

**The Department for Children, Youth and Families**  
**Justification for Budget Amendment Pertaining to Juvenile Justice**  
**Support Services**

The Juvenile Justice Support Services programs meets weekly and caters to students from PreK to 12th grade. Careful observation, testing and assessments are made to create individualized plans for each student. Targeted to the economically disadvantaged and under-resourced, students are paired with a mentor that encourages them to recognize their strengths, take ownership of their futures and develop healthy habits necessary to meet their economic and social goals.

The program includes services such as Mentorship and Youth Development, Academic Support, STEM Enrichment, Social-Emotional Learning-SEL circles facilitated monthly, Recreation & Community Engagement, Career Readiness, Counseling Services, Legal Advocacy & System Navigation, Youth Leadership & Engagement.