

**MONROE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAI)  
STEERING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR August 13, 2024**

**In Attendance:** Amanda Vanleeuwen, Amy Matney Anthony Williams, Becca Streit, Christian Carlisle, Christine McAfee, Judge Holly Harvey, Jeff Hartman, Jennifer Feiner, Linda Brady, Liz Grenat, Matt Demmings, Morgan Richardson, Nancy Hughes, Ody Ekwonwa, Payton Balasko, Ruth Aydt, Sky Kilpatrick and Tyler Mason.

**1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Welcome by **JDAI** Coordinator, Christine McAfee.

**2. Update on Revised Conditions of Probation**

In July 2024, the conditions of probation were revised statewide to three standard conditions and up to five individualized special conditions. Amy Matney, Juvenile Division Probation Officer, described the positive impact of the new conditions such as less resistance, more connection, willingness, partnership and positive choices from the youth and their families. Court hearings over violations have significantly decreased, and more resources are being utilized to create an improved probation condition plan.

**3. Update- Conditions of Confinement – Facility**

In February of 2023, a Conditions of Confinement Assessment was conducted at Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center. Seventeen community members from Lawrence, Monroe and Tippecanoe Counties participated in the facility assessment. The final report was written in August of 2023, highlighting the facility's 12-month education and schooling program. The report praised the facility for family connections and celebrating successful moments with the youth. Since the assessment, Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center has partnered with Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives (JDAI) and are in the process of building a new facility. The facility will implement changes to their manual and policies as they transition to the new building.

**4. FY 23-24 Program Outcomes Report**

Grant cycles are July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The grant funding allowed for Monroe Circuit Court Juvenile Division to partner with community agencies. Below are several examples:

- A. The City of Bloomington hosted two youth summits. The first summit focused on African American and Latino male high school age youth and was held in September 2023. Thirty-Two youth attended and 78% felt more connected to their community following the event. The second summit focused on African American and Latino female high school age youth and was held in November 2023. Forty youth attended and 95% of them reported feeling more connected to the community following the event. Topics in both summits included social media, mental health, hair, and skin care products. Grant funding helped provide swag bags and giveaways, which included anything from funky socks, from snacks to drones.

- A. Care Bags for Youth provided 100+ backpacks to system involved youth and families were provided with items such as school supplies, water bottles, personal hygiene items, sunscreen and snacks.
- B. The Youth Service Bureau (YSB) has a Truancy Termination Program. Thirty-Eight (38) youth, ranging from high school to middle school, participated and nineteen (19) of those youth completed the program successfully. Program staff confirmed none of the youth that completed the program successfully retained their non-habitual truant status.
- C. The Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit (MC3) was able to meet 100% of the attendees needs for accessible parking, audio and visual equipment.
- D. Teen Intervene, is a partnership with Centerstone. The goal is for youth to not be re-referred for substance related offenses within 6 months of completion of the program. From April 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, twenty-three (23) referrals were made. Fourteen (14) completed the program successfully, and only one (1) was re-referred within 6 months.
- E. The Warehouse was able to provide adult supervision and mentoring program to over five hundred (500) youth through JDAI funds. Of these, 139 responded to a survey and 127 reported their experience was “Awesome”.

## **5. COMMUNITY NEWS**

- A. The Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department partners with People and Animal Learning Services (PALS) and will offer fall programming for parents/caregivers and youth at no cost. There will be two (2) separate 12-week sessions: Wednesday’s from 5:30pm – 6:30pm and Friday’s 5:30 pm – 6:30pm. Participants should be between the ages of 12 and 17 and attend with parents/caregivers.  
To register: Contact Christine McAfee @ [cmcafee@co.monroe.in.us](mailto:cmcafee@co.monroe.in.us) OR @ 812-349-2649. Registration ends August 29, 2024.
- B. Family Solutions will again offer, The Parent Project. Sessions will begin September 11, 2024, through November 13, 2024. Participants will meet weekly, for three (3) hours per session for a total of ten (10) weeks. Dinner will be provided.
- C. Purdue Extension recently applied for a grant to provide a 4-H youth mentorship program for at risk youth. Contact regional 4-H Educator, Jennifer Abrell @ [jlabrell@purdue.edu](mailto:jlabrell@purdue.edu), for additional information.
- D. The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is an evidence-based family skills training program for high-risk and general population families that is recognized both nationally and internationally. Parents and youth attend weekly SFP skills classes together, learning parenting skills and youth life and refusal skills. They have separate class training for parents and youth the first hour, followed by a joint family practice session the second hour. Ten (10) families can be accommodated, and sessions will be held September 9 through October 21, 2024.
- E. The Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit is October 30, 2024, at the Monroe County Convention Center. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, and admission is free to anyone.

6. **2024 MEETING DATES AND LOCATION**

November 12, 2024, meeting has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled.  
2025 meetings dates will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Juvenile Division Secretary