

**POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY'S
INTERVENTION PLAN TAKEN FROM:
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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Pottawattamie County

This document is an excerpt from Iowa's 2018 Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Compliance Plan. This document provides information regarding Pottawattamie 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 Pottawattamie County.

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

Phase III: Pottawattamie County Intervention

1. Activities and Progress, Pottawattamie County, CY2017

Pottawattamie County Site Activities Implemented

- Addressed the SRO's involvement/discretion in criminal-only school matters and the utilization of diversion programs.
- Utilized and implemented the DST.
- Continued to use the standardized Iowa Delinquency Assessment (IDA) in case mapping and planning.
- Held collaboration sessions with law enforcement, school officials, Juvenile Court Services, Judge, County Attorneys, Public Defenders, Department of Human Services staff, and community partners to discuss DMC issues and strategies for addressing DMC.
- Continued to participate in efforts to develop a statewide Dispositional Matrix.
- Participated in state DMC Subcommittee and JReS.
- Submitted DST data, participated in the Casey JDAI training and technical assistance efforts, and provided a representative to serve on a state level committee to re-design and validate the detention screening tool.
- Continued to utilize various diversion programs to decriminalize school behavioral issues.
- Continued to utilize detention alternatives.

Pottawattamie County Site Activities Not Implemented

- All planned activities were implemented.

2. DMC Reduction Strategies, Pottawattamie County, CY2018

The Pottawattamie County Identification Section (page 59) and Assessment/Diagnosis Section (page 2) of this report provides a volume of research and data that reflects low levels of overrepresentation for minority youth in the local juvenile justice system. Pottawattamie County strategies, together with collaborative efforts from the local partners, the SPA, and the DMC Subcommittee, are targeted to maintain the low levels of overrepresentation.

Activity	Timeline
<i>Implementation of Detention and School Discipline Reform</i>	Throughout CY2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue attempt to ensure only the highest risk youth enter the Juvenile Justice System. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to monitor the SRO's, school liaisons, and school staff's use of diversion programs. ○ Continue to monitor the use of diversion programs by JCS staff in mediation and evidence based mental health practices. ○ Continue to train school liaisons and JCS staff in mediation and evidence based mental health practices. ○ Continue to educate all individuals involved in the Juvenile Justice System regarding cultural competency. ○ Continue to use the standardized Iowa Delinquency Assessment (IDA). ○ Continue to use the DST and detention alternatives. ● Continue to strengthen partnerships with law enforcement, school officials, and community stakeholders through regular collaboration regarding better outcomes for youth. 	
<i>Participate in State DMC Sub.</i>	Quarterly
<i>Form and Participate in Local DMC Committee</i>	Local Committee meets bi-monthly
<i>SPA DMC-related TA</i>	Site visits from SPA
<i>Enhance Juvenile Justice System involvement with DMC</i>	Throughout CY2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to educate, collaborate, and train all staff involved within the juvenile justice system by utilizing cultural competency trainings. 	