



Juvenile Justice

Presentation to the Regional Law, Safety & Justice
Committee

Juvenile Justice Team

- Introduction of team
- Recent turnover in leadership, conversion of existing positions and reorganization
- Current organization is designed to focus on upstream prevention so that youth do not penetrate deeper into the system
 - Restorative Programs Unit
- Continued focus on partnerships with community-based organizations and other public entities
 - Family Intervention & Restorative Services (FIRS)
- Programs are being assessed for their timeliness and effectiveness
 - Review of Diversion programs
- Promising pilot programs have shown positive outcomes and need funding
 - Culturally-Responsive Diversion Outreach

JDAI Assessment & Recommendations

- The Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) is a national initiative supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation
- King County has been a JDAI site since 1999 and recently completed an assessment
- 8 Strategies
 - Reducing Racial & Ethnic Disparities
 - Collaboration
 - Using Data
 - Objective Detention Screening Process
 - Alternatives to Detention
 - Expediting Case Processing
 - Probation Violations & Warrants
 - Conditions of Confinement
- The assessment included 43 recommendations for further reducing the detention population and reducing racial and ethnic disparity

JDAI Assessment & Recommendations

- A team from King County recently traveled to Multnomah County (Portland, OR) to visit a site that has implemented all 8 JDAI strategies
 - What we learned
 - Spirit of Collaboration
 - System of Respite Centers for youth (CSEC, Runaway, homeless)
 - Community Healing Initiative
 - Current Initiatives
 - 2 Tier Warrant Expansion
 - Screening Release Protocol
 - Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) tool modifications to improve predictive power
 - Data Collection/Quantifying Work
 - Future Initiatives
 - Detention Intake Criteria
 - Probation Response & Incentives Grid
 - Expansion/Improvement of Alternatives to Secure Detention
 - Stakeholders will be reviewing, prioritizing and planning to address the remaining recommendations
- Disproportionality continues to be a problem in JDAI sites across the country

Programs That Need Support

- Family Intervention & Restorative Services (FIRS)
- Restorative Mediation
- Diversion Alternatives
- Culturally Responsive Diversion Outreach
- Culturally-Responsive Evidence-Based Programs for Non-Court Involved Youth
 - Current funding requires a conviction
 - Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
 - Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)
 - Family Integrated Transitions (FIT)
- Increasing Alternatives to Secure Detention
 - Community-Based
 - Culturally-Responsive
 - Treatment-Focused
- Respite Cottages in South King County
 - MIDD renewal proposal
 - Need support for siting

Staged interventions via Best Starts for Kids