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# South Dakota's Three-Year JDAI Work Plan

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## Mission Statement

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*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

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

## Collaboration and Leadership

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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)

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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)

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- 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

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- 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