

## Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

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### Sub-Committee Updates

#### STATEWIDE UPDATE:

-A team attended the JDAI State Scale convening in Miami in early December. Judge Daniels was a part of this team along with Senator Tony Vargas, Michele Lueders (Probation Administration), Judge Ryder (Lancaster) and Dennis Marks (Sarpy). They began work on an updated state JDAI work plan. The team is also planning a comprehensive 3-5 year strategic plan for state JDAI that current sites will be involved with. At this time, Probation Administration is working with Corey Steel and Senator Vargas to schedule Statewide JDAI meetings for 2019.

-The Detention Statute Change (LB1112) sub-committee has been meeting monthly. The team is focusing on data around those youth who would be impacted by the change in statute. To date, the committee has looked at an overview of probation intake data and are now drilling down around the following key areas: placement loss, acute mental health services, runaway behaviors and warrants. They aim to bring to light solutions at the local and state levels around policy, practice and services. This group is excited about the work being done in Douglas County regarding runaways and the development of a Reception center for youth.

**Alternatives To Detention (ATD)** – the ATD sub-committee spent 2018 reviewing data related to youth who are overridden to detention. After months of reviewing, revising and drilling down on information reviewed, this team will create a separate memorandum related to utilization and success of ATDs in 2019. The memo will be used to inform all other sub-committees regarding this information as well as any capacity or training issues identified by the team.

**Case Processing:** What a year it has been for the Case Processing sub-committee. The pre-detention staffing calls returned in June of 2018 and are continuing. Case mapping for Douglas County was completed in 2019 and the case map has been distributed to all sub-committees. At this time, chairs have many strategies they are working on. The team aims to create a process to allow for review staffing meetings of youth who are detained and youth in ATDs every 7-10 days while detained. The committee will work with Douglas County Youth Center (DCYC) Expeditor and Probation Intake to determine the best way to get this process up and running. This team also plans to create a Case Processing agreement for Douglas County in 2019. This agreement would assist current and new juvenile court staff in outlining Court processes related to common court proceedings.

**Data** – The data sub-committee ended 2018 on a quiet note this year. The team is looking for an additional co-chair to assist Commissioner Rodgers in data work this year. The goals of the data team include establishing and populating a Relative Rate Index (RRI) for Douglas County and creating a DMC/RED data memo to inform sub-committees about detention information specific to youth of color. Data team memo should assist in identifying potential racial/ethnic disparities for youth who are similarly situated.

**Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)/Racial Ethnic Disparities (RED)**— The DMC/RED sub-committee welcomed the first DMC Coordinator to Douglas County in 2018! Douglas County has had the benefit of a DMC committee for some time. In the fall of 2018, DMC chairs educated the JDAI co-chair group regarding the use of RED in addition to DMC to more accurately reflect the work. Racial and Ethnic Disparity work refers to the unequal treatment of youth of color in the juvenile justice system. RED results in the disparate treatment and outcomes for similarly situated youth. The chair group did approve the change of committee name and the JDAI Collaborative confirmed that change in January of 2019. Team work plan includes strategies to increase data collection and analysis at system points this year. The ATD group plans to collaborate with DMC/RED in 2019 to ensure cultural responsiveness in current alternatives. DMC/RED will also work closely with A'Jamal Byndon, DMC Coordinator, to ensure that a DMC Impact and Causation study is completed this year. Stay tuned!

**Objective Admissions** – The original charge of this sub-committee was to assist in the development of a Risk Assessment Instrument to be used across the State. This work was completed in the past and the team has been on hold for some time. Back by popular demand, Objective Admission chairs will arrange for Probation Administration to provide RAI training to stakeholders in 2019. As staff changes happen throughout the JJ system, continued education related to RAI is needed

**Youth Impact! (YI)** – This team continues to work with youth and families who are involved in both the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems. Their work plan for 2019 is complete and team is hard at work. The next Youth Impact! Brown Bagger training will be held on April 10, from noon to 1:00 in Room 702 of the Civic Center. The topic will be “Impact from Infancy: Focus on the First Five Years and Impact a Lifetime”. Additional Brown Baggers will be held on July 10 and October 9, please save the dates. Watch for details regarding topics and locations for these trainings.