**Diversion Systems**

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| Engagement #4: Develop early diversion and deflection tactics to avoid long-term engagement with the criminal justice system: prearrest, post arrest, and beyond. |

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| **TEAM LEADERSHIP** |
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| **PURPOSE** |
| To develop and implement a comprehensive system of behavioral health-focused deflection and diversion initiatives at the pre-arrest, post-arrest, and post-conviction stages to prevent long-term engagement in the criminal justice system. This system requires matching accountability and services to the risks and needs of justice involved individuals. In addition, this system should consider identifying gaps or improvements in the differences between rural and urban jurisdictions throughout Idaho, with an emphasis on achieving reasonable and responsible consistencies across the state to create off-ramps from the system. The deflection and diversion system should reflect the dynamic needs of justice involved individuals both for juvenile and adults as well as developing opportunities addressing youth or young adults.  |
| **ACTION ITEMS TO ACCOMPLISH** |
| **1.** | Evaluate the processes around the age of detainment. |
| **2.** | Implement two pilot court projects meant to divert justice-involved individuals with significant behavioral health issues. |
| **3.** | Evaluate jails’ ability to implement diversionary programs meant to address their service needs such as behavioral health and education. |
| **4.** | Perform a systemwide review and gap analysis of Idaho’s deflection and diversion programs or initiatives and their effectiveness. |
| **PARAMETERS OR CONSTRAINTS** |
| When this system road map is being developed and implemented, common language and critical definitions will be utilized: **Deflection**: Deflection refers to interventions that occur before an individual enters the formal justice system with the filing of a charge. Deflection is meant to redirect individuals away from arrest and prosecution by providing access and requiring completion of programs with supportive services, such as mental health treatment or substance use disorder counseling.**Diversion**: Diversion occurs after an individual has entered the criminal justice system following a filing but can occur at multiple system points such as before adjudication, sentencing, and at re-entry. It allows individuals to complete specific requirements which could lead to reduced or dismissed charges or avoiding incarceration. |
| **HIGH-LEVEL RISKS** |
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| **Communication**  |   |
| **Amendment Process** |  |
| **Dates Amended** |  |