2018 Strategic Objectives

Training

- Implement new Juvenile Court Intake Worker Training.
- Begin developing an Advanced Youth Justice course.
- Incorporate YJ into existing trainings.
- Develop training for new assessment tool.
- Develop training content and opportunities related to WICWA for youth justice professionals.

Data

- Roll out enhancements to collect referral and intake data in eWiSACWIS.
- Develop reports for new YJ data being collected in eWiSACWIS.
- Continue analyzing and sharing data on use of detention.
- Start planning for comprehensive YJ data and case management system.

Capacity Building through Technical Assistance

- Provide research-based information on best practices to the field.
- Promote county innovation and evidence-based practices in the field.
- Support peer-to-peer learning opportunities.
- Develop a plan for educating system partners about our initiatives.

Standards

- Select a standardized risk and needs assessment tool and begin phased implementation.
- Develop standards in the areas of diversion, assessment and data.
- Review research on the use of detention and alternatives to detention to inform future standards.

Input and Feedback

- Incorporate the work of Youth Leadership Teams to influence DCF policy development and raise awareness of needed system changes.
- Partner with tribal representatives to gather input on tribal youth justice issues and provide opportunities for representation in DCF's youth justice work.
- Implement a process for gathering input from families.
- Pilot tailored and effective court orders and graduated responses through the judicial workgroup.
- Provide opportunities for meaningful input from a wide range of counties, tribes and stakeholders through workgroups, the Secretary's Advisory Council on Youth Justice, and other forums to inform areas of focus.

Communication

Share our work and progress.

