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Dear JR Assessment Management Team Co-Chairs:

Thank you for submitting your documentation to the DCYF Assessment Oversight Group (AOG) of the efforts underway to develop and implement the IDEA assessment. Members of the AOG reviewed your materials and benefited greatly from your presentation on October 23, 2023.

This letter is to document the DCYF Assessment Oversight Groups support of Juvenile Rehabilitation using the IDEA assessment for determining CTS eligibility, as required in [HB 1186-S2-SL](#). We will work with the DCYF Government Affairs team to communicate this support to the legislature and ensure you are aware when the communication occurs.

We are optimistic that the on-time assessment rate will rise in the coming months, and we value your commitment to tracking and evolving the performance of the IDEA. Sustaining the resources currently committed to this assessment seems critical to meet your goals and for the assessment to remain appropriate for CTS use. We recommend that you continue to evolve your QA/CQI process to include explicit targets and planned responses when targets aren't met. Your awareness that this work is ongoing and needs close supervision is excellent. We celebrate you and your leadership for committing to the quality of the IDEA long term.

Our team was really interested in learning from your experiences engaging lived experts and would appreciate it if you documented and shared what you've learned with us so that we can share it with assessment owners in the future.

We look forward to reviewing the IDEA again in three years and are available at any time in the interim as a resource.

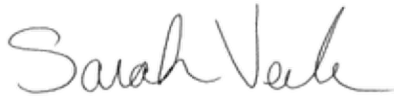
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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

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