

JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAI)

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Vision of JDAI in South Dakota

- ◆ JDAI is the way of doing business in South Dakota
- ◆ Ensure the due process rights of youth in South Dakota
- ◆ Youth are referred to the least restrictive alternative available while ensuring public safety
- ◆ To use and institutionalize the core strategies of JDAI to examine juvenile justice in South Dakota systemically and to promote strategies that improve outcomes from arrest through adjudication and disposition

JDAI IN SOUTH DAKOTA



best possible outcome for youth.

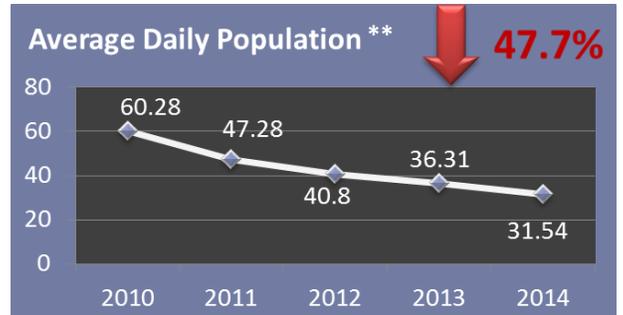
JDAI has been implemented in Minnehaha County and Pennington County since 2011. Since that time, both sites have achieved remarkable results, closely

The Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) is a juvenile justice system reform initiative that was developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and has been proven effective over the past two decades in over 200 jurisdictions across the nation.

The philosophy of JDAI is to serve the right youth, in the right place, at the right time, emphasizing the goal of objectively identifying the least restrictive next step available while ensuring community safety. One of the most important components of JDAI is collaboration. The philosophy and process transition towards JDAI does not happen overnight nor does it occur with just one person or a single agency. A successful JDAI process includes all components of the juvenile justice system and the community working towards a common goal of ensuring the

mirroring other successful jurisdictions nationwide. Because of this noted success, the JDAI philosophy will begin to expand to other areas across South Dakota and the Unified Judicial System (UJS) will oversee the expansion.

A Statewide Steering Committee has been established by the UJS that will guide the expansion of JDAI throughout the rest of the State of South Dakota. At their meeting on July 24, 2014, the Committee members discussed, reviewed and finalized their Mission, Vision and Goals for their work and the expansion of JDAI throughout the state.



**Combination of Minnehaha and Pennington County Data

MINNEHAHA COUNTY NEWS

Community Partnerships: Art in the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC)

Minnehaha County JDC is beginning their third year partnering with the Sioux Falls Washington Pavilion (<https://www.washingtonpavilion.org/>) in bringing artists into the facility to work with the youth in custody. During the school year, artists come in twice weekly to work on some small art projects and mural projects. This year's mural theme is based on the COEXIST bumper stickers. It has not only been great for the kids, but the facility as well. JDC has been able to promote positive topics while bringing more color to the major common area in the secure area.



Lowered Bed Capacity at JDC

Minnehaha County Detention Center has been experiencing a downward trend in the use of the secure detention beds over the past four years. With that decline, Minnehaha County has been able to reallocate those resources to community based detention alternatives. On February 3rd of this year, the Minnehaha Commission adopted a new secure bed capacity limit for the JDC proposed by Director Jamie Gravett. The previous capacity was 60 total beds, 54 secure and 6 non-secure beds. The new bed capacity is 46 total beds, with 40 secure and 6 non-secure. A wall is being constructed, and the space will serve as storage for the detention facility.



PENNINGTON COUNTY NEWS

In August 2013, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and the Pennington County Sheriff's Office partnered to create the Arise Youth Center Reception Center as an alternative to detention. Since opening the Reception Center under LSS-Arise Youth Center in September 2013, a total of 846 Risk Assessment Instruments (RAIs) have been completed. For each youth who comes through the Reception Center and is released home,



the staff are completing discharge plans that include resource referrals, providing safety planning and crisis intervention when necessary.

In October 2013, Shelter Care opened within the LSS-Arise Youth Center as data showed a great need for an out of home setting for youth who did not rise to the level of needing Secure Detention. Initially, Shelter Care had eight beds and was only used for Pennington County youth who were not able to return home and were not appropriate to enter secure detention. In January 2015, the Shelter Care expanded up to 16 beds. This came after LSS received a federal grant from the Administration on Children and Families to serve runaway and homeless youth. In Shelter Care, since opening, a total of 289 youth have been served. Youth in Shelter Care receive various screenings to identify their needs and resource referrals are made to begin meeting those needs.



Staff at the LSS-Arise Youth Center provide crisis intervention to youth and their families to make efforts towards re-building relationships and helping youth and their families to be more successful following discharge.

In October 2014, the Evening Reporting Center was added to the LSS-Arise Youth Center as an additional alternatives to detention. LSS-Arise Youth Center staff provide transportation to and from this program which engages youth in life skills groups and other positive activities. Since opening, 29 youth have been served.

NEXT STEPS WITH JDAI

The Statewide Steering Committee, led by the UJS, agreed that the statewide expansion goals are: ensuring all seven Circuits in South Dakota have the necessary resources, tools, and training to implement JDAI principles, values, and goals; and, all seven court circuits are implementing JDAI core strategies with fidelity to the model.

In order to pursue the statewide expansion goals, the approach will be to embark upon each of the eight core strategies as a state. The first step towards statewide expansion is the implementation of a standardized objective Risk As-

essment Instrument (RAI). Thorough discussion identified the best process for implementation of the RAI to be a Supreme Court Rule. The Presiding Judges in the state met in 2014 to recommend a Supreme Court Rule which was presented at the January 2015 Supreme Court Rules hearing.

The Supreme Court provided their approval of the statewide RAI which will be implemented across the state beginning in July 2015.

Extensive training will be held with all individuals who will be impacted by the RAI implementation prior to, during and after implementation.

Updates will be provided on an ongoing basis regarding JDAI implementation in the state.



JDAI was presented at the SD Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference in September 2014. Presenters included (left to right): Judge Douglas Hoffman, 2nd Circuit Judge; Brian Mueller, Pennington County Sheriff's Office; Jim Hoekman, Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office; Cindy Heiberger, Minnehaha County Commissioner; and Ken McFarland, Minnehaha County Commission Office

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