

AT-A-GLANCE: Michigan Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 Strategic Planning Initiative

Strategic Direction and Priorities

<http://www.gvsu.edu/juvenilejusticevision2020/>

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.

Strategic Focus Areas, Strategies, and 2017-2018 Strategic Projects

Focus Area 1:

Advance the 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 will assist all branches of government and the public to understand and support the purpose and functions of the juvenile court system.

Priority Projects:

Procure funding to maintain and grow the JJV 20/20 website as a resource to educate juvenile justice professionals, the public and other interested stakeholders about the juvenile courts and juvenile justice in general.

Create a video or public service announcement that reflects the positive work of the juvenile justice system and/or highlights juvenile justice youth successes.

Collaborate with stakeholders to develop positive juvenile justice public policy legislation.

Write a comprehensive book on juvenile justice to be used as a textbook or a teaching tool.

Focus Area 2:

Achieve 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:

Build common/shared performance measures that mirror desired and effective outcomes; explore options for measuring performance.

Update the risk/needs assessment survey.

Complete and analyze the results of a compendium of services in communities reflecting programs, interventions, and treatment approaches that are brokered/rendered by the juvenile courts and the stakeholders in Michigan.

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:

Secure funding for the expansion of the Juvenile Justice Data Information Sharing project.

Explore the expansion of the Data Information Sharing project into additional courts.

Update the Juvenile Justice Data Dictionary to include risk/needs assessment data.

Focus Area 4:

Secure 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 available to provide a full range of effective services that meet the unique needs of delinquent youth and families.

Priority Projects:

Advocate for stable and consistent funding policies.

Advocate and support legislative changes to codify the intent of the original laws around the Child Care Fund.

Revise/update the JJV 20/20 Funding document posted on the website to reflect recent changes.

Focus Area 5:

Develop a Strong Juvenile Justice Workforce

Staff possess the knowledge and skills to perform their jobs.

Juvenile justice is a sought after career.

Priority Projects:

Actively support a well-trained juvenile justice workforce by offering opportunities for mentorship, talent development and career/professional development and training in critical areas that address the needs of youth and families and/or the juvenile justice system.

Measure targeted areas of training and obtain future training ideas through the use of a training feedback form completed by participants/attendees.