

Dane County Juvenile Justice Services

Intake/Ongoing Services – Juvenile Justice (JJ) social workers are charged with accessing youth and families who are referred by law enforcement for violations of state statutes. The JJ social worker decides, based on the use of an evidence based risk and needs assessment (COMPAS) and Dane County's own Juvenile Justice Assessment, whether to recommend a formal referral to Juvenile court or if a Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) can meet the needs of the youth and family. Based on the outcome of the assessment youth are supervised through one of the formal units or the Court Diversion Unit.

Court Diversion Unit (CDU) – If a youth can be served through a DPA then he/she will be supervised in the CDU. The CDU was formed in 2011 in order to provide improved services for youth under informal supervision and as an attempt to impact the poor DMC numbers that exist in the JJ system in Dane County. Programs such as ADDS 2, BIG and Metro are a part of the CDU and are used to hold youth accountable, provide community protection and assist in developing competencies in the youth that they serve.

Neighborhood Intervention Program (NIP) – NIP is a JJ unit that provides a variety of services and interventions for youth who are primarily under formal JJ supervision.

- **Intensive Supervision Services** – Services including school and home checks, EM, UA testing, competency groups, family meetings, curfew monitoring and monthly reports to the courts
- **Gang Response Intervention Team (GRIT)** – Is a group of 3 Program Leaders who provide street/neighborhood outreach, school based groups and intervention around gang issues.
- **Replay** - Alternative Middle School for 7 – 9th graders from MMSD who are under JJ supervision.
- **WRC/Weekend Supervision Program** – Programming for youth on weekends to ensure compliance with home restriction or requirements of their visits from out of home care.
- **Electronic Monitoring Programming** – Program for high risk youth who need additional monitoring in the community.
- **Branching Out** – Art program for JJ involved youth
- **Skills Through Sports** – Summer program based in Madison parks for at-risk and JJ involved youth
- **Right Track Work Crew** - Subsidized summer work crews for JJ involved youth
- **Competency Groups** – a variety of groups facilitated by NIP staff that work on thinking errors, decision making, homework assistance and other topics. These groups utilize the JCIP curriculum and work with the Bubbler and MERIT programs.

Restorative Justice Programming

- **Dane Restorative Justice Coalition** – A group consisting of people from the County, City, MMSD, MPD, and a variety of non profits with a goal of collaboration around Restorative Justice. This

group acts as the oversight body for the Brighter Futures Initiative grant. The different POS agencies such as YWCA, Timebank and Briarpatch receive BFI funding to provide restorative interventions in the community.

Grants Supporting JJ Programming

- **Brighter Futures Initiative (BFI)** – A grant through the state DCF-Office of Youth services. This grant supports the development of community based peer courts and restorative circles as well as employment opportunities for youth. Through a collaboration with the City of Madison (MPD) we will be diverting 12-16 year olds who receive a municipal citation from the municipal court. These youth will be given the opportunity to participate in a restorative intervention prior to the point where it would count as an arrest. The hope is that we can impact the disparity issues that exist at point of arrest and provide a more meaningful response.
- **Early Intervention Program (EIP)** – Funding through the state to provide services for JJ involved youth. Through this grant we support subsidized youth employment through Briarpatch and Common Wealth; restorative interventions through YWCA and Timebank; Parent Support programming through Wisconsin Family Ties and mentoring services through Mentoring Positives.
- **Community Intervention Program (CIP)** – Funding through the state based on JJ arrest numbers. These funds provide for slots in the Intensive Supervision Services (ISS) through Briarpatch and a variety of programming through the Neighborhood Intervention Program.

Purchase of Service Agencies (POS)

- **Briarpatch** – Provides a variety of services including youth employment, restitution and community service monitoring, crisis and runaway services and Intensive Supervision programming.
- **Common Wealth** – Provides youth employment training and support.
- **Operation Fresh Start (OFS)** - Provides youth employment training as well as HSED support.
- **SOPORT** – Provides sex offender services.
- **YWCA** – Provides restorative circles in school and community settings.
- **Timebank** – Provides community based peer courts.
- **Mentoring Positives** – Provides group and individual mentoring opportunities.
- **Wisconsin Family Ties** – Provides parent support programming including coaching and skill development.
- **Boys and Girls Club** - Provides Recreational alternatives for youth at risk or involved in the JJ system.
- **MMSD** – Provides drivers license classes and behind the wheel instruction for 100 low income youth annually. This is through the Access to Opportunities Initiative.