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Allen County: Juvenile Diversion Program

Program Description

The Juvenile Diversion Program is a community-based alternative to formal court proceedings for youth who are assessed as low-risk. This program aims to redirect eligible youth away from the traditional justice system, offering them an opportunity to address their behavior through structured services and support.

Participation in the Diversion Program is based on a mutual agreement between the prosecuting attorney, the youth, and the youth's parent or guardian. To determine eligibility and ensure the program is in the best interest of the youth, the Indiana Youth Assessment System (IYAS) Diversion Tool is utilized as a standardized risk assessment.

Once accepted, a probation officer will meet with the youth and their family to thoroughly review the expectations, requirements, and available services of the Diversion Program. By engaging families and local resources, the program supports accountability, promotes positive behavior change, and reduces the likelihood of future court involvement.

Program Type

Substance Use Related;Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;Substance Related Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

N/A

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

6 months

Funding Source

Incentives and Course for Courts online programs are supported by JDAI funding for Truancy Diversion.

Point of Contact

April Winfield

Bartholomew County: Cannabis Awareness and Prevention Class

Program Description

Class designed by Stanford University to educate youth on the risk and harm of using THC and vape products. Class is held via zoom to allow for increased attendance.

Program Type

Substance Use Related;

Target Population

First Time Offenses; Substance Related Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Probation

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

3 years

Funding Source

No funding required

Point of Contact

Nichole Phillips

Bartholomew County: Firefly Intensive Services

Program Description

Firefly provides intensive home based mental health services (therapy and case management) to youth and families that are referred to probation and deemed appropriate for services.

Program Type

Mental Health; Youth and Family; Case Management/Service Coordination; Crisis Response/Crisis Intervention;

Target Population

Status Offenses; First Time Offenses; Misdemeanors; School-based Offenses; Assessed Low Risk; Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

Firefly

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

1.5 years

Funding Source

ICJI Behavioral Health Grant

Point of Contact

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Boone County: Boone Co. Juvenile Probation

Program Description

First time referrals to the Court, depending on circumstances of the offense, are offered diversions through the Prosecutor's Office. The youth and parent agree to complete the terms that are put in the agreement and given a set amount of time that usually is three to four months.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;Mentoring;Conflict Resolution;Youth and Family;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

Boone County Prosecutor's Office, Advent E-Learning, InWell, Aspire

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

1

Funding Source

JDAI, Boone County

Point of Contact

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Cass County: Cass County Juvenile Diversion Program

Program Description

We utilize community service, restorative justice, evidence based education tools(ACCI, Carey Guides) ,and check-ins with Probation Officers to divert youth from formal proceedings.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;Diversion;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;

Program Collaborative Partners

Prosecutors Office and court

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

3

Funding Source

Moneys from Pretrial partnership

Point of Contact

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Clark County: Crisis Intervention Response

Program Description

Youth and families in Clark County can be referred by Law Enforcement, Juvenile Courts, families, school counselors, and others for Diversion Intervention Services. Eligible youth may participate with an advocate for up to 90 days to identify emotional triggers that lead to escalation and learn effective coping skills that promote safety and positive decision-making. Services include trauma-informed, evidence-based interventions, crisis and safety planning, and family engagement and support.

Program Type

Crisis Response/Crisis Intervention;

Target Population

Status Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Youth Advocate Programs (YAP)

Program Administered By

JDAI Coordinator

Years Active

1

Funding Source

JDAI / DOC and ICJI grant funding

Point of Contact

Rachel Patterson

Dearborn County: Attend and Engage Program

Program Description

The 7th Judicial Circuit Court - Juvenile Probation and the Dearborn-Ohio County Prosecutor's Office partners with all public schools in Dearborn County as well as Ireland Home Based Services and DCS for the Attend and Engage Program. For grades K-5, Juvenile Probation sends a letter for 6 unexcused absences, 9 unexcused absences, and 12 unexcused absences. The letter for 6 unexcused absences informs the family that if their child continues to accumulate unexcused absences, a referral to Ireland Home Based Services will be made. The letter for 9 unexcused absences informs the family that a referral to Ireland Home Based Services has been made. Juvenile Probation will make that referral to Ireland. If a student were to reach 12 unexcused absences, the letter informs the family of a DCS referral. Juvenile Probation will make that referral as well.

For grades 6-12, Juvenile Probation will mail a letter out for 6 unexcused warning the family that their child could go to court for the charge of Truancy. If a student were to reach 10 unexcused, the SRO would send us a probable cause, and we would do a preliminary inquiry to determine the next steps.

The AEP Program allows us to provide families with services and address one of Dearborn County's biggest issue, truancy.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

School-based Offenses; Status Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Dearborn-Ohio County Prosecutor's Office, 7th Judicial Circuit Court (Juvenile Probation), Ireland Home Based Services, DCS, Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation, South Dearborn Community School Corporation, East Central Community School Corporation, Rising Sun Community School Corporation

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

It will be one year in August 2025.

Funding Source

Grant Funding

Point of Contact

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Decatur County: WhyTry

Program Description

The Why Try Program provides simple, hands-on solutions for dropout prevention, violence prevention, truancy reduction, and increased academic success. The idea is straightforward: Teach social and emotional principles to youth in a way they can understand and remember. Why Try is based on sound empirical principles, including solution-focused brief therapy, social and emotional intelligence, and multi-sensory learning. The Why Try curriculum utilizes a series of ten visual analogies that each important life skills (e.g., decisions have consequences; dealing with peer pressure; obeying laws and rules; plugging into support systems). The visual analogies are reinforced through creative use of music, hands-on activities, and multimedia. Why Try curriculum engages all major learning styles (visual, auditory, and body-kinesthetic).

Referrals are received from school, mental health providers, DCS, CASA, Probation. WhyTry is conducted at school and/or at the Probation Office.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;Truancy Diversion;Conflict Resolution;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;School-based Offenses;Misdemeanors;Assessed Low Risk;

Program Collaborative Partners

Decatur County Court Services

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

1.5

Funding Source

Start up through county funds and ongoing through the Indiana Juvenile Diversion Grant Program Fund.

Point of Contact

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Decatur County: Lifecraft

Program Description

Lifecraft provides at risk youth, age 12-18, with education and the tools for learning basic skills needed for adulthood. Lifecraft builds critical thinking and problem solving skills and helps to build constructive change through meaningful and working relationships with people outside their peer group. Lifeskills links skills and knowledge to needs at risk youth identify. This program is designed to create confidence and a sense of pride in one's abilities. Through achieving competency in the skills learned, Lifecraft aims to prevent substance abuse, violence, and other health risk behaviors. This program is no cost. Youth will be required to attend from 9 am to 12 pm on Thursdays during the summer. Youth will meet at and leave from Decatur County Court Services. Transportation during the program will be provided by Decatur County Court Services. The skills learned may include financial responsibilities, cooking, cleaning, mechanics, construction, and other service projects.

Referrals are submitted by schools, parents, DCS, Prosecutor, Law Enforcement, Police, other community members

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;Law Enforcement/Pre-Arrest;Mentoring;Conflict Resolution;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Felonies;Assessed Low Risk;At Risk Youth;

Program Collaborative Partners

Decatur County Court Services. Community agencies and community members make this program possible by volunteering their time to share their knowledge on identified topics.

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

2

Funding Source

County Funds and the Juvenile Diversion Grant Program Fund

Point of Contact

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Decatur County: Vaping Education and Prevention

Program Description

Decatur County Court Services provides a vaping education and prevention program to the schools in Decatur County to provide education on the dangers of vaping nicotine products. Referrals are received from school after a youth is caught with a nicotine product at school. Students can complete the program in lieu of receiving a Possession of Tobacco ticket from law enforcement. Students pay a program fee to the school.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building; Substance Use Related;

Target Population

Substance Related Offenses; Possession of Nicotine/Tobacco;

Program Collaborative Partners

Decatur County Court Services, Greensburg Community High School

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

2

Funding Source

No funding source

Point of Contact

Jeremiah McAdams, Juvenile Probation Officer at Decatur County Court Services

Decatur County: Voices

Program Description

The program was created to address the unique needs of adolescent girls and young women. VOICES encourages girls to seek and celebrate their “true selves” by giving them a safe space, encouragement, structure, and support to embrace their important journey of self-discovery. The program advocates a strength-based approach that helps girls to identify and apply their power and voices as individuals and as a group. The focus is on issues that are important in the lives of adolescent girls, from modules about self and connecting with others to exploring healthy living and the journey ahead.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;Crisis Response/Crisis Intervention;Law Enforcement/Pre-Arrest;Mentoring;Conflict Resolution;Violence Reduction/Gun Violence;Self Esteem and Confidence;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Felonies;Assessed Low Risk;At Risk Youth;

Program Collaborative Partners

Decatur County Court Services, the VOICES program

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

0-1

Funding Source

Funding from the County

Point of Contact

Jeremiah McAdams, Juvenile Probation Officer Decatur County Court Services

Decatur County: SAFE - Substance Abuse Fundamental Education

Program Description

The Substance Abuse Fundamental Education (SAFE) Program is an in person substance abuse educational program that provides information about the concept of substance abuse, alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, vaping, designer drugs, inhalants, and pain killers (not limited to – based on referral). The program will provide recommendations and how to get the help you need. The SAFE Program is provided by Centerstone. Student does not have to be a client of Centerstone to participate in the SAFE Program.

Referrals received from school, prosecutor, probation. Program is completed at Centerstone (Community Mental Health Agency). Program fee is \$75.00 to Centerstone.

Participation in the program may prevent expulsion from school (if in possession of THC at school).

Program Type

Substance Use Related;

Target Population

School-based Offenses; Substance Related Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Decatur County Court Services, Centerstone

Program Administered By

Centerstone Mental Health

Years Active

2

Funding Source

Participant pay and/or Centerstone

Point of Contact

Jeremiah McAdams, Juvenile Probation Officer - Decatur County Court Services

Elkhart County: Bashor Children's Home

Program Description

Community Based Services

Program Type

Teen Court;Mental Health;Mentoring;Youth and Family;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;

Program Collaborative Partners

Bashor Children's Home, Elkhart County Court Services

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

15

Funding Source

Program Fees that are offset by JDAI Grant Funds

Point of Contact

Lori Harrington

Elkhart County: Boys and Girls Clubs of Elkhart County

Program Description

Community Based Services

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;Substance Use Related;Truancy Diversion;Case Management/Service Coordination;Law Enforcement/Pre-Arrest;Mentoring;Youth and Family;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Substance Related Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

JDAI, Elkhart County Court Services, Bashor Children's Home, Law Enforcement, Goshen Community Schools, Boys and Girls Clubs of Elkhart County

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

1

Funding Source

JDAI Annual and Bonus Grant Funds

Point of Contact

Susan Mishler

Fulton County: 4C Counseling

Program Description

Certified Behavioral Health Center

Program Type

Substance Use Related;Mental Health;Crisis Response/Crisis Intervention;Law Enforcement/Pre-Arrest;Youth and Family;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Felonies;Substance Related Offenses;Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

4C Counseling

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

38 years

Funding Source

Department of Mental Health

Point of Contact

4C Counseling--800-552-3106

Huntington County: Teen Court of Huntington County

Program Description

Teen Court is a diversion program designed to provide first-time offending youth an opportunity to be held accountable in a court setting by a jury of their peers. Teen Court aims to allow youth to learn from their mistakes without jeopardizing their future. Cases are referred by the Probation Department, School Corporation, or directly from the Police Department.

Court hearings in Huntington are typically on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Hearings are held at the courthouse at 6:00 PM.

Program Type

Teen Court;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;Status Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Youth Services Bureau, Prosecutor's Office, Probation Department

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

25+ years

Funding Source

Grant funded through Youth Services Bureau and other community-based grants such as/ not limited to: LACE, United Way

Point of Contact

Michelle Crone; 260-356-9681

Huntington County: Truancy Mediation

Program Description

We have partnered with our Boys and Girls Club to run our Truancy Mediation Program. We have 6 individuals that are trained through Education for Conflict Resolution (ECR) to conduct our mediations.

When a school has a student with a pattern of absences, the school notifies the parent/guardian. The school also contacts the Mediation Coordinator by emailing her a School Mediation Referral. She contacts the parent to set up the day, time, and place of the mediation (usually sometime during the school day and somewhere at the school). All participants have to be available. Those participants are usually the following: the Assistant Principal, often a school counselor, sometimes a trusted teacher, one or both of the parents (guardians), the student, and two mediators (one mediator to lead the mediation and one to take the notes on the conversation and help draft a final agreement). The actual mediation itself usually does not last longer than an hour, although some exceptionally difficult situations go longer. Mediators initiate and direct a conversation between the parents, the student, and the school officials; and because the mediation is operated as caring but neutral, third-party facilitators, often are able to get information and emotional responses from both the parents and the students that the school personnel have not been able to acquire. Mediators attempt to create a safe atmosphere for both parents and students to take an honest look at their behavior and motivations. Mediators sometimes uncover underlying reasons for the student's absenteeism that require mediators to recommend other county services to them. The mediator facilitates an open and honest conversation but does not dictate any of the terms of the final agreement. The mediator does, however, urge all parties to problem-solve and make concessions, and from that comes a written agreement that all parties sign. Clearly, there is nothing here that is legally binding, but people have agreed face-to-face and signed their name to an agreement. The mediator will then do follow-ups with the family and student for the next few weeks to assess how the agreement decided is going.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

Status Offenses; First Time Offenses; School-based Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Education for Conflict Resolution, Huntington County Probation, Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County, Huntington County Community School Corporation (HCCSC).

Program Administered By

Boys and Girls Club and HCCSC

Years Active

2

Funding Source

JDAI Grant Funding

Point of Contact

Desiree Frederick; 260-359-1750

Huntington County: Parent Project Class

Program Description

Parent Project®, Sr. is an award-winning, evidence-informed prevention and intervention program designed for parents of youth ages 11-18, addressing the most destructive adolescent behaviors. However, many of the strategies are also beneficial for parents of younger children, starting as early as age 7, to help build a strong foundation and prevent future challenges. We know of no other program that covers it all: truancy, drugs, runaways, technology, early teen sex, violence, gangs... Parent Project®, Sr. promises concrete answers for every parent question asked.

But parenting isn't just about the child—it also affects the relationship between parents. When partners or ex-partners aren't aligned, frustration and stress can grow, making parenting even harder. That's why our program provides tools to help parents find common ground, create consistency, and move forward together.

Program Type

Conflict Resolution;

Target Population

incurable youth, families in conflict with children, parents seeking additional support;

Program Collaborative Partners

Parenting Solutions--Rob Evans, Huntington County Probation

Program Administered By

Parenting Solutions--Rob Evans

Years Active

2 in Huntington County

Funding Source

JDAI Grant Funding

Point of Contact

Rob Evans; 317-399-5332

Jasper County: First Offender Diversion Program

Program Description

On-line programs 4 hour programs for first time offenders or minor offenses. Juvenile does on-line work and if successfully completes said program then his case is dismissed. This is done informally thru probation.

Program Type

on-line based;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;Substance Related Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;School-based Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

On-line program used thru Advent E-Learning

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

N/A

Funding Source

Juvenile pays to use program

Point of Contact

cwilliams@adventfs.com

Jefferson County: Truancy diversion

Program Description

We have one PO dedicated to status offenses, which are overwhelmingly truancy referrals. He meets bi-weekly with each participating school and reviews all of his pending cases and potential referrals to see what the problem may be. He also reports back to the school when a situation is resolved, such as submitted medical excuses, etc. and what resources have been given to the families.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

Status Offenses;School-based Offenses;First Time Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Madison Consolidated Schools - Middle and High School

Southwestern (Hanover) Schools - Middle and High School

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

3

Funding Source

County

Point of Contact

Jefferson County Juvenile Probation

Jefferson County: Jefferson County Alternative to Suspension Program

Program Description

When a student is suspended from school, a referral is made to JCASP. Instead of spending the period of suspension at home, the student reports to an off-site classroom supervised by a teacher and a teaching assistant. They are required to work on all school assignments (current and past due) in the AM hours and do community service in the afternoon. This ensures that their work is completed for school, gives back to the community, and keeps students properly supervised.

Program Type

Prevention;

Target Population

School-based Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Madison Consolidated School system (Middle and High School)

Southwestern School system (Middle and High School)

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

1 1/2

Funding Source

JDAI funds and both schools

Point of Contact

Jefferson County Probation

Jefferson County: Attend and Engage Program (AEP)

Program Description

The focus of AEP is early intervention. The probation department works directly with participating elementary schools to address absenteeism with younger students. A monthly meeting is held to review current referrals and check the status of each case. Once a student reaches an agreed upon number of absences, a letter is sent. If the problem continues, a referral to Ireland Home Based Services is offered. This help can be accepted or declined by the guardians. If the absences still continue, a referral is made to DCS. There is also a potential for neglect of dependent charges, however, all efforts are made to solve the problem before it gets to this point.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

School-based Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Madison Consolidated Schools (all elementary schools)

Southwestern Elementary School

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

5

Funding Source

Jefferson County

Point of Contact

Jefferson County Probation

Jennings County: Attend and Engage Program

Program Description

Mirrored Ripley County's program with the help of Aimee Cornett; letters sent to parents from the probation department when their child has missed 6/8/10 unexcused days of school. At six days a letter is sent informing parent a referral will be made to community partner for possible assistance. At eight days missed, a letter is sent informing parent a referral has been made to community partner for services. At 10 days missed, a letter is sent informing the parent a DCS report has been made for educational neglect.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion; Youth and Family;

Target Population

School-based Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Ripley County Court Services provided framework and set up.

Jennings County School Corporation

Department of Child Services

Advocates for Children

Firefly Family Alliance

Jennings County Circuit Court Probation

Jennings Circuit Court

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

Less than a year.

Funding Source

Jennings Circuit Court Probation currently. Plan to use JDAI funds moving forward.

Point of Contact

Merri Eder

Johnson County: Reach For Youth

Program Description

Low-risk Youth (primarily with domestic battery offenses as well as conversion) will be diverted to Reach For Youth, Inc. for an evaluation and then the agency will determine the best programming option.

Program Type

Teen Court;Education/Skill-building;Substance Use Related;Mental Health;Truancy Diversion;Youth and Family;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

Reach For Youth, Inc.

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

0 - just implemented

Funding Source

IYOC / CJI Behavioral Grant

Point of Contact

Kristi Bruther

Johnson County: Family Resource Program

Program Description

Truancy Diversion program in the elementary schools.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

Status Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Community Corrections, Johnson County School Corporations

Program Administered By

Other Government Agency

Years Active

25 years

Funding Source

DCS, General Fund, IYOC/CJI Diversion Grant

Point of Contact

Damon Cox

Johnson County: Stepping Up Class

Program Description

Truancy Diversion for high school students

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

Status Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Community Corrections, Johnson County School Corporations

Program Administered By

Other Government Agency

Years Active

10 years

Funding Source

DOC Grant, General Fund

Point of Contact

Damon Cox

Johnson County: Steps to Success Class

Program Description

Truancy Diversion for middle school students

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

Status Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Community Corrections, Johnson County School Corporations

Program Administered By

Other Government Agency

Years Active

10 years

Funding Source

DOC Grant, General Fund

Point of Contact

Damon Cox

Kosciusko County: Kosciusko County Teen Court

Program Description

Kosciusko County has been operating a successful Teen Court for 6 years. Teen Court's mission is to invest in youth by reducing juvenile offense incidents, restoring youth offenders' connection to the community, and provide opportunities for teen volunteers to grow in empathy. The Kosciusko County Teen Court is a teen court, for teens, with teens. As a diversion from the formal justice system, probation refers truancy, underage drinking, leaving home without permission, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, fighting, nicotine use, theft, criminal mischief, and habitual disobedience. Teen Court is voluntary for the youth and their family. If the youth successfully complete Teen Court, there is no further action by the probation department. If the youth fail to complete Teen Court, the case is returned to the probation department for review.

Program Type

Teen Court;Restorative Justice;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Kosciusko County Probation Department, Kosciusko County Prosecutor's Office

Program Administered By

Prosecutor

Years Active

Seven Years

Funding Source

ICJI grant funding, JDAI grant funding

Point of Contact

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Lawrence County: Juvenile Diversion Agreement

Program Description

The Probation Officer completing the Preliminary Inquiry will administer the Indiana Youth Assessment System- Diversion Tool (IYAS-DIV). If the child scores as a Low Risk, and the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney is in agreement, their case will be transferred to the Director of Juvenile Probation.

The Director of Juvenile Probation will reach out the family and schedule an appointment to review the Juvenile Diversion Agreement. If there is an agreement to participate in diversion, the Director of Juvenile Probation will monitor those cases and notify the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

If the child completes the diversion agreement successfully, a Petition Alleging Delinquency will not be filed and no further action will be taken. If the child fails to complete the terms of diversion or commits a new offense, the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney will be notified at least fourteen (14) days prior to the end of the diversion agreement and may file a Petition Alleging Delinquency with the court.

The Director of Juvenile Probation will collect all necessary data, complete the annual report and submit it to the Office of Judicial Administration.

Program Type

Diversion without supervision ;

Target Population

Assessed Low Risk;

Program Collaborative Partners

Prosecutor's Office

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

since July 1, 2023

Funding Source

None

Point of Contact

Katie Messmann 812-275-5754

Lawrence County: Student Attendance Review Board

Program Description

The Student Attendance Review Board is a group of professionals who review referrals from the schools to see if we can offer additional services to meet needs of the family to get the children to school. Referrals are for all grade levels. The panel is comprised of service providers, school personnel, probation, and DCS. Prior to being referred, the school must show that several steps/interventions have been done on the school level. The panel will offer services to the family, if appropriate. If efforts fail, the panel decides if a delinquency intake should be completed, neglect charges should be filed against parents, or if a DCS hotline report should be made. It should be noted, these are the absolute last resort steps taken.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

Status Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

School Health Coordinator

Program Administered By

Truancy Panel

Years Active

1

Funding Source

None

Point of Contact

Katie Messmann 812-275-5754

Madison County: Diversion

Program Description

2. We are in the process of developing Diversion Probation Guidelines for truancy and school based referrals, that would be prior to charges be filed. Similar to Informal Adjustment, however, does not have to be approved by the Court. Cannot be referred to DCS paid services.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

Status Offenses; School-based Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Madison County Prosecutor, Juvenile Probation, Anderson Community Schools, Juvenile Court, Madison County Youth Center.

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

In process

Funding Source

Currently none

Point of Contact

Traci Lane

Marion County: Boys and Girls Club Diversion Program

Program Description

Pre-Arrest and Post-Arrest program for youth ages 11-18 assessing low risk or with lower level offenses. Youth are referred by either the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department or the Marion Superior Court Probation Department and participation is voluntary. Youth complete an intake appointment and an accountability agreement is formulated with parent and youth to address incidents or behaviors. Restorative circles, victim offender dialogue, and family group conferencing are utilized to achieve the goals of the accountability agreement. Outreach is also completed with parents and siblings as needed. Youth and siblings receive a 1-year membership to the Boys and Girls Club.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building; Substance Use Related; Restorative Justice; Case Management/Service Coordination; Law Enforcement/Pre-Arrest; Mentoring; Conflict Resolution; Youth and Family;

Target Population

Status Offenses; First Time Offenses; Misdemeanors; School-based Offenses; Assessed Low Risk; Domestic Battery; Low Level Felonies - F6;

Program Collaborative Partners

Marion Superior Court, Boys and Girls Club of Indianapolis, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Marion County Prosecutor's Office, Marion County Public Defender's Program.

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

4 Years

Funding Source

Funding is through the Boys and Girls Club of Indianapolis

Point of Contact

Rosalie Roy - RRoy@BGCIIndy.org

Miami County: Miami County Youth Services

Program Description

- (1) to prevent further involvement of the child in the formal legal system.
- (2) to provide eligible children with alternatives to adjudication that require the least amount of supervision and conditions necessary, consistent with the protection of the community and the child's risk of reoffending, as determined by a risk screening tool when appropriate under IC § 31-37-8.5-1.
- (3) to emphasize the use of restorative justice practices, defined in IC § 31-37-8.5-1 as services focused on repairing the harm caused to victims and the community as a result of a child's behavior
- (4) to reduce recidivism and improve positive outcomes for a child through the provision of research-based services, if warranted, that address the child's needs.
- (5) to provide cost-effective, research-based alternatives in lieu of the use of secure detention, out-of-home placement, and department of correction facilities in the community
- (6) reduce the use of secure confinement and out-of-home placement
- (7) reduce recidivism and improve positive outcomes for children.
- (8) Intended to support jurisdictions, particularly in rural areas, to evaluate a child's behavioral health needs and divert the child from formal court involvement and out-of-home placement into community or school-based mental health treatment.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;Mental Health;Truancy Diversion;Youth and Family;Case Management/Service Coordination;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;Assessed Low Risk;School-based Offenses;Substance Related Offenses;Felonies;Gun Violence;Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

George Junior and Freedom Therapy

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

1

Funding Source

The Juvenile Diversion Grant Program (JDCA) and The Juvenile Community Alternatives Grant.

Point of Contact

Leah Campbell, Assistant Chief Probation Officer

Monroe County: Parent Project

Program Description

The Parent Project utilizes the Changing Destructive Adolescent Behaviors curriculum, designed specifically for system-referred families experiencing conflict. The Parent Project offers concrete, no-nonsense

answers for difficult parent questions and specific interventions to address challenging adolescent behaviors. The Parent Project provides hands-on support and skill development for parents

and caregivers dealing with strong-willed or difficult teens through an activity-based, manualized curriculum facilitated by trained instructors.

The goals of The Parent Project are to reduce family conflict, juvenile crime, and recidivism, as well as

improve school performance and attendance. The Parent Project also addresses issues related to childhood trauma, media influence, and many more.

The Parent Project covers 16 unique units, designed to gradually increase awareness and understanding

the complex issues related to family conflict and to moving toward learning opportunities focusing on

Supporting Change and Improving Relationships.

Program Type

Parenting;

Target Population

Family / Relational conflict ;

Program Collaborative Partners

Family Solutions

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

2

Funding Source

JDAI Grant Funds

Point of Contact

Christine McAfee

Monroe County: People and Animals Learning Services

Program Description

People & Animals Learning Services (PALS) is a nonprofit, adaptive riding center located on the west side of Bloomington, IN. PALS provides equine-assisted services to people with disabilities, veterans,

senior citizens, and at-risk youth. Equine therapy offers physical, emotional, and social benefits for a

diverse population. PALS is a Premier-Accredited Center with programming designed to be individualized and safe.

Research supporting animal-assisted activities has been around for decades. A focus on equine assistance

activities, which are interactions between individuals and horses, is a more recent focus, but one with a growing body of evidence supporting the positive impact for youth and families. Wilkie, Germain,

and Theule (2016), through meta-analysis, found equine therapy to be a viable alternative to conventional intervention strategies with at-risk youth, as defined by youth who are experiencing emotional and behavioral difficulties, family discord, maltreatment, and academic difficulties.

The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) defines equine assistance

activities as specific activities which include mounted or ground activities, grooming, and stable management, in which clients, participants, volunteers, instructors and equines are involved. Additionally,

PATH Intl. states the goal of equine-assisted activities can develop skills related to improved communication, problem solving or active listening, the bettering of peer relations, processing and managing emotions in general, or even a change of character, in the broad sense of the word.

In a 2022 report, published by Promises Behavioral Health (<https://www.promises.com/addictionblog/>

lessons-equine-therapy), several benefits to equine-assisted activities were noted. Among these:

- Increasing ability to identify, experience, and cope with emotions. Horses have a unique ability to sense emotions and react accordingly. If you are angry or aggressive, the horse may become obstinate.

If you are anxious, the horse may get skittish. But when approached by someone who is open and calm,

the horse is more likely to respond in kind. Witnessing the horse's response promotes self-awareness

and can help people see themselves in a more realistic way.

- Supporting effective communication. Horses do not speak, but they are excellent communicators.

Learning to understand horse behavior can help people learn the way their behavior impacts others.

- Identification of maladaptive thought and behavior patterns. Lessons may be as simple as how much physical space the horse needs to feel comfortable. Without any words at all, horses make clear

when someone has crossed their boundaries. Trying to control or dominate will not work with a horse.

Likewise, a detached or passive approach can make it difficult to lead a horse.

- Acknowledging and overcoming fear. Horses are large animals. Their strength and size can bring up unmet needs, fears, past trauma and feelings of inadequacy or lack of control. Rather than giving in to

their usual reaction — to escape or get defensive — people learn to tolerate and process the emotion. In

a safe environment, clients learn to face their fears. They build confidence in their ability to overcome

challenges.

- Increasing ability to trust. Horses are soothing, gentle animals. They are straightforward in their interactions without lying or manipulating. They do not judge or blame. Their presence alone can be healing.

Through a formalized Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Monroe County will partner with PALS to

support one (1) 12-week session during the FY 2025 -2026 grant cycle. Details of the MOU specify

PALS will provide Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) certified instructors,

PATH Equine Specialists in Mental Health and Learning (ESHML) and/or a Certified Therapeutic Riding

Instructor for one (1) session, which includes 12 weekly classes for up to 10 participants and facilitated

by up to t

Program Type

Youth and Family;

Target Population

Families struggling with effective communication and/or in conflict;

Program Collaborative Partners

People and Animals Learning Services (PALS)

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

2

Funding Source

JDAI Grant funds

Point of Contact

Christine McAfee

Monroe County: Systems of Care (Wraparound Services)

Program Description

A System of Care provides wraparound services through community involvement and resources with the goal of keeping children and adolescents who are not successful with standard interventions and their families in a home/community setting. The System of Care team uses a strengths-based approach and family-driven care to develop the wraparound family plans.

Program Type

Youth and Family;

Target Population

Mental Health;

Program Collaborative Partners

Centerstone

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

Since 2016

Funding Source

Various funding streams, including state and federal grant programs, and Medicaid.

Point of Contact

Sara Kleber-Lowery -

Monroe County: Teen Intervene

Program Description

A brief, evidence-based, educational intervention to youth identified as low/moderate risk of developing a substance use disorder. Teen Intervene is a three (3) – six (6) week intervention, designed to support a young person’s ability to identify the reasons for alcohol / drug use, examine the effects of substance use in their life, and learn how to make healthier choices.

Program Type

Substance Use Related;

Target Population

Youth exhibiting substance related struggles;

Program Collaborative Partners

Centerstone

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

Since 2022

Funding Source

JDAI Grant Funds

Point of Contact

Christine McAfee

Monroe County: The Warehouse - Youth Mentoring

Program Description

The Warehouse provides no-cost transportation to and from programming. The youth are picked up in a

designated area with a specific pick-up and drop off day / time. Since registration for programming is not

required, attendance can fluctuate from 6 – 27 youth on any given day. A healthy snack is provided

(chili, burritos, sandwiches, fruits, and vegetables) to all youth before they transition into a classroom for

a short lesson in a variety of ‘real life’ situations. Examples of these lessons include, introducing yourself,

treating others with respect, working through conflict, etc. Following the skill building portion of their time

at The Warehouse, youth move into the recreational portion of the facility for supervised physical activity.

Opportunities for recreation include basketball, pickleball, trampoline, skatepark, football, soccer, rock

climbing, table games, weight room and an indoor playground. While youth are given choices for their

activity, they must remain within one (1) of three (3) groups, to ensure participant safety and adult mentoring opportunities.

Program Type

Mentoring;

Target Population

Youth 12 and under;

Program Collaborative Partners

The Warehouse

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

Since 2023

Funding Source

JDAI Grant Funds

Point of Contact

Christine McAfee

Monroe County: Gun Safety Education

Program Description

This program helps participants learn how to properly handle and store firearms. It provides ways to alter the destructive patterns of behavior and begin to address the problem. The training also offers information on firearm laws.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;Violence Reduction/Gun Violence;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;Gun Violence;

Program Collaborative Partners

Advent eLearning

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

15 years

Funding Source

Participants pay \$75

Point of Contact

adventlearning.com/student/courses-1/firearms-responsibility This

Monroe County: Community Justice and Mediation Center - Shoplifting and Theft Education Program (STEP)

Program Description

This diversion initiative combines restorative practices and prevention strategies to address the root causes of theft. Participants engage in sessions emphasizing accountability, consequences, and decision-making. By promoting self-awareness and offering practical tools, the program helps to reduce repeat offenses and encourages positive behavioral change.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;Restorative Justice;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;Felonies;Assessed Low Risk;

Program Collaborative Partners

Community Justice and Mediation Center

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

Since 1995

Funding Source

Participant pays

Point of Contact

Community Justice and Mediation Center (812)336-8677 admin@cjamcenter.org

Monroe County: Victim-Offender Restoration program

Program Description

VORP is grounded in the principles of restorative justice. Our restorative justice program facilitates structured dialogue between victims and offenders to address the harm caused by crime. Through guided discussions, participants explore the impact of the harms, take accountability, and work collaboratively to develop resolutions that promote healing and understanding. The program aims to rebuild trust, empower victims, and reduce recidivism by fostering personal responsibility and accountability. Partner with MC Courts/Probation Department.

Program Type

Restorative Justice;Conflict Resolution;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM)

205 South Walnut Street, Suite 16, Bloomington, IN 47404

812-336-8677

admin@cjамcenter.org

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

Since 1995

Funding Source

County Tax funds / via Memorandum of Understanding

Point of Contact

Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM) 205 South Walnut Street, Suite 16, Bloomington, IN 47404 812-336-8677 admin@cjамcenter.org

Monroe County: Seeking Safety

Program Description

Seeking Safety, is a group therapy program for adolescents who have trauma history and use substances. The curriculum uses coping skills approach to help youth attain safety from trauma and/or substance use. The program aims to help youth become safer in their relationships, thinking, and actions by focusing on the present and what can be done right now to create a better life. Group sessions are structured to focus on coping skills and increasing strengths.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;Substance Use Related;Trauma Focus;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Substance Related Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County / Seeking Safety

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

Since 2022

Funding Source

Monroe County Tax Funds

Point of Contact

Youth Services of Monroe County - Address: 615 S Adams St, Bloomington, IN 47403 Phone: (812) 349-2506 Executive Director: Victoria Thevenow (vthevenow@co.monroe.in.us)

Monroe County: Truancy Termination Partnership Program (TTPP)

Program Description

Truancy Termination Partnership Program (TTPP) is a partnership program with the local school systems and the probation department, focusing on youth that are in process of being referred to the local juvenile probation department for truancy by their assigned school. The program intends to reduce the instances of truancy for youth and families in our community by providing both counseling and case management from staff.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;Truancy Diversion;Case Management/Service Coordination;Youth and Family;

Target Population

Status Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County, Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department, and Positive Action, INC

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

Since 2022

Funding Source

County Tax Funds and JDAI Funds

Point of Contact

Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County - 615 S Adams St Bloomington, IN 47403 PHONE: (812) 349-2506 Executive Director - Victoria Thevenow (vthevenow@co.monroe.in.us)

Montgomery County: Teen Court

Program Description

Teen Court is a diversionary program for first time juvenile offenders. Respondents go through teen court and get a disposition from their peers.

Program Type

Teen Court;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;School-based Offenses;Misdemeanors;Felonies;Substance Related Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

approximately 24 years

Funding Source

IYSA and possible other funding sources. There is a fee to be in the program unless determined indigent.

Point of Contact

Cameron Cole 765-362-0694 Ext: 114

Montgomery County: Youth Educational Shoplifting Program (Y.E.S. Program)

Program Description

The Y.E.S. Program is a comprehensive, “offense-specific” education program, which helps juveniles identify the feelings, thoughts and attitudes which lead them to shoplift and helps them make better choices for themselves and their future. This interactive program, developed by the National Association for Shoplifting Prevention (NASP), was designed as a means of early intervention to help prevent juveniles from repeating the offense and provide them with the tool needed to move on to a successful future.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

National Association for Shoplifting Prevention (NASP)

Program Administered By

NASP

Years Active

20 years

Funding Source

There is a fee to go through the online program

Point of Contact

NASP@shopliftingprevention.org or 800-848-9595

Montgomery County: Prime for Life

Program Description

Prime For Life provides a judgment-free way of understanding how alcohol and drug-related problems develop, what we can do to prevent them, and why sometimes we need help.

Program Type

Substance Use Related; Education/Skill-building;

Target Population

First Time Offenses; Status Offenses; Substance Related Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

PRi developed the program. Montgomery County Probation Department currently provides the instructors to teach the course.

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

at least 10

Funding Source

There is a fee to attend the program.

Point of Contact

Montgomery County Probation Department: 765-364-6460

Owen County: Truancy Diversion Program

Program Description

Program in the middle and high school to address truancy issues without formal referral to probation. The truancy diversion team meets at the schools weekly to discuss attendance related issues with students individually. Team consists of probation officer, a representative from prosecutors office and principal/vice principal of schools. Program is an intervention not punitive.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

Truancy ;

Program Collaborative Partners

Owen Valley High School, Owen Valley Middle School, Prosecutors Office and Probation

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

1.5

Funding Source

JDAI and Justice Partners Grants

Point of Contact

Natasha Pointer

Porter County: Teen Court

Program Description

Teen Court - The purpose of Teen Court is to reduce recidivism for first time (low risk) juvenile offenders. Teen Court provides the chance for youth to be accountable by providing constructive consequences for their actions, while providing leadership opportunities and resolution training for young volunteers as participants in the peer sentencing court. The program enables the youth to voluntarily take responsibility for their actions, to provide restitution to the victim and/or community, and gives the community a “hands-on” approach in the juvenile justice system.

Participants and family members will be given a scheduled date for their hearing. Hearings will be held on the 1st or 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Porter County Juvenile Services Center. Hearings will last approximately 15 – 20 minutes. During court, a peer jury determines the consequences that are fair and appropriate to each individual case. The jury is made up of youth from the community trained by juvenile services center staff members regarding policy and procedure of the court process. Consequences can include community service, restitution, written apologies, essays, participation in community groups, and other constructive consequences. Juvenile Probation and Detention Officers serve as the defense and prosecuting attorneys, while the Judge is filled by Juvenile Justice Services Department heads.

Program Type

Teen Court;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;School-based Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;Substance Related Offenses;Domestic Battery;Status Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Juvenile Probation Department

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

8

Funding Source

Internal....Fees collected prior to scheduled hearings.

Point of Contact

Anthony McDonald - Porter County Juvenile Probation

Porter County: Vape

Program Description

Vape – Vape is a one-hour class offered as a diversion program for some first time marijuana users and youth found in possession of smoking devices. Youth participate in a 30-minute video session, along with a question and answer session to follow. As a condition of the diversion, youth submit a 2-page typed essay (double spaced, 12 font) which includes the following:

- How does vaping THC differ from smoking it?
- What are some risks of the higher levels of THC found in vaping cartridges?
- Describe how vaping THC and its additives harms your lungs
- Explain how marijuana affects learning, memory, adolescent brain development, and mental health

Essays are to be turned in before the end of the six-month diversion period.

Program Type

Substance Use Related; Education/Skill-building;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Porter County Juvenile Probation

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

3

Funding Source

Internal...Fees are collected prior to participating in the 6 months diversion and scheduling the classe associated with the diversion.

Point of Contact

Anthony McDonald

Porter County: Mental Health Diversion

Program Description

Mental Health Diversion - Children entering the Porter County juvenile justice system may be offered the opportunity to participate in tailored programming as an alternative to adjudication. If appropriate, children with identified mental health concerns may participate in Mental Health Diversion. By offering services in lieu of formal court action, children and their families benefit by receiving timely treatment services that might otherwise be inaccessible to them.

Program Type

Mental Health;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

Porter County Juvenile Justice Services (Detention and Probation)

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

15

Funding Source

Internal...Fees Collected.

Point of Contact

Chris Buyer - Chief of Porter County Juvenile Probation (cbuyer@porterco.org)

Porter County: Diversion I

Program Description

Diversion (Level I) cases shall be monitored for six (6) months with an \$80/flat fee. A contract will be completed with the juvenile and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) consisting of minimal conditions (i.e.: pay fee, follow the law and stay out of trouble). It is important to note these cases will not have any services offered to the juvenile, including drug screens.

- If the underlying charge of this contract is Truancy, the condition of attending school every day without unexcused absences applies. The assigned Probation Officer/Case Manager shall obtain attendance records for the juvenile every two weeks for the duration of the contract.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

School-based Offenses;Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Porter County Juvenile Probation

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

2+

Funding Source

Fees assessed.

Point of Contact

Chris Buyer - Chief of Juvenile Probation - Porter County

Porter County: Diversion II

Program Description

Diversion (Level II) cases shall be monitored for six (6) months with an \$100/flat fee. This level of diversion is to be used for first time marijuana users who ingest the substance via a vape pen/THC cartridge. If deemed appropriate, a contract will be completed with the juvenile and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) consisting of the following conditions: pay fee, attend one JJS VAPE Group, write paper regarding drug use/vaping, follow the law, and stay out of trouble. It is important to note these cases will not have any further services offered to the juvenile, including drug screens.

Program Type

Juvenile Court Diversion;

Target Population

First Time Offenses; Substance Related Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Porter County Juvenile Probation

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

2+

Funding Source

Fees Assessed

Point of Contact

Chris Buyer - Chief of Juvenile Probation - Porter County (cbuyer@porterco.org)

Porter County: Project ATTEND (Aiming Toward Truancy Elimination and Non-Attendance Decrease)

Program Description

Project ATTEND - This preventative program is managed by the Porter County Juvenile Probation Department and is designed to address attendance problems without the direct involvement of the Court. Should a child begin to accumulate too many unexcused absences and/or tardies, parents may receive a letter or phone call from the school saying that further attendance issues will result in a referral to Project ATTEND. In Indiana, there is something called the Compulsory School Attendance Law. This law states that children from the age of seven (7) are required to attend school every day, unless legally excused at the age of eighteen (18). If a child begins school before the age of seven (7), the law states a student is bound by this requirement once they are formally enrolled in school.

The law defines absenteeism two ways: Habitual and Chronic. Habitual truancy means a student has been absent ten (10) days or more from school, within a school year, without being excused or without being absent under a parental request that has been filed with the school. In other words, ten (10) unexcused absences within a school year. Chronic absenteeism means the student has been absent from school for ten percent or more of a school year for any reason. In other words, since there are 180 school days a year, the student was absent (excused or unexcused) for eighteen (18) or more days.

If your child falls into either of these two categories, the school has a responsibility to refer the issue to the Juvenile Probation Department's Project ATTEND program as parents are in violation of the Compulsory School Attendance law.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion; Case Management/Service Coordination;

Target Population

School-based Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Porter County Schools, Prosecutors Office, and Juvenile Probation.

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

18

Funding Source

Program is of no cost to family participants

Point of Contact

Anthony McDonald

Posey County: Posey County Juvenile Probation Truancy Program

Program Description

This program is a partnership between the Prosecutor's office, juvenile Probation and the School Corporations. The goals of this program are to stress the importance of regular school attendance, resolve students' attendance problems, hold parents accountable and reduce juvenile daytime crime.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

Status Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Posey County Juvenile Probation

Posey County's Prosecutor's Office

MSD of Mt. Vernon

MSD of North Posey

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

1

Funding Source

County General Funding via probation staff

Point of Contact

Posey County Juvenile Probation-Shawwna Rigsby

Pulaski County: Truancy Diversion Program

Program Description

Program offers services to families to address issues related to school attendance to avoid involvement in juvenile justice system for truancy.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

School-based Offenses;Status Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

JDAI program coordinator

Eastern Pulaski School Corporation

West Central School Corporation

4C Counseling

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

6

Funding Source

JDAI funds

Point of Contact

Jennifer Shafer

Putnam County: Teen Court

Program Description

Facilitating Restorative Justice for First-Time Juvenile Offenders. Teen Court is a diversionary Program offering an alternative to traditional juvenile justice penalties for young, first-time offenders. Young offenders are referred to Teen Court from the Juvenile Probation Office and appear before a court of their peers.

Program Type

Teen Court;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;tobacco tickets ;

Program Collaborative Partners

Juvenile Probation and Putnam County Youth Development Commission

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

2008

Funding Source

\$50.00 fee for each participant

Point of Contact

Putnam County Juvenile Probation, Renee Marsteller 765-6531257

Ripley County: Attend and Engage Program (AEP)

Program Description

Purpose: The Attend and Engage Program (AEP) is a collaborative effort between South Ripley Schools, Milan Schools, Jac-Cen-Del Schools, Southeastern Indiana Voices for Children, Ireland Home Based Services, Department of Child Services, Juvenile Probation and Ripley Circuit Court. The purpose of AEP is to ensure and enable children to adequately attend elementary school and engage in their education. **Description:** AEP will address elementary school students who have a pattern of accumulating unexcused absences making the student at-risk for educational neglect. The determination of whether a specific absence is excused or unexcused will continue to be made by school officials. After several absences are determined by school officials as unexcused, the school will provide this information to Juvenile Probation. The school will also inform Juvenile Probation to what extent the continued absences have had a negative impact on the student's academic performance. Juvenile Probation will keep the parents informed of the student's cumulative absentee status. If unexcused absences persist, then Juvenile Probation will make referrals to Ireland and/or the DCS. After the referrals are made, and upon a full assessment, DCS will determine what action should be taken. If DCS initiates legal action, Ripley Circuit Court will set these matters for expedited hearings. Furthermore, the Court may appoint a child advocate to represent the child's best interests. **Parameters:** AEP requires that elementary school students accumulate less than twelve (12) unexcused absences in a school year. To ensure this goal is obtained, parents will frequently be informed of their child's attendance status. Parents will be permitted 6 call-ins during the school year which will not count towards unexcused absences. Additionally, community based services will be offered as necessary. **Protocol:** A summary of the day-to-day operative protocol is as follows: A School Staff member will inform Juvenile Probation of elementary students with excessive unexcused absences. This will be accomplished by school officials submitting the Notice of Violation Forms (50% Form, 75% Form, 100% Violation Form) and, if applicable, the Teacher Statement of Educational Impact. These documents shall be filed with Juvenile Probation. A School Staff member will send the parents a letter upon the student accumulating three unexcused absences 25% (3 unexcused). When the student has accumulated (5) unexcused days, the School will hold an attendance conference not more than five instructional days after the student's fifth absence. Juvenile Probation will send the parents a letter upon the student accumulating unexcused absences in the amount of 50% (6 unexcused), 75% (9 unexcused) and 100% (12 unexcused). If there has not previously been a referral to Ireland, then in addition to the 75% letter, Juvenile Probation will make a referral to Ireland. Included in the 100% letter, Juvenile Probation will make a referral to the DCS and include all pertinent documentation. After receiving the referral, the DCS will open an assessment within five (5) days. DCS will determine what action should be taken, including whether to file a CHINS Petition. Ripley Circuit Court will hold hearings on all AEP filings. The Court may appoint a child advocate to represent the student's best interests. The Court will set these matters for expedited processing as follows: at the Initial Hearing a trial will be set within thirty (30) days; upon a child in need of services finding a Dispositional Hearing will be held within fifteen (15) days following the trial; thereafter, Review Hearings will be held at regular intervals starting with two (2) weeks following the Dispositional Hearing. AEP is designed to facilitate educational neglect prevention and, if necessary,

intervention, but will not interfere with or replace the statutory and traditional role of the Court, DCS, Probation and the School Corporation.

Program Type

Truancy Diversion;

Target Population

School-based Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

South Ripley Community Schools, Milan Community Schools, Jac-Cen-Del Community Schools, Southeastern Indiana Voices for Children, Ireland Home Based Services, Department of Child Services, Juvenile Probation and Ripley Circuit Court

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

9 years

Funding Source

Court Services receives partial funding from the participating Ripley County Schools for the following programs: Attendance and Engage Program (AEP), Ripley County Alternative To Suspension (RCATS) Program and Ripley County Attendance Program (RCAP) in th

Point of Contact

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St. Joseph County: Five Star Life - LIFT

Program Description

LIFT offers families parental support, relationship building, mentoring, conflict resolution, and experiential learning, centered around character, leadership, and mindset curriculum. The program model is implemented as a 6-week cohort, meeting for two to three hours, once a week for six weeks, including a leadership day at Summit. Each session includes a time of connection, a time of collaboration (where youth/families are challenged through team-building activities), a time of learning, reflection, and discussion, and ends with a challenge/action step. Each cohort is set up to focus on specific skills through the curriculum. The curriculum is built upon the research done by Carol Dweck on the power of mindset and the evidence-based practices her work inspired. Some examples of previous cohort focuses include conflict management, restoring your relationships, and ruling over your mental, physical, and emotional health. No matter the focus, the curriculum emphasizes the skills and values we teach to develop and transform your mindset. During the evening session, youth and parents are divided for a time of peer-based discussion to reflect on the topic and discuss their individual takeaways, then families are brought back together to discuss as a group and identify ways the whole family can hold each other accountable to the challenge they have set for themselves. The program model also includes a leadership day at Summit, where families can expand on and explore the personal growth they've experienced during their time in the program. Summit is a place where fears are faced, connections are made, and personal growth is experienced at expedited levels.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;Truancy Diversion;Youth and Family;Mentoring;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;Misdemeanors;

Program Collaborative Partners

Five Star Life

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

Several, probation has been utilizing it since 2022

Funding Source

Contract with the county, but that ends in May. Applied for the YJOC Diversion Program Grant

Point of Contact

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Steuben County: Teen Court

Program Description

The Teen Court program offers youth with first-time misdemeanor offenses an opportunity to take accountability for their actions while avoiding formal entry into the juvenile justice system. Teen Court is designed to educate and empower youth. Teen Court is a voluntary, peer-driven alternative to a traditional court proceeding. Teen Court participants are judged by a jury of their peers, with roles that include advocate, jury members, and bailiff. The teen jury consists of local teen volunteers from Fremont and Angola High School who are trained through JDAI and are under the guidance of a volunteer legal professional who acts as Judge.

The program focuses on promoting accountability, positive decision-making, and restorative justice. Teen court helps youth learn from their mistakes while avoiding a criminal record. Participants must agree to follow the program's requirements and fulfill any sanctions given by the Teen Court jury.

Program Type

Teen Court;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;Assessed Low Risk;

Program Collaborative Partners

JDAI, Prosecutors office, Probation office

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

4

Funding Source

JDAI funds

Point of Contact

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Tippecanoe County: Law Enforcement Diversion

Program Description

Law Enforcement have access to an app and are authorized by the Prosecutor's Office to divert the following offenses: False informing (without hindering), minor in possession of alcohol, push/shove battery without injury, runaway and to use discretion for parent/child conflict as long as it does not meet the threshold of domestic battery. Law enforcement divert youth by entering basic demographic data into the app and that sends an email to our Diversion Services Director who reaches out to the family within 24 business hours to offer an appointment (virtually or in person) to refer for services through a local service provider Willowstone Family Services or another contractual clinician. Services provided can include, group therapy, family therapy, individual therapy, case management, Healthy Family Services, mental health assessments and are funded through Diversion ICJI Funding.

Program Type

Substance Use Related;Education/Skill-building;Mental Health;Case Management/Service Coordination;Law Enforcement/Pre-Arrest;Conflict Resolution;Youth and Family;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Willowston Family Services, West Lafayette Police Department, Lafayette Police Department, Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office, other contracted clinicians, prosecutor's office, public defender's office, Juvenile Court, Tippecanoe County Youth Services, probation.

Program Administered By

Other Government Agency

Years Active

since 2024

Funding Source

ICJI Diversion Grant and County General Fund

Point of Contact

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Tippecanoe County: Diversion

Program Description

Juvenile Probation at the Intake Center have authority and are authorized by the Prosecutor's Office to divert the following offenses: False informing (without hindering), minor in possession of alcohol, push/shove battery without injury, runaway and to use discretion for parent/child conflict as long as it does not meet the threshold of domestic battery. If Law enforcement chooses not to divert youth at the street level for these offenses, juvenile probation can do so at the intake level. Additionally, they can divert youth for other low level offenses into Teen Court, Parent/Child Guided Conflict Resolution, Restorative Justice Circles, Anger Management Services or Juvenile Justice Jeopardy by sending a referral through a link to the Youth Services Executive Director in addition to the services mentioned below. For services through our law enforcement diversion program, they email our Diversion Services Director to refer for services through a local service provider Willowstone Family Services or another contractual clinician. Services provided can include, group therapy, family therapy, individual therapy, case management, Healthy Family Services, mental health assessments and are funded through Diversion ICJI Funding.

Program Type

Teen Court;Education/Skill-building;Substance Use Related;Restorative Justice;Mental Health;Case Management/Service Coordination;Conflict Resolution;Youth and Family;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

Willowstone Family Services, contracted clinicians, juvenile probation, juvenile court, Youth Services, prosecutor, and public defender.

Program Administered By

Other Government Agency

Years Active

since 2018

Funding Source

various - ICJI funds, JDAI funds and county general fund

Point of Contact

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Tippecanoe County: School-Justice Partnership

Program Description

Lafayette School Corporation and Tippecanoe School Corporation have access to divert youth from arrest at the school level for acts our community has come together to determine we are focusing on no longer arresting on school grounds. These include theft (under \$750) if the item is returned, vandalism, push/shove battery with no injury, injury to a school official (if it was a collateral injury while breaking up a fight), disorderly conduct (disruption of education), possession of a knife, fighting without injury, and intimidation without a means to act upon it. Schools Administrators do not involve SROs because no arrest is being pursued and can refer directly into services through Youth Services (that Probation would typically refer) through a form called a Uniform Notice of Offense that is reviewed with parents and students. We have recently added vaping nicotine to the focus acts in order to keep youth in school and offer vape education programming. Youth are referred and participate in services at the school at no cost to the parent or school. Referrals can also be made to our Attendance Intervention Program for ongoing attendance issues through a separate UNO process.

Program Type

Teen Court;Education/Skill-building;Substance Use Related;Restorative Justice;Mental Health;Case Management/Service Coordination;Truancy Diversion;Conflict Resolution;

Target Population

School-based Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

LSC, TSC, prosecutor, public defender, juvenile court, probation, Youth Services, law enforcement, SROs and Security Officers.

Program Administered By

Other Government Agency

Years Active

since 2017

Funding Source

county general fund, JDAI grants, JCC grants

Point of Contact

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Vanderburgh County: Substance Abuse Treatment Initiative (SATI)

Program Description

The Substance Abuse Treatment Initiative (SATI) is a treatment program for youth 12 to 18 years old. It is designed to provide area youth and their families with an effective research-supported alternative.

The purpose of the program is to educate, assess and provide intensive outpatient treatment to youth struggling with substance abuse or alcohol use. The program provides treatment in the areas of:

- the disease of addiction
- generational predispositions of addiction
- identifying personal cravings
- successful resolution of cravings
- how to live a sober life

Phase 1: Youth participate in eight psycho-educational group sessions.

Phase 2: Four follow-up interviews during the three months following the conclusion of Phase 1.

The cost of the SATI program is \$100.00 paid at initial intake assessment.

Program Type

Substance Use Related;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;Status Offenses;School-based Offenses;Substance Related Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;

Program Collaborative Partners

Hillcrest Youth Services

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

20+

Funding Source

Youth Service Bureau and self-supporting

Point of Contact

Laura Walker

Vanderburgh County: Theft Intervention Program

Program Description

The Theft Intervention Program (TIP) uses a cognitive-behavioral education model by addressing life-consequences with the goal of reducing and eliminating repeated behavioral incidents.

The purpose of the program is to give youthful offenders the opportunity to explore their values, motives, behavioral consequences, personal potential and responsibilities to their community with increased accountability and compliance standards.

The cost for this program is \$75.00 paid upon initial intake assessment.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;School-based Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;

Program Collaborative Partners

Hillcrest Youth Services

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

20+

Funding Source

Youth Service Bureau and self-supporting

Point of Contact

Laura Walker

Vanderburgh County: Reducing Adolescent Aggression Program (RAAP)

Program Description

The Reducing Adolescent Aggression Program (RAAP) is an aggression replacement program for youth ages 12 – 18 years old that is designed to provide area youth and their families with an effective research-supported solution.

The purpose of RAAP is to educate, assess and provide a positive direction and treatment intervention to youth who have begun to express their aggression in unhealthy, hostile ways in an attempt to redirect, educate and defuse their self-destructive patterns of behavior.

Phase 1 – Youth participate in six psycho-educational group sessions.

Phase 2 – Three follow-up interviews during the six months following the conclusion of Phase 1.

The cost of the program is \$75.00 paid upon initial intake assessment.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;Conflict Resolution;Youth and Family;

Target Population

First Time Offenses;School-based Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

Hillcrest Youth Services

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

20+

Funding Source

Youth Service Bureau

Point of Contact

Laura Walker

Vanderburgh County: Teen Court

Program Description

Vanderburgh County Teen Court is a restorative justice-based diversion program that serves first-time juvenile offenders and middle school and high school student volunteers (8th-12th grade). Respondents are sentenced at a hearing of their peers who volunteer to serve as jury members, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, bailiff, and judge's assistant and who are mentored by adult attorneys. Teen Court provides respondents and youth volunteers with the mentors, education, tools, and resources to make positive, healthy choices.

YR's law enforcement and probation partners refer young offenders to Teen Court as a voluntary alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system. Juveniles charged with a low-level offense can forgo the formal hearing and sentencing procedures of juvenile court and participate in a sentencing forum made up of a jury of their peers. Teen Court is not a mock hearing. Youth volunteers take their roles seriously and recognize that it is a privilege and responsibility to participate and to have the opportunity to help a peer.

Teen Court hearings are held on Monday evenings in the Courts Building in the Civic Center Complex.

Program Type

Teen Court; Restorative Justice;

Target Population

Status Offenses; First Time Offenses; School-based Offenses; Substance Related Offenses; Assessed Low Risk;

Program Collaborative Partners

Youth Resources of Southwestern Indiana

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

20+

Funding Source

Funded by various grants

Point of Contact

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Vigo County: Teen Court

Program Description

Offering first-time youth offenders a second chance through restorative justice.

Program Type

Teen Court;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;Domestic Battery;Conversion;

Program Collaborative Partners

Chances and Services for Youth

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

20+

Funding Source

Division of Mental Health & Addiction, Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Commission (ISDH), Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Drug Free Vigo County, United Way of Wabash Valley, Indiana DOE, Wabash Valley Community Foundation, Clara Fairbanks Foundation, I

Point of Contact

Brandon Halleck

Vigo County: Community Service Project

Program Description

Community Service led by probation officers using restorative justice by working with community members, mainly our Parks Departments.

Program Type

Restorative Justice;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Felonies;Substance Related Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;Gun Violence;Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

Vigo County Juvenile Probation and Vigo County Parks Department

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

2

Funding Source

Vigo County Council

Point of Contact

Graham Peterson/ Vigo County Juvenile Probation

Wabash County: Truancy Mediation-Education for Conflict Resolution

Program Description

This is a diversionary effort to assist families in dealing with truancy issues. Education for Conflict Resolution will provide mediation between parents and youth and families who are struggling with ensuring youth attendance in school. The truancy meeting will take place between youth, their families, and school personnel to explore the reasons the student has had excessive absences. All parties explore these issues, build mutual understanding, and develop practical solutions under the facilitation of a neutral mediator. Referrals come from the schools, diverting these youth from the system due to the offense of Truancy.

Program Type

Education/Skill-building;

Target Population

Status Offenses;School-based Offenses;

Program Collaborative Partners

Education for Conflict Resolution

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

7

Funding Source

JDAI

Point of Contact

Education for Conflict Resolution, North Manchester, Indiana

Wabash County: Restorative Justice

Program Description

Education for Conflict Resolution has been trained (attended approximately 12 hours of Zoom training) and is in the process of implementing Restorative Justice Circles. Restorative session will be used with low level (generally Level 6 Felony and lower) offenses as a diversion, post adjudication/pre-dispositional and as a term of probation. Wabash County Court Services will screen the referrals to determine if the victim is willing to participate in the process and if the offender and their parent/guardian/custodian is willingness to complete the process.

Program Type

Restorative Justice;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Substance Related Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;

Program Collaborative Partners

Education for Conflict Resolution

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

1

Funding Source

JDAI

Point of Contact

Education for Conflict Resolution, North Manchester, Indiana

Wabash County: 24 Hour Family Crisis Response

Program Description

Beginning in 2020, Wabash County has partnered with the Huntington County Youth Services Bureau to ensure that youth, and their families, who fit the target population can receive 24 hour on-call mediation services so that the youth may remain in the home or with respite care as opposed to shelter care placement. Referral sources are families, law enforcement and or the probation department. The youth and families can also be referred for a family evaluation with the Department of Child Services, when appropriate and necessary, who then may make further recommendations for services.

Program Type

Crisis Response/Crisis Intervention; Youth and Family;

Target Population

Status Offenses; Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

Huntington County Youth Services Bureau

Program Administered By

Probation

Years Active

5

Funding Source

JDAI

Point of Contact

Huntington County Youth Services Bureau, Huntington, Indiana

Wells County: Wells County Teen Court

Program Description

Disposition alternative at the preliminary inquiry stage for those offenders for status and non-violent misdemeanor or low felony offenses with little nor no prior referrals. The program offers delinquent youth the opportunity to have some accountability for their behavior and learn more about the criminal justice system while affording non-delinquent youth an opportunity to serve and learn more about the legal system. The program is run by Family Centered Services, Inc of Bluffton, IN.

Program Type

Teen Court;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;Felonies;Substance Related Offenses;School-based Offenses;Assessed Low Risk;

Program Collaborative Partners

Family Centered Services, Inc., Wells Circuit Court, Wells County Bar

Program Administered By

Family Centered Services, Inc.

Years Active

27 years

Funding Source

Family Centered Services, Inc.

Point of Contact

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Whitley County: Teen Court

Program Description

Teen Court is a diversion program designed to provide first-time or low level offending youth an opportunity to be held accountable in a court setting by a jury of their peers. Teen Court aims to allow youth to learn from their mistakes without jeopardizing their future. Cases are referred by the Probation Department.

Program Type

Teen Court;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Substance Related Offenses;Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

3

Funding Source

JDAI

Point of Contact

Michelle L. Crone

Whitley County: Bowen Crisis Call Line

Program Description

Law enforcement can call the on-call Bowen counselor/therapist and have them make the scene 24/7 if law enforcement believes the situation is more mental health based than criminal.

Program Type

Crisis Response/Crisis Intervention;

Target Population

Mental health crisis;

Program Collaborative Partners

Bowen Health

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

2

Funding Source

JDAI

Point of Contact

Bowen Health

Whitley County: Mentoring

Program Description

Mentoring

Program Type

Mentoring;

Target Population

Status Offenses;First Time Offenses;Misdemeanors;School-based Offenses;Felonies;Substance Related Offenses;Domestic Battery;

Program Collaborative Partners

The Center

Program Administered By

Community Based Organization

Years Active

2

Funding Source

JDAI

Point of Contact

The Center