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Two Decades of JDAI: From Demonstration Project to National Standard	This report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation documents the progress of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative's (JDAI) efforts in reforming juvenile detention practices throughout the nation. Also highlighted in the report are the ways in which JDAI has contributed to the broader juvenile justice reform movement.	http://www.aecf.org/~media/Pubs/Initiatives/Juvenile%20Detention%20Alternatives%20Initiative/TwoDecadesofJDAIFromDemonstrationProjecttoNationalJDAINationalfinal100709.pdf
The Dangers of Detention: The Impact of Incarcerating Youth in Detention and Other Secure Facilities	This policy brief reviews the existing literature on the efficacy of detention and looks at the consequences of detention on young people, their families, and communities.	http://www.aecf.org/~media/Pubs/Topics/Juvenile%20Justice/Detention%20Reform/TheDangersofDetentionTheImpactofIncarcerating/dangers_of_detention_report.pdf
2. Pathways to Juvenile Detention Reform: Collaboration and Leadership in Juvenile Detention Reform	This report addresses the governance and leadership prerequisites for implementing detention reform strategies effectively. It discusses collaboration principles that emerged from the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), examines key issues in building and sustaining collaboration and collaborative structures, and covers possible leadership dilemmas. It also contains some lessons learned by the JDAI sites.	http://www.aecf.org/upload/publicationfiles/collaboration%20and%20leadership.pdf
3. Pathways to Juvenile Detention Reform: Controlling the Front Gates - Effective Admissions Policies and Practices	This report reviews core principles central to the design and implementation of new admissions practices in the juvenile justice system. It presents discussions of the essential elements of a structured, objective approach, relying on the experiences of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI).	http://www.aecf.org/upload/publicationfiles/controlling%20front%20gates.pdf
4. Pathways to Juvenile Detention Reform: Consider the Alternatives - Planning and Implementing Detention Alternatives	This report examines the experiences of and lessons learned by the Casey Foundation's Juvenile Justice Alternatives Initiative sites regarding the development of effective alternatives to secure detention. This report details how each site expanded or enhanced its program repertoire as part of its detentions system reform efforts.	http://www.aecf.org/upload/publicationfiles/consider%20the%20alternatives.pdf
5. Pathways to Juvenile Detention Reform: Reducing Unnecessary Delay - Innovations in Case Processing- Innovations in Case Processing	This report describes how the lengths of stay of detained juveniles were reduced by changing case processing procedures. It includes a detailed discussion of specific points in processing a delinquency case where unnecessary delay may occur and examples of how sites in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative reduced delay in each instance.	http://www.aecf.org/upload/publicationfiles/reducing%20unnecessary%20delay.pdf
7. Pathways to Juvenile Detention Reform: By The Numbers—The Role of Data and Information in Detention Reform	This report distinguishes between gathering and using data for planning and assessment and developing information systems that support daily operations. It focuses on how smaller interim steps can provide significant benefits quickly and relatively inexpensively. It summarizes lessons from the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative and describes how others can get started.	http://www.aecf.org/upload/publicationfiles/by%20the%20numbers.pdf

8. Pathways to Juvenile Detention Reform: Reducing Racial Disparities in Juvenile Detention	This report examines the overrepresentation of minorities in the juvenile justice system, as well as reviews attempts by various sites in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) to reduce the number of minority youth being detained.	http://www.aecf.org/upload/publications/files/reducing%20racial%20disparities.pdf
Juvenile Detention Risk Assessment, A Practice Guide to Juvenile Detention Reform	Detention risk screening is a fundamental strategy used to evaluate youth and determine the need for secure, locked confinement. The risk instruments developed at Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative sites have been effective in curbing subjective or inappropriate decisions as well as controlling the total admissions to secure detention. This is a practical guide for juvenile justice decision-makers and includes specific recommendations on how to design, test, and implement detention risk-screening instruments.	http://www.jdaihelpdesk.org/Docs/Documents/Objective%20Admissions%20Criteria%20and%20Instruments/Juvenile%20Detention%20Risk%20Assessment/Practice%20Guide%20to%20Juvenile%20Detention%20Risk%20Assessment.pdf
NJDC: Diagnostic Tool for Team Leaders to Evaluate Defense Representation at Detention Hearings		http://www.jdaihelpdesk.org/Docs/Documents/Diagnostic%20Tool.pdf
NJDC's Ten Core Principles for Providing Quality Delinquency Representation through Indigent Defense Delivery Systems: 2nd Edition		http://www.jdaihelpdesk.org/Docs/Documents/10_Core_Principles_2008.pdf
Adoration of the Question: Reflections on the Failure to Reduce Racial & Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System (2008)	The first publication of series, BI reflect on the failure to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system in the 20 years since Congress first mandated that States "address" disproportionality.	http://www.jdaihelpdesk.org/Docs/Documents/BIadorationoftheQuestion.pdf
The Keeper and the Kept: Local Obstacles to Disparities Reduction in Juvenile Justice Systems and a Path to Change (2009)	In The Keeper and the Kept, James Bell, Laura John Ridolfi, Michael Finley and Clinton Lacey challenge our nation's overreliance on detention and offer an introduction to the BI method. (2 nd in series)	http://www.jdaihelpdesk.org/Docs/Documents/BIKeeperKept.pdf
Detention Reform: An Effective Approach to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice	By prioritizing the reduction of racial and ethnic disparities as a core detention reform strategy, Casey's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative has reduced the odds of detention typically faced by African-American and Latino teens. This Detention Reform Brief details JDAI's efforts at reducing the over-representation of minorities in detention.	http://www.aecf.org/~media/Pubs/Initiatives/Juvenile%20Detention%20Alternatives%20Initiative/DetentionReformAnEffectiveApproachtoReduceRac/JDAI_factsheet_3.pdf
Guidelines For the JDAI Self-Inspection: Planning, Conducting and Reporting	Because reducing overcrowding in detention can immediately improve conditions, Casey's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative sites establish "self-inspection" teams of local volunteers to monitor conditions of confinement. These self-inspection teams are trained in a rigorous methodology that carefully examines all aspects of facility policies, practices and programs. This practice guide provides instructions on conducting a secure detention facility self-inspection as well as comprehensive detention standards and an assessment	http://www.jdaihelpdesk.org/Docs/Documents/Conditions%20of%20Confinement%20In%20Detention%20Facilities/JDAI%20Conditions%20of%20Confinement%20Self-Assessment%20Tools%20and%20Guidelines/JDAIDetentionFacilitySelfAssessment.pdf