

Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission

District 7 Juvenile Justice Council

2021-2023 Action Plan

Council Values Statement

Helping Idaho Strengthen Youth and Families

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Section I. Planning Summary

A. How does the plan support Balanced and Restorative Justice?

The council supports and promotes the balanced approach and evidenced bases practices and strategies to assist all levels of youth that may come into contact with the juvenile justice system. For those in the system, it focuses on allowing youth to enter back into the prevention phases as quick as possible for each case.

B. How did the Council identify priorities?

The council met for a 3 hour block of time and identified priorities and wishes for the plan based on past experience and expertise from many of the professionals in the room.

C. How did the Council solicit and receive Public Input?

Council meetings were (and are) posted and open to the public for input and comment. Participants are encouraged to speak and share their insights even if they are not formally on the council. The council specifically asks the youth questions, and thoughts about various issues they see their peers face.

D. How will the Council report to IDJC, the Juvenile Justice Commission and other stakeholders?

The council also has members on the Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission (Idaho's SAG) and solicited their input as we worked to develop the plan. People that represent IDJC were present in the meeting and will also distribute the information and council plan. All documents and meeting minutes are available and will be forwarded to the proper individuals that represent each entity listed and it will be posted.

Section II. Data

Provide an analysis of the data used to guide the Action Plan.

The council considered the number of discharges, disparities that have been noticed in different counties in the region, and survey data from youth in the justice system. Violation data from the core protections was also noted. Region 7 had 4 violations this past year. Some data from the Idaho Healthy Youth survey 2019, was considered, and the Idaho Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2019 to assist the council and sub committee in understanding the scope of problem of current substance use issues among youth.

Section III. Priorities and Recommendations

Complete a matrix below for each priority area. (limit priorities to a maximum of 3-5). Councils are asked to review data regarding compliance with the Core Protections of the JJDP Act and set goals and objectives to address any issues as one Priority Area.

Appendix:

Minutes showing approval of plan
Data sets and graphs
Council Member Roster

Core Protections of the JJDP Act:
Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders, Jail Removal,
Sight and Sound Separation, Disproportionate Minority Contact

PRIORITY AREA

Prevention

Goal #1: Prevent youth from entering the Juvenile Justice system, and for youth involved in the system, prevent further escalation.

Objective A: Encourage expansion of use of diversion programs or youth courts throughout the region.

| Action Step | Who's Responsible | Due Date | Measure |
|--|--------------------|--------------|--|
| 1. Research current district diversion programs | D7 council members | June 2022 | Complete/incomplete. List shared via council meeting |
| 2. Educate various stakeholder on diversion | D7 council members | 2023/ongoing | Update council during council meetings/minutes |
| 3. Provide official training to district stakeholders by "expert" on diversion | D7 council members | Sept. 2022 | Complete/Incomplete – training record/event |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| Additional Steps | | | |

Objective B: Share information about available trainings with partner agencies and promote best practices and evidence-based strategies, as well as continuing education for professionals who are in frequent contact with youth.

| Action Step | Who's Responsible | Due Date | Measure |
|---|--------------------|--------------|--|
| 1. Create list of stakeholders and share resources/information with them | D7 Council members | 2022/ongoing | Discuss at regular council meetings/track via minutes and update regularly |
| 2. Develop list of trainings and opportunities to share with stakeholders | D7 Council members | 2022/ongoing | Discuss and update during council meetings and track via official minutes |
| 3. Regularly share information with stakeholders | D7 Council members | 2022/ongoing | Discuss during council meetings and track via minutes |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| Additional Steps | | | |

Objective C: Educate partner agencies about best practice prevention strategies.

| Action Step | Who's Responsible | Due Date | Measure |
|---|--------------------|--------------|--|
| 1. Identify various EBP opportunities in the district | D7 Council members | 2022/ongoing | List/discussion at council meeting/ recorded via minutes/complete/incomplete/ongoing |
| 2. Share information with stakeholders | D7 Council members | 2022/ongoing | Ongoing/discuss during council meetings |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| Additional Steps | | | |

Additional Goals/Objectives

Outcomes:

By the end of year one:

By the end of year two:

By the end of year three:

PRIORITY AREA

Collaboration and Referral

Goal #1: Encourage systems improvement through comprehensive juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs by collaborating with the many local entities before which a youth will appear.

Objective A: Support the increased availability of evidence-based programs.

| Action Step | Who's Responsible | Due Date | Measure |
|--|--------------------|--------------|---|
| 1. Hold council meetings throughout district and invite various stakeholders | D7 Council members | 2022/ongoing | Record of council meeting locations throughout district |
| 2. Share opportunities and programs with council member and stakeholders re: programs via council meetings and other communication | D7 Council members | 2023 | Complete/incomplete/ongoing |
| 3. Distribute JJ Handbook throughout district to stakeholders to educate re: JJ system and purpose | D7 Council members | 2023/ongoing | Discuss during council meetings and record via minutes |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| Additional Steps | | | |

Objective B: Create and maintain an updated web-based resource guide for families and partners to refer to for local supports and best practices available to youth when additional help is needed.

| Action Step | Who's Responsible | Due Date | Measure |
|--|--------------------|--------------|---|
| 1. Create resource guide and identify appropriate online distribution "channels" | D7 JJ council | Ongoing/2023 | Discuss/track via official council meetings |
| 2. Assign council members/subcommittee to keep list current | D7 Council members | Ongoing/2023 | Council minutes/assignment |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| Additional Steps | | | |

Objective C: Assist counties to maintain compliance with the four core requirements of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act.

| Action Step | Who's Responsible | Due Date | Measure |
|---|--------------------|--------------|---|
| 1. Support trainings in district to stakeholders on 4 JJDP core protections | D7 Council members | 2023/ongoing | Discuss/track via council meetings via minutes |
| 2. Share information/opportunities with stakeholders on topic | D7 Council members | 2023/ongoing | Track sharing network via regular council minutes |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| Additional Steps | | | |

Additional Goals/Objectives

Outcomes:

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By the end of year two:

By the end of year three:

PRIORITY AREA

Reintegration

Goal #1: Support offending youth reintegration plans to enter back into the primary prevention phase and integrate back into the community.

Objective A: Utilize and share survey data to help drive decision making about youth and their family needs to successfully reintegrate.

| Action Step | Who's Responsible | Due Date | Measure |
|--|--------------------|--------------|---|
| 1. Review/discuss local data on youth returning to communities | D7 Council members | Ongoing/2023 | Data shared and discussed via council meeting/minutes |
| 2. Identify and share opportunities in the community re: prevention with stakeholders including youth and their families | D7 Council members | Ongoing/2023 | Discuss routinely during official council meetings |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| Additional Steps | | | |

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Outcomes:

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By the end of year three:

RECOMMENDATIONS

Please describe any recommendations your Council has for consideration by the Juvenile Justice Commission, County Commissioners, Juvenile Justice Administrators or other stakeholders. These should be items the Council does not intend to pursue through as a priority with specific goal and objectives.

Recommendation Statement:

Why is this important?

If accomplished, what will be different?

Specific Recommendation:

none