

Iowa JReS Milestones and Efforts

presented in federal fiscal years

Year 1 (Oct. 2014- Sept. 2015)

- October: received Planning Grant
- Recruited members to start Juvenile Reentry Task Force (JRTF) — AMP, DHS, DOC, DOE, DPH, group care facilities, IASN, IVRS, IWD, JCS, legislators, STS
- Began collaboration with the National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC)
- Amended target population from youth returning from STS or involved in adult correctional system to youth returning from STS, group care placement, or PMICs
- January: first JRTF meeting (monthly or bi-monthly meetings after)
 - Developed three subcommittees: Assessment, Evidence Based Practice - Mental Health / Substance Abuse, & Education and Employment
- February: Began the completion of four federally required exercises. Finished April 2019.
- March 26-27: NRRC consultants on-site visit
- April: Follow-up assessment report from CSG — Automate IDA, Strengthen Connections with State Partners, Develop XIX Redetermination, Use of Technology
- May 11: Second Chance Act FY2014 Reentry Training Summit for Juvenile Reentry Systems Reform in New York
- June: Submitted application for first year implementation funding
- July: Submission of Iowa's JReS implementation application
- CJJP developed list of performance indicators

Year 2 (Oct. 2015 - Sept. 2016)

- April: STS started as pilot site
- December 16-18: BJA/CSG/OJJDP/NRRC's Collaboration in Action Conference in DC
- New STS policy: 60 day pre-release transition planning process (previously 30 days)
- STS policy activities: YTDM's, MDFT, education, IVRS, IWD
- Work began with Gina Vincent (IDA)
- New policy regarding IDA assessment & case planning requirements for JCO's
- March 16-17: Second NRRC consultants visit
 - CJJP & National League of Cities held Iowa Juvenile Justice - Education Transitions - Exploratory Convening in Dubuque
- IDPH developed MDFT protocol for STS
 - STS staff & second, third, & fifth judicial district JCS offices trained
 - Youth served starting July
- YTDMs provided by second, third, & fifth judicial district (pilot with STS)
- July: Submitted application for second year implementation funding
- JCS/DHS implementation product: written protocol to inform Title XIX redetermination process established June 20
- New protocol to connect IWD & STS youth
- Contract in progress for YTDM Coordinator for JCS work
- Education transition (survey) efforts started in Sioux City, Johnston, Ames
- STA XIX protocol developed

Year 3 (Oct. 2016 - Sept. 2017)

- October: CJJP contracted ISU/RISE as JReS evaluator
- October: Forest Ridge is first group care site
- October: YTDM Ambassador Kathy Vrieze joins
- January: add Four Oaks
- Recidivism data running for STS & Forest Ridge
- YTDM application development with OCIO
- March: OJJDP site visit
- March: visit to Forest Ridge
- April & June: Polk Decat FTDM/YTDM training event
- May: add Woodward Academy
- June: visit to Four Oaks
- July 1: DHS began updating Foster Group Care Services (FGCS)
- July: visit to Woodward Academy
- July: begin development of schematics (Forest Ridge, Four Oaks, statewide, STS, Woodward Academy)
- July: contract 3 JCO's
- July: YTDM use statewide
- New Group Care policy changes from DHS re: school & length of stay
- ISU/RISE conducted & presented findings from the JRTF partnership survey
- YTDM data mapping begins
- RISE developed and refined the DOE & Reentry Procedures & JReS Policy Checklist
- Implementation of 17 templates for JCS
- Districts 2 & 5 receive MDFT training
- SMART grant received

Year 4 (Oct. 2017 - Sept. 2018)

- IWD apprenticeship programs in some sites
- CJJP & Washington State Policy Institute of Criminal Justice entered into MOU for the purpose of validating & modifying the IDA
- Schematic developed with Woodward Academy
- Utilization of Edgenuity software for credit recovery at STS
- STS lost long-time private provider substance abuse agency
 - MDFT ended during this report period, on-site
 - Still contract service available to families referred by JCS
- Finalized YTDM Transition Policy
- JBIT Phase II (improv IDA completion of short & long form assessment) & Phase III (development & implementation of case plans) started
- April: meeting with ISU & JCS to discuss overall statewide schematic / template developed with STS & group care facilities
- September: extension of JReS funding received through October 2019

Year 5 (October 2018 - Sept. 2019)

- December: CJJP participation in panel presentation at OJJDP
- IVRS & IWD supporting all facilities involved at this point
- Woodward Academy began use of Discovery Tool
- December: CJJP finalized video production of seven reentry effort videos & developed Youth Resources page
- RISE interviewed youth exiting group care facilities with surveys about JCO's, group care facility staff, and JRTF
- CJJP partnered with Mentor Iowa
 - Plan for five matches for youth from Polk Co. at Woodward -- no matches were made
- CJJP met with Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) to learn about housing resources for youth returning to their community
- March: visit Youth Homes of Mid-America (new partner site)
- May: visit Family Resources (new partner site)
- June: visit Clarinda Academy & LSI (new partner sites)
- June: submission of implementation application for October 2019 to September 2022
- July: visit Young House
- October: MOU developed between IVRS, SCA, IWD, & CJJP
- CJJP provided recidivism reports (summary and detail) to the 9 facilities