

**LINN COUNTY'S INTERVENTION PLAN TAKEN
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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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This document is an excerpt from Iowa's 2018 Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Compliance Plan. This document provides information regarding Linn 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 Linn County.

Similar documents are available which provide intervention information at the state-level and for the following local jurisdictions: Black Hawk, Dubuque, Johnson, 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: Progress made in Linn County, CY2017

1. Activities and Progress, Linn County, CY2017

Linn County Site Activities Implemented

- Prepared for implementation of the DST.
 - Linn County has had verbal discussions with judges, law enforcement, and county attorneys in the district.
 - Linn Co Detention staff have been trained to use the DST. Chief Wyatt is in discussions with the Linn Co Detention Director about their ability to administer the tool once the re-validation and re-training effort is completed.
- Actively participated in local programmatic evaluation effort as part of the state JJRRI effort.
- Actively participated in the state DMC Subcommittee and JReS.

Linn County Site Activities Not Implemented

- Upon review of DST and re-training of staff, Linn County will implement the tool.

2. DMC Reduction Strategies, Linn County, CY2018

The Linn County Identification Section (page 45) 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, throughout the local juvenile justice system. Those data and research indicate, in particular, overrepresentation at complaint, petition, detention, adjudication, and, underrepresentation at diversion. Linn County strategies, together with collaborative efforts from the local partners, the SPA, and the DMC Subcommittee, are targeted to reduce overrepresentation/underrepresentation at key decision points.

Activity	Timeline
<i>Pre-Charge Diversion</i>	Throughout CY2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue offering pre-charge diversion in the schools with Cedar Rapids School District SRO's to reduce charges and work individually with the youth on alternative behaviors. 	
<i>Continue Implementation of JDAI</i>	Throughout CY2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue using the DST. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Address the practice and policy behind overrides for technical violations. ○ Partner with Mt. Mercy to gather baseline data of current detentions. ○ JCO staff will work with state officials to re-evaluate the DST. Inaccurate scores are forwarded to a database JCOIV Christy Burkhardt for review. ○ Eric Kool SCJCO (5th district) and Bernie Bordignon JCO IV (6th district) co-chair the ICIS user group for the state. Both are in the process of evaluating the policies for data entry across the state for consistency to ensure inaccurate data entry is not contributing to the DST scoring issues. A recommendation for policy on data entry will be sent to the Chief JCO's of the state. 	
<i>Participate in State DMC Subcommittee</i>	Quarterly
<i>Participate in Local DMC Committee</i>	Local committee meets bi-monthly
<i>Enhance efforts to reduce DMC</i>	Throughout CY2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Analyze recidivism stats on diversion of all first offense Disorderly conduct charges, Possession Under the Legal Age, Theft 4th, Theft 5th, Possession of Marijuana, 1st offense, and Public Intoxication prior to intake. ● Begin a Gender Specific Program/Group for moderate and high risk girls. ● Re-evaluate the need and desire to form a core group to address Racial and Ethnic Disparity concerns. 	
<i>SPA DMC-related TA</i>	Site visits from SPA