

The Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) in Washington State

Reduced Incarceration

Public Safety

Cost Effective

JDAI is a proven detention and system reform model of eight core strategies that enable juvenile courts to safely reduce the use of secure detention for low risk youth by utilizing community-based alternatives to detention. JDAI is also a model for juvenile courts to address and reduce racial disparities.

Washington's juvenile justice state advisory group (now the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice -- WA-PCJJ) has supported JDAI for Washington State Juvenile Courts since 2004 as a "best-practice" model for juvenile courts to:

- Reduce reliance on secure detention and promote use of community-based alternatives
- Assist Washington's compliance with the federal mandates of:
 - Removing status offenders from locked facilities
 - Reducing disproportionate minority contact

Ten Washington State Counties -- **Adams, Benton-Franklin, Clark, King, Mason, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane and Whatcom** -- have become JDAI sites. These counties have jurisdiction over 72% of all juvenile court age youth and approximately 71% of the state's age 10-17 minority youth population.

Sharing the Cost to Support JDAI:

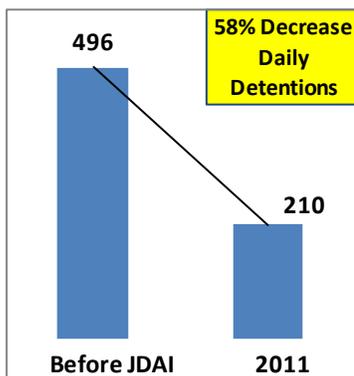
Annual funding to the county sites for the implementation of JDAI, as well as for state coordination, training, and new site development, is shared by the **Washington State Legislature** (\$178,000), **Federal Title II Funding** dedicated by the WA-PCJJ (approximately \$200,000 in SFY 2014), and the **Annie E. Casey Foundation** (\$25,000).

JDAI is Cost Effective:

Reducing the number of youth detained does not automatically represent a cost savings because Detention facilities have "fixed costs" (minimum staffing levels, utilities, etc.). However, JDAI has proven to be cost-effective by:

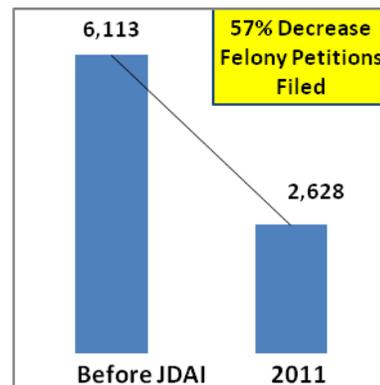
- Eliminating detention overcrowding and avoiding the need to build and operate larger facilities.
- Closing wings in juvenile detention facilities that does represent a cost savings.
- Re-assigning staff to community-based alternative programs with no new costs.

JDAI reduces Incarceration



By implementing JDAI strategies, fewer Youth are incarcerated initially and stays in Detention have been decreased

JDAI maintains Public Safety



JDAI has proven reducing incarceration does not jeopardize public safety using the number of felony petitions filed as a public safety measure