

## JDAI AND JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM SITES

Developing Community Based Programs and Better System Practice to Reduce Juvenile Crime

### Continuum Snapshot

- 22 Juvenile Justice Continuum Boards
- 23 Counties served
- Over 200 community leaders
- Over 80 Programs developed to address local challenges
- Low cost services with significant impact
- Local decisions made by local experts to impact local challenges

## NM Juvenile Crime Stats

Since 2009 **Referrals** to the juvenile justice system are down 52% (*Public Safety Indicator*)

Since 2009 **Detention** of Youth in New Mexico is down 51%

Since 2009 **Commitment** Rates of Youth in New Mexico are down 32%

**Multiple factors contribute to the reduction in juvenile crime;** Children’s Code changes, JDAI State to Scale, JDAI National Model Site in Bernalillo County and the development of the Juvenile Justice Continuum Boards in 2007.

### JDAI

#### 8 Core Strategies

- Collaboration
- Reduce Racial Disparities
- Conditions of Confinement
- Special Populations
- Case Processing
- Data Driven
- Alternatives To Detention
- Objective Admissions

## The Juvenile Justice Continuum Act

The New Mexico Juvenile Justice Continuum Act was passed in 2007 to fund boards across the state to build continuums of local services for **youth at risk** of being involved in the juvenile justice system; for **diversion of youth** from the justice system and for **alternatives to detention**.

**New Mexico is one of a few states in the nation that intentionally distribute federal and general funds marked for the reduction of juvenile crime locally—guided by local experts to develop programs tailored to the challenges of the locally identified, at risk youth population.**

### National Model Site Bernalillo County

*In 1999 Bernalillo County became one of five National Model sites for juvenile justice reform. The innovative practice and programs developed there have been replicated across the country.*

*Results are undeniable: Bernalillo County has decreased inappropriate use of juvenile detention while maintaining public safety.*

### New Mexico Children’s Code

The 8 Core Strategies of JDAI were incorporated into the NM Children’s Code in beginning in 2003

The statewide Risk Assessment Instrument was developed for use in 2003

## Racial Inequity: Disproportionate Minority Contact

- Youth of color (aged 10-17) **are overrepresented** in the NM Juvenile justice system.
- Are **Arrested** at 1.43 times the rate of White youth statewide in FFY16
- And are **Diverted** LESS (.88)

**New Mexico: Law, JDAI, Continuum Sites Aligned to Make the Difference**

Statistics in this document are from CYFD JDAI Annual Report and FACTS Data base