



# Indiana Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute | Indiana Department of Correction | Indiana Supreme Court  
Indiana Department of Child Services | Indiana Family and Social Services Administration | Indiana Department of Education

## JDAI'S EIGHT CORE STRATEGIES

- **COLLABORATION** *between key juvenile justice system stakeholders/agencies and non-system stakeholders, including youth and families, community members, faith-based organizations and others to plan and coordinate system improvement activities*
- **USE OF ACCURATE DATA** *to diagnose and understand the challenges and opportunities in the juvenile justice system; to drive policy and practice decisions; to regularly monitor changes and impact*
- **Reliance on OBJECTIVE ADMISSION** *criteria to guide detention decisions*
- **Utilize ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION** *for youth who do not require secure detention to ensure minimization of likelihood of re-offense and failure to appear pending disposition*
- **Efficiency in CASE PROCESSING** *to reduce unnecessary delays and ensure that interventions are timely and appropriate*
- **Reduce the use of secure confinement for "SPECIAL" DETENTION CASES** *such as violation of probation, warrants and youth awaiting placement*
- **Commit to REDUCING RACIAL, ETHNIC AND GENDER DISPARITIES** *by implementing practices and policies that eliminate institutional biases that differentially impact youth based on race, ethnicity and gender*
- **Assess CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT** *using established methodology and ambitious standards*