

Shared Accountability Summary

Shared Accountability among systems and between systems stakeholders and communities most affected by system responses represent a critical component of good governance and an effective standard for ensuring sustainable reforms. Holding each other (stakeholders) accountable to the outcomes agreed upon to ensure better outcomes for all children comports with our notion that we expect results as a Ramsey County collaborative. Included with the notes is an article entitled, *Using Accountability Relationships to Support Capacity* by Thomas Theisohn of Capacity.org which answers the question of what is shared accountability and why it is important as a strategy. Below is a diagram that illustrates a shared accountability model for results summarizing how it might fit within the JDAI Collaborative and DMC vision going forward.

- RESPONSIBILITY:** is the obligation to act or produce to achieve effective outcomes
- ACCOUNTABILITY:** is the obligation JJS partners (and their representatives) assume for ensuring responsibilities are delivered

1. Reliable and legitimate "ground rules"
2. Transparency, access to information and awareness
3. Facts, broadened evidence and increased objectivity
4. Regular monitoring and control
5. Improved access to recourse and arbitration
6. Accountability loops closer to the people
7. Opening channels and arenas for participation
8. Voice and the ability to articulate

