

Act 185 Stakeholder Input Gathering Plan

- Use the Juvenile Corrections Study Committee and Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee as two of the primary entities for stakeholder involvement, particularly with respect to their specific statutory responsibilities under Act 185.
- Identify stakeholder groups, including those representing: county and tribal human/social services, judges, law enforcement, prosecutors, public defenders, youth and families, victims, staff, and advocacy organizations.
- Reach out to each of the above-identified groups to ask whether they are willing and able to host DOC staff at one of their meetings (or schedule a separate meeting) for input gathering.
- Schedule one or more general input gathering sessions open to stakeholders and the public.
- Based on early input/questions, develop a standard list of topics/questions, including key considerations related to the new DOC-run Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities and the new county-run Secure Residential Care Centers (SRCCs).
- At each input-gathering session, provide a brief summary of the Act and status thus far, then lead the group through the standard list of topics and gather input. Depending on the size and nature of the group, the group may be broken into smaller groups and rotated, and certain topics may be selected as focus areas. Offer an opportunity for general input or questions not specific to one of the identified topics/questions.
- Compile and share the input gathered on a regular basis. Use the Act 185 page on the DOC website to share basic information about the Act, committee information, common questions, and status updates. The page also includes a form for people to submit questions or input.