



Leaders in government, the justice system and law enforcement, including front-line staff, community organizations and individual citizens form work teams to implement the 8 Core Strategies (*front*).

Members of the work teams are recruited according to interest and experience, or nominated for their expertise. We seek a variety of voices to participate while getting work done in a timely way.

To participate in one of the work teams below, contact:

- Rashad Hameed, JDAI/DMC Coordinator, 651-266-5307 or
- Visit our website at www.ramseyjdai.org

JDAI CORE STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

JDAI/DMC Work Team	JDAI Core Strategy	Critical Deliverables
Stakeholder Group Commissioner Toni Carter Chief Thomas Smith	Collaboration among major stakeholders; policymaking, direction & initiative oversight.	Articulate & facilitate the values, strategies and goals of detention reform in their organizations or communities
Steering Committee Peter Jessen-Howard, 651-266-5343	Collaboration among involved entities and individuals; operational oversight.	Create formal work group structure & processes.
Communications Subcommittee Chris Crutchfield, 651-266-2558	Collaboration & sustainability through education & immersion. Cultivate support.	Create website & newsletter. Manage distribution of information. Conduct presentations.
Data Subcommittee Connie Nowacki, 651-266-2388	Use of accurate data to diagnose the system's problems & to assess the impact of various reforms.	Produce routine descriptive statistics on detention utilization and to assess the impact of all reform efforts.
RAI Subcommittee Rashad Hameed, 651-266-5307	Objective admissions criteria & instruments to replace subjective decision making at the doors of detention.	Develop the Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI); ensure its efficacy and begin use by detention center staff.
Detention Alternatives Subcommittee Melvin Carter, Jr., 651-335-0734 Laura LaBlanc, 651-263-0739	New or enhanced alternatives to detention to increase the options available for arrested youth.	Inventory, evaluate and monitor existing alternatives to secure detention. Identify gaps in available options.
Special Detention Cases Roy Adams, 651-266-4859 James Loye, 651-266-5343	Special detention cases re-examined & new practices implemented to minimize their presence in secure facility.	Establish policies & practices to reduce presence of youth in detention for failure to appear and probation violations.
DMC Subcommittee Sarah Walker / TBD	Reducing racial disparities with specific strategies for eliminating bias.	Identify decision points that impact DMC. Elevate DMC efforts.
Detention Conditions Subcommittee Ad Hoc	Improving conditions of confinement by applying rigorous protocols and ambitious standards.	Conduct a facility self-assessment based on JDAI standards and develop a corrective action plan.
Case Processing Subcommittee Tama Hall, 651-266-5110	Case Processing Reforms introduced to expedite the flow of cases, ensuring timely intervention & disposition.	Establish policies that ensure youth move through JJJS quickly.
Sustainability Subcommittee Ad Hoc	Financial and institutional sustainability of reform efforts.	Raise funds to sustain reforms. Address public policy issues.

Ramsey County JDAI/DMC

JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE & DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT



Ramsey County agencies, community members and public officials working together to reduce the number of juveniles placed in secure detention and to eliminate racial disparities in the juvenile justice system.

Mission: To improve public safety and long-term outcomes for juveniles by:

- Reducing the number of juveniles in secure detention;
- Eliminating the disproportionate representation of juveniles of color in secure detention;
- Achieving systematic reform of juvenile detention practices; and
- Developing appropriate and effective detention alternatives for juveniles who should not be held in secure detention.



Research shows that, controlling for all other factors, children placed in secure detention tend to have worse outcomes than those who aren't – in terms of school performance, criminal activity and mental and physical health.

Minority youth are consistently over-represented in secure detention facilities although national and local studies show their crimes are no more severe.

Across the nation, counties like ours are intentionally and successfully reducing these numbers without compromising public safety.

In 2005, Ramsey County admitted 4,024 youth into secure detention:

- 80% of them were youth of color;
- only 22% were for violent crimes, weapons, drugs or sex.



Ramsey County, along with Hennepin, Dakota and St. Louis Counties, are part of a growing nationwide movement of reform using the Annie E. Casey Foundation's JDAI model.

JDAI Core Strategies:

- Collaboration
- Use of accurate data
- Objective admissions criteria & instruments
- New or enhanced alternatives to detention
- Case processing reforms
- Special detention cases
- Reducing racial disparities
- Improving conditions of confinement