**Alabama Juvenile Justice Task Force Stakeholder Roundtable Introduction and PowerPoint**

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Welcome to the \_\_\_ roundtable! My name is \_\_\_\_ and I’m a member of the Alabama Juvenile Justice Task Force that was established in June by leaders from all three branches of Alabama state government.

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The Task Force’s priorities are to promote public safety and hold juvenile offenders accountable; control taxpayer costs; and improve outcomes for youth, families, and communities in Alabama. The Task Force was charged with developing proposals for comprehensive reform of the juvenile justice system that will be used as the foundation for statutory, budgetary, and administrative changes during the 2018 legislative session.

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The bipartisan, inter-branch Task Force is made up of 22 members representing a broad array of stakeholders, including law enforcement, judges, prosecutors, public defenders, legislators, and youth-serving agencies, among others.

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 The Task Force is in the midst of our data analysis and system assessment stage. Starting in September we will begin discussing policy options, which will be finalized in November as policy recommendations. Throughout this process, we have been engaging with stakeholders like yourselves through meetings, surveys, and now roundtables and we will continue to seek your input throughout this process.

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The Task Force is holding roundtable discussions to collect input from a wide range of stakeholders across the state. The information that is collected and discussed at this roundtable today and others throughout the state will be reported back to the Task Force and state leadership for consideration in the policy development process occurring in September and October.

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I hope it’s been helpful for you to hear this overview, and why Alabama is excited to engage in this process. Now, we want to hear from you about things that could be improved, and we also want to learn about things that are working well and could potentially be expanded. Your input is extremely valuable to this process, and we really appreciate your attendance here today, and thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend this roundtable.

**Guided Questions**

* What are the strengths of the Alabama juvenile justice system?
* What are areas in need of improvement within the Alabama juvenile justice system?