

**MDHHS Juvenile Diversion Strategies Action Plan-Working Document 2021-2022**  
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<b>Mental Health and Wellness Commission Recommendations</b>	<b>JJ Diversion Council Goals</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Milestone Date</b>
<b>1. Ensuring a universal statewide tool is utilized across the state for courts to administer and properly evaluate and assess youth as they enter the juvenile justice system.</b>	Implement the online Michigan Juvenile Justice Assessment System (MJJAS) as a statewide tool for courts to assess youth entering the juvenile justice system and at other key points in the process.	a. Continue to increase access to online training and support to statewide sites regarding the Michigan Juvenile Justice Assessment System (MJJAS).	10/01/2021
		b. Continue to provide Train the Trainer opportunities to statewide sites regarding the Michigan Juvenile Justice Assessment System (MJJAS).	10/01/2021
<b>2. Provide support and assistance to existing juvenile mental health courts and foster further expansion of such courts.</b>	Gain full understanding of the current status of juvenile mental health courts in Michigan and determine what additional efforts, if any, can be made to support and expand them.	a. Obtain feedback from Michigan Association of Family Court Administrators on barriers to implementation of juvenile mental health courts.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
		b. Work with the Mental Health Diversion Council's Ad Hoc Committee to explore opportunities for collaboration, including possible legislative language changes.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
<b>3. Monitoring and follow-up of Michigan juvenile competency legislation enacted in 2012.</b>	Evaluate the competency legislation as passed and propose solutions for identified gaps and follow-up action.	a. Develop a standardized curriculum and training for juvenile forensic mental health examiners that is endorsed by the Department of Health and Human Services.	<b>COMPLETED</b>

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		b. Review recommendations made by the Juvenile Restoration Workgroup and determine next steps related to juvenile restoration service delivery in Michigan.	10/01/2021
		c. Develop technology to collect the data on the number of juveniles with a court order for mental health services when unable to be restored due to serious emotional disturbance (MCL 712.A18s(7)).	COMPLETED
<b>4. Following-up on the results of the Department of Human Services juvenile justice behavioral health study.</b>	Developing a statewide continuum of evidence-based community services.	a. Gather information on the need for evidence-based community services related to mental health and substance use services for youth.	COMPLETED
		b. Work with the larger Mental Health Diversion Council/Ad Hoc Subcommittees to implement pilot sites to provide service delivery and project evaluation for youth involved and/or at-risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system.	COMPLETED
		c. Provide funding and oversight to pilot sites for evidence-based service delivery to youth and their families that promote juvenile justice diversion opportunities in Michigan.	COMPLETED

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		d. Provide funding and oversight to expand evidence-based service delivery that promotes community-based placement and successful community re-entry for court involved youth.	10/01/2021
		e. Provide funding and oversight for a data and evaluation team that will work directly with service delivery pilot sites and the JJS/MHDC related to data collection, project impact, and outcome measures.	ONGOING
<b>5. Seeking ways in which the state can assist communities in developing and implementing mobile crisis response for youth psychiatric emergencies.</b>		a. Explore opportunities to provide support for new and existing mobile crisis response programs that serve youth.	ONGOING
		b. Provide funding and oversight needed to initiate MDHHS approved “Juvenile Urgent Response Team” services in Michigan.	COMPLETED
		f. Provide funding and oversight needed to expand “Juvenile Urgent Response Team” services in Michigan.	ONGOING

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<p><b>6. Standardizing and centralizing records, as well as improving information-sharing, among agencies dealing with behaviorally challenged youth at risk of or experiencing detention/incarceration.</b></p>	<p>Improve the ability of juvenile justice providers to share pertinent case information necessary to assist the youth and family in meeting their goals.</p>	<p>a. Support efforts to increase information sharing across systems.</p>	<p>ONGOING</p>
<p><b>7. Improving training for CIT-Y for law enforcement.</b></p>		<p>a. Support expansion through Mental Health Diversion Council pilot initiatives.</p>	<p>ONGOING</p>
<p><b>8. Developing best practice reentry strategies for youth leaving juvenile justice facilities.</b></p>	<p>Reduce recidivism, improve involvement in employment and education and other positive outcomes for youth with mental illness in the juvenile justice system.</p>		
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p>Maximize Medicaid claims for community based and outpatient treatment services.</p>	<p>a. Train front line ES staff and stakeholders (court staff, school social workers, jail workers, etc.) on MA eligibility and application process.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p>