

Task force begins overhaul of Nev.'s juvi system

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CARSON CITY – A task force of judges, prosecutors, legislators, youth advocates and juvenile probation officials on Tuesday began considering options to improve Nevada's juvenile justice system and break a cycle of recidivism.

Gov. Brian Sandoval established the task force in July to thoroughly review Nevada's juvenile system and propose changes. Sandoval has indicated that overhauling the state's approach to criminal justice for youths and adults will be on his agenda for the upcoming legislative session.

Nevada was chosen from among 18 states to receive a federal grant for the juvenile justice effort, which came in the form of technical assistance from the Council of State Governments Justice Center. The center evaluated Nevada's juvenile system and outlined suggestions for improvements.

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