommendations will be presented to the Commission and the Solicitors in December 2019.

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Circ	County	PTI	AEP	TEP	WC	DC	VC	MHC	JA	JDC	JPTI	Other
1	Calhoun	X*	X*	X*					X	X		
	Dorchester	X*	X*	X*		X			X			Youth Mentor (juvenile)
	Orangeburg	X*	X*	X*					X	X		Youth Mentor (juvenile)
2	Aiken	X*	X*	X*	X	X			X			Truancy Intervention Program
	Bamberg	X*	X*	X*	X	X			X			Truancy Intervention Program
	Barnwell	X*	X*	X*	X	X			X			Truancy Intervention Program
3	Clarendon	X*	X*	X*	X	X**			X			
	Lee	X*	X*	X*	X	X**			X			
	Sumter	X*	X*	X*	X	X**			X			
	Williamsburg	X*	X*	X*	X	X**			X			
4	Chesterfield	X*	X*	X*	X	X			X		X	
	Darlington	X*	X*	X*	X				X		X	
	Marlboro	X*	X*	X*	X	X			X		X	
	Dillon	X*	X*	X*	X				X		X	
5	Kershaw	X*	X*	X*	X	X	X		X		X	
	Richland	X*	X*	X*	X	X	X	X	X		X	DUI Court Homeless Court Juvenile Mental Health Court
6	Chester	X*	X*	X*	X	X			X	X		
	Lancaster	X*	X*	X*	X	X			X	X		
	Fairfield	X*	X*	X*	X	X			X	X		
7	Cherokee	X*	X*	X*	X	X**	X		X			Solicitor's Intervention Program for Domestic Violence Solicitor's Drug Intervention Program
	Spartanburg	X*	X*	X*	X	X**	X		X		X	Solicitor's Intervention Program for Domestic Violence Solicitor's Drug Intervention Program

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8	Abbeville	X*	X*	X*	X	X	X		X			
	Greenwood	X*	X*	X*	X	X	X		X			
	Laurens	X*	X*	X*	X	X	X		X			
	Newberry	X*	X*	X*	X	X	X		X			
9	Berkeley	X*	X*	X*	X	X		X	X	X		
	Charleston	X*	X*	X*	X	X		X	X	X		
10	Anderson	X*	X*	X*	X	X			X			Juvenile Diversion Program
	Oconee	X*	X*	X*	X	X			X			Juvenile Diversion Program
11	Edgefield	X*	X*	X*	X	X**						
	Lexington	X*	X*	X*	X	X**			X			Truancy Alternative Program
	McCormick	X*	X*	X*	X	X**						
	Saluda	X*	X*	X*	X	X**						
12	Florence	X*	X*	X*	X	X			X	X	X	Early Childhood Intervention (Juvenile)
	Marion	X*	X*	X*	X	X			X	X	X	Early Childhood Intervention (Juvenile)
13	Greenville	X*	X*	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	New Start Substance Abuse Intervention Program
	Pickens	X*	X*	X*	X		X		X		X	New Start Substance Abuse Intervention Program
14	Allendale	X*	X*	X*	X				X		X	
	Beaufort	X*	X*	X*	X	X**	X	X	X	X	X	
	Colleton	X*	X*	X*	X				X		X	
	Hampton	X*	X*	X*	X				X		X	
	Jasper	X*	X*	X*	X				X		X	
15	Horry	X*	X*	X*	X	X		X	X			Juvenile Diversion
	Georgetown	X*	X*	X*	X	X						Juvenile Diversion
	Union	X*	X*	X*	X				X			

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