



# 2024-2026 ACTION PLAN

**Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission:**

Youth Committee

**Youth Committee Chair:**

Hannah Burrell

# SECTION I: PLANNING & SUMMARY

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## **How does the plan support the Balanced Approach & Restorative Justice?**

The Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission's Youth Committee acknowledges that these principles must be part of any activities and programming. The Youth Committee focuses on activities that uplift system-impacted youth through accountability, community connection, and reintegration. Additionally, the Youth Committee understands the impact of crime and the importance of preventing and restoring the harm that arises from it.

## **How did the Council Identify priorities?**

The Youth Committee focused on the ongoing goals of the group and how it may best impact system-impacted youth.

## **How did the Council solicit and receive public input?**

The Youth Committee organized and facilitated a "Youth Voice Tour" to collect information on the experiences and thoughts of system-impacted youth throughout Idaho.

## **How will the Council report to the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, Juvenile Justice Commission, and other stakeholders?**

The Youth Committee will work closely with the IDJC support staff and will attend Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission meetings on a quarterly basis.

## SECTION II: DATA

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

The Youth Committee worked with Boise State University to analyze data collected from the Youth Voice Tour conducted in 2022. Boise State University provided a final report that detailed the data collected through surveys of youth in Idaho's detention and correction facilities for youth.

### Please describe the research methods you used to retrieve data. Feel free to add charts, diagrams, graphs, etc.

In coordination with the IDJC Support Staff, the Youth Committee finalized a survey comprised of 32 questions to be used to survey youth in correctional and detention settings throughout the State of Idaho. These surveys were given to youth while they were in custody to gather information on their demographics and life experiences.

From the report "*The 2022 Survey of Youth Detained or Housed in Idaho Juvenile Corrections Centers and Juvenile Detention Centers: Results and Analysis*"

**Table 1: Number of Cases by Age of Juvenile**

Age in Years	Number of Cases	Percentage of Total Cases
13	5	2.4
14	32	15.5
15	35	16.9
16	45	<b>21.7</b>
17	64	<b>30.9</b>
18	17	8.2
19	9	4.3

**Table 2: Number of Cases by Gender of Juvenile**

Reported Gender	Number of Cases	Percentage of Total Cases
Male (Boy/Man)	153	<b>72.5</b>
Female (Girl/Woman)	48	<b>22.7</b>
Non-Binary/Gender Non-Conforming	4	1.9
Other	3	1.4
Prefer not to say	3	1.4

<b>Table 5: Number of Cases by Juvenile Mental Health Diagnosis</b>		
<b>Mental Health Diagnosis</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Cases</b>
Yes, diagnosed with a mental health issue	139	66.5
No, not diagnosed with a mental health issue	41	19.6
Unsure	29	13.9

<b>Table 5A: Number of Cases by Juvenile Mental Health Diagnosis – Specific Diagnoses</b>		
<b>Mental Health Diagnosis</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Cases</b>
Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)	61	28.9
Depression	50	23.7
Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)	29	13.7
Anxiety	28	13.3
Bipolar disorder	28	13.3
Oppositional defiant disorder (ODD)	23	10.9

<b>Table 7: Number of Cases by Juveniles' Level of Agreement with the Statement: 'I have/had a teacher/counselor/support staff that I trust'</b>		
<b>Level of Agreement</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Cases</b>
Strongly agree	78	<b>37.0</b>
Agree	74	<b>35.1</b>
Neutral	38	18.0
Disagree	11	5.2
Strongly disagree	10	4.7

The survey also revealed that these youth do not feel like they have adequate resources or education to help them reintegrate into their communities after spending time in detention.

## SECTION III: PRIORITIES & RECOMMENDATIONS

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Complete 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 OJJDP Act. Set goals and objectives to address any issues as one Priority Area.

**Reminder: Core Protections of the JJDP Act: Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders, Jail Removal, Sight and Sound Separation, Racial Ethnic Disparities.**

### STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION

#### **PRIORITY AREA 1:** Community Outreach & Retention

**GOAL:** The Youth Committee will collaborate with community organizations and local schools to expand the group's outreach, community awareness, and member retention.

**Objective 1:**

*Tasks/SMART Goals: (Specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic, time-limited)*

**The Youth Committee will work with the College of Western Idaho's service learning program to develop a resource book and newsletter.**

**Responsible person/Owner:** All members

**Timeframe:** Ongoing

**Who else needs to be involved?** IDJC Support Staff, CWI Social Work Program, Community Organizations

**Support and resources needed?** Support from IDJC to act as coordinator for projects

**Indicators to Track and Outcome Measure(s) (How will I know when this task is done):**

This objective is ongoing but will be accomplished on a school-semester basis.

## Objective 2

Tasks/SMART Goals: (Specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic, time-limited)

**The Youth Committee will work with outside educational institutions to implement prevention resources for youth.**

**Responsible person/Owner:** All members

**Timeframe:** Ongoing

**Who else needs to be involved?** Institution administrators, program coordinators, IDJC Support Staff

**Support and resources needed?** n/a

**Indicators to Track and Outcome Measure(s) (How will I know when this task is done):**

This objective is ongoing and will continue through the end of this action-plan cycle.

## Objective 3

Tasks/SMART Goals: (Specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic, time-limited)

**The Youth Committee will expand the community's awareness of the work the group is doing through social media, community projects, and participation at community events.**

**Responsible person/Owner:** All members

**Timeframe:** Ongoing

**Who else needs to be involved?** IDJC Support Staff

**Support and resources needed?** IDJC support for spending Title II funds appropriately for various projects.

**Indicators to Track and Outcome Measure(s) (How will I know when this task is done):**

This objective is ongoing.

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### **PRIORITY AREA 2: Juvenile Justice System Improvement**

**GOAL 1:** The IJJC Youth Committee will implement and/or coordinate programs for system improvement

#### **Objective 1**

*Tasks/SMART Goals: (Specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic, time-limited)*

**The IJJC Youth Committee will facilitate another “Youth Voice Tour” throughout the state of Idaho to collect updated data on the demographics and life experiences of youth currently placed in detention centers or state correctional facilities.**

**Responsible person/Owner:** All members

**Timeframe:** To be completed by December 31, 2025.

**Who else needs to be involved?** IDJC support staff, detention center directors, local district councils, IDJC facility directors

**Support and resources needed?** Ongoing support from IDJC support staff for funding assistance, hotel reservations, and program coordination

#### **Indicators to Track and Outcome Measure(s) (How will I know when this task is done):**

The Youth Committee will report to the IDJC support staff to report to the Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission for presentation, updates, etc.

## Objective 2

*Tasks/SMART Goals: (Specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic, time-limited)*

**The Youth Committee will develop a curriculum titled “Adulthood 101” to assist system-impacted youth with successfully reintegrating back into their communities.**

**Responsible person/Owner:** All members

**Timeframe:** Ongoing

**Who else needs to be involved?** IDJC support staff, IDJC education program staff, statewide probation departments and statewide juvenile detention centers.

**Support and resources needed?** Support from IDJC with promotion materials, meeting assistance, and funding guidelines.

**Indicators to Track and Outcome Measure(s) (How will I know when this task is done):**

This project will be implemented in phases and will be ongoing throughout the action-plan cycle.



## **PRIORITY AREA 3: SAG Youth Committee Member Improvement**

**GOAL 1:** The IJC Youth Committee will participate in national learning opportunities to expand their knowledge and networking for SAG participation.

### **Objective 1**

*Tasks/SMART Goals: (Specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic, time-limited)*

**The Youth Committee will attend the National Youth Summit hosted by the Coalition of Juvenile Justice each year.**

**Responsible person/Owner:** All members

**Timeframe:** Ongoing

**Who else needs to be involved?** IDJC support staff

**Support and resources needed?** Ongoing support from IDJC support staff for funding assistance, hotel reservations, and travel coordination

### **Indicators to Track and Outcome Measure(s) (How will I know when this task is done):**

The Youth Committee will report to the IDJC support staff to report to the Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission for updates and conference takeaways.

### **Objective 2**

*Tasks/SMART Goals: (Specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic, time-limited)*

**The Youth Committee will update the existing Youth Committee handbook for new members.**

**Responsible person/Owner:** All members

**Timeframe:** December 31, 2024

**Who else needs to be involved?** IDJC support staff, CWI Students, Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission

**Support and resources needed?** Ongoing support from IDJC support staff for funding assistance

### **Indicators to Track and Outcome Measure(s) (How will I know when this task is done):**

This objective will be complete once the handbook is ready for publication.

# APPENDIX

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**Include attachments:**

***Council Membership Roster***

***Minutes showing approval of the plan***

## **Submitted by Council Chair**

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