**Diversion Systems *– Updated 5/22/2025***

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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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| **ACTION ITEMS AND OBJECTIVES** |
| 1. **Evaluate the processes around the age of detainment**
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| Develop recommendations to revise 20-516/20-520 of the Juvenile Corrections Act |
| 1. **Implement two pilot court projects meant to divert justice-involved individuals with significant behavioral health issues**
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| Three low-risk and high-need tracks in existing treatment courts |
| Early Intervention Canyon County Court seeking to divert court-involved individuals with significant behavioral health issues as soon as possible to address their needs |
| 1. **Evaluate jails’ abilities to implement diversionary programs meant to address their service needs, such as behavioral health and education**
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| Evaluate the feasibility of implementing a program, such as IGNITE® |
| Education and training of justice stakeholders such as attorneys, judges, and recovery coaches, sheriffs, etc. |
| Develop a framework or toolkit for jurisdictions to implement such an effort |
| 1. **Perform an Idaho systemwide review and gap analysis of existing and effective diversion and deflection programs/initiatives**
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| Analyze findings from the Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) activities throughout the state that occurred in the last three years for the adult system |
| Identify evidence-based models and stages of deflection and diversion |
| Map out where adult and juvenile deflection and diversion programs are operating in Idaho |

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| **ACTION ITEM #1** |
| **Recommend statute changes related to age of detainment for youth ages 10 and younger.** |
| **FULL DESCRIPTION** |
| This action team will research and evaluate the processes around the age of detainment. A focus group will be convened to identify needs and propose recommendations to clarify and revise statutes 20-516 and 20-520 of the Juvenile Corrections Act. |
| **TARGET OBJECTIVES** |
| **1.** | Develop recommendations to revise 20-516/20-520 of the Juvenile Corrections Act. |

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| **SMART GOALS TO ACCOMPLISH ACTION ITEM #1 OBJECTIVES** |
| **OBJECTIVE** | **SPECIFIC OUTCOME** | **METRIC FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT** | **TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION** | **RESPONSIBLE PARTY** |
| 1. | Meet with IACJJA leadership to discuss collaborative efforts for the revision of 20-516/20-520 of the Juvenile Corrections Act.  | Hold in person or virtual focus group | 5/31/2025 | Mike Davidson |
| 1. | Present at IACJJA meeting on June 2nd to agree on the goals of revising the statute.  | Agreement with IACJJA re. process & IACJJA workgroup | 6/2/2025 | Ashley Dowell, Kelly Elkington |
| 1. | Submit to Executive Agency Legislative System | Submission  | 6/13/2025 |  |
| 1. | Formulate proposed language changes | Develop drafted language – submit intention/idea  | 6/13/2025 | Ashley Dowell, Kelly Elkington |
| 1. | Gain approval by IDJC DAG, IDJC Director, and workgroup with IACJJA | Receive approval | 6/30/2025 | Ashley Dowell, Kelly Elkington |
| 1. | Provide draft language to Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) for feedback and discuss any potential rule changes | Submit proposed language revisions  | 6/30/2025 | Leahann Romero, Paul Shepherd |
| 1. | Submit recommended revisions to IBHC Implementation Team Sponsors  | Submit proposed language revisions  | 8/31/2025 | Ashley Dowell, Mike Davidson |
| 1. | Share with the Juvenile Justice Administrators at their September meeting |  | 8/31/2025 |  |
| 1. | Submit new statute language to legislature  | Submit final to legislature  | 10/31/2025 | Ashley Dowell |

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| **TEAM LEAD** |
| Mike Davidson | Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections |
| **OTHER KEY IMPLEMENTATION STAFF FOR ACTION ITEM #1** |
| Shane Boyle | Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections |
| Joe Langan | Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections |
| Paul Shepherd | Idaho Supreme Court |
| Kelly Elkington | 3B Detention Center  |
| Chad Jacobs  | Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections |
| Leahann Romero | Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections |
| Ron Stultz | Bonner County Juvenile Detention Center |
| Danielle Chandler  | Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections |
| **CONSULTING STAKEHOLDERS FOR ACTION ITEM #1** |
| **Focus group members:** * SRO/Law Enforcement
* Public Defenders &/or Prosecuting Attorneys
* Detention Administrators
* Juvenile Probation Administrators
* Juvenile Judges

**Other SME’s:** * Ashley Dowell, IDJC Director
* Idaho Association of Counties Juvenile Justice Administrators
* IDJC Deputy Attorney General
* Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee
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| **RESOURCES, RISKS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ACTION ITEM #1** |
| **Resources:** people **Risks:** insufficient time, not getting approval by legislation |

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| **ACTION ITEM #2** |
| **Implement two pilot court projects meant to divert justice involved individuals with significant behavioral health issues.**  |
| **FULL DESCRIPTION** |
| Implement two pilot court projects meant to divert justice involved individuals with significant behavioral health issues. 1) Three low-risk and high-need tracks in existing treatment courts2) An early intervention canyon county court seeking to divert court involved individuals with significant behavioral health issues as soon as possible to address their needs |
| **TARGET OBJECTIVES** |
| **1.** | Three low-risk and high-need tracks in existing treatment courts |
| **2.** | An early intervention canyon county court seeking to divert court involved individuals with significant behavioral health issues as soon as possible to address their needs |

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| **SMART GOALS TO ACCOMPLISH ACTION ITEM #2 OBJECTIVES** |
| **OBJECTIVE** | **SPECIFIC OUTCOME** | **METRIC FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT** | **TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION** | **RESPONSIBLE PARTY** |
| 1.,2. | Update each draft of proposals | Finalize 2 drafts of pilot proposals | 5/31/2025 | Scott Ronan |
| 1.,2. | Identify potential funding source | Work with ISC Finance department and AOC leadership to develop a plan to either utilize an internal allocation or develop a request for a funding enhancement | 8/09/2025 | Scott Ronan, AOC staff and leadership |
| 1.,2. | Ensure each pilot site has a policy and procedures drafted prior to beginning operations | Prior to start date every pilot site will need to have a policy and procedures that considers target population and eligibility criteria, an MOU with stakeholders and processes | 6/28/2026 | Scott Ronan |
| 1.,2. | Draft an evaluation plan prior to implementation | Final evaluation plan that addresses outcomes to measure, data points to collect, the time period to collect it, and an analysis demonstrating the results | 6/28/2026 | Scott Ronan, Erica Marshall, AOC staff |
|  | Request funding |  |  |  |
| 1.,2. | Begin operations |  |  |  |

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| **TEAM LEAD** |
| Scott Ronan | Administrative Office of the Courts |
| **OTHER KEY IMPLEMENTATION STAFF FOR ACTION ITEM #2** |
| Erica Marshall | Idaho Justice Project |
| Shannon Lyncg | Idaho State University |
| **CONSULTING STAKEHOLDERS FOR ACTION ITEM #2** |
| District leadership (Administrative Judges, Trial Court Administrators, Treatment Court District Managers) and judges of individual courts. Idaho Supreme Court, the Administrative Office of the Court, Finance Division, Data and Evaluation Department, Judge Gene Petty. |
| **RESOURCES, RISKS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ACTION ITEM #2** |
| Hiring positions for the CEIC is critical to ability for District 3 to implement with current capacity.Capacity of Data and Evaluation staffSecuring funding |

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| **ACTION ITEM #3** |
| **Evaluate jails’ abilities to implement diversionary programs meant to address their service needs, such as behavioral health and education.** |
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| **TARGET OBJECTIVES** |
| **1.** | Evaluate the feasibility of implementing a program, such as IGNITE® |
| **2.** | Provide education and training of justice stakeholders such as attorneys, judges, recovery coaches, sheriffs, etc. |
| **3.** | Develop a framework or toolkit for jurisdictions to implement such an effort |

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| **SMART GOALS TO ACCOMPLISH ACTION ITEM #3 OBJECTIVES** |
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| **ACTION ITEM #3 TEAM LEAD** |
| Sheriff Sam Hulse | Bonneville County Sheriff |
| **OTHER KEY IMPLEMENTATION STAFF FOR ACTION ITEM #3** |
|  | IDOC Program Evaluation |
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| **CONSULTING STAKEHOLDERS FOR ACTION ITEM #3** |
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| **RESOURCES, RISKS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ACTION ITEM #3** |
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| **ACTION ITEM #4** |
| **Perform an Idaho systemwide review and gap analysis of existing and effective diversion and deflection programs/initiatives** |
| **FULL DESCRIPTION** |
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| **TARGET OBJECTIVES** |
| **1.** | Analyze findings from the Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) activities throughout the state that occurred in the last three years for the adult system |
| **2.** | Identify evidence-based models and stages of deflection and diversion |
| **3.** | Map out where adult and juvenile deflection and diversion programs are operating in Idaho |

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| **SMART GOALS TO ACCOMPLISH ACTION ITEM #4 OBJECTIVES** |
| **OBJECTIVE** | **SPECIFIC OUTCOME** | **METRIC FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT** | **TARGET COMPLETION DATE** | **RESPONSIBLE PARTY** |
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| **ACTION ITEM #4 TEAM LEADS** |
| Vito Kelso | Southwest District Health |
| Jake Lakey | Idaho Department of Correction |
| **OTHER KEY IMPLEMENTATION STAFF FOR ACTION ITEM #4** |
| Marc Dominguez | Idaho Department of Correction |
| Heather Foote | Idaho Department of Correction |
| Penelope Hansen | Boise Police Department |
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| **CONSULTING STAKEHOLDERS FOR ACTION ITEM #4** |
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| **RESOURCES, RISKS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ACTION ITEM #4** |
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