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DIRECTOR

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Dear Members of the General Court:

I am pleased to submit to you the following report on behalf of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Data (JJPAD) Board and Childhood Trauma Taskforce pursuant to Chapter 69 Section 14 of the Acts of 2018:

- Next Steps for Addressing Childhood Trauma: Becoming a Trauma-Informed and Responsive Commonwealth

The JJPAD Board was established as a permanent entity by “An Act Relative to Criminal Justice Reform” in 2018. The Board, which I chair, consists of members representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders involved in the juvenile justice system as well as child welfare and other child serving agencies.

Per “An Act Relative to Criminal Justice Reform,” the membership of the Childhood Trauma Task Force is drawn from the membership of the JJPAD Board. The CTF was tasked by the Legislature with determining how the Commonwealth can better identify and provide services to youth who have experienced trauma and are currently involved with the juvenile justice system or at risk of future juvenile justice system involvement.

The Childhood Trauma Task Force held its first meeting in January 2019.

If you have any questions about these reports, please feel free to contact Melissa Threadgill, Director of Juvenile Justice Initiatives, at [Melissa.Threadgill@mass.gov](mailto:Melissa.Threadgill@mass.gov) or 617-979-8368.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maria", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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