

Youth Justice Innovation Grants Summary

In September 2017, the Bureau of Youth Services awarded four Youth Justice Innovation Grants to fund projects targeting school justice partnerships, robust case planning and alternatives to detention. Below are descriptions of the funded projects.

Topic Area	Recipient	Award	Description of Project
School Justice Partnerships	Oneida County Department of Social Services (in partnership with the Vilas County Department of Social Services)	\$100,000	This project seeks to minimize the use of exclusionary discipline and referrals to law enforcement by starting report centers in schools with teachers trained in motivational interviewing and trauma-informed care. The grant will fund staff for the report centers, widespread training of system partners in TIC and MI, and a facilitator who will increase the available of psycho-social interventions to keep youth in school and out of the justice system.
Robust Case Planning	Portage County Health and Human Services	\$100,000	This project seeks to develop an innovative new Creative Alternatives Program (CAP) to engage youth justice youth in expressive arts and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) programming through an after school program as well as an intensive summer 2018 program. They will also train workers from partner organizations in the use of evidence-based Carey Guides and Brief Intervention Tools (BITS) to promote a more unified approach to working with youth.
	Jefferson County Human Services Department	\$250,000	This project seeks to implement a family-based approach to case management for all their families involved in youth justice. The program marries Functional Family Case Management with a fully integrated family incentive program that also offers a service array to address underlying family issues. Key components include a youth assessment, a comprehensive assessment of the youth and family, a family-based incentive program, and an individualized plan for each family using Functional Family Case Management.
Alternatives to Detention	Eau Claire County Department of Human Services	\$250,000	This project seeks to create an innovative youth center to provide a centralized location where services can be provided, skills can be taught, and relationships can be built. The center will operate Monday through Fridays from noon-8pm and Saturdays from 10am-4pm. This will allow the county to divert youth from non-secure holds and sanctions in detention, and provide opportunities to engage families, use incentives to work with youth and families, and create individualized plans for each youth.