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PATHWAYS TO DETENTION REFORM: CONSULTATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The JDAI has produced a series of reform strategies and successful outcomes. These results have been published in a series of documents titled “Pathways to Juvenile Detention Reform.”

Three of the JDAI sites—Chicago, Illinois; Portland, Oregon; and Sacramento, California—have been designated as pilot host sites for demonstration purposes.

The Youth Policy Center has been designated by the Annie E. Casey Foundation as the central facilitator of technical assistance to jurisdictions interested in system reform and willing to make a commitment to the JDAI goals and objectives.

The Youth Policy Center is offering jurisdictions interested in detention reform the opportunity to secure information and technical assistance.

Judge Frank A. Orlando (Ret.)
Director
DETENTION REFORMS

In 1992, the Annie E. Casey Foundation launched the National Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI).

The main objectives of the initiative were:

- reduce the inappropriate use of secure detention
- public safety protection by reserving secure and expensive detention resources for juveniles arrested and who present a risk of re-offending and/or a risk of failure to appear for scheduled court proceedings
- develop nonsecure detention alternatives for low-risk cases that require supervision pending court programs
- improve conditions of confinement
- reduce the overrepresentation of minorities in detention

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Jurisdictions interested in comprehensive reform of their juvenile detention system
- Jurisdictions who will involve the diverse group of stakeholders necessary for collaboration in a comprehensive system reform effort

There are two levels of technical assistance available:

1. Consultation on specific individual parts of the system and assistance in beginning the planning process
2. Intensive assistance for a jurisdiction undertaking a comprehensive and systematic reform of juvenile detention. We will work with two or three sites a year at this level.
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