

Promoting JDAI to Law Enforcement

What is Juvenile Detention Reform?

Using eight interconnected core strategies, Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) seeks to help participating jurisdictions safely reduce reliance on secure detention for youth charged with delinquent offenses.



The Teen Brain

Explaining how youth are developmentally different than adults, how adolescents respond to authority and the effect of trauma on their behavior.



Why Detention Reform Is Necessary

Asking about and addressing law enforcement concerns and soliciting law enforcement input on issues that directly affect officers can provide a starting point for fruitful dialogue.



Objective Screening Tool for Detention Decisions: Its Impact on Law Enforcement

Describing the rationale and evidence behind the use of objective screening, the process used to develop detention screening instruments in JDAI sites, and the effect of risk screening for law enforcement officers.



Focus on Combatting Racial & Ethnic Disparities

Explaining the reasons for JDAI's intensive focus on pursuing racial and ethnic equity in juvenile justice decision-making, and describing the key strategies employed by JDAI sites to address disparities.

