LAPORTE COUNTY JDAI

What is JDAI?

2016 STATE HIGHLIGHTS

-53% Drop in secure detentions
-41% Drop in Average Daily Population (ADP)
-47% Drop in Felony filings
-42% Drop in IDOC Commitments

2013 – 2017 LAPORTE COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

-44% Drop in Secure Detentions
-40% Drop in Average Daily Population (ADP)
-56% Drop in Felony Filings
-56% Drop in IDOC Commitments

The Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) is a public-private partnership being implemented nationwide. For over 20 years, the Annie E. Casey Foundation's JDAI has proven that juvenile justice system's dual goals of promoting positive youth development and enhancing public safety are not in conflict and can be greatly strengthened by eliminating unnecessary or inappropriate confinement. Indiana is one of nearly 200 JDAI sites in 39 states and the District of Columbia to implement the 8 core strategies of JDAI to enhance and improve their juvenile justice systems. The core strategies are:

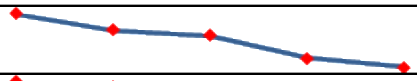
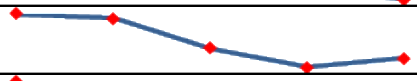
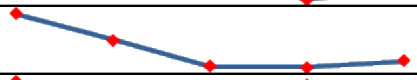
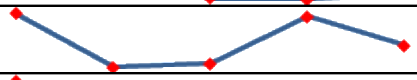
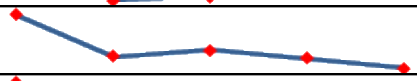
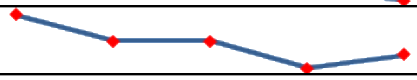
1. **Collaboration**
2. **Objective Admissions**
3. **Expedited Case Processing**
4. **Reducing Racial Disparity**
5. **Data Driven Decisions**
6. **Alternatives to Detention**
7. **Special Detention Cases**
8. **Conditions of Confinement**

As of 2016 there are 32 counties in Indiana that are local JDAI sites. With these 32 counties 70% of Indiana's juvenile population is now living in a JDAI Community.

In February 2014 LaPorte County became a JDAI site along with 10 other counties. Since 2014 LaPorte County has established a strong working collaborative of Key Stakeholders to have an impact of Juvenile Justice Reform. These stakeholders consist of: Circuit Court Judge, Juvenile Magistrate, Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Services Center, County Prosecutor, Public Defender, Local Police and Sheriff's Departments, School System Officials, Community Mental Health Organization, Department of Child Services, Community Organizations, and clergy.

The Eight Core Strategies of JDAI have begun to impact the Juvenile Justice System in LaPorte County. As you can see from the charts below, over time collaboration, data, driven decision making, objective admissions criteria and instruments and the development of and improvement of alternative programing has significantly reduced our reliance on secure detention.

LaPorte County JDAI 2013-2017

	2013	2014 (1st yr JDAI)	2015	2016	2017	Trend
Arrests/incidents	1164	973	915	667	564	
Secure Detentions	170	162	112	81	96	
Average DailyPopulation	10	7.8	5.6	5.5	6	
Avrage Length of Stay	22.7	16.5	16.9	22.3	19	
Felony Filings	201	112	126	109	88	
Commitments to IDOC	16	10	10	4	7