

**WOODBURY 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 DELINQUENCY  
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## **Woodbury County**

This document is an excerpt from Iowa's 2018 Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Compliance Plan. This document provides information regarding Woodbury 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 Woodbury 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, Pottawattamie, Scott, and Webster counties. A full copy of the DMC Compliance plan is available by contacting Julie Rinker at CJJP ([Julie.Rinker@iow.gov](mailto:Julie.Rinker@iow.gov), or 515 242-5823).

### **Phase III: Woodbury County Intervention**

#### **1. Activities and Progress, Woodbury County, CY2017**

##### Woodbury County Site Activities Implemented

- Further addressed issues regarding youth being placed in detention due to their parent's inability to pick them up upon their initial contact with the system.
- Created the Woodbury County Teen Court (specialty court), which addresses simple misdemeanors, utilizes mentoring programs, and uses in-school detention in an effort to lower recidivism.
  - Woodbury County Teen Court held 102 hearings from Oct. 2016 to Sept. 2017.
- Studied the need of youth before writing referrals or complaints.
  - Detention placements coming from school-based complaints has decreased.
- Supported training in statewide expansion of the DST to other judicial districts and detention centers.
- Held training opportunities for staff and other agencies on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorders (FASD), Drug Endangered Children (DEC), and trauma in childhood development; which allowed for the infusion of medical/mental health professionals in more effective treatment planning for the youth potentially decreasing detention stays.
- Actively participated in the state DMC Subcommittee, and JReS.
- Continued submitting DST data, participated in Casey JDAI training and technical assistance efforts; provided representative to serve on state-level committee to re-design and validate a DST.

- Actively participated in local programmatic evaluation effort as part of the state JJRRI effort.
- Continued to hold monthly child welfare collaboration meetings that involved a full spectrum of agencies and groups that dealt with both CINA and Delinquent youth.
- Continued monthly program meetings that involved multiple agencies such as court level personnel (judges, court administration, JCS) and law enforcement agencies (sheriff, police, jail).

#### Woodbury County Site Activities Not Implemented

- All planned activities were implemented.

## **2. DMC Reduction Strategies, Woodbury County, CY2018**

The Woodbury County Identification Section (page 76) 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 and Native American youth, at specific points of the local juvenile justice system. Those data and research indicate, in particular, overrepresentation at complaint, petition, and detention. Woodbury County strategies, together with collaborative efforts from the local partners, the SPA, the DMC Subcommittee, are targeted to reduce overrepresentation/underrepresentation at those decision points.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<i>Participate in State DMC Sub.</i>	Quarterly
<i>Participate in Local DMC-Related mtgs.</i>	Participate as needed
<i>Continue Implementation of JDAI</i>	Throughout CY2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continue to collaborate with system partners such as schools, law enforcement, court, and providers to reduce bed days and placements.</li> <li>● Continue to hold regular meetings with multi-systemic agencies regarding crossover youth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Continued efforts collaborating with DHS has impacted the use of detention for crossover youth.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Continue to utilize the DST and address the scoring issues.</li> </ul>	
<i>SPA DMC-related TA</i>	Site visits from SPA
<i>Enhance efforts to reduce DMC</i>	Throughout CY2018
<i>Enhance community involvement with DMC</i>	Throughout CY2018