

State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice

Strategic Plan | 2021 - 2023

Mission Statement

- 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 Statement

- 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.

Executive Committee

	<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	<p>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.</p>

	<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	<p>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.</p>
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.

Objective	<p>The Executive Committee, in collaboration with the Outreach and Youth Committees, will develop a proposal that identifies different actions to increase youth membership. Goal Deadline: December 2021 SACJJ Meeting.</p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Executive Committee will collaboratively explore youth involvement alternatives to improve youth member retention and recruitment. Together with the Outreach and Youth Committees, they will develop a plan, with ideas to present to all SACJJ members for input at the December 2021 SACJJ Meeting. ➤ Consider assigning a mentor to youth members to assist them in navigating the requirements of membership to the SACJJ. ➤ Explore different funding structures that will allow for increased participation of youth members.
Objective	<p>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. Goal Deadline: On-going.</p>
Actions	<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. ➤ The Executive Committee will be responsible for ensuring that all SACJJ Committees are fulfilling their Strategic Plan responsibilities.

Legislative Committee	
Objective	In collaboration with the Executive Committee, the Legislative Committee will review the current statute governing the SACJJ. Goal Deadline: June 2021 SACJJ meeting.
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	Provide to the SACJJ continued reports on any relevant state and federal legislative developments regarding juvenile justice. Goal Deadline: On-going
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	Review and provide recommendations to the SACJJ regarding the Council's by-laws on a yearly basis. Goal Deadline: September SACJJ meeting
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.

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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	<p>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>
Actions	<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?
Objective	<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>
Action	<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.
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>
Actions	<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
Objective	<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>

	<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 developing one presentation a year to be provided to communities and other stakeholders.➤ Develop presentations, based on the approved plan, to be distributed to community stakeholders across Wyoming.
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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	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.
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.
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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.
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