



## JDAI/DMC Memorandum of Understanding

This is a memorandum of understanding among JDAI Stakeholders.

Whereas Ramsey County Juvenile Justice agencies, law enforcement, schools and community representatives were alarmed at the increased levels of disparities within the juvenile justice system;

Whereas Ramsey County Board of Commissioners endorsed the development and implementation of juvenile justice reforms to combat the prevalence of disproportionate minority contact (DMC);

Whereas a Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Stakeholder Group comprised of key juvenile justice agencies, law enforcement, schools and community representatives formed as the governance body responsible for overseeing juvenile justice and DMC reform efforts;

Whereas the JDAI Stakeholder Group (governance body) agrees to the purpose of the juvenile justice system in Ramsey County as attending to public safety, fairness & equity, and positive youth development as inseparable tenets;

Whereas the JDAI Stakeholder Group (governance body) developed a mission, purpose of detention and guiding principles that promote the development of alternatives to incarceration and long-term out-of-home placement;

Whereas the Stakeholder Group (governance body) established a vision whereby juvenile justice system partners will use data, collaboration, community engagement, decision point analysis, and shared accountability as strategies for eliminating racial, ethnic, and gender disparities;

Whereas Juvenile Justice Stakeholders comprised of juvenile justice agencies, law enforcement, schools, and community representatives, have a common interest in ensuring that youth in our community realize their full potential; and

Whereas Juvenile Justice Stakeholders will foster outcomes through policies, practice and programs that adhere to the purpose of the juvenile justice system;

**The Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Stakeholders are entering / recommitting to a strategic partnership to do the following:**

### **JDAI Stakeholder Group (The Collaborative)**

- Meet regularly and consistently to review results of efforts
- Monitor implemented reforms to ensure effectiveness

- Promote and complete an examination of key decisions within and across systems that could be contributing to disparities within the juvenile justice system
- Collaborate across systems and with communities most impacted by the juvenile justice system to develop recommendations and identify resources
- Implement alternative responses to the justice system (e.g., diversions, restorative circles, et al.)
- Implement alternatives to incarceration and placement that are strength-based (e.g., community-based alternatives, special courts, et al.)

This memorandum of understanding takes effect immediately and can be terminated by members of the Stakeholder Group as needed.

**Participant Commitment:**

I am committed to the work of the Collaborative, its mission and its vision. I agree to be an active participant and provide a proxy.

**I represent one of the fifteen (15) key juvenile justice system or community stakeholder groups. (check one):**

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| • Board of Commissioners | ___ | • Courts (includes Admin) | ___ |
| • County Attorneys       | ___ | • Public Defenders        | ___ |
| • Law Enforcement        | ___ | • Community Corrections   | ___ |
| • Human Services         | ___ | • CB Organizations        | ___ |
| • City of St. Paul       | ___ | • Suburban                | ___ |
| • Schools                | ___ | • Faith Based             | ___ |
| • Parents/Guardians      | ___ | • Youth                   | ___ |
| • Victims                | ___ |                           |     |

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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