



2019 Annual Report

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SACJJ Overview

MISSION

The mission of the SACJJ is to provide vision, training, and support for a model Juvenile Justice System in Wyoming.

GOAL

To improve the coordination and effectiveness of statewide and local delinquency prevention, juvenile justice and youth services programs.

VISION

The vision of the SACJJ is a Wyoming where children and families will receive education, care and support to become responsible, successful citizens.

OBJECTIVES

- Develop prioritized recommendations concerning juvenile justice, delinquency prevention and juvenile services to be reviewed annually.
- To coordinate the implementation of the recommendations.
- To provide for the distribution of available funds for delinquency prevention, juvenile justice, and youth services.

December 3, 2019

Dear Governor Gordon, Members of the Wyoming State Legislature, and Wyoming residents:

On behalf of the Wyoming State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice, I am honored to present you with our 2019 Annual Report.

While our council saw many changes in our membership this past year, I am proud to serve alongside a group of individuals that want to ensure that our juvenile justice system in Wyoming meets the needs of our youth. As a council we held five meetings in five different locations across the state of Wyoming. At each different location we heard from various community stakeholders. They openly shared their successes and their struggles as a community in meeting the needs of our juvenile population. These opportunities to hear from the people doing the work continues to prove to be an important part of our role to ensure their needs are being met.

This past year we gained a very active youth member on the Council. She jumped in quickly and has provided the very valuable youth perspective at each of our meetings. As a Council we will continue our recruitment efforts to gain even more youth members to ensure that we have the important youth voice as a part of our work.

The SACJJ also voted to enter into a MOU with Department of Family Services regarding data collection, specifically assistance with the software program. As a Council we continue to believe in the importance of data in making informed decisions. It is our hope that through this MOU the Council will be able to assist communities in utilizing their data to better inform their practices.

This past year the SACJJ in collaboration with Volunteers of America – Northern Rockies, awarded Sheridan County with the Neal Madson Best Practices in Juvenile Justice Award. There was great turnout from many of the stakeholders to accept the award and the ceremony was very special with Neal’s family in attendance there to present the award on his behalf.

While there were many positive things that we experienced as a Council, it is important to note that our communities need resources. These resources are vital to ensuring the safety of our youth. Communities are creative and they are collaborative but so many of them have very large caseloads – trying their very best to do what they can. The need for resources has not lessened and probably in large part due to the fact that the needs of our youth are greater.

The Wyoming State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice will continue working toward improving the juvenile justice system in Wyoming. We welcome your feedback, and thank you for taking time to review our Annual Report.

Respectfully,

Nicole Hauser

Nicole Hauser, Chair

Wyoming State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice



STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

SACJJ Coordinator: Brandon Schimelpfenig

Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>District/City</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Adrienne Freng, Ph.D.	2-Laramie	08/31/2020
VACANT	1-Cheyenne (Youth)	N/A
VACANT	4-Sheridan	N/A
Clarence Thomas	9-Ft. Washakie	08/31/2020
Dakota Jackson	6-Gillette (Youth)	08/31/2021
Damon DeBernardi	3-Rock Springs (Vice Chair)	08/31/2021
Erin Anderson-Swilling	1-Cheyenne	08/31/2021
Gary Gilmore	5-Worland	08/31/2021
Jennifer Palser	4-Sheridan	08/31/2021
Justice Orum-Eikanger	4-Sheridan (Youth)	08/31/2021
VACANT	8-Torrington (Youth)	N/A
Michael Sorenson	1-Cheyenne	08/31/2021
Narina Nunez	2-Laramie	08/31/2021
Nicole Hauser	2-Laramie (Chair)	08/31/2021
Shad Bates	8-Torrington	08/31/2020
VACANT	3-Rock Springs (Youth)	N/A
Thomas Rose	9-Dubois	08/31/2021

Ex Officio Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Represents</u>
Christina McCabe	Attorney General's Office
Jo Ann Numoto	Dept. of Education
Jen Davis	Governor's Office
Dani Sullivan	Dept. of Health
Senator Dave Kinskey	Interstate Compact for Juveniles - Wyoming State Legislature

2019 Council Activities

January 2019

- January 2019 meeting – Cheyenne
- Sheridan County was selected for the 2018 Neal Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award.
- Elections were held with the following individuals being selected for various roles: Allison Anderson as Chair, Nicole Hauser as Vice-Chair, Damon DeBernardi, Adrienne Freng, and Narina Nunez as At-Large members of the executive council and Damon DeBernardi, Thomas Rose, Michael Sorenson, and Adrienne Freng for the grants committee.
- Discussed whether to consider signing an MOU with DFS to administer the ROM data system, committee membership, and the possible upcoming reconfiguration of DFS under the new administration.
- Community Participation: The Council heard from both the Laramie County Community Juvenile Services Joint Powers Board and Laramie County DFS.



April 2019

- April 2019 Meeting – Sheridan
- Allison Anderson announced that she will be resigning from the council. Nicole Hauser nominated as new Chair.
- Discussed contact with the new Governor's Administration, the changes to State Advisory Committees with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, the delay in budgeting for the non-participating state grants, the MOU with DFS regarding the ROM data system, and an update from DFS regarding the Expungement of Juvenile Records bill.
- Community Participation: The Council heard from presenters from the Sheridan County Department of Family Services, the Sheridan Juvenile Justice Commission, as well as from the Director of Youth and Outreach Services with Volunteers of America. Council members were also given the opportunity to tour the Wyoming Girls School.

June 2019

- June 2019 meeting – Worland at the Wyoming Boys School
- Elected Damon as Vice-Chair and Michael Sorenson to the Executive Council.
- Discussed issues with the new e-citation system, holding an information sharing/training conference for Community Juvenile Service Boards, member recruitment, Governor’s liaison, and the Families First legislation.
- Community Participation: Presentations by local DFS and Members of the Council were also given the opportunity to tour the Wyoming Boys School.



September 2019

- September 2019 meeting – Laramie.
- Meeting discussion included youth membership recruitment and minimum youth member age and follow-up on conference/training for CJSBs and Diversion programs. Developed new recommendations for the annual report. Explored opportunities to increase council membership, reviewed draft MOU with DFS for data collection.
- Community Participation: Albany County DFS, Albany County Prosecutor – Peggy Trent, and program offerings from Cathedral Home for Children.

November 2019

- November 2019 meeting – Casper.
- The council approved a MOU with DFS to provide oversight with the JJ ROM system – data collection. Discussed proposed committee legislation and the impact on juveniles. Approved council recommendations to be provided to the Governor. Council also decided on the 2020 meeting locations and dates to ensure meetings are dispersed around the state with a focus on communities that have not been visited by the council in recent years.
- Community Participation: Members from the Natrona County CJSB shared quarterly Single Point of Entry data and shared community collaboration and discussed their Restorative Justice practices. DFS shared their caseload numbers and their efforts to engage family in juvenile justice cases.

2019 Council Recommendations

Based on statewide visits and various community presentations and input, the following themes were identified:

- Intense substance abuse issues
- Need for more foster families
- Need for access to mental health services
- Desire for more training opportunities for case workers

Based on these themes, the Council developed the following recommendations:

- 1) This Council recommends ongoing and additional state, county, and community-level funding support for programs engaging youth in positive ways, in an effort to reduce long-term expenditures for children in the juvenile justice arena. As a Council, we recognize and support the investment of prevention dollars being a lower-cost alternative than the placement of children in detention, which is also supported by national data. The Council is committed to working with the State in development of the prevention plan under the Family First Prevention Services Act to capture prevention dollars to support these efforts.
- 2) Due to the significant increase in children with mental health issues coming into care and the juvenile justice system in Wyoming, it is the recommendation of this Council that the Governor look into any opportunities that would provide more intensive empirically supported mental health treatment services statewide. The Council recommends that the Governor appoint an advocate for youth onto the newly established Behavioral Task Force.
- 3) The Council is committed to working to identify opportunities for: 1) The provision of training and technical assistance to Wyoming's communities, 2) To collaborate with communities in order to support effective alternatives for detention, and 3) To identify existing local resources in order to avoid compliance violations.
- 4) To establish a more consistent, statewide understanding of diversion options and best practices for children, this Council recommends the State of Wyoming invest time and/or dollars into research and training options for all entities working with the juvenile justice system.
- 5) This Council recommends the State provide verbal and, when reasonable, financial support to local communities to maintain community-based diversion programming, crisis shelters, and other community-based resources working to keep youth out of detention facilities, when appropriate.
- 6) This Council encourages the continued relationships and involvement of ex-officio members from the Governor's Office, Wyoming Legislature, Wyoming Attorney General's Office, Wyoming Department of Education, Wyoming Department of Health, Wyoming Department of Family Services, and all other applicable entities, to ensure the best representation and collaboration around improving the Wyoming juvenile justice system. The Council would further recommend that council membership be more representative state-wide with a focus on appointment of youth members.
- 7) This Council would recommend identifying community-level efforts, successes, and challenges through data collection, which is essential to reaching effective juvenile justice standards statewide. The Council is committed to assisting communities with their juvenile justice data to ensure that informed decisions are being made.

SACJJ Strategic Plan 2018-2020

Priority Community Involvement	
Goal	By December 2018, SACJJ will improve community stakeholder involvement at the full SACJJ meetings. This will be measured by attendance taken at meetings (number of participants, number of different entities present). Goal Sponsor: Executive Committee
Objective	Beginning in April 2018 through December 2020, SACJJ will continue the implementation of the approved plan to improve community stakeholder involvement at full SACJJ meetings focusing on increasing both the number of participants in attendance and the different types of entities in attendance. The implementation of this plan includes:
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Serving as a conduit to the governor’s office, the SACJJ will allow public comment at all of its public meetings in order to understand and be able to share with the governor’s office the concerns of communities. ➤ The SACJJ Executive Committee will, one month before the quarterly meeting, assign the responsibility of determining who to invite and sending invitations according to the approved plan. ➤ Invitations to attend the SACJJ meetings will be sent to the following people: community college representatives, local high school students, local Community Juveniles Services Boards, DFS local offices, county attorneys, judges and other stakeholders. This list of invitees will be included within the plan for improved community involvement and be followed each meeting. This list will be merged as appropriate with the current list of invitees held by the DFS coordinator. ➤ Personal invitations will be sent to any state and local elected officials by the SACJJ member assigned the task by the Executive Council. ➤ The Outreach Committee will send out a press release notifying media outlets of all quarterly meetings.
Goal	By Summer 2018 through December 2020, the SACJJ will maintain and increase contact with community stakeholders in juvenile justice across the state. Goal Sponsor: Outreach committee
Objective	By summer 2018, the Outreach Committee will develop guidelines for SACJJ members to follow in order to increase contact with community stakeholders through dissemination of information.

Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The guidelines will set out specific steps to be taken when inviting local stakeholders. ➤ The guidelines will include how community stakeholders not on the SACJJ may share information with the SACJJ at the meetings. ➤ By fall 2018, the Youth and Outreach Committees will evaluate the SACJJ website and prepare a proposal of suggested changes and enhancements for discussion and review by the full council. If approved, any changes or enhancements will be completed on the website by spring 2019.
Objective	The SACJJ will continue the annual award for “Best Practices in Juvenile Justice” to recognize outstanding communities for their efforts in juvenile justice.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By fall 2018, the Outreach Committee will draft written guidance to be followed each year on the award eligibility, process for selection, and process for recognition. This guidance will be available on the SACJJ website. ➤ The SACJJ Chairperson and Outreach Committee will present the award, annually, to the selected county, in collaboration with VOA, at the fall SACJJ meeting. ➤ The Outreach Committee, in collaboration with VOA, will ensure a press release acknowledging the award and selected county is released within two weeks of the presentation.
Objective	The SACJJ will increase its efforts to recognize communities statewide for juvenile justice efforts.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By December of each calendar year, the Outreach Committee will draft, and the Executive Committee will send, annual letters to community stakeholders in appreciation for work being done in the area of juvenile justice. These annual letters will recognize juvenile justice efforts, progress and excellence in the communities. These letters will be sent to stakeholders identified by the Executive Committee (County Attorneys/CJSBs/Other) in each county and will include the dates of each SACJJ meeting that year.

Priority Invested and Active Membership	
Goal	By December 2020, the SACJJ will increase the overall participation and involvement of all SACJJ members in the meetings and work of the Council. This will be measured by attendance at full meetings, number of committee meetings between full meetings, attendance at committee meetings, and number of agenda items presented by different committees. Goal sponsor: Outreach Committee.

Objective	By December 2019, the SACJJ will increase the number of meetings being attended by, and overall participation of, appointed youth members to the Council. This will be measured by attendance of youth members and number of agenda items at each full SACJJ meeting presented by youth members.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Outreach Committee will revisit and revise the list identifying existing youth organizations/clubs/groups, as well as the Wyoming Boys' School and Girls' School, who may be appropriate outlets for recruitment of youth members to the SACJJ. These outlets could also be utilized to collect more youth-perspective input to share with the SACJJ as a whole. ➤ The Executive Committee will collaboratively explore youth involvement alternatives to improve youth member retention and recruitment. They will develop a plan, with ideas to present to all SACJJ members for input.
Objective	By December 2018, the Ad Hoc Committee will have made available additional methods for participation for SACJJ members who are not able to be physically present at full meetings.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By fall 2018, the Ad Hoc Committee will explore opportunities and challenges associated with video conferencing options for full meetings and report back to the entire SACJJ for a decision to move forward. This exploration will involve input from the DFS SACJJ Coordinator who assists in meeting location planning.
Objective	Beginning at April 2018 SACJJ meeting, all committees will be required to present a report at the full SACJJ meetings. This committee report will detail the action taken by the committee between the full SACJJ meetings, or reason for no action by the committee.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Each set committee will meet/conference call/communicate via email between each scheduled full meeting, as led by the designated committee chairperson. ➤ The committee chairperson, or designee, will draft an update from this meeting/call/communication and present this update at the Council's next full meeting.

Priority Continued Improvement of the Juvenile Justice System in Wyoming	
Goal	By summer of 2018 through December 2020, the SACJJ will continue to work with communities to reduce the Number of Court Involved Youth by assisting communities with the adoption of effective diversion programs through recommendations, where appropriate, on juvenile justice practices. This will be measured by the reduction in court-involved youth in each community measured and statewide (must have baseline data) and increased number of effective diversion programs. Goal sponsor: Best Practices committee.

Objective	Work with communities to assist communities with and make recommendations where appropriate for improved juvenile justice practices. Identify current community-based programs which target juveniles to prevent entry into formal court systems and identify resources and authority to create additional programs.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The SACJJ will develop recommendations concerning establishment of priorities and needed improvements with respect to juvenile justice, delinquency prevention and juvenile services and report its recommendations to the governor and joint judiciary interim committee annually, on or before December 31. (from statute)
Objective	By December 2019, the SACJJ will have improved communication and interaction with the governor and will seek and receive guidance from the governor on the priorities of the governor for the SACJJ for each year and for the governor's term.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By summer 2018, the SACJJ will have a meeting scheduled with the current governor to discuss priorities for the SACJJ for the remainder of 2018. ➤ By spring 2019, the SACJJ will have met with the new governor to discuss the authority of the SACJJ and the governor's priorities for the SACJJ for the governor's term and for 2019. ➤ By spring 2019, the SACJJ will have scheduled quarterly meetings with the governor or his staff to discuss the governor's priorities for the SACJJ and to receive guidance and feedback regarding the governor's priorities on juvenile justice.

Priority Data	
Goal	By December 2019, the SACJJ will, in collaboration with DFS, improve the data reporting of statewide juvenile justice data. This will be measured by implementation of the ROM tool and, and the reports generated from that tool. Goal sponsor: Data committee
Objective	By July 2018, the SACJJ will complete the first review of statewide data collected by the ROM tool with DFS.

Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By December 2018, the SACJJ will issue an annual report card from the ROM tool data. ➤ By spring 2019, the SACJJ will have explored possibilities for additional funding for the ROM tool. ➤ By December 2019, the SACJJ will have a public interface available for use of the ROM tool. ➤ By spring 2019, the SACJJ will have scheduled training for communities on the use of the ROM tool to improve community involvement with the data. ➤ By December 2019, the SACJJ Outreach Committee will use data collected from the ROM tool in its annual newsletter.
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Priority SACJJ Authority	
Goal	<p>By summer 2019, the SACJJ will have clearly defined the roles and responsibilities of the Council. This will be measured by the completion of the documents required below: recommendations letter to governor, legislature, roles and responsibilities document. Goal Sponsor: Executive and Legislative Committees.</p>
Objective	<p>By spring 2020, the SACJJ will be fully compliant with its statutory requirements, or report to the governor and the legislature which requirements with which it is unable to comply and the reason for its inability to comply.</p>
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By spring 2019, the SACJJ legislative committee will review the SACJJ authorizing statutes and write a report to be given to the full council detailing any recommended changes to the statutes. ➤ By summer 2019, the SACJJ will have amended the report written by the SACJJ legislative committee to include any changes/recommendations and will provide that report to the governor, state agency stakeholders and, if approved by the governor, the Joint Judiciary Interim Committee.

APPENDIX A



VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA
1876 S. Sheridan Ave.
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December 3, 2019

TO: State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice (SACJJ)
FROM: Craig Fiskus, Volunteers of America Northern Rockies (VOA)
RE: 2019 Annual Report

Compliance Monitoring

- Completed compliance monitoring for FY 2018 (10/1/17 – 9/30/18).
 - Conducted compliance monitoring of 11 out of 59 (19 percent) secure facilities and one out of 88 (0.1 percent) non-secure facilities from October 2018 through May 2019. Completed site visits of the following:
 - Six (6) adult jails/lockups.
 - One (1) juvenile detention center (Sweetwater County).
 - Five (5) court holding facilities (Johnson, Sheridan, Sweetwater – Green River, Sweetwater – Rock Springs, and Uinta counties).
 - Added the following secure facilities to the monitoring universe: Sheridan County Court Holding, Sweetwater County Court Holding – Green River, Sweetwater County Court Holding – Rock Springs, and Uinta County Court Holding.
- Participated in a compliance monitoring conference call hosted by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) on 8/8/19.
- Participated in compliance monitoring training hosted by OJJDP in Kansas City, MO, on 9/24/19 – 9/26/19.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

- Provided technical assistance to the following:
 - Tucker Ruby, Johnson County & Prosecuting Attorney, on 3/29/19.
- Restarted the process of examining ways to consolidate the data collection processes for DMC and for the Wyoming Department of Family Services' Results Oriented Management (ROM) juvenile justice database.
 - Met with Dr. Adrienne Freng, chair of the SACJJ's Data Committee, and Melissa Irvine, Albany County & Prosecuting Attorney's Office, in Laramie, WY, on 5/14/19.
 - Participated in a follow-up phone call with Dr. Freng on 6/7/19.
 - Participated in a follow-up phone call with Dr. Freng on 7/25/19.
 - Met with Dr. Freng and Irvine in Laramie, WY, on 8/22/19.
- Participated in OJJDP's DMC conference call on 6/13/19.
- Participated in DMC training hosted by OJJDP in Kansas City, MO, on 9/24/19 – 9/26/19.
- Requested technical assistance regarding the use of the DMC Relative Rate Index (RRI) tool. While OJJDP had developed a new Excel spreadsheet tool for DMC data collection and analysis, VOA would continue to provide RRI data until the new data collection requirements were incorporated into OJJDP's Performance Measures Tool (PMT). In addition, VOA intended to use the RRI tool in its work with counties.
 - Submitted a request on 11/1/19 for technical assistance from the Center for Coordinated Assistance to States (CCAS), the training and technical assistance provider for OJJDP.
 - Participated in an initial phone call with CCAS on 11/7/19.
 - Participated in a follow-up phone call with CCAS on 12/3/19.
 - Awaiting approval from OJJDP to proceed.
- Examined discrepancies between the arrest data provided by counties for DMC reporting with that from the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).

- Provided written feedback to counties submitting DMC data in their quarterly reports for the 2014/2015, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 OJJDP/VOA subgrants.

Juvenile Jail Roster

- Conducted the following reviews of Juvenile Jail Roster data:

	Name of Facility	Dates	Case Manager Name	Case Manager Agency
1)	Albany County Detention Center	3/26/19 7/16/19 11/12/19	Rick Puls	Albany County Sheriff's Office
2)	Campbell County Court Holding/ Campbell County Detention Center/ Campbell County Juvenile Detention Center	1/31/19 6/4/19 9/18/19 10/22/19	Charlene Edwards	Campbell County Attorney's Office
3)	Natrona County Detention Center/ Regional Juvenile Detention Center	4/12/19	Melissa Patterson	Natrona County Sheriff's Office
4)	Sheridan County Detention Center	2/4/19 8/26/19 10/16/19	Jennifer Palser	Sheridan County Justice Office
5)	Sweetwater County Detention Center/ Sweetwater County Juvenile Detention Center	1/16/19 6/24/19 11/8/19	Karin Kelly	Sweetwater County Juvenile Probation
6)	Uinta County Detention Center	6/11/19 9/10/19	Eric Williams	Uinta County Attorney's Office

- Collaborated with representatives from Vant4ge to discuss potential modifications to the Juvenile Jail Roster. In addition, some of these conversations included representatives from Persevere, a non-profit organization founded by Sean Hosman, Vant4ge's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in 2014. If implemented, the changes would upgrade the Jail Roster's software and enable county access to enhanced data reporting.
 - Participated in the following phone calls:
 - On 4/1/19 with Rob Openshaw, Vice President of Sales, and Meredith Poole, Director of Professional Services, from Vant4ge.
 - On 8/16/19 with Openshaw and Poole.
 - On 9/6/19 with Openshaw and Poole.
 - On 10/10/19 with Hosman.
 - On 10/15/19 with Hosman, Openshaw, Poole, and others from Vant4ge. Representatives from Persevere also participated in this call.
 - On 11/22/19 with Brad Morris, Account Representative from Vant4ge.
 - On 11/26/19 with Morris and Stacey Books-Mesko, Program Manager from Persevere.
 - On 12/2/19 with Books-Mesko.
 - Received one proposal from Vant4ge on 11/8/19 and one from Persevere on 12/4/19.

OJJDP Funding

- Distributed 2019-2020 subgrant funding from the 2018 Nonparticipating State Award.
 - Released the Request for Proposals (RFP) on 6/26/19.

- Hosted a webinar on 6/28/19 with eight individuals from seven counties that were potential applicants. Reviewed the RFP and discussed upcoming changes to the application process.
- Received eight applications prior to the 8/9/19 deadline.
- Reviewed applications with the SACJJ's Grants Committee in Cheyenne, WY, on 8/23/19.
- Notified recipients of award amounts on 10/21/19.
- Distributed award packets to the eight counties that accepted their awards on 11/18/19. The project period for this round of funding was 7/1/19 – 6/30/20.
- Hosted a webinar on 11/25/19 with recipients of the subgrant funding to review changes to the subaward agreements and discuss quarterly reporting requirements.
- Intended to submit its application for the 2019 Nonparticipating State Award funding from OJJDP by the deadline of 12/17/19. OJJDP released the solicitation for this funding on 10/18/19. If VOA were to receive the award, the maximum funding amount would be \$380,000 and the project period would be 1/1/20 – 12/31/23.
 - Wyoming was now one of 10 nonparticipating states or territories, with the other nine being American Samoa, Arkansas, Connecticut, Guam, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Northern Mariana Islands, Texas, and West Virginia.

Other

- Participated in OJJDP's juvenile justice specialist conference calls on 1/10/19 and 11/13/19.
- Initiated meetings with the following recently elected county officials to discuss VOA's juvenile justice project and review the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP):
 - Dianna Bennett, Sheridan County and Prosecuting Attorney, on 2/8/19.
 - John Grossnickle, Sweetwater County Sheriff, on 4/10/19.
 - Rod Odenbach, Johnson County Sheriff, on 2/7/19.
- Participated in a phone call on 3/12/19 with OJJDP regarding Wyoming's required performance measures as a nonparticipating state. Identified measures that were consistent with VOA's juvenile justice project.
- Participated in a "Data Summit on Children and Families in WY" in Cheyenne, WY, on 4/4/19 hosted by the Wyoming Community Foundation (WCF) and the Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center (WYSAC).
- Partnered with WYSAC, who submitted an application for funding from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, a division of the Office of Justice Programs within the U.S. Department of Justice. As part of this application, WYSAC indicated that it would evaluate diversion programs around the state using the definition of recidivism that VOA had developed in cooperation with Sweetwater County. WYSAC was cautiously optimistic that it would receive funding for this project. VOA determined it would use the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument, Version 2 (MAYSI-2) as the assessment tool for the project. See the following link for more information regarding the MAYSI-2:
<http://www.nysap.us/MAYSI2.html>.
 - Participated in an initial phone call with Laura Feldman and Laurel Wimbish from WYSAC on 4/22/19.
 - Initiated a phone call with Karin Kelly from the Sweetwater County Department of Juvenile Probation on 4/24/19. Kelly indicated that Sweetwater County would be willing to serve as the initial pilot site, as they had started to collect recidivism data in 2014. Johnson, Uinta, and Washakie counties also agreed to participate in the first year of the three-year project.
 - Initiated a phone call on 5/8/19 with individuals from Albany and Carbon counties to provide information regarding the project and to answer questions. Both counties have expressed an interest in participating. Sheridan and Teton counties are also considering participation. Other counties were welcome to join, and VOA would be contacting programs around the state.
- Partnered with the SACJJ to present Wyoming's 2018 "Neal D. Madson Excellence in Juvenile Justice Award" to Sheridan County in Sheridan, WY, on 8/5/19. Dianna Bennett (Sheridan County and Prosecuting Attorney's Office), Tom Ringley (chair of the Sheridan County Commissioners), and Sheriff Allen Thompson (Sheridan County Sheriff's Office) accepted the plaque on behalf of the county. Jo Madson, Neal Madson's widow, awarded the plaque to the county.

- Assessed the impact of upcoming changes to the JJDPA. When President Trump signed the reauthorization of the JJDPA (H.R. 6964, “Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018”¹) into law on 12/21/18, the legislation contained the following revisions to the Jail Removal and Separation core protections that would take effect on 12/21/21. Specifically:
 - 34 USC § 11133(a)(11)(B)(i)² stipulated that “unless a court finds, after a hearing and in writing, that it is in the interest of justice, juveniles awaiting trial or other legal process who are treated as adults for purposes of prosecution in criminal court and housed in a secure facility shall not have sight or sound contact with adult inmates; and except as provided in paragraph (13), may not be held in any jail or lockup for adults.” Put simply, the Jail Removal and Separation core protections would apply to juveniles who were charged as adults for felonies in district court effective 12/21/21. Juveniles in these cases could still be held in adult facilities for longer than six hours and without being separated from adult inmates, but a judge would need to certify in writing that it was in the “interest of justice.”
 - In order to evaluate if the detention was in the “interest of justice,” the judge “shall consider” the juvenile’s age, the severity of the offense, the juvenile’s criminal history, and other determinative factors. 34 USC § 11133(a)(11)(B)(ii).³
 - If the juvenile remained in the adult facility, the judge would need to hold a hearing every 30 days (45 days in rural jurisdictions) to determine if continued detention in the facility was in the “interest of justice.” 34 USC § 11133(a)(11)(B)(iii)(I).⁴
 - The detention could not exceed 180 days unless the judge articulated in writing the need for an extension or the juvenile waived this restriction. 34 USC § 11133(a)(11)(B)(iii)(II).⁵
 - VOA was seeking clarification from OJJDP regarding the following:
 - Would these revised guidelines apply to juveniles being detained in secure booking areas in adult jails pending their transportation to facilities in other counties?
 - Would these revised guidelines apply to juveniles being detained in court holding facilities pending court appearances?
 - Would judges need to include the determinative factors they considered when they articulated in writing that it was in the “interest of justice” that the juvenile be held in the adult facility?

Attachments:

Table 1: OJJDP/VOA Nonparticipating State Award Summary

¹ Justice Reform Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-385 (2018), p. 1. Retrieved November 25, 2019, from <https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ385/PLAW-115publ385.pdf>

² Office of the Law Revision Counsel. (n.d.). 34 USC 11133: State plans. Retrieved November 25, 2019, from <https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title34-section11133&num=0&edition=prelim>

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

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Table 1
OJJDP/VOA Nonparticipating State Award Summary

Year of Award	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Grant Period	10/1/07 – 6/30/11	10/1/08 – 9/30/12	10/1/09 – 9/30/12	10/1/10 – 9/30/13	10/1/11 – 9/30/14	10/1/12 – 9/30/15	10/1/13 – 9/30/16
Grant Status	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Amount of Award	\$1,140,000	\$570,000	\$570,000	\$570,000	\$570,000	\$380,000	\$380,351
Total Amount of Subgrants ¹	\$859,197	\$434,482	\$367,267	\$265,470	\$263,319	\$453,377 (combined funding from 2012 and 2013 awards)	
Subgrant Contract Period	10/1/08-9/30/10	4/1/10-9/30/11	10/1/11-9/30/12	10/1/12-9/30/13	10/1/13-9/30/14	10/1/14 – 9/30/15	
County (or Agency) Subgrant Recipients	1) Albany 2) Big Horn 3) Campbell 4) Fremont 5) Goshen 6) Hot Springs 7) Johnson 8) Laramie 9) Platte 10) Sheridan 11) Sublette 12) Sweetwater 13) Teton 14) Uinta 15) Washakie 16) WRTYP*	1) Albany 2) Campbell 3) Fremont 4) Goshen 5) Hot Springs 6) Johnson 7) Laramie 8) Platte 9) Sheridan 10) Sublette 11) Sweetwater 12) Teton 13) Uinta 14) Washakie 15) WRTYP*	1) Albany 2) Campbell 3) Fremont 4) Goshen 5) Hot Springs 6) Johnson 7) Laramie 8) Platte 9) Sheridan 10) Sublette 11) Sweetwater 12) Teton 13) Uinta 14) Washakie 15) WRTYP*	1) Albany 2) Campbell 3) Fremont 4) Goshen 5) Hot Springs 6) Johnson 7) Laramie 8) Platte 9) Sheridan 10) Sublette 11) Sweetwater 12) Teton 13) Uinta 14) Washakie 15) Wind River*	1) Albany 2) Campbell 3) Carbon 4) Fremont 5) Goshen 6) Hot Springs 7) Johnson 8) Laramie 9) Platte 10) Sheridan 11) Sublette 12) Sweetwater 13) Teton 14) Uinta 15) Washakie 16) Wind River*	1) Albany 2) Campbell 3) Carbon 4) Fremont 5) Goshen 6) Hot Springs 7) Johnson 8) Laramie 9) Platte 10) Sheridan 11) Sublette 12) Sweetwater 13) Teton 14) Uinta 15) Washakie 16) Wind River*	

*WRTYP = Wind River Tribal Youth Program; Wind River = Wind River Reservation (Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes)

Included tribal passthrough monies, with the amounts identified below:

YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT
FY 2007	\$41,219	FY 2011	\$14,189
FY 2008	\$21,286	FY 2012	\$9,210
FY 2009	\$20,679	FY 2013	\$9,359
FY 2010	\$14,091		

Table 1 (cont.)
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Year of Award	2014	2015	2015 (2016 Supplement)	2015 (2017 Supplement)	2018
Grant Period	10/1/14 – 9/30/17	10/1/15 – 9/30/18	10/1/15 – 9/30/19	10/1/15 – 9/30/20	1/1/19 – 12/31/22
Grant Status	Closed	Active	Active	Active	Active
Amount of Award	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000
Total Amount of Subgrants ¹	\$432,370 (combined funding from 2014 and 2015 awards)		\$170,454	\$170,421	\$170,421
Subgrant Contract Period	10/1/15 – 3/31/17		4/1/17 – 3/31/18	4/1/18 – 3/31/19	7/1/19 – 6/30/20
County (or Agency) Subgrant Recipients	1) Albany 2) Campbell 3) Carbon 4) Fremont 5) Goshen 6) Hot Springs 7) Johnson 8) Laramie 9) Platte 10) Sheridan 11) Sublette 12) Sweetwater 13) Uinta 14) Washakie 15) Wind River*		1) Albany 2) Campbell 3) Carbon 4) Fremont 5) Goshen 6) Hot Springs 7) Johnson 8) Laramie 9) Sweetwater 10) Uinta 11) Washakie 12) Wind River*	1) Albany 2) Campbell 3) Fremont 4) Goshen 5) Hot Springs 6) Johnson 7) Sheridan 8) Sweetwater 9) Uinta 10) Washakie 11) Wind River*	1) Albany 2) Campbell 3) Fremont 4) Johnson 5) Sheridan 6) Sweetwater 7) Uinta 8) Washakie 9) Wind River*

*Wind River = Wind River Reservation (Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes)

Included tribal passthrough monies, with the amounts identified below:

YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT
FY 2014	\$9,658	FY 2016	\$9,460	FY 2018	\$9,421
FY 2015	\$9,658	FY 2017	\$9,421		