

**APPENDIX E  
PROMISING  
PROGRAMS**

**JUVENILE  
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**A ROADMAP FOR THE  
FUTURE OF JUVENILE  
JUSTICE IN MINNESOTA**

The Minnesota Corrections Association MCA developed and conducted a juvenile justice survey among *Juvenile Justice 21* forum participants and other juvenile justice professionals in October 2014. The survey was conducted online via web based survey tools by an independent research consultant based in Northern Virginia. The survey was sent to all forum participants that either registered or attended at least one of the ten Juvenile Justice 21 forums hosted by MCA between May and September 2014. In addition, the survey was sent to contacts for 28 statewide juvenile justice related organizations.<sup>1</sup>

226 Respondents completed the survey. Sixty-five percent attended one of the forums and thirty-five percent did not.

For complete survey results see Appendix C.

One of the survey questions asked the respondents to “Please tell us about the best juvenile delinquency-related program(s) in your area.”

Below are the answers to the request organized by county where the respondent works. It is hoped this will provide a snapshot of some of the good juvenile justice programming occurring throughout the state.

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<sup>1</sup> National Alliance on Mental Illness, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Minnesota Community Action Partnership, Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties, Children’s Defense Fund Minnesota, Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, Minnesota Sheriff’s Association, Legal Rights Center, Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, American Friends Service Committee, Lakes Area Restorative Justice Project, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota County Attorneys Association, Juvenile Justice Coalition of Minnesota, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Children’s Law Center, Youthprise, Minnesota Association of Child Caring Agencies, Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers, Minnesota Police Chiefs, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, State Public Defender, Minnesota Coalition of Battered Women, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Minnesota Office of Justice Programs

| <b>County Where Responent Works</b> | <b>Please tell us about the best juvenile delinquency-related program(s) in your area.</b>  |
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| Aitkin                              | Kids Plus- provides prevention, intervention, family programming, school and community support resources and advocacy to juvenile offenders and kids at high-risk for delinquency.  |
| Aitkin                              | 1 juvenile agent for our county to supervise diversion, restorative justice (with the help of 2 volunteer facilitators) and juvenile probation. Limited resources in our county. Fairly standard supervision. Use of online classes for Chem. Educ and shoplifting. Excellent collaboration between agencies in our county which is a valuable resource and huge help.              |
| Anoka                               | Anoka County Juvenile Programs; Acres for Life; Aftercare Program; In-home family counseling  |
| Anoka                               | North Star Juvenile Diversion Program-pre-trial program provides first-time offenders with an alternative to juvenile court. The idea is to maintain a positive environment to reduce recidivism  |
| Beltrami                            | Restorative justice program allowing juveniles and victims to sit down, mediate and heal  |
| Beltrami                            | North Homes Inc. (Grand Rapids, Bemidji) MCF-Togo (ThistleDew)  |
| Beltrami                            | We are currently implementing the Dually Involved Youth procedure here in Beltrami County. Our procedure is unique considering we are working closely with both the Leech Lake and Red Lake Tribes to ensure all children in Beltrami County are properly served.   |
| Blue Earth                          | Archer alcohol/drug education programs in schools   |
| Brown                               | Juvenile Treatment (drug & mental health) Court. ISP (Intensive Supervision Program) Diversion/Teen Court   |
| Brown                               | Teen Court here is an excellent program for first time petty and certain second time offenders. Been in operation since 1998.   |
| Carlton                             | Carlton County Restorative Justice Program - diverts almost all youth crime in the county to the RJ Program. Low recidivism rate since program inception, reduced out-of-home placement costs, involves victims of crime at a deeper level, engages community to become aware and partake in crime reduction opportunities, holds youth accountable through restorative approaches. |
| Carlton                             | Restorative practices/justice programs  |
| Carlton                             | AJC-offers cognitive skill Programming; Woodland Hills- offers residential programs with transitioning into community included; ThistleDew offers programming in a wilderness setting.  |
| Carlton                             | Restorative Justice/sentencing circles  |
| Carver                              | Crossover Youth Program   |
| Carver                              | Crossover Youth for Domestic Assault cases  |
| Carver                              | Juvenile Alternatives Facility (JAF) in Scott County, cognitive skills classes (such as Thinking For A Change), and the South-West Metro Educational Cooperative school programs in Carver/Scott Counties.  |
| Cass                                | Cass County partners with the Leech Lake Tribal Court on Diversion and other juvenile related matters to address DMC.   |
| Cass                                | In our area, I would think it is the NW MN Juvenile Center in Bemidji, MN. They run very good programming.  |

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| Chippewa  | CIRCLE sentencing in Yellow Medicine and Chippewa counties. The youth's case is placed on "continuance for dismissal" status and he/she is referred to the CIRCLE program. The program involves meeting (usually every two weeks) with community volunteers who discuss the delinquency and its consequences. The CIRCLE also gives the youth "conditions" (school, community service, apologies, restitution, etc.). The meetings include at least one parent/guardian, so the family of the youth is involved with the diversion, because the CIRCLE can also address family dynamics and home life that may be contributing to the delinquent behavior.  |
| Clay      | Clay County Re-Entry Services   |
| Dakota    | Our juvenile work crew is a good experience for kids because the corrections officers who run it somehow make the kids feel competent and valued - plus restitution to victims is earned by them through their hours.   |
| Faribault | Faribault County is currently working on creating a truancy panel that involves several systems in our communities that work with children. Currently, we have monthly Local Coordinating Council meetings at each school. The meeting involves the youth, parent, school resource officer, principal, social worker, and human services. The youth's grades are reviewed, how things are going at school and at home, and a plan/goals are made for the youth to strive to achieve within the next month. We have a mentoring program in Blue Earth for youth to work with a mentor.   |
| Goodhue   | Amicus Radius The Family Partnership - Sam Simmons in particular YMCA Community Specialists   |
| Goodhue   | Fernbrook   |
| Goodhue   | in home therapy   |
| Hennepin  | Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)   |
| Hennepin  | Restorative justice practices in Minneapolis Public Schools.  |
| Hennepin  | <a href="http://www.legalrightscenter.org/LRC_UMN_Report-Final.pdf">http://www.legalrightscenter.org/LRC_UMN_Report-Final.pdf</a><br>(Information and evaluation for the Legal Rights Center Family Conferencing program in Minneapolis schools)  |
| Hennepin  | Hope Street is not solely juvenile delinquency based, but are heavily involved in the downtown 100 project for 18-21 year olds. They are doing amazing work across the board for at risk and homeless youth.  |
| Hennepin  | (1) The Legal Rights Center partners with the Minneapolis Public Schools to implement a restorative intervention in response to behaviors leading to a recommendation for expulsion. This family group conferencing restorative model has proven to be very effective as a response to serious behavioral incidents, including assaults, weapons and drugs. Research by the University of MN found significant positive impacts on attendance, credit attainment, and student engagement, and significant reductions in future behavioral incidents. This model is much more effective than court involvement in dealing with these behaviors, and does not result in the significant collateral consequences of court involvement. (2) The Minneapolis Police Department has worked with community partners to implement juvenile diversion. Juvenile cases are reviewed by an MPD officer using standardized criteria to determine if the juvenile is eligible for MPD diversion. Eligible youth are offered an opportunity to participate in diversion programming, including restorative practices, mental health services, and case management services. Data on all cases reviewed is being tracked by MPD to examine racial disparities, opportunities for expansion, and effective diversion practices. |
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| Hennepin  | The Minneapolis Police Department works with several restorative justice practices organizations in the community to divert juveniles who commit petty offenses away from the juvenile justice system to decrease youth involvement with the court system.  |
| Hennepin  | Radiusfor girls and girls' CHS.   |
| Hennepin  | Woodland Hills  |
| Hennepin  | Woodland Hills RTC - Duluth Northwoods - Duluth   |
| Hennepin  | Hennepin county pre-charge diversion Hennepin county truancy diversion Redwing !!   |
| Isanti    | Youth Service Bureau  |
| Isanti    | Diversion works in most situations, the work program, community service   |
| Itasca    | Thistledew Programs is the best program - we relate to youth. Time and time again you will hear about staff and how well we work with youth.  |
| Kandiyohi | Prairie Lakes Youth Programs Non-Secure programs do a great job transitioning youth back into the community   |
| Kandiyohi | We have the Kandiyohi County Restorative Justice Diversion Program. We focus on the harms of wrongdoing. We support the offenders and victims. We work on repairing the harm, while still holding the offender accountable, and making the community safe.  |
| Kandiyohi | Diversion/Restorative Justice Circles- but there should be more focus on this so the program can thrive and improve.  |
| Kandiyohi | restorative justice programs  |
| Kandiyohi | First of all, I work in 13 counties, not only one. I see a variety of options, varying from excellent to poor. I would say, Yellow Medicine County's Restorative Justice approach to delinquency and chips to chemical health is the most reaching in all facets. They aim to reach root issues with children and their entire family. They utilize all resources, not just the "professionals"; who frankly do not have all the answers. |
| Kandiyohi | Restorative Justice program for diversion of cases. This program has been operating for 3 + years. It is run out of the County Attorney's office.   |
| Meeker    | Greater Minnesota Family Services provides in-home skills and family counseling which has been helpful to many families.  |
| Meeker    | REACH Program at Hutchinson High School- not just for juvenile delinquents but at risk kids!  |
| Meeker    | Youth transitional worker at the Workforce Center.  |
| Morrison  | Juvenile Justice Program (diversion in Morrison County).  |
| Mower     | The communication and cooperation we have in Mower County across all agencies (DHS, Schools, Family Facilitators, County Attorney, and Judges) is outstanding.  |
| Nicollet  | Our county has a 90 day program, can be extended for up to 180 days. Conditions can include; community work service, education classes, fees, and supervision with standard rules and regulations.  |
| Nicollet  | Drug Courts   |
| Olmsted   | Diversion Program. Youth Night Campus (YNC---day treatment program). Starfish Program (United Way and Workforce Development Inc.--employment services for at-risk youth).   |
| Olmsted   | Youth Night Campus  |
| Olmsted   | Youth Night Campus in Olmsted county is a day treatment program that operates after school until 9pm. It offers group therapy as well as skills training (anger management, Cognitive skills, CD education etc). It is a good alternative to sending kids out of the community but they struggle to get and keep parents involved.  |
| Olmsted   | Youth Night Campus - Day Treatment Program Individual Mental Health Providers TGCTA Juvenile Detention Center   |

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| Olmsted    | Cross over youth with corrections and social services, Youth and Night Campus, Victim Services Prevention Programming  |
| Olmsted    | Diversion The working relationship between school resource officer's, probation officer's and the courts   |
| Olmsted    | Von Wald Group Home. We care about our residents. We use positive reinforcement (best practice). We screen intakes to reduce the risk of inappropriate placement. ART of Rochester. Out-patient cd. They realize they are fighting an uphill battle and are persistent. Olmsted County Court Services. Excellent group of professional people that always have the best interest of their client in mind.  |
| Otter Tail | The West Central Juvenile Detention Center in Clay County, MN, has developed a two level program for juvenile sex offenders (Pathways).  |
| Otter Tail | We are very fortunate to have West Central Regional Juvenile Center which is in Moorhead, MN. We also have Valley Lake Boys Home in Breckenridge, MN. These programs are within one hour of Fergus Falls.  |
| Otter Tail | Otter Tail County offers diversion programs that are one night in length. Otter Tail County also has a juvenile based Relapse Prevention Program for Chemical Dependency.  |
| Ramsey     | St. Paul Youth Services  |
| Ramsey     | 180 Degrees Inc!   |
| Ramsey     | Programs with a specific person focused on connecting to the youth and his/her family on an on-going basis. When you have a relationship with the child, you have a better chance of success.  |
| Ramsey     | FFT, ART, Community Coaches, Evening and Weekend Learning Programs, gender groups, Work Readiness Training, Enhanced Probation   |
| Ramsey     | YEP at 180 Degrees!  |
| Ramsey     | Girl's Group at Neighborhood house Evening Learning Center School protocol and personnel in JDC  |
| Ramsey     | Yellow Medicine County Circles of Accountability (and other counties)--contact Sharon Hendricks same in Carlton County--contact Lorraine Mickelson .   |
| Ramsey     | I believe our truancy program in Ramsey County is very effective as is our runaway program.  |
| Renville   | diversion to a circle program which allows offender and victim participation.  |
| Roseau     | Tracker Program- Rather than placing certain juveniles in detention a tracker is assigned to do home visits day or night to make sure he is there when he is supposed to be and also do UA's.  |
| Scott      | non-secure detention center with education and mental health services  |
| Scott      | Multi-systemic or Family systems therapy   |
| Sherburne  | BIP, our Bullying Intervention Program started in 2002.  |
| St. Louis  | The use of the RAI (Risk Assessment Instrument) prior to placement of a juvenile into a detention facility. This prevents the unnecessary placement of a juvenile in detention. The PSC (Probation, Social Services, and Community Members) program. This is a program that works with families identified as high risk. The goal is to provide wrap around services to create a healthy home environment where juveniles can succeed as they transition home. There is a need for more programs like this, greater funding, and more staff to extend this program to more clients though. |
| St. Louis  | Arrowhead Juvenile Center  |
| St. Louis  | Family base services through SS.   |

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| St. Louis       | We have a great partnership with the school and treatment. As a probation officer i meet with the schools weekly and the CD treatment provider weekly to ensure that clients are doing what they need to be doing and getting the appropriate services.   |
| St. Louis       | St. Louis County Attorney's office runs a diversion program called Youth Accountability Program. One provider of programming is Men as Peace Makers. YAP, with the assistance of MAP, has allowed for more opportunities for diversion for youth in St. Louis County. ARC corrections also offers a Drug and Alcohol Program for children charged with underage consumption.  |
| St. Louis       | Men as peace makers -   |
| St. Louis       | Woodland Hills, Northwood Children's Home,  |
| Stearns         | Crossover youth   |
| Stearns         | Stearns County has been implementing a "Crossover Youth" program for several years now and we have had several positive outcomes. We have broken down several of the "silos" between departments and agencies that are the barriers to the integration of effective services. We have been able to keep several juveniles with mental health, family stability or other CHIPS-type issues from entering or going further into the juvenile justice system with this program. It is still a work in progress, but the current results have been overwhelmingly positive. |
| Stearns         | Crossover Youth Initiative  |
| Waseca          | Diversion, PERT program, and limited mental health services.  |
| Washington      | We utilize MultiSystemic Therapy, an in-home family therapy intervention. We have good success with this approach.  |
| Washington      | Youth Service Bureau  |
| Washington      | Multi-systemic family therapy is effective per families, but the availability and length of the therapy is limited.   |
| Washington      | Our truancy intervention program has been very successful. We also have good experiences and relationships with youth service bureaus in Washington County.   |
| Winona          | Youth Night Campus. Day treatment program that serves kids on probation by offering treatment and skill development and independent living skills rom 4:00 - 9:00 every weeknight.  |
| Wright          | 1. We have a very ambitious diversion program, allowing youth a second chance 2. Prevention- we have a collaborative effort in place called "wRight Choice" which provides a safe place for school suspended youth to keep up with academics, and participate in restorative justice to provide a process to "correct the harm", in lieu of going home, being unsupervised, and not owning their behavior.  |
| Wright          | Village Ranch Inc. - Helps families and individuals through therapy, group home setting, and skills workers.  |
| Yellow Medicine | YMC has implemented for the past 10+ years a Restorative Justice Program surrounding Circle Sentencing, Family Circle(for CHIPS/Family cases) and Circle of HOPE(people in recovery). We have seen a reduction in out of home placements and better outcomes for futures of youth, less recidivism. We have an active diversion program and make collaboration on the outcomes of cases a priority with all our ancillary agencies (ie: county atty, PD, probation, Family Services, RJ department)   |
| Yellow Medicine | Restorative justice/circle sentencing   |
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| Yellow<br>Medicine<br>County | The Restorative Justice Department of Yellow Medicine County provides the restorative practice of Circle to not only hold youth accountable but to create safety within communities and increase healing in victims. Being a holistic approach, we have seen in our county a decrease in out of home placements, an increase in family support and safety, a decrease in recidivism, etc. Signs of Safety use by child protection and child welfare partnered with the use of restorative practice has increased health and wellness for families as well. |
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