



## Johnson County Department of Corrections

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TO: Honorable Pat Colloton and Members,  
House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee

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I am providing some Johnson County information in follow up to the presentation by the Juvenile Justice Authority regarding the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. Johnson County officials are very excited to participate in this initiative and to follow its strategies for reduction of juvenile detention populations as well as its many other objectives. We have formed a JDAI Collaborative Planning Group of 21 members of the community that includes:

- Judge Brenda Cameron , 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Juvenile Division
- Donald Hymer, Assistant District Attorney, Juvenile Division
- Michael McLain, District Court Administrator
- Kathleen Rieth, Chief Court Services Probation Officer
- Andre Tyler, Director of Juvenile Court Services
- Deputy Chief Mark Kessler, Overland Park Police Department
- Major Daryl Reece, Johnson County Sheriff's Office
- Rise Haneberg, Criminal Justice Coordinator
- Gary Christ, Licensed Clinical Specialist Social Worker
- Alan Rosenak, Family Law Attorney
- Karen Wulfkuhle, Executive Director, United Community Services of Johnson County
- Captain Kathy Tytla, Olathe Police Department
- Rusty Newman, Director of Student Services, Shawnee Mission School District
- Grant McCloskey, Senior High Youth Pastor, College Church of the Nazarene
- Wandra Minor, Retiree and Member of Johnson County NAACP
- Jeremy Warren – Child in Need of Care Supervisor – KS Children's Service League
- Mark Siegmund, Chief Clinical Officer, KidsTLC
- Joanne Katz, Professor – Missouri Western State University
- Bruce Rider, Director of Juvenile Detention
- Sharon Brown, Director of Community Corrections Field Services

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I am serving as Johnson County's JDAI Site Coordinator and am also a member of the Collaborative. Johnson County held its first JDAI Collaborative Group Meeting on December 9, 2012. At that time, we reviewed the data from the recently completed Detention Utilization Study. This study was completed by each participating county according to a standardized template provided by Annie E. Casey Foundation officials. The information presented is very critical to the group's work. With the data, we were able to identify areas of concern for Johnson County where improvements can potentially be made. Some of the data caused the group to request additional information.

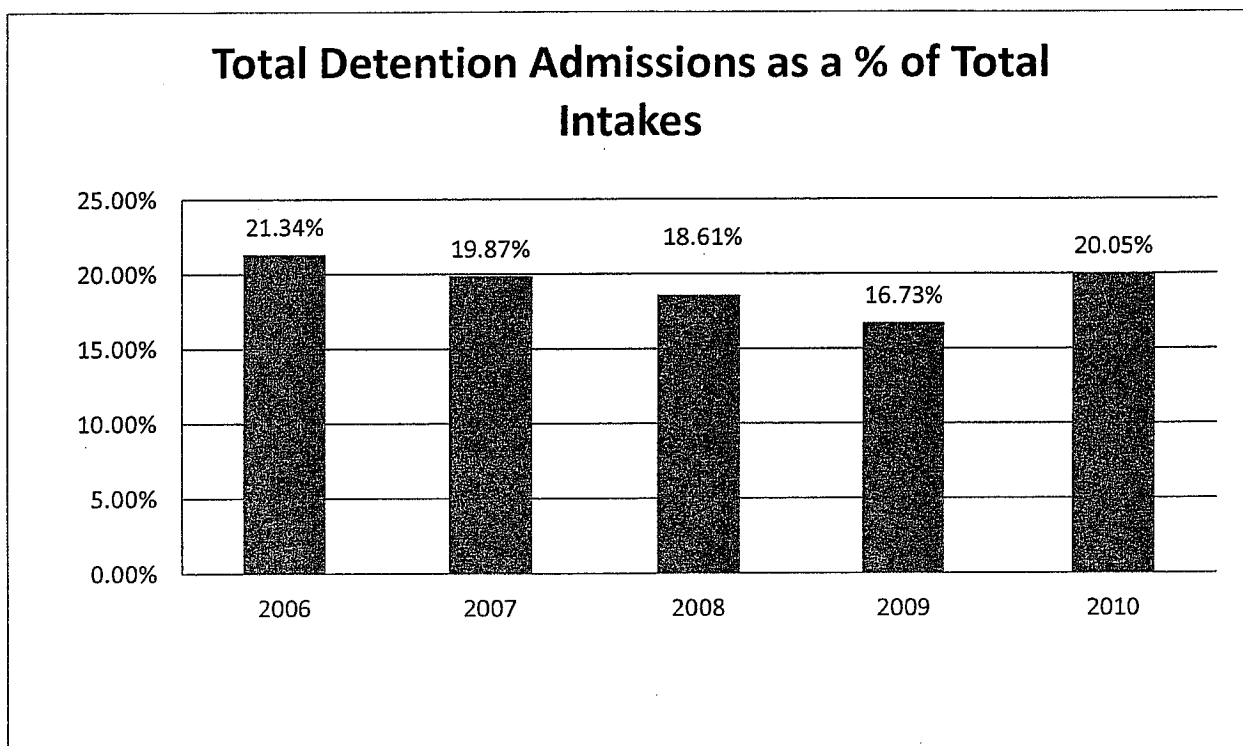
The next step for Johnson County will take place tomorrow, January 20, 2012. The Collaborative Group will again meet to discuss the Purpose of Detention. Our work this time will be facilitated by experienced Annie E. Casey staff that have much experience and success with JDAI in their own jurisdictions. In the end, we want to come to consensus regarding which youth should be placed in detention. This will mean determining which types of offenses and circumstances should call for detaining a youth. Of course, evidence has shown that even short-term placement in detention can harm youth that are low risks for reoffending or for failure to appear in court. This will continue to be emphasized during tomorrow's meeting and throughout the work that will take place over the next couple of years. We anticipate breakout workgroups being formed to analyze case processing, to look at the validity of the current detention risk assessment instrument, and to other issues such as identifying or developing alternatives to detention. The JDAI Collaborative Planning Group will report its recommendations to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for approval. Once approved, the group will also report to the larger Johnson County Criminal Justice Advisory Council. Some recommendations may also require the approval of the Johnson County Board of Commissioners.

At this point, I will lead you through some of the data from Johnson County that Collaborative Group members highlighted at the first meeting. What I will show you today, however, is only a small portion of all of the data in the Detention Utilization Study.

Thank you for your time and interest in JDAI.

**Johnson County**  
**Detention Utilization Study Data**  
**Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative**  
**December 2011**

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**Detention Rates**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Total Intakes</b>	5,590	5,963	5,778	6,072	5,512
<b>Total Detention Admissions</b>	1,193	1,185	1,075	1,016	1,105
<b>% of Intakes Admitted to Detention</b>	21%	20%	19%	17%	20%

## Detention Rates by Offense Type

2010

Offense Type	Total Intakes	Admissions to Secure Detention	Secure Detention Rates
<i>Person Felony</i>	280	105	37.50%
<i>Non-Person Felony</i>	148	83	56.08%
<i>Drug Felony</i>	44	31	70.45%
<i>Other Felony</i>	0	0	#DIV/0!
<i>Person Misdemeanor</i>	535	149	27.85%
<i>Non-Person Misdemeanor</i>	1,118	212	18.96%
<i>Drug Misdemeanor</i>	425	108	25.41%
<i>Other Misdemeanor</i>	272	50	18.38%
<i>Status Offense (incl. MIP, MIC, Poss. Tobacco)</i>	432	28	6.48%
<i>Parole (Conditional Release) Violation</i>	0	0	#DIV/0!
<i>Probation Violation</i>	192	191	99.48%
<i>CINC</i>	2,001	91	4.55%
<i>Warrant</i>	56	53	94.64%
<i>Other</i>	9	4	44.44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,512</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>20.05%</b>

## Most Common Reasons for Detention

2010

Offense	Admissions to Secure Detention	% of Secure Detention Admissions
<i>Probation Violation</i>	192	17.38%
<i>Misdemeanor Battery</i>	125	11.31%
<i>Misdemeanor Theft</i>	88	7.96%
<i>CINC</i>	77	6.97%
<i>Misdemeanor Drug Possession</i>	61	5.52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>49.14%</b>

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## Notable Increases/Decreases in Detention Admissions 2006-2010

- 31% Decrease in Person Felonies
- 22% Decrease in Person Misdemeanors
- 24% Decrease in Non-Person Misdemeanors
- **275% Increase in Probation Violations**
- 7% Increase in Youth Under Age 12 (10 & 11 Years)

Overall – 7% Decrease in Detention Admissions

## Length of Stay in Detention

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
<i>Female</i>	15.09	4.00	16.04	5.00	18.11	7.00	16.59	5.00	12.21	3.00
<i>Male</i>	23.17	12.00	23.49	10.00	20.78	9.00	21.21	11.00	20.28	12.00

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
<b>RACE</b>										
<i>American Indian or Alaska Native</i>	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	14.00	14.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Asian</i>	55.15	4.00	11.50	2.00	2.33	1.00	2.50	2.00	17.00	17.00
<i>Black or African American</i>	20.18	5.00	17.43	4.00	19.26	4.00	17.05	5.00	19.58	5.00
<i>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>White</i>	20.51	9.00	22.92	10.00	20.49	10.00	21.17	11.00	17.67	8.00
<i>Other</i>	0.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Declined</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Unable to Determine</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

# Bed Utilization Table

		2010			Hypothetical Impact of Reduced Admissions/Reduced LOS on Bed						
	Total Admissions	Mean LOS	Average Daily Beds Used	Reduce admissions by 15%	Reduce admissions by 25%	Reduce admissions by 35%	Decrease LOS by 5 days	Decrease LOS by 7 days	Decrease LOS by 10 days		
Person Felony	105	23.68	6.8	5.8	5.1	4.4	5.4	4.8	3.9		
Non-Person Felony	83	20.77	4.7	4.0	3.5	3.1	3.6	3.1	2.4		
Drug Felony	31	22.09	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.0		
Other Felony	0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Person Misdemeanor	149	14.76	6.0	5.1	4.5	3.9	4.0	3.2	1.9		
Non-Person Misdemeanor	212	16.77	9.7	8.3	7.3	6.3	6.8	5.7	3.9		
Drug Misdemeanor	108	17.03	5.0	4.3	3.8	3.3	3.6	3.0	2.1		
Other Misdemeanor	50	13.39	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.5		
Status Offense (incl. MIP, MIC, Poss. Tobacco)	28	10.97	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.1		
Parole (Conditional Release) Violation	0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Probation Violation	191	26.69	14.0	11.9	10.5	9.1	11.4	10.3	8.7		
CINC	91	9.58	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.1	0.6	-0.1		
Warrant	53	11.35	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.2		
Other	4	1.50	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>18.12</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>24.6</b>		