

**DUBUQUE COUNTY'S INTERVENTION PLAN
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**IOWA'S PLAN FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE
DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT
(DMC) CORE REQUIREMENT OF THE
FEDERAL JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
DELIQUENCY PREVENTION ACT**

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Dubuque County

This document is an excerpt from Iowa's 2018 Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Compliance Plan. This document provides information regarding Dubuque County's activities and progress with DMC in calendar year (CY) 2017, and DMC reduction strategies planned for CY 2018. The information provided here includes: the application of services, system changes, training, and technical assistance, at the county level to reduce DMC in Iowa's juvenile justice system. The reduction strategies in this county-level report were developed by local officials in Dubuque County.

Similar documents are available which provide intervention information at the state-level and for the following local jurisdictions: Black Hawk, Johnson, Linn, Polk, Pottawattamie, Scott, Webster, and Woodbury counties. A full copy of the DMC Compliance plan is available by contacting Julie Rinker at CJJP (Julie.Rinker@iow.gov, or 515 242-5823).

Phase III: Dubuque County Intervention

1. Activities and Progress, Dubuque County, CY2017

Dubuque County Site Activities Implemented

- Continued to expand utilization of detention alternatives.
- Continued to enhance school diversion policies.
 - Hired a school Life Coach for 2017-2018 school year.
 - Held regular meetings with school officials.
- Strengthened partnership with law enforcement, school, and community.
 - Eliminating Racism/Disparities through Restorative Strategies group, YMCA, YWCA, and Dubuque Safe Neighborhoods.
 - YMCA Literacy Program started in CY2017.
- Tracked pre-charge diversion.

Dubuque County Site Activities Not Implemented

- All planned activities were implemented.

2. DMC Reduction Strategies, Dubuque County, CY2018

The Dubuque County Identification Section (page 33) and Assessment/Diagnosis Section (page 2) of this report provides a volume of research and data that reflect overrepresentation of minority youth, particularly African-American youth, at specific points in the local juvenile justice system. Those data and research indicate, in particular, overrepresentation at complaint and underrepresentation at diversion. Dubuque County strategies, together with collaborative efforts from the local partners, the SPA, and the DMC Subcommittee, are targeted to reduce overrepresentation/underrepresentation at those decision points.

Activity	Timeline
<i>Continue Implementation of JDAI</i>	Throughout CY2018
<i>Participate in Local DMC-related mtgs.</i>	Participate as needed
<i>SPA DMC-related TA</i>	Site visits from SPA
<i>Enhance efforts to reduce DMC</i>	Throughout CY2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase mentoring- match by gender and race. ● Increase engagement through YTDM for youth returning to the community. ● Explore Peer Court with YMCA and YWCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Considering community restorative justice strategies. 	
<i>Enhance community involvement with DMC</i>	Throughout CY2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continuing to strengthen the partnerships with law enforcement, school officials, and various other stakeholders to improve outcomes for youth. 	
<i>Pre-Charge Diversion</i>	Throughout CY2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Track recidivism for pre-charge diversion by gender, race, age and charge 	