
### Strategic Direction and Priorities

**Core Tenet of Juvenile Court:** Court-involved youth shall be treated in an appropriate manner within the least restrictive environment that offers effective treatment & ensures public safety.

**Vision:** Through unified voice and collaboration, Michigan’s juvenile justice system is a leader in administering fair and equal justice; providing individualized, comprehensive and effective programs for delinquent youth; and ensuring accountability that builds safe, resilient communities.

**Core Values:** Prevention – Youth and Family centered – Integrated and Holistic Services – Evidence Based – Outcome Focused – Compassionate – Restorative – Respectful – Proactive and High Performance

### Opportunities:

- Develop a collective voice/priorities, actively shape juvenile justice legislation & public policy, critically review services & operations to save money & be more efficient, continually improve & implement best practices, measure outcomes & educate about the Juvenile Court.

### Threats:

- Restrictive legislation and policy, reduced or eliminated funding, absorption by the adult system, failing to use individualized treatment approaches to achieve positive outcomes, external apathy, lack of a proactive juvenile justice agenda.

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### Strategic Focus Areas, Strategies, and 2014 Strategic Projects

#### Focus Area 1: Unique Purpose of the Juvenile Court

- The purpose and functions of the juvenile court system are supported and understood by all branches of government and the public.
- Juvenile justice leaders are actively shaping juvenile justice legislation and public policy.

**Priority Projects:**

1. Educate legislators and judges about juvenile justice issues and the JJV20/20 organization.
2. Develop a JJV20/20 newsletter.
3. Develop an educational video/PSA to increase awareness of juvenile justice.

#### Focus Area 2: Effective Outcomes for Youth, Families & Communities

- Youth and families receive the most appropriate services to meet their needs and protect the public.
- Program decisions are based on quality data and research.

**Priority Projects:**

1. Formalize the consultation process for jurisdictions on risk assessment choice and implementation.
2. Educate juvenile justice professionals and judges through providing training on risk/needs assessments.
3. Develop a guidebook on continuums of care/service in Michigan jurisdictions.

#### Focus Area 3: Juvenile Court Operational Performance

- Juvenile courts provide fair and equitable treatment.
- Juvenile Courts, including services offered, are user-friendly and accessible.
- Juvenile Courts are timely, efficient, and effective.

**Priority Projects:**

1. Complete all requirements/tasks of the BJA and SJI Juvenile Justice Data Project grants.
2. Finalize the data sharing model and implement within the 5 pilot courts.
3. Finalize the juvenile justice data dictionary and data improvement plan.
4. Define juvenile court performance measures in collaboration with SCAO.

#### Focus Area 4: Adequate & Sustainable Funding

- Michigan’s juvenile justice system has the funding and resources to protect communities, administer fair and equal justice and help youth and families succeed.
- Funding is predictable and sustainable.
- Funding/resources are equitably and effectively distributed across the state.

**Priority Projects:**

1. Continue to work with DHS on Child Care Fund Reengineering Task Force and other issues that impact funding.
2. Participate on the statewide workgroup designed to look at a definition for recidivism.

#### Focus Area 5: Strong Juvenile Justice Workforce

- Staff possess the knowledge and skills to perform their jobs.
- The work environment is supportive and motivating.

**Priority Projects:**

1. Make CEU’s available at all JJV20/20 sponsored trainings in 2014.
2. Host two JJV20/20 sponsored trainings in 2014 (spring and summer).
3. Survey juvenile justice professionals, statewide, to assess training needs and priorities.

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