

# 2017 Strategic Objectives

## Training

- Undertake systematic review of training currently available to youth justice system professionals.
- Modernize Juvenile Court Intake Worker Training.
- Begin developing an Advanced Youth Justice course.
- Develop training content and opportunities related to WICWA for youth justice professionals.
- Prioritize training needs for the next 2-5 years.

## Data

- Inventory current data systems to understand current data available.
- Identify a strategy for data collection, including important outcome measures and data needed to track those measures, and develop initial plans for a CQI.

## Capacity Building through Technical Assistance

- Develop a communication plan.
- Provide research-based information on best practices to the field.
- Engage system partners to explore reasons youth are moved from other systems to YJ, and develop recommendations for addressing the issues identified.

## Standards

- Research and develop a plan for implementation of a standardized assessment statewide.
- Begin standardizing the use of detention in YJ, with a focus on reducing the use of detention for reasons other than community protection and replacing detention with community-based alternatives.
- Develop an approach to accountability and family engagement to be incorporated into standard practice.

## Input and Feedback

- Support Youth Leadership Teams.
- Partner with tribal representatives to gather input on tribal youth justice issues and provide opportunities for representation in DCF's youth justice work.
- Develop a process for gathering input from families.
- Support a judicial leadership team focused on youth justice.
- Provide opportunities for meaningful input from a wide range of counties, tribes and stakeholders through workgroups, the Secretary's Advisory Council on Youth Justice, and other forums to inform areas of focus.

## Communication

- Share our work and progress.