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DCF Area Administrators
Child Placing Agency Directors
Child Welfare Agency Directors
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors
Group Home Providers
Tribal Social Service/Indian Child Welfare Directors
Private Child Placing Agencies
Residential Care Center Providers
Shelter Care Providers
Tribal Chairpersons

From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: **Summary of Input Gathered about the Youth Justice System**

PURPOSE

This memo provides a summary of the input that DCF gathered from stakeholders across the state about the current status of the community-based juvenile justice system (youth justice system or YJ), and the vision for the future of the system.

BACKGROUND

On January 1, 2016, as directed in Act 55, the 2015-17 budget bill, administrative and oversight responsibility for the youth justice system was transferred to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Through this transfer, DCF became the state agency responsible for fiscal and programmatic oversight for the Youth Aids allocation and youth justice system.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

From January to September of 2016, DCF engaged in an intensive information gathering process to gain insight into the current system as it operates across the state, understand the most pressing needs, and hear stakeholders' vision for the future of the system.

The attached documents are a summary of that input. The first document (Summary of Input Gathered, <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/yj/pdf/yjsmry-rpt.pdf>) is DCF's overview of the input gathering process, as well as a high-level summary of the input gathered. In this document, DCF includes both the stakeholder's views of the current system and a vision for the future of the YJ system, based on the input gathered. The second document (Summary of Responses to Online Survey, <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/yj/pdf/yjsmry-responses.pdf>) is a summary of the responses to the online survey created by the University of Wisconsin School of Social Work. Both are attached to this memo and housed on the Bureau of Youth Services website.

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MEMO WEB SITE: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/policy>

Attachments: Summary of Input Gathered,
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/yj/pdf/yjsmry-rpt.pdf>

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