

**MONROE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAI)
STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR MAY 14, 2024**

In Attendance: Anthony Williams, Amy Matney, Becca Streit, Becky Rose, Christian Carlisle, Christine McAfee, David Weil, Delaney Mamanua, Dirk Ackerman Judge Holly Harvey, Jeff Hartman, Jeff Holand, Jennifer Feiner, Laura Furr, Leigh Grundhoefer, Lily Albright, Linda Brady, Liz Grenat, Payton Balasko, Matt Demmings, Morgan Richardson, Nancy Hughes, Nick Philbeck, Russel Brummet, Ruth Aydt, Sky Kilpatrick, Troy Hatfield, Tyler Mason, and Vanessa Schmidt, Wendy Druckemiller.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome by JDAI Coordinator, Christine McAfee.

2. NEW PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

- A. The Parent Project is a partnership with Family Solutions and is a free interactive parent support program. The first session started in April of 2024, participants meet one time a week, three hours a session, for ten weeks with three trained facilitators. Referrals are received from Big Brothers Big Sisters, Family Solutions and or self-referred. Currently, the Parent Project has six active participants. Meals are provided for participants. Surveys are submitted at the end of every session to provide feedback to the facilitator. Dates for the fall of 2024 have been scheduled. Contact Christine McAfee for more information.
- B. PALS (People and Animal Learning Services) is a ground base equine assisted intervention. The first session started in April of 2024, participants meet on an average two times a week, for twelve weeks. The average age for this partnership is between 11 and 13. Transportation funding has been provided to ten participants. One participant provided the following feedback: *“My child had such a calm presence when working with the horse. I had no idea working with a horse could do that. It did my momma heart good.”* New sessions will begin August of 2024 but there is an active waitlist. There is discussion about hosting more than one session at a time.

Both, the Parent Project, and PALS, are programs that are available to system involved juveniles and their families but are not exclusive to system involved juveniles.

3. DETENTION RISK ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT

Beginning in 2016, the juvenile division started utilizing the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) to drive detention decisions. As of 2023, over 700 assessments have been completed. The previous data will be reviewed by the JDAI Data Workgroup, and they will work on updating the DRAI.

4. YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Laura Furr is a consultant who specializes in youth engagement. Laura has been working with the Monroe County Juvenile Division for over 2 years. The Juvenile Probation provides an exit survey to juvenile clients to complete and return. Currently, the return rates of these surveys are extremely low. The Juvenile Division has partnered with Indiana University to facilitate online surveys. These anonymous surveys will be sent to the juvenile client after office appointments, court hearing and exit of supervision. Indiana University will collect the data from these surveys and present it to the Monroe County Juvenile Division on a quarterly basis.

5. COMMUNITY NEWS

- A. The Boys and Girls Club are still accepting youth in their Summer Center. Free childcare is offered for all families who are eligible for Section 8 housing assistance.
- B. David Weil provides facility tours of The Warehouse.

6. 2024 MEETING DATES AND LOCATION

August 13, 2024, to be held at the Ellettsville Branch of the Monroe County Public Library

November 12, 2024; location TBD.

All meetings will be offered both in-person and virtually from 12:00pm to 1:15pm,

Respectfully submitted,
Morgan Richardson
Monroe County Circuit Court Probation Department
Juvenile Division Secretary