

Iowa Girls Justice Initiative
Meeting Summary
March 4, 2016
10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Polk County River Place – Room 2
2309 Euclid Ave.
Des Moines, IA

Working Group Members

Ashley Artzer, *Juvenile Court Services*

Terri Bailey, *Achieving Maximum Potential Facilitator*

Linda Bisgaard, *Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa*

Jim Chesnik, *Iowa Department of Human Services, Division of Adult, Children, & Family Services*

Kristin Corey, *Iowa Department of Human Rights*

Steve Crew, *Iowa Department of Education*

LaTasha DeLoach, *Johnson County Social Services*

Kim Denning, *Juvenile Court Services*

Rita Ferneau

Evelyn Garrison, *Achieving Maximum Potential Facilitator*

Jasmine Garrison, *Achieving Maximum Potential Member*

Nicole Hart, *Achieving Maximum Potential Member*

Jeremy Kaiser, *Scott County Juvenile Detention*

Nathan Kirstein, *Disability Rights Iowa*

Steve Michael, *Iowa Department of Human Rights, Div. of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning*

Kristie Oliver, *The Coalition*

Lori Rinehart, *Polk County Juvenile Court*

Tom Southard, *Juvenile Court Services*

Monica Stone, *Iowa Department of Human Rights*

Jennifer Tibbetts, *ITFYW Chair and Catherine McAuley Center*

Julie Walton, *Scott County Attorney's Office*

Guests

Danah Zepeda

Staff

Gracie Brandsgard, *SPPG*

Arlinda McKeen, *SPPG*

Kathy Nesteby, *Iowa Department of Human Rights, Div. of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning*

Welcome and Overview of the Day

McKeen convened the meeting at 10:13 am. McKeen reviewed the structure of the small group work ahead for the day.

Small Group

Working group members worked in small groups to discuss specific strategies for girls in the deep end of the juvenile court system that focused on systemic and service-related changes.

Large Group Debrief

McKeen facilitated a short discussion with working group members as they debriefed their small group conversations and shared key takeaways.

Closing Comments

McKeen thanked the working group for their thoughtful discussion and thanked the guests for attending. The meeting ended at 1:57 pm. The next meeting will be held at the Iowa Correctional Facility for Women and allow group members to learn from experiences of women incarcerated at the facility.

Text Iowa Girls Justice Initiative Working Group meeting is April 1, 2016, at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville.