

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

The **Annie E. Casey Foundation** is a private charitable organization dedicated to helping build better futures for disadvantaged children in the United States. Established in 1948 by Jim Casey, the primary mission of the Foundation is to foster public policies, human-service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families.

In 1995, the Foundation launched the **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)** due to the trend of overreliance on juvenile detention. Using a model rooted in eight core strategies, JDAI proved effective in helping participating jurisdictions create alternative programs for juvenile offenders, thus safely reducing their detention populations.

For more than 25 years, JDAI has proven that the juvenile justice system's dual goals of promoting positive youth development and enhancing public safety are not in conflict and can be greatly strengthened by eliminating the unnecessary or inappropriate use of secure detention.

JDAI in Indiana

Indiana joined the Annie E. Casey Foundation's JDAI in 2006. Indiana's JDAI efforts are bipartisan with public, private, and community partnerships working for juvenile justice system improvement. The initiative focuses on the reallocation of public resources from mass incarceration toward investment in youth, families, and communities. This reinvestment provides an opportunity for lasting improvement to public safety. Indiana's JDAI success is rooted in local partnerships and collaboration with key agencies including the Indiana Supreme Court and Indiana's state agencies Criminal Justice Institute, Department of Child Services, Department of Education, Department of Correction, and Family and Social Services Administration.

JDAI in Monroe County

In 2014, Monroe County became the 19th Indiana county to join JDAI.

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JDAI EIGHT (8) CORE STRATEGIES

Collaboration

Between key juvenile justice stakeholders/agencies and non-system stakeholders, including youth and families, community members, faith-based organizations, and others to plan and coordinate system improvement activities.

Use of Accurate Data

To diagnose and understand the challenges and opportunities in the juvenile justice system; to drive policy and practice decisions; regularly monitor changes and impact.

Objective Admission Criteria

To guide detention decisions.

Alternatives to Detention

For youth who do not require secure detention to ensure minimization of likelihood of re-offense and failure to appear to court pending disposition.

Case Processing

To reduce unnecessary delays and ensure interventions are timely and appropriate.

Special Detention Cases

Reduce the use of secure confinement for cases such as Violation of Probation, Warrants, and Youth Awaiting Placement.

Reducing Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Disparities

Through implementing practices and policies, which eliminate institutional biases, which differentially impact youth based on race, ethnicity, and gender.

Conditions of Confinement

Assess facilities utilizing established methodology and ambitions standards.

Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department

The mission of the Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department is to promote a safer community by intervening in the lives of offenders, holding them accountable, and serving as a catalyst for positive change.



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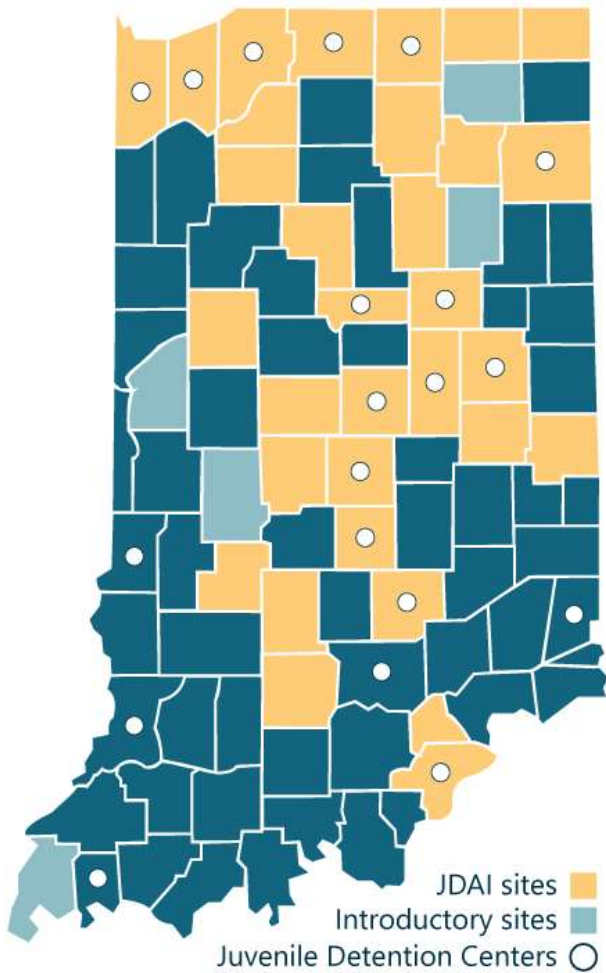
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As of February 2024, 33 Indiana counties and 5 introductory sites are part of Indiana's JDAI network.

STATE IMPACT OF JDAI

Comparing each JDAI site's baseline year data to 2023 data, Indiana JDAI sites have experienced:

- **72% decrease** in Admissions to Secure Detention
- **58% decrease** in Average Daily Detention Population
- **58% decrease** in Felony Petitions Filed
- **65% decrease** in Commitments to Department of Correction

MONROE COUNTY JDAI COMMITTEES and WORK GROUPS

Monroe County's JDAI committees and work groups work to ensure that each of the eight (8) core strategies remain at the center of the Monroe County's JDAI efforts.

Steering Committee

Provides oversight to the work groups tasked with development of JDAI's eight (8) core strategies through building consensus among stakeholders and supporting the implementation of recommended policy changes.

Admissions and Alternatives Workgroup

Reviews local data as it relates to the utilization of the *Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI)*, admissions into secure detention, use of alternatives to detention (ATD), and leads the initiative in identifying and implementing additional alternatives to detention.

Case Processing Workgroup

Reviews data related to case processing timelines, ensuring all state and federal laws are applied. Reviews all data with a lens of equitable responsivity to all youth and families.

Conditions of Confinement Workgroup

Oversees implementation of the *Facility Assessment and Improvement Plan*, which is developed through the collaborative efforts of a local Facility Assessment Team, detention facility administrators, and judicial officers.

Data Workgroup

Responsible for reviewing all areas of related to data including data quality, reports, and collection.

Race, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup

Responsible for reviewing local data with a lens of equitable responsivity to all persons. Supports community efforts to increase awareness and understanding of bias, historical and systemic inequity, and the generational impact of inequity. Ensures that the lens of Race, Equity, and Inclusion is utilized throughout the entire local JDAI process.

MONROE COUNTY JDAI FUNDING and LEADERSHIP

The local JDAI efforts are made possible through the allocation of state grants passed through the Indiana Department of Correction. Monroe County's JDAI efforts are supported through the leadership of the Monroe Circuit Court, Monroe Circuit Court Judge Holly Harvey, local governmental officials, and Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department administration.

LOCAL IMPACT and HIGHLIGHTS

Comparing Monroe County's baseline year of data (2013) we are able to show the positive impact JDAI efforts have had on our youth and community through the reduction in utilization of Secure Detention.

	2013	2023
Annual Admissions	66	23 -65%
Average Daily Population	3	1 -67%
Average Length of Stay	17	17 -5%
Youth of Color (YOC) Annual Admissions	20	8 -60%
YOC Average Daily Population	.8	.3 -67%
YOC Average Length of Stay	15	14.0 10%
Felony Petitions Filed	63	13 -79%

- 2014: Monroe County JDAI 'Community Kick – Off'
- 2017: Local Detention Risk Assessment Instrument finalized
- 2018: Facility assessment completed
- 2019:▶ Race, Equity, & Inclusion Work Group 'Kick -Off'
 - ▶ Partnership with Center for Children' Law and Policy
- 2020:▶ Virtual Book Club
 - ▶ Co-sponsor Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training Workshop - Introduction to Systemic Racism (02-2024)