



Youth Justice Oversight Committee

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To make improvements to Indiana's youth justice system that:

- Maintain or enhance public safety
- Improve outcomes for youth
- Are aligned with research on what works
- Increase equity and decrease disparities
- Make the most efficient and effective use of public resources
- Are informed by the experiences of youth and their families

These improvements will come initially through the work to fulfill the requirements of HEA 1359-2022, which include:

- Developing a statewide data plan
- Developing a statewide behavioral health plan for justice-involved youth
- Developing transitional services for youth returning to the community from the Department of Correction
- Developing diversion programs
- Developing policies and procedures for consistent use of validated risk and assessment tools
- Developing the parameters of state grant programs to fund community-based diversion, alternatives to detention, transitional services, and behavioral health services

The Youth Justice Oversight Committee acknowledges that much excellent work has already been done throughout Indiana in alignment with these principles, through the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) and other efforts. The intent of the Committee is to build upon previous work, hear and engage local stakeholders who are the experts in youth justice system implementation, and work to strike the appropriate balance between statewide consistency on essential matters and local flexibility that respects community context.