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Subject: Re: [cjps-ip] CJPS meeting Sept 24 at 9am regarding Long Creek Youth Development Center
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This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Hello Jane and Linda

I am a volunteer and mentor at Long Creek Youth Development Center and on the board of The Friends of Long Creek, a nonprofit dedicated, since 1995, to improving the lives of the kids at Long Creek Youth Development Center.

The need to incarcerate some kids is undeniable as they have not been adjudicated or have been convicted for serious crimes posing a public threat.

I am quite concerned about the scope of input in deciding Long Creek's future. From what I ascertain, opinions are being shaped by groups or individuals with no direct knowledge of what actually goes on at Long Creek.

Up until the pandemic, hundreds of volunteer hours have been spent each week working, tutoring mentoring the kids at Long Creek and, This would be facilitated by visiting Long Creek; interviewing those slandered above; visiting our website (<https://www.friendsoflongcreek.org>) and those of others including Goodwill of Maine, Opportunity Alliance of Maine, and Maine Inside Out.

oddly, not one volunteer has complained of any kid's mental or physical abuse by staff.

The kids are offered a plethora of self-improvement opportunities putting the ball in their court for betterment.

To get a perspective, please visit our website:
<https://www.friendsoflongcreek.org>

I would like to be added as a Zoom participant.

Thanks for your consideration,

John

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On Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 05:49:47 PM EDT, Orbeton, Jane <jane.orbeton@legislature.maine.gov> wrote:

Please find below the link to the Legislature's YouTube channel for the meeting of the CJPS Committee regarding Long Creek Youth Development Center that will be held via Zoom on Friday, September 24 at 9am. Only CJPS Committee members and invited guests will receive invitations to attend as participants on Zoom. All other persons will be able to watch and listen via the Legislature's YouTube channel <http://legislature.maine.gov/committee/#Committees/CJPS>.

I am available via email and cell phone at 207-420-6265 prior to the meeting. I will not available by email or phone during the meeting.

Thank you.

Jane Orbeton

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