
South Dakota's Three-Year JDAI Work Plan

Mission Statement

Our mission is to work collaboratively to promote a more effective and efficient juvenile justice system through the implementation of JDAI's juvenile justice best practice standards in South Dakota.

Vision Statement

All youth in South Dakota will live in communities that adopt juvenile justice best practices.

Collaboration and Leadership

- Identify appropriate locations for advisory collaboratives in order to discuss and implement pretrial best practice standards on a local level
- Identify and engage key leaders who will champion and lead the reform efforts across the state
- Identify and implement a coordination structure to oversee and coordinate the implementation efforts
- Identify and promote funding mechanisms to support detention alternatives across the state
- Identify and promote juvenile justice policy-level improvements and coordinate implementation
- Schedule at least three Statewide Steering Committee meetings each year (one every 4 months)
- Implement a communication database where key messages, data, etc. are stored and shared to provide consistent and efficient talking points
- Discuss and finalize key messages surrounding all pretrial best practice standards that will be effective and appropriate for statewide use
- Create orientation materials for individuals new to working in the juvenile justice system
- Implement an ongoing state conference to provide updates and discuss next steps with juvenile justice system reform efforts in South Dakota
- Provide ongoing education to key stakeholder groups across the state regarding juvenile justice improvements

Collecting and Analyzing Data

- Implement a data collection template/process for collecting detention center admission and ATD (Alternatives to Detention) placement information
- Continue data collection for detention and the Risk Assessment Instruments (RAI) to support local implementation and state-level recommendations for improvements
- Present data at all committee and advisory group meetings and ensure that the data guides all implementations and decisions
- Create key messages surrounding the use of data and create a consistent data set for all to utilize during trainings and discussions
- Provide trend data to all key players to aid in messaging
- Identify a long-term solution to data collection and analysis that ensures at least quarterly data submission and review in a timely and efficient manner
- Complete, review, and discuss the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Annual Results Reports (ARR)

Objective Admissions and Use of Detention

- Finalize the RAI validation data collection, evaluation, and use the analyses to improve upon the RAI if needed
 - Develop key messages surrounding the RAI validation
 - Review any recommended changes and identify a strategy for implementation
- Review all training tools for the RAI and the intake process; ensure consistent and accurate information, and store in accessible central location
- Create and Implement ongoing training regarding the RAI and the intake process for Intake Officers and Law Enforcement
- Schedule at least 4 Intake Center Advisory Group meetings (once per quarter) and as needed
- Develop quality control measures to monitor operational issues and prevent justice by geography

Alternatives to Detention (ATD)

- Review all available data and identify gaps in alternatives to detention ATD programming
- Discuss funding needs and possible solutions for ATD programming to ensure sustainability of the alternative options across the state
- Implement an ongoing training process for all Intake Officers to include local “train the trainer” materials
- Implement services to ensure that there is a robust continuum of ATD programming available in all areas of the state.
 - A plan for transportation may be necessary for the rural areas of the state that will need to transport youth to the larger populated locations for services
- An ongoing monitoring system (utilizing data and outcome measures) is in place to assess the effectiveness and appropriateness of all ATD programs

Case Processing

- Analyze case processing data and implement appropriate improvements across the state
- Implement strategies for reducing the overall length of time between a youth’s initial appearance to their dispositional hearing to ensure timely hearings and due process rights
- Identify the need for a court expediting/placement coordinating process across the state to provide pertinent information to the Judge at the youth’s initial hearing
- Identify a way to have a defense attorney present and advocating for youth at all stages of juvenile hearings
- Ensure that Case Processing Agreements are implemented in each jurisdiction across the state

Special Detention Cases

- Review data regarding the statewide response grid
- Identify a statewide process for warrants
- Discuss other statewide options to ensure the decrease of special detention cases
- Review and discuss the types of youth who are currently being placed in detention at high rates across the state and identify a strategy to reduce unnecessary and inappropriate secure detention placements
- Review the data to identify any population of youth who are placed in detention while awaiting placement or due to mental health needs and identify possible solutions

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

- Develop a state DMC plan with measurable goals that is connected to and supports local DMC plans
- Disaggregate all data by race, ethnicity, offense, gender, and geography

Conditions of Confinement

- Develop a statewide vision and plan for ensuring appropriate conditions of confinement across the state for detained youth
- Evaluate current local conditions of confinement and ensure that all places where youth are detained meet JDAI standards, federal regulations, constitutional requirements, and best practices
- Develop and train statewide assessment team in JDAI standards and best practices
- Identify a schedule for completing ongoing facility assessments for all facilities where youth are detained to ensure ongoing oversight and quality assurance