



Annie E. Casey Foundation
Harris County
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)
3rd Year Work Plan – September 1, 2009 – August 31, 2010

Primary Objectives:

1. Eliminate the inappropriate or unnecessary use of secure detention.
2. Minimize the number of youth who fail to appear in court or re-offend pending adjudication.
3. Ensure appropriate conditions of confinement in secure facilities.
4. Redirect public funds toward successful reform strategies.
5. Reduce racial and ethnic disparities.

8 Core Strategies:

1. Collaboration/Leadership in Juvenile Detention Reform
2. Use of Accurate Data
3. Objective Admissions Criteria and Instruments (RAI)
4. New or Enhanced Non-Secure Alternatives to Detention
5. Case Processing Reforms
6. Special Detention Cases (probation violations, writs and warrants, youth awaiting placement, etc.)
7. Reduce Racial Disparities
8. Improve Conditions of Confinement