

Pierce County JDAI  
DMC Planning Meeting  
May 5, 2004

Committee role:

Seek to eliminate bias at each PCJC decision point so that the juvenile justice system does not contribute or exacerbate unfairness in the system, and engage the stakeholders in a process to address DMC.

Goals: 1) Decrease detention rates for minorities; 2) Decrease the # of minority youth in detention.

Strategies:

- Quality control

Monitor decision points through data analysis: track race, admissions and length of stay at the following decision points: Admissions, Detention Hearing, Probation Violations, Warrants, Continuances, Awaiting Placement

- Policy and program recommendations

Using local data and based upon national best practices develop policy, program and practice recommendations to: a) reduce disproportionate minority confinement, and b) to build sensitivity into the system's agencies and staff

- Independent Analysis/Project

In addition to focusing on PCJC decision points, consider projects of the following nature: a) community mapping and analysis using outside data sources like law enforcement and dshs to identify community needs; b) sponsor multicultural conference and/or staff diversity training; c) enhance defense advocacy; d) advocate for an expeditor position; e) establish new programmatic alliances f) develop task force focusing on factors in the communities contributing to disparate rates/expand and diversify the delinquency prevention service delivery system; g) conduct an analysis of probation case notes to identify disparities in written judgments; h) conduct a survey of detained youth to help understand community issues faced by these youth; i) examine fairness in sentencing; j) examine fairness in access and eligibility to diversion; k) conduct a study on felony drug cases and consider diversion program