

DMC Reduction Plan

I. Data Identification

The State of Oregon utilizes reports produced by the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS). JJIS <http://www.oregon.gov/oya/pages/jjis.aspx> tracks all juvenile offenders and reports on juvenile crime, treatment, sanctions, accountability and outcomes at every level. JJIS provides comprehensive case information about juvenile offenders and the services they receive from Oregon’s state and county juvenile justice agencies, including demographic information. JJIS data include a series of annual reports providing information that supports public safety and reduction of juvenile crime.

Please note that Oregon uses “referral” contact point as a proxy for “arrest”. [Oregon Revised Statute 419C.091](#) states that “custody under shall not be deemed an arrest so far as the youth is concerned. All peace officers shall keep a record of youths taken into custody and shall promptly notify the juvenile court or counselor of all youths taken into custody. “The most recent available data reported in the table below are for the period from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

Oregon Statewide	Race:	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Hispanic
Population		265655	13930	6091	23081	85629
Referral	Number	7034	748	304	189	2036
	Percentage	2.65%	5.37%	4.99%	0.82%	2.38%
Diversion	Number	5243	527	201	164	1521
	Percentage	1.97%	3.78%	3.30%	0.71%	1.78%
Detention	Number	2293	339	164	59	638
	Percentage	0.86%	2.43%	2.69%	0.26%	0.75%
Secure Confinement	Number	126	33	14	4	48
	Percentage	0.05%	0.24%	0.23%	0.02%	0.06%
Adult Court Transfer	Number	59	22	3	4	48
	Percentage	0.02%	0.16%	0.05%	0.02%	0.06%

II. Data Discussion and Action Plan

1. *What do your DMC numbers tell you about your jurisdiction?*

The data used in the table suggest that African American/Black youth are overrepresented at the referral, detention, secure confinement and transfer decision points. Native American youth are

overrepresented at referral, detention and secure confinement decision points. Both demographic groups are diverted from the formal processing by the system through diversion programs, which somewhat reduces disproportionality at the subsequent decision points but does not mitigate it.

The statewide comparison data clearly illustrated that there is and has been a constant difficulty with reducing DMC at the referral stage when it came to African American/Black and American Indian or Alaska Native. The data provided shows that even though there is a high number of referrals coming in for these two populations of youth, their cases are diverted very close to the same, if not at a higher, rate as white youth.

Although cases were diverted at a nearly proportionate rate (except for American Indian/Alaska Native youth), secure detention for African American/Black and American Indian or Alaska Native youth were high. Cases resulting in secure confinement and cases transferred to adult court for African American/Black youth.

Factors contributing to the disproportionality will be examined and disparities identified in partnership with state and local partners. Please refer to the action plan below.

2. What would success in DMC reduction look like for your state?

Eventual elimination of disproportionate representation of African American and Native American youth at referral, detention and secure confinement decision points in Oregon's juvenile justice system will be a successful long-term outcome. Oregon strives to achieve the state of inclusion and fairness by removing barriers for youth and their families through collaboration across disciplines and commitment to the common goals.

3. How much do you want to reduce DMC next year?

The state of Oregon would like to see a reduction in disproportionality at all decision points for all of the identified demographic groups.

The Youth Development Division will collaborate with state and local juvenile justice and law enforcement agencies to implement the following strategies and actions at a state, local and programmatic levels:

Level of Activity	Goal and Area of Focus	Strategies and Activities
State	<p>1. Reduce DMC through implementation of systems' change initiatives and activities that support minority youth</p> <p>2. Develop partnerships and coalitions to align DMC reduction efforts with Local Public Safety Coordinated Councils (LPSCCs), Oregon Juvenile Departments Directors Association (OJDDA), Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC), Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Department of Human Services (DHS), Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) and others.</p>	<p>1. Dedicate a full-time position to lead and coordinate DMC reduction efforts across the state.</p> <p>2. Conduct further data analysis to determine factors contributing and causing disparities at the identified decision points.</p> <p>3. Support and coordinate training on Implicit Bias in the Juvenile Justice System for local law enforcement, Oregon State Police, Oregon Youth Authority, county juvenile departments and courts.</p> <p>4. Support annual OJDDA Conference.</p>
County & Tribe	<p>1. Support local county efforts and provide technical assistance to reduce DMC.</p> <p>2. Support tribal efforts to reduce Native American youth contact with the juvenile justice system.</p>	<p>1. Identify local jurisdictions with significant disproportionalities and assist with their efforts to identify factors contributing to disparities and to reduce disproportionality at all decision points.</p> <p>2. Collaborate with tribal governments, tribal law enforcement, JCP coordinators, state and local agencies to improve services delivery and outcomes for Native American Youth.</p>
Programs & Systems Intervention	<p>1. Identify best practices across the nations and provide technical assistance on evidence-based practices and culturally appropriate approaches.</p> <p>2. Engage youth, families and communities.</p>	<p>1. Provide ongoing technical assistance on selection, implementation and monitoring of DMC reduction practices that are best suited for target populations and fit into a local service continuum, as well as systematic improvements.</p>

		2. Coordinate efforts with local programs serving youth disproportionately affected by juvenile justice involvement.
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4. *Is that reasonable? If yes, why?*

The State of Oregon, led by Governor Kate Brown, is committed to equity and elimination of disparities across all systems. The State is determined to create a system where all youth have an equal opportunity to thrive and become successful adults.

5. *What do you need from OJJDP to be successful with your plan?*

Continuing partnership, ongoing communication, technical assistance, and training.

6. *What safeguards will you put in place to ensure that as you work to reduce DMC, you are still protecting the public, holding youth accountable, and equipping youth to live crime-free, productive lives?*

Equity and diversity do not imply preferential treatment. Equity and diversity mean that all youth, regardless of their racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, family composition, disabilities, etc. receive fair treatment and processing by the juvenile justice system. Delinquent youth are being held accountable for the crimes they commit and, while in Oregon’s juvenile justice system, receive education, treatment, job-development and life-skills necessary to return to their communities and become productive members of society, regardless of their demographics.

Youth Development Division (YDD) has been supporting local efforts through community investments made to promote developmentally appropriate services for youth exhibiting risky behaviors, and reengage youth who are not in school or working with education and/or employment opportunities. The YDD is part of the overall education continuum. The YDD coordinates a unified and aligned system that provides services to school-age children through youth 24 years of age in a manner that:

- Supports educational success;
- Focuses on crime prevention;
- Reduces high risk behaviors; and
- Is integrated, measurable and accountable.

YDD supports services for youth in five main grant categories:

- Youth & Community Grants
- Youth Innovation & Workforce Grants
- Community Schools

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- Gang Prevention & Intervention Grants
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Grants