



Johnson County Juvenile Justice Youth Development (JJYD) Program
FY 24 Year-End Program Outcomes
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Johnson County Juvenile Justice Youth Development funding supports programs that promote positive youth engagement, offer support and provide personal enrichment opportunities for young people that may lead to an improved quality of life.

Policy Board

The Juvenile Justice Youth Development Policy board had 13 members that met quarterly. Focus areas have included expansion of juvenile court pre-charge diversion programs, reducing disparities in out-of-school suspensions, and reducing disparities in the juvenile justice system.

Funding

In FY24 the Johnson County Board of Supervisors committed \$400,000 in funding for positive youth development programs that prevent juvenile crime and delinquency and improve the well-being of children. Of those funds, \$100,000 were part of the ARPA investment. Six contracts were renewed with five agencies to support these efforts. The NCJC G! World Program did not seek renewal. Two contracts were awarded for new programming utilizing ARPA dollars. The RVAP Building Healthy Relationships contract was shortened to end on December 31. Youth Development programming for youth ages 10-17 years focused on youth in underserved communities, underrepresented populations, and those at risk for involvement with the juvenile justice system. Programming included:

- Mentoring
- Leadership Training and Job Skills Development
- Healthy Relationships and Sexual Abuse Prevention
- Crisis Mediation and Restorative Justice Circles.
- After-school and summer enrichment

In addition, Johnson County collaborated with Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County to implement the Youth Empowered to Serve summer employment program.

Collaborations

Along with providing direct program funding, Johnson County Social Services is a partner in several juvenile justice collaborations in the community.

Laurie attends the Family & Youth Engagement Summit and participates on the 6th Judicial District's Authentic Youth Engagement Committee.

The County is the contract holder for a state-funded pilot project to expand juvenile pre-charge diversion. UAY is the contract holder and implements that programming.

Diversion

Juvenile pre-charge diversion programs have been developed to provide opportunities for youth with a first offense lower level charge to participate in have proven to be effective in Johnson County.

In FY22 Johnson County was awarded a state grant to expand Juvenile Pre-Charge Diversion Opportunities to youth in our county. UAY is contracted to provide coordination of pre-charge diversion efforts and direct diversion supports to youth and started providing programming in February 2023. Programming includes individual and group-based services utilizing evidence-based approaches sand curriculum such as Positive Youth Development, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Circle Forward: Building a Restorative School Community, and Safety First: A Reality-Based Approach to Teens and Drugs, and a harm-reduction approach. Diversion interventions may include an individual youth, youth and family, or youth and peers depending on the allegation and specific circumstances. Youth are referred for additional community-based services as appropriate.

During the period of July 2023 – June 2024, 64 new youth ages 11-17 were served in Johnson County pre-charge diversion programming. Of those, 36 participated in Shoplifter Diversion, 14 in Substance Diversion, and 14 in Other Simple Misdemeanor Diversion.

There is recidivism data only through calendar year 2021. During calendar years 2015-2021, statewide recidivism in Iowa was at 8.6% while recidivism in United Action for Youth's Shoplifter's Diversion Program was 5.1%. In addition, the Shoplifter Diversion Program's recidivism rates were less than state rates in all categories of race and gender.

The FY22 grant application process was collaborative effort that included Juvenile Court Services, Johnson County Attorney's Office, Coralville Police Department, Iowa City Police Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, North Liberty Police Department, University of Iowa Public Safety, University Heights Police Department, and many community-based service agencies. Previous pre-charge diversion opportunities were limited to allegations of 5th Degree Theft and Disorderly Conduct. The expansion includes virtually all simple misdemeanors as well as 4th Degree Theft and Possession of Marijuana. UAY is contracted to provide coordination of pre-charge diversion efforts and direct diversion supports to youth and started providing programming in February 2023. Programming includes individual and group-based services utilizing evidence-based approaches sand curriculum such as Positive Youth Development, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Circle Forward: Building a Restorative School Community, and Safety First: A Reality-Based Approach to Teens and Drugs, and a harm-reduction approach. Diversion interventions may include an individual youth, youth and family, or youth and peers depending on the allegation and specific circumstances. Youth are referred for additional community-based services as appropriate.

Juvenile Justice Youth Development Projects implemented one or more of the following strategies in order to obtain the desired outcomes.

Strategies:	Desired Impacts:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pro-social programs during out- of-school time• Support and strengthen family functioning• Build safe and supportive communities for youth and families• Build social and emotional competence• Establish sustained and caring relationships with caring adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decrease in juvenile complaints to law enforcement.• Increase in positive conflict resolution and communication skills• Increase in peer refusal skills• Increase in positive peer relationships• Improved parent child relationships• Increase in supportive neighborhoods and/or youth and families feeling more connected to their community and/or schools• Increased participation in youth employment and/or other positive out of school time activities• Increase in youth feeling more connected to caring adults

GRANT	SCOPE OF SERVICE	PERFORMANCE MEASURES
Grantee Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Financial Award: \$70,000 Spent: \$65,930.94 94%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BBBS will continue to support 20 existing community-based matches per month and recruit, screen, train, match and provide on- going support to a minimum of 28 new community-based matches aged 10-17. 2. Provide a minimum of 28 weekly after school program sessions at North Central Junior high and Solon Junior High (56 total), in collaboration with Johnson County Extension, for an on-going capacity of 15 youth per site. The program will serve high-need youth ages 12-14 years. Youth will be matched with a 1:1 mentor. Programming will include STEM learning, food/nutrition, physical activity, career planning, community service, academic supports and others. Each afterschool club will complete 1 service-learning project. 3. Provide at least 4 community events targeted for teen participation. 4. Serve 88 youth 	<u>INPUTS/OUTPUTS (Services Provided):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 youth received community-based mentoring (21 new) • 21 new community-based mentors recruited, trained, and matched • 28 Knights of Lightning sessions offered; 40 youth, 210 duplicated contacts • 28 Solon Spartan Life sessions offered; 30 youth, 168 duplicated contacts <u>OUTCOMES: Impact of the programming on participants:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of youth () completed pre- and post-service surveys • % of youth () report having a significant adult in their life • % of youth report having more caring adults in their life • % of after-school youth demonstrate improved knowledge in healthy living • % of after-school youth demonstrated improved knowledge in civic engagement/leadership • % of after-school youth demonstrated improved or sustained positive behavior in at least one of nine identified categories • % of 1:1 mentoring youth demonstrated improved or sustained positive behavior in at least one of nine identified categories • % Knights of Lightning and Solon Spartan Life youth were involved with juvenile court services at year-end
Grantee Big Brothers Big Sisters Sports Buddies (NEW) Financial Award: \$10,000 (ARPA) Spent: \$7,026.05 70%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct targeted recruitment to increase male and BIPOC volunteer inquiries. 2. Outreach to community partners to offer perks and/or hosting/leading activities for enrolled Sports Buddies matches. 3. Plan and implement 6 monthly events related to sports, outdoor recreation, and healthy living. 4. Enroll up to 45 matches in Sports Buddies programming. 	<u>INPUTS/OUTPUTS (Services Provided):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 110 Littles participated for 208 contacts • 116 Bigs participated for 214 contacts • 10 events were offered (goal 6) • There were 8 new (14 total) community partners with signed agreements (goal 20) • 9 new matches developed • 14 new mentors of color and 22 new male mentors trained and matched (goal 20) <u>OUTCOMES: Impact of the programming on participants:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 62 days average number of days male youth wait to be matches (goal 33) • 70% 12-month retention (goal 85%) • 29% of youth completed pre- and post-service surveys (40/137) • 85% (34/40) of youth report increased social acceptance (goal 90%) • % of youth report increased peer relationships (goal 90%) • 97.5% (39/40) of youth report having more caring adults in their life (goal 90%) • 2 youth (5%) were involved in juvenile court services

<p>Grantee Dream City Youth Leadership Academy</p> <p>Financial Award: \$70,000</p> <p>Spent: \$59,850.00; 86%</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide 8 weeks of summer programming (4 days/week; 6 hrs/day) with field trips and 1 college visit for at least 25 youth 10 – 17 years of age. 2. Provide 36 weeks of after-school programming 4 days per week for at least 40 youth (108 sessions) 3. Provide at least 30 weekly sessions of Brothers Achieving Manhood (BAM) 4. Programming will include enrichment activities such as life skills training, arts, music, recreation, community service and academics/tutoring. 5. Serve 750+ youth 6. Provide family events. 	<p><u>INPUTS/OUTPUTS: (Services Provided)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 summer sessions offered; 59 youth, 1,231 contacts • 149 after-school sessions; 43 youth, 2,200 contacts • 35 BAM sessions; 16 youth, 338 contacts • 43 youth matched with a mentor <p><u>OUTCOMES: Impact of the programming on participants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 67% average daily attendance for afterschool (18 youth); 92% average weekly attendance for BAM (11 youth); (goal 75%) • 96% of youth completed an individualized success plan (126/137) (goal 90%) • 100% (59)of youth report that they have at least one positive adult figure in their life (goal 90%) • 89% (53) of youth report that they have the skills necessary to be an effective leader (goal 70%) • 92% (54) of youth report increased family functioning (goal 80%) • 51% report feeling understood by their counselor • 0 youth who attended consistently were involved with JCS (At least 75% of youth will not receive a referral to Juvenile Court Services during the summer months)
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GRANT	SCOPE OF SERVICE	PERFORMANCE MEASURES
Grantee NCJC (YELL) Financial Award: \$70,000 Spent: \$63,781.00; 91%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide 304 total Youth Engaged in Leadership and Learning after-school program events to youth in grades 4-7, serving 52 total youth. Programming will include tutoring, life skills, civic engagement, arts, youth leadership, and mindfulness skills in programming along with a healthy snack. 2. Provide four 1-week full-day summer sessions for 26 youth; 2 weeks at Broadway and 2 weeks at Pheasant Ridge. 	<p><u>INPUTS/OUTPUTS: (Services Provided)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 164 after-school sessions and 24 field trips for youth • 57 total youth served in after-school programs at 3 sites, 1,641 total contacts • 5 summer sessions offered; 22 youth, 40 contacts <p><u>OUTCOMES: Impact of the programming on participants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85% (48) of youth completed pre- and post-service surveys • 62.5% (35) of youth had increased understanding of mindfulness and social-emotional self-care (goal 80%) • 78% (44) of youth improved self-control (goal 80%) • 89% (50) of youth increased healthy habits (goal 80%) • 59% (33) of youth reported increased healthy personal relationships (goal 80%) • 0 and 0% of youth involved in juvenile court services at conclusion of grant year
Grantee NCJC (EleMentS) (NEW) Financial Award: \$48,000 (ARPA) Spent: \$10,713.56 22%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct Community Outreach Activities to connect and develop relationships with at least 100 individual youth ages 6-16. 2. Provide Credible Messenger Mentoring to promote social norms that protect against violence. 3. Facilitate Restorative Justice Practices when appropriate. 4. Provide individualized care coordination for 30-40 youth ages 10-16 including Individual Needs Assessment, Development of Safety Plans, and appropriate referrals to community partners. 5. Host drop-in programming at NCJHC Centers for youth ages 10-16. 6. Provide gender-specific 'rites of passage' intensive summer programming for boys and girls ages 10-16. 7. Facilitate parent and community engagement to de-normalize violence. 	<p><u>INPUTS/OUTPUTS: (Services Provided)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 youth served in individualized weekly programming; 0 individualized weekly sessions facilitated • 0 youth served in drop-in programming; 0 drop-in events facilitated, 0 other outreach events hosted • 1 Restorative Circle facilitated; 12 youth participants and 3 adult participants • 0 youth participated in summer rites of passage events; 0 rites of passage events facilitated • 0 individual youth participants developed a safety plan <p><u>OUTCOMES: Impact of the programming on participants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 youth completed pre- and post-service surveys • 0 youth achieved one or more goals established on their safety plan • 0 youth report feeling more connected to caring adults • 0 youth report feeling more connected to their community • 0 and 0% of youth involved in juvenile court services at conclusion of grant year

GRANT	SCOPE OF SERVICE	PERFORMANCE MEASURES
<p>Grantee United Action for Youth Positive Youth Development</p> <p>Financial Award: \$55,000 (ARPA)</p> <p>Spent: \$55,000.00 100%</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide 24 weekly after-school creative arts (music, performance, written, etc) workshops each at Coralville Central, Kirkwood, and Grant Wood Elementary schools; at Northwest, North Central, South East Junior High schools; and the UAY Youth Center. 2. Serve 90 fifth/sixth grade students and 120 seventh/eighth grade students. 3. Host twice weekly art workshops at the Youth Center during the summer months 4. Selected art activities will include lessons that help strengthen social emotional competence 	<p><u>INPUTS/OUTPUTS: (Services Provided)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 58 elementary sessions; 20 C. Central, 23 Kirkwood, 15 Longfellow • 45 elementary participants; 18 C. Central, 18 Kirkwood, 9 Longfellow (414 contacts) • 68 junior high sessions; 24 North Central, 22 Northwest, 22 South East • 66 junior high participants; 37 North Central, 9 Northwest, 20 South East (473 contacts) • 37 school-year youth center sessions, 69 youth, 231 contacts • 113 Hangout sessions, 298 youth, 2,684 contacts • 39 youth center summer sessions, 187 youth, 723 contacts <p><u>OUTCOMES: Impact of the programming on participants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27% of youth completed an evaluation (37/136) • 92% (34) of elementary youth report having more formal/informal supports • 96% (23) of art club youth report having at least one new caring adult in their life • 95% of workshop youth learned a new skill • 98% (66) of Hangout participants say the program helped them to increase self-esteem • 99% (134) of youth indicate they feel more connected to their community • 95% (129) of youth report feeling more connected to caring adults • 99% (134) of youth report feeling more connected to other youth • 0.1% (1) youth involved in juvenile court services at the conclusion of the grant year
<p>Grantee: UAY Youth & Family Advocacy</p> <p>Financial Award: \$60,000</p> <p>Spent: \$60,000.00 100%</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide crisis intervention, case management, parent/child and peer mediation, counseling and parenting support services for youth and their families. Services are non-billable for insurance and take place in the home, community location, or office. Services should be flexible and provided when convenient for those served. 2. Provide counseling services to 50 youth (~150 visits); family counseling and mediation to 20 families; case management and referral services for youth in crisis (30 youth), peer (20) and school (10) mediation services to youth in community- and school-based settings. 3. 79% of youth served will be ages 10-14. 4. Conduct outreach to enroll youth at-risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system 5. Collaborate with CommUnity Mobile Crisis Services, Juvenile Court Services, the Department of Human Services, area schools, law enforcement, and service providers. 	<p><u>INPUTS/OUTPUTS: (Services Provided) (Services Provided)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 121 youth received individual support and advocacy, 535 sessions • 4 families participated in family mediation, 5 sessions provided • 16 youth participated in peer/group mediation (goal 25), 7 sessions • 3 youth participated in school mediation; 4 sessions • 139 youth received case management services <p><u>OUTCOMES: Impact of the programming on participants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete evaluations from 79 youth • 99% of youth report having more caring adults in their lives • 98% of families report increased family functioning • 100% of peer/group mediation participants report increased positive conflict resolution and communication skills • 100% of youth mediation participants report that mediation sessions helped them • 99% of youth participating in case management report it was useful to them • 7 youth (6%) involved in juvenile court services at the end of the grant year

GRANT	SCOPE OF SERVICE	PERFORMANCE MEASURES
Grantee UI RVAP Building Healthy Relationships Financial Award: \$10,175.00 (decreased) Spent: \$10,175.00 100%	1. Implement bystander intervention and healthy relationship curriculum in ICCSD grades 6 and 8, serving 1,000 students.	<u>INPUTS/OUTPUTS: (Services Provided)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 bystander intervention and healthy relationship sessions presented in schools • 0 youth; (goal was 1,000 in ICCSD and 60 in rural districts) for a total of 0 contacts <u>OUTCOMES: Impact of the programming on participants:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A% of 6th grade youth increased knowledge of bystander interventions • N/A% of 8th grade and of 6th grade youth reported increased knowledge of healthy relationships • 0% of 8th grade youth report increased knowledge of the nuances of healthy relationships (both healthy and unhealthy) • 0% of 8th grade youth identified at least 1 element of “Basic Emotional First Aid”

Non-County JJYD Funded Programs

GRANT	SCOPE OF SERVICE	PERFORMANCE MEASURES
<u>State PCD</u> UAY Pre-Charge Diversion Expansion Financial Award (11/22-12/24): \$124,500 Spent: \$78,886.03 63%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employ a Diversion Coordinator to provide a single point of entry for assessments, enrollment, referral, care coordination, and service integration to referred youth. 2. Provide outreach, individual case management, referral, and support/advocacy to referred youth and families. 3. Follow-up with youth, families, and diversion providers to determine whether youth have successfully completed diversion programming. 4. Provide direct diversion programming for youth and families related to expanded simple misdemeanor allegations including, but not limited to, Interference With Official Acts, 5th Degree Criminal Mischief, Trespassing, Simple Assault. 5. Provide diversion programming for youth and families related to PAULA, PCS-Marijuana, and PCS-Drug Paraphernalia; focusing on harm reduction and adolescent brain development. 6. Offer monthly parenting groups and/or supports to families of youth in current or past pre-charge diversion programming. 	<u>INPUTS: (Services Provided)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 youth served in Substance Diversion; 11 successfully completed • 14 youth served in Other Simple Misdemeanor Diversion; 10 successfully completed <u>OUTPUTS: Impact of the programming on participants:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of youth who completed Substance Diversion demonstrated improvement in self esteem (11/11) • 91% of youth participating in Substance Diversion demonstrated improvement in parent/caregiver relationship (10/11) • 91% of youth participating in Substance Diversion demonstrated improvement in social competencies (10/11) • 100% of youth participating in Substance Diversion demonstrated improvement in knowledge of substance misuse (11/11) • 100% of youth participating in Other Diversion demonstrated improvement in self esteem (10/10) • 90% of youth participating in Other Diversion demonstrated improvement in parent/caregiver relationship (9/10) • 100% of youth participating in Other Diversion demonstrated improvement in social competencies (10/10)
<u>JCS/Decat</u> UAY Shoplifters Diversion Financial Award: \$3,000 Spent: \$2,250 75%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan and facilitate 12 Shoplifters Diversion groups for Johnson County youth and families. 2. Eligible youth are age 11-17 years and have a first offense allegation of 5th or 4th Degree Theft. 	<u>INPUTS: (Services Provided)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 groups • 36 youth and 36 parents <u>OUTPUTS: Impact of the programming on participants:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97% of youth participants indicate the program has increased their understanding of shoplifting and how it affects the community • 97% of parent participants indicate the program has increased their understanding of shoplifting and how it affects the community

FY24 Totals

Program	# unduplicated youth	# sessions	# duplicated contacts
BBBS			
Mentoring	21	4	42
Knights of Lightning	40	28	210
Spartan Life	30	28	168
NCJC			
YELL Youth Leadership	57	188	1,641
EleMentS	12	1	12
UAY			
Youth & Family Advocacy	139	551	613
Positive Youth Development	478	276	3,802
Dream City			
School Year	43	149	2,200
BAM	35	16	338
Summer	59	37	1,231
Total	914	1,278	10,257

RVAP did not serve any youth.

FY24 DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

Program	0-11 years	12-14 years	15-18 years
BBBS			
Mentoring	13	53	2
Sports Buddies	51	29	16
NCJC			
YELL Youth Leadership	40	16	0
EleMentS	12	0	0
UAY			
Counseling	5	36	98
Positive Youth Development	40	186	228
Dream City			
Youth Leadership	31	40	16
Total	192	360	360
Percent	21%	39%	39%

Total 912/914

Bottom totals are the total of ongoing programming reported/total of all ongoing programming

FY24 DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender

Program	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-Binary	No Response/ Other
BBBS					
Mentoring	33	32	0	0	0
Sports Buddies	29	65	0	2	0
NCJC					
YELL Youth Leadership	25	31	0	0	0
EleMentS	12	0	0	0	0
UAY					
Counseling	39	91	1	3	5
Positive Youth Development	147	155	34	49	69
Dream City					
Youth Leadership	45	42	0	0	0
Total	330	416	35	54	74
Percent	36%	46%	4%	6%	8%

Total 909/914

FY24 DEMOGRAPHICS
RACE

Program	African American	Asian	White	Multi-Racial	Latinx	Other
BBBS						
Mentoring	23	0	36	2	2	2
Sports Buddies	43	2	22	8	15	2
NCJC						
YELL Youth Leadership	44	0	4	6	1	1
EleMentS	12	0	0	0	0	0
UAY						
Counseling	46	3	45	13	25	7
Positive Youth Development	62	8	236	40	28	80
Dream City						
Youth Leadership	78	0	5	0	4	0
Total	308	13	348	69	75	92
Percent	34%	1%	38%	8%	8%	10%

Total 905/914

FY24 DEMOGRAPHICS SCHOOL

Program	NWJH	SEJH	NCJH	City	West	Liberty	Tate	Solon High	Solon Middle	CCA Middle	CCA High	L.Tree High	Elementary	Drop out	Other
BBBS															
Mentoring	5	8	7	5	2					1			20		1
Afterschool Programs			40						30						0
Sports Buddies	6	9	1	1									48		7
NCJC															
YELL Youth Leadership													40		
EleMentS													12		
UAY															
Counseling	11	9	5	31	17	11	29	1				1	8		13
Positive Youth Dvlpmt	24	53	32	165	33	8	8	1		6	9		69	1	45
Dream City															
Youth Leadership	5	13		12	7	2	5						43		
TOTAL	51	92	85	214	57	23	42	2	30	7	9	1	188	1	66
Percent	6%	11%	10%	25%	7%	3%	5%	0%	3%	0%	1%	0%	22%	0%	8%

Total 868/914

Elementary Schools: 49-Alexander, 3-Borlaug, 25-Coralville Central, 11-Garner, 2-Hills, 4 Hoover, 7 Horn, 34-Kirkwood, 4-Lemme, 2-Lincoln, 6-Longfellow, 2-Lucas, 4-Mann, 5-Penn, 14-Twain, 3-Van Allen, 24-Weber, 25-Wood, 1-Clear Creek, 2-Tiffin, 1-Other