



2020 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 10, 2020

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

2020 has been unlike any other. And while the pandemic presented challenges this past year, as a council our concern and attention has been focused on how the State's financial outlook and upcoming decisions by lawmakers will impact the youth of our State.

We feel it is our responsibility to speak up for the youth served within our State's juvenile justice system. The council has heard from communities across the State. The concerns are great. The cuts to funding for Community Juvenile Services Board, cuts to Department of Family Services, and cuts to Department of Health will have dire long-term impacts, not only for our youth and children, but for our families across the State.

It is vital that as a State we invest in prevention and community-based services. Data indicates that these services and their outcomes produce long-term positive impacts as well as cost savings. Communities have made great strides in diverting youth from the juvenile justice system – making an impact on those youth, their communities, and our State. To discontinue the financial investment of prevention and early intervention, will push costs down the road – costs that will then be much more burdensome.

Despite the unusual circumstances that this year has presented, 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



SACJJ Coordinator: Brandon Schimelpfenig

Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>District/City</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Abbey Kercher	1-Cheyenne	8/31/2021
Adrienne Freng	2-Laramie	8/31/2023
Chris Jones	4-Sheridan	8/31/2022
Clarence Thomas	9-Ft. Washakie	8/31/2023
Dakota Jackson	6-Gillette (Youth)	8/31/2021
Damon DeBernardi	3-Rock Springs (Vice Chair)	8/31/2021
Erica Wood	6-Gillette	8/31/2021
Gary Gilmore	5-Worland	8/31/2021
Jennifer Palser	4-Sheridan	8/31/2021
Justice Orum-Eikanger	4-Sheridan (Youth)	8/31/2021
Melinda Cox	9-Lander	8/31/2021
Narina Nunez	2-Laramie	8/31/2021
Nicole Hauser	2-Laramie (Chair)	8/31/2021
Shad Bates	8-Torrington	8/31/2023
Stacy Nelson	7-Casper	8/31/2021
Steffany Stephenson	3-Rock Springs (Youth)	8/31/2022
Thomas Rose	9-Dubois	8/31/2021

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
Ashley Gregorio	Dept. of Health
Senator Dave Kinskey	Interstate Compact for Juveniles - Wyoming State Legislature

2020 Council Activities

January 2020

- January 2020 meeting – Cheyenne
- Elections were held with the following individuals being selected for various roles: Nicole Hauser as Chair, Damon DeBernardi as Vice-Chair, Adrienne Freng, Narina Nunez, and Jen Palser as At-Large members of the executive council and Thomas Rose, Dakota Jackson, and Adrienne Freng for the grants committee.
- Discussed whether to clarify the bylaws to outline who can serve on the grants committee, committee membership, plans for updating the strategic plan, as well as discussed developing upcoming SACJJ summit, Families First legislation, and the upcoming legislative session.
- Community Participation: The Council heard from both the Laramie County Community Juvenile Services Joint Powers Board and Laramie County DFS.

April 2020

- April 2020 Meeting – was held via Zoom and was a shortened meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Discussed committee membership, plans for updating strategic plan, the upcoming SACJJ summit, Families First legislation, and upcoming legislation related to juveniles and children.

June 2020

- June 2020 meeting – was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The majority of the meeting was spent updating the strategic plan.
- Discussed holding an information sharing/training conference for Community Juvenile Service Boards, member recruitment, Governor’s liaison, the Families First legislation, and an update on Wyoming CJSB’s. The Board was informed that the MOU with DFS regarding the ROM dataset had been signed and executed.
- Community Participation: Presentations by the Uinta County DFS and CJSB, as well as the Uinta County Attorney’s office.

September 2020

- September 2020 meeting – was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 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.
- Community Participation: Fremont County DFS, GAL office, Fremont County Attorney’s office, Fremont County CJSB.

October 2020

- The Council's first statewide summit occurred! This training and opportunity for networking helped to identify community-level efforts, successes, and challenges through data collection, which is essential to reaching effective juvenile justice standards statewide.
- Through additional Summits, the Council is committed to assisting communities with their juvenile justice data to ensure that informed decisions are being made.

November 2020

- November 2020 meeting – was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The council discussed proposed committee legislation and budget cuts and the impact on juveniles. Approved council recommendations to be provided to the Governor. Council also decided on the 2021 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, with the understanding that most of 2021 meetings will likely have to continue to occur virtually.
- Community Participation: Converse County DFS and Attorney's office shared their caseload numbers and their efforts. Rene' Kemper, mayor of Douglas and Executive Director of Youth Development Services (YDS), provided an update to the Council regarding the services of YDS and gave an update on the city's focus for the upcoming year.

2020 Council Recommendations

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

- Lack of funding for services
- Lack of access to services due to COVID-19 concerns

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

- 1) Communities were notified that funding for local Community Juvenile Service Boards will not be available after July 1, 2021. The Council does not agree with this funding cut. There will be detrimental effects as communities have made tremendous progress and this decision will undercut their efforts. The Council urges the state to look for alternative sources of revenue.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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 funding for mental health treatment services remain intact and not be reduced.
- 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 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. Investing in these types of services is more cost effective and thus will save the State money in the future.
- 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 and is committed to working with the Governor's office in this effort.

SACJJ Strategic Plan 2021-2023

Executive Committee	
Objective	<p>Starting with the January 2021 meeting, 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 Deadline: On-going</p>
Actions	<p>SACJJ will continue to develop and implement an 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Serving as a conduit to the governor’s office, the SACJJ will schedule a public comment period 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 appoint an Executive Committee Outreach person who will develop a list of potential stakeholders and invitees. These could include, but are not limited to: 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 when putting together the invitation list. This list will be merged as appropriate with the current list of invitees held by the DFS coordinator. ➤ The SACJJ Executive Committee Outreach Person will, one month before the quarterly meeting, determine who to invite and send invitations to those individuals. ➤ Personal invitations will be sent to any state and local elected officials by the SACJJ Executive Committee Outreach Person.
Objective	<p>Starting with the January 2021 meeting, SACJJ will work to identify 4-5 priorities regarding the juvenile justice system and develop recommendations and proposals to present to the Governor’s office. Goal Deadline: On-going</p>
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At every other SACJJ meeting, a priority regarding the juvenile justice system will be discussed. The executive committee will then develop a proposal by the next SACJJ meeting with recommendations to share with the governor’s office and to be included in the annual report.

Objective	In collaboration with the Legislative Committee, the Executive Committee will review the current statute governing the SACJJ. Goal Deadline: June and November 2021, as well as June 2022 SACJJ meetings.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By the June 2021 SACJJ meeting, the SACJJ legislative committee, in collaboration with the Executive 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 the November 2021 SACJJ meeting, 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. ➤ By June 2022, explore ways to leverage our statutory role to be involved in top-level discussions regarding juvenile justice issues in the state.
Objective	In collaboration with the other committees, create a repository of information for the counties on the SACJJ website. Goal Deadline: Initiate in 2022 and then on-going.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By the January 2022 SACJJ meeting, collaborate with the Grants Committee to provide a repository of information regarding grant and other funding opportunities to the website. ➤ By the April 2022 SACJJ meeting, collaborate with the Best Practices Committee to provide a repository of programming best practices, as well as definitions to the website. ➤ By the June 2022 SACJJ meeting, collaborate with the Data Committee to provide access to the ROM data through the website, as well as a report card for the state. ➤ By the September 2022 SACJJ meeting, collaborate with the Outreach Committee to develop and make available a yearly newsletter. ➤ By the November 2022 SACJJ meeting, collaborate with the Legislative Committee to provide links to possible legislative developments regarding juvenile justice.

Legislative Committee

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Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By the June 2021 SACJJ meeting, the SACJJ legislative committee, in collaboration with the Executive 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 November 2021, 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.
Objective	<p>Provide to the SACJJ continued reports on any relevant state and federal legislative developments regarding juvenile justice. Goal Deadline: On-going</p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monthly, the committee will identify and track any legislation regarding juvenile justice. They will distinguish any legislation that requires comment and develop recommendations to provide to the governor using the approved process. ➤ As part of identifying and tracking legislation, the committee will identify individuals to attend relevant Joint Judiciary committee meetings. ➤ Provide information on federal legislation, as well as the possible impacts on the state’s juvenile justice systems to counties. ➤ When the opportunity exists and with the direction of the governor, provide comment on federal legislation as it relates to juvenile justice. ➤ Identify state statutes regarding juvenile justice that might benefit from review. In collaboration with the Executive Committee, provide recommendations to the Governor for possible changes.
Objective	<p>Review and provide recommendations to the SACJJ regarding the Council’s by-laws on a yearly basis. Goal Deadline: September SACJJ meeting</p>
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On a yearly basis, the legislative committee will provide a report to the SACJJ that outlines the review process and any recommendations for changes or additions to the SACJJ bylaws. This report will be presented annually at the September SACJJ meeting.
Objective	<p>In collaboration with the Executive Committee, create a repository of information for the counties on the SACJJ website. Goal Deadline: Initiate in 2022 and then on-going.</p>
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By the November 2022 SACJJ meeting, collaborate with the Legislative Committee to provide links to possible legislative developments regarding juvenile justice.

Outreach/Youth Committees	
Objective	The SACJJ will continue the annual award for “Best Practices in Juvenile Justice” to recognize outstanding communities for their efforts in juvenile justice. Goal Deadline: On-going.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By the April 2021 SACJJ meeting, the Outreach Committee will finalize written guidance to be followed each year on the award eligibility, process for selection, and process for recognition. This guidance will be posted to the SACJJ website. ➤ The SACJJ Chairperson and Outreach Committee will present the award, annually, to the selected county, in collaboration with VOA, at the September 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 Outreach and Youth Committees, in collaboration with the Executive Committee, will develop a proposal that identifies different actions to increase youth membership. Goal Deadline: December 2021 SACJJ Meeting.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Outreach and Youth Committees will revisit and revise the list identifying existing youth organizations/clubs/groups, youth councils, as well as the Wyoming Boys’ School and Girls’ School, who may be appropriate outlets for recruitment of youth members to the SACJJ. These committees will also explore ways that youth in the communities could better inform the SACJJ about the youth perspective. ➤ The Youth Committee will explore ways to increase membership such as examining term lengths, economic realities of student members, defining roles and responsibilities, and benefits to being on the council. ➤ The Youth Committee, together with the Outreach Committee, will develop advertising, as well as documents or videos to increase youth interest in the council. ➤ Together with the Executive Committee, the Outreach and Youth Committees will develop a plan, with ideas to present to all SACJJ members for input at the December 2021 SACJJ Meeting.
Objective	The Outreach Committee will develop a proposal that outlines guidelines to maintain and increase contact with community stakeholders in juvenile justice across the state. Goal Deadline: January 2023 SACJJ meeting

<p style="text-align: center;">Actions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The guidelines will set out specific steps to be taken when inviting local stakeholders. ➤ The guidelines will outline a process by which to disseminate information to community stakeholders. ➤ Suggestions for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social Media ○ Yearly meetings with CJSB’s and perhaps others ○ Monthly email updates ○ Meet with community stakeholders before each meeting for a conversation about juvenile justice. ○ What types of training/information would be valuable to the communities?
<p style="text-align: center;">Objective</p>	<p>The Outreach Committee, in collaboration with the Youth Committee, will maintain and provide recommendations for the SACJJ Website. Goal Deadline: Yearly for the June SACJJ Meeting.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Each year for the June SACJJ meeting, 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 the September SACJJ meeting.
<p style="text-align: center;">Objective</p>	<p>In collaboration with the Executive Committee, create a repository of information for the counties on the SACJJ website. Goal Deadline: Initiate in 2022 and then on-going.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Actions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By the September 2022 SACJJ meeting, collaborate with the Executive Committee to develop and make available a yearly newsletter. ➤ Possible things to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlights from communities ○ Statewide data from ROM Report ○ Best Practices – Innovative programs ○ Information on Award Recipients ○ Recognizing presenters
<p style="text-align: center;">Objective</p>	<p>In collaboration with the Data, Grants, and Best Practices Committees, develop training and informational opportunities for community stakeholders. Goal Deadline: Initiate in January 2021 and then on-going.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Actions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By the January SACJJ meeting, collaborate with the Data, Grants, and Best Practices Committees to identify a plan for training and informational opportunities for community stakeholders for the upcoming year. Each committee will be responsible for

	<p>developing one presentation a year to be provided to communities and other stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop presentations, based on the approved plan, to be distributed to community stakeholders across Wyoming.
Data Committee	
Objective	The SACJJ will work with communities to improve or continue data reporting. Goal Deadline: Initiate in 2021 and on-going.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By January 2021, the SACJJ will have scheduled training for communities to improve community involvement with the data. ➤ By June 2022, the SACJJ will work with communities to develop annual report cards from community from the ROM tool data. ➤ By June 2022, the SACJJ will have a public interface available for use of the ROM tool. ➤ By September 2022, the SACJJ Outreach Committee will use data collected from the ROM tool in its annual newsletter.
Objective	In collaboration with the Outreach, Grants, and Best Practices Committees, develop training and informational opportunities for community stakeholders. Goal Deadline: Initiate in January 2021 and then on-going.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By the January SACJJ meeting, collaborate with the Outreach, Grants, and Best Practices Committees to identify a plan for training and informational opportunities for community stakeholders for the upcoming year. Each committee will be responsible for developing one presentation a year. ➤ Develop presentations, based on the approved plan, to be distributed to community stakeholders across Wyoming.
Best Practices Committee	
Objective	In collaboration with the Executive Committee, create a repository of information for the counties on the SACJJ website. Goal Deadline: Initiate in 2022 and then on-going.

Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By the April 2022 SACJJ meeting, provide a repository of programming best practices, as well as definitions to the website. ➤ Over the course of 2023, reach out to each of the 23 counties to discuss with stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current programs and identify those that might be best practices ○ Any difficulties in terms of the current system and any recommendations for changes ○ Any opportunities for program evaluation ○ Any ways to bolster or enhance their programs
Objective	<p>The SACJJ will continue to work with communities to reduce the Number of Court Involved Youth by assisting communities with the adoption of effective programs through recommendations, where appropriate, on juvenile justice practices. Goal Deadline: Initiate in 2023.</p>
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 for each county based on conversations that will occur with each county on programming in 2023.
Objective	<p>In collaboration with the Data, Grants, and Outreach Committees, develop training and informational opportunities for community stakeholders. Goal Deadline: Initiate in January 2021 and then on-going.</p>
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Grants Committee	
Objective	In collaboration with the Outreach, Best Practices, and Data Committees, develop training and informational opportunities for community stakeholders. Goal Deadline: Initiate in January 2021 and then on-going.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By the January SACJJ meeting, collaborate with the Outreach, Data, and Best Practices Committees to identify a plan for training and informational opportunities for community stakeholders for the upcoming year. Each committee will be responsible for developing one presentation a year. ➤ Develop presentations, based on the approved plan, to be distributed to community stakeholders across Wyoming.
Objective	In collaboration with the Executive Committee, create a repository of information for the counties on the SACJJ website. Goal Deadline: Initiate in 2022 and then on-going.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ By the January 2022 SACJJ meeting, collaborate with the Executive Committee to provide a repository of information regarding grant and other funding opportunities to the website.

APPENDIX A



VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA
1876 S. Sheridan Ave.
Sheridan, WY 82801

December 31, 2020

TO: State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice (SACJJ)
FROM: Craig Figus, Volunteers of America Northern Rockies (VOA)
RE: 2020 Annual Report

Compliance Monitoring

- Partially completed compliance monitoring for 2019 (1/1/19 – 12/31/19). Site visits suspended on 3/18/20 due to Covid-19 pandemic.
 - Conducted compliance monitoring of 25 out of 59 (42 percent) secure facilities and 26 out of 88 (30 percent) non-secure facilities from January 2020 through March 2020. Completed site visits of the following:
 - Twenty-seven (27) adult jails/lockups.
 - Two (2) campus security offices.
 - Six (6) court holding facilities (Campbell, Goshen, Johnson, Laramie, Natrona, and Sheridan counties).
 - Six (6) crisis shelters/group homes.
 - One (1) juvenile correctional facility (Wyoming Girls School).
 - Three (3) juvenile detention centers (Campbell, Laramie, and Natrona counties).
 - Six (6) residential treatment facilities.
 - During this year's compliance monitoring site visits:
 - Reclassified the Crook County Sheriff's Office/Detention Center as a nonparticipating facility.
 - Added the Goshen County Court Holding facility as a secure facility.
 - Added the Johnson County Sheriff's Office Substation – Kaycee as a non-secure facility.
 - Reclassified the Kaycee Police Department as a closed facility.
 - Classified the Meadowlark Academy residential treatment center as a nonparticipating facility.
 - Continued to evaluate the classification status (secure or non-secure) of the Normative Services, Inc. (NSI) Academy residential treatment center.
 - Reclassified the Pine Bluffs Police Department as a non-secure facility.
 - Continued to evaluate the classification status (secure or non-secure) of the Upton Police Department.
 - Reclassified the Wheatland Police Department as a nonparticipating facility.
- Assessed the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on juvenile detention centers.
 - As of the end of 2020, the Laramie County Juvenile Services Center (LCJSC) and the Sweetwater County Juvenile Detention Center (SCJDC) were not accepting out-of-county admissions to reduce the possibility of infection, and the Regional Juvenile Detention Center (RJDC) was restricting its acceptance of out-of-county admissions. The Campbell County Juvenile Detention Center (CCJDC) continued to accept juveniles from counties with which it had existing contracts, but available beds were limited.
 - During its compliance monitoring conference call on 6/10/20, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announced that it would not be issuing more specific guidance regarding the use of secure detention during the pandemic due to the variations in state responses.
- Participated in OJJDP's compliance monitoring conference calls on 3/11/20, 6/10/20, and 10/14/20.

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	4/15/20 4/28/20 10/20/20	Cpl. Rick Puls	Albany County Sheriff's Office
2)	Campbell County Court Holding/ Campbell County Detention Center/ CCJDC	3/27/20 5/26/20 9/25/20 10/20/20	Charlene Edwards	Campbell County Attorney's Office
3)	Carbon County Detention Center	12/4/20 12/22/20	Lt. Jorge Torres	Carbon County Sheriff's Office
4)	Johnson County Detention Center	1/30/20 9/15/20 10/14/20	Capt. Wes Killian	Johnson County Sheriff's Office
5)	Sheridan County Detention Center	3/26/20 7/23/20 10/7/20	Jennifer Palser	Sheridan County Justice Office
6)	Sweetwater County Detention Center/ SCJDC	7/13/20 9/10/20 9/18/20 10/29/20	Karin Kelly	Sweetwater County Juvenile Probation
7)	Uinta County Detention Center	7/14/20 11/3/20	Eric Williams	Uinta County Attorney's Office
8)	Washakie County Detention Center	10/29/20	Sarah Garcia	Washakie County Youth Alternatives

- Participated in a phone call on 1/14/20 with representatives from Vant4ge and Persevere to discuss potential modifications to the Juvenile Jail Roster. If implemented, the changes would upgrade the Jail Roster's software and enable county access to enhanced data reporting. Vant4ge, formerly known as Assessments.com, had developed the initial Jail Roster. Persevere was a non-profit organization founded by Sean Hosman, Vant4ge's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in 2014.

OJJDP Funding

- Submitted its application for the 2019 Nonparticipating State Award funding from OJJDP by the deadline of 12/17/19. Received notification from OJJDP on 10/6/20 that it would receive the award, but technical issues prevented VOA from accessing information in OJJDP's new grant management system. VOA was working with OJJDP to resolve the issues. Items of note:
 - Appeared that the funding amount would be \$380,000 and that the project period would be 10/1/20 – 9/30/23.
 - Once it resolved the technical issues, VOA planned to release its Request for Proposals for subgrant funding from the 2019 award as soon as possible.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED), formerly known as Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

- Collaborated with the SACJJ's Data Committee to explore ways of consolidating the data collection processes for RED and for the Results Oriented Management (ROM) juvenile justice database that was originally developed by the Wyoming Department of Family Services (DFS).
 - Participated in phone calls/webinars with representatives from counties, DFS, and the SACJJ on 1/31/20, 2/14/20, 3/10/20, 4/8/20, 4/21/20, 5/6/20, 5/19/20, 5/26/20, 6/12/20, 7/17/20, 7/31/20, and 8/14/20. Individuals from Albany, Campbell, Johnson, Sheridan, Sweetwater, Uinta, and Washakie counties participated in at least one of these meetings.
 - Developed a rough draft of a spreadsheet tool that would combine RED and ROM data.
 - Despite Governor Mark Gordon's announcement on 8/26/20 regarding upcoming budget cuts (see: <https://governor.wyo.gov/media/news-releases/2020-news-releases/governor-calls-first-10-state-budget-cuts-devastating-but-necessary>), DFS, the SACJJ, and VOA agreed that it would be beneficial to continue development of the unified data collection spreadsheet. The SACJJ's Outreach Committee met on 8/31/20 and on 9/10/20 to discuss a future course of action regarding training for this tool.
 - Presented in the following webinars as part of the SACJJ's juvenile justice summit series:

Date	Title
10/1/20	Open Forum/Problem Solving
11/12/20	Data System: Quality Data for Quality Community

- Examined discrepancies between the arrest data provided by counties for RED reporting with that from the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).
 - Hosted a webinar on 10/2/20 to review juvenile arrest data obtained from DCI. Five individuals from the following four counties participated in the meeting: 1) Albany, 2) Campbell, 3) Sweetwater, and 4) Uinta.
- Provided written feedback to counties submitting RED data in their quarterly reports for the 2014/2015, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 OJJDP/VOA subgrants.
- Participated in OJJDP's RED conference calls on 1/8/20, 4/8/20, and 12/9/20.

Other

- Partnered with the Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center (WYSAC), which learned in January 2020 that it would be receiving funding from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, a division of the Office of Justice Programs within the U.S. Department of Justice.
 - With the first year of this funding, WYSAC planned to evaluate diversion programs around the state using the definition of recidivism that VOA had developed in cooperation with Sweetwater County. Project overview:
 - Recidivism would be counted with a juvenile only after they had successfully, unsuccessfully, or otherwise completed the diversion program. Recidivism would occur if the juvenile was adjudicated for a new misdemeanor offense, for a new felony offense, pursuant to a new delinquency petition, or pursuant to a new Child in Need of Supervision (CHINS) petition. Participants would track juveniles following completion of the program for a two-year period or until the juvenile reached the age of majority, whichever came first.
 - Participants 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/index.html>.

- Sweetwater County agreed to serve as the initial pilot site, as they had started to collect recidivism data in 2014. Albany, Johnson, Sheridan, Uinta, and Washakie counties also agreed to participate in the project. VOA and WYSAC encouraged other counties to join.
- It should be noted that the budget cuts announced by Governor Gordon in August 2020 could impact the ability of counties to participate in this project in the future.
- WYSAC received notification in June 2020 that it had been awarded the second year of funding for this project. With this additional funding, WYSAC intended to expand the scope of its web-based database to incorporate both RED and ROM data.
- Participated in meetings with WYSAC on 1/28/20, 2/7/20, 2/18/20, 10/14/20, and 10/16/20. Reviewed data points, refined the test website, and discussed data collection procedures.
- Participated in meetings with WYSAC and participating counties on 2/7/20, 10/22/20, and 12/8/20.
- Participated in a series of meetings hosted by DFS regarding higher-needs juveniles in the system.
 - Prior to the initial large group meeting on 9/1/20, VOA collaborated with leadership from CCJDC, the Fremont County Sheriff's Office, LCJSC, RJDC, and SCJDC in an effort to develop a protocol to transition these higher-needs juveniles from detention into treatment more quickly. Representatives from the juvenile detention centers had expressed frustration that, in some cases, these juveniles remained in detention for extended periods of time while awaiting placement in residential treatment centers.
 - Also participated in the following:
 - Large group meetings on 9/1/20 and 11/9/20.
 - Detention workgroup meetings on 10/1/20 and 10/15/20. This group consisted primarily of detention providers.
 - Policy development workgroup meetings on 10/12/20, 11/4/20, and 12/4/20. This group consisted of representatives from DFS, the Wyoming Department of Health (DOH), and the Governor's Office, as well as private providers and other parties.
- Continued to assess the impact of upcoming changes to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A). When President Trump signed the reauthorization of the JJDP A (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 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

¹ Justice Reform Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-385 (2018), p. 1. Retrieved December 29, 2020, 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 December 29, 2020, from <https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title34-section11133&num=0&edition=prelim>

³ Ibid.

- 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?
- Participated in OJJDP’s juvenile justice specialist conference calls on 5/13/20 and 8/12/20.
- Participated in OJJDP’s national conference held virtually on 11/16/20 – 11/18/20.

Attachments:

Table 1: OJJDP/VOA Nonparticipating State Award Summary

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

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

¹Included tribal passthrough monies, with the amounts identified below:

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

Table 1 (cont.)
OJJDP/VOA Nonparticipating State Award Summary

Year of Award	2014	2015	2015 (2016 Supplement)	2015 (2017 Supplement)	2018
Grant Period	10/1/14 – 9/30/17	10/1/15 – 9/30/21	10/1/15 – 9/30/21	10/1/15 – 9/30/21	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*

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YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT
FY 2014	\$9,658	FY 2016	\$9,460	FY 2018	\$9,421	FY 2020	\$14,086
FY 2015	\$9,658	FY 2017	\$9,421	FY 2019	\$9,588		