Considerations for a Wisconsin model of juvenile justice

2017 WI Act 185, Section 110(4)(e)

“The juvenile corrections grant committee shall develop a statewide plan that recommends which grant applications to approve, based on an overall view toward a Wisconsin model of juvenile justice.”

This statewide plan should:

- Recognize that the post-dispositional secure custody of youth is one component of the broader youth justice system.

- Look to the DCF Youth Justice Vision and Strategic Plan as the framework for the values and principles underlying the broader youth justice system.

- Envision the Type 1 facilities, MJTC, and SRCCCYs as one end of the continuum of care, serving only those youth who require correctional placement, and promote coordination and continuity across the system wherever possible.

- Ensure healthy, safe, and fair healthy environments for the youth in secure custody and the staff who serve them, including consideration of racial and ethnic disparities.

- Require that all youth in secure custody receive evidence-based, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate programming and services designed to meet their assessed risks and needs.

- Promote youth and family voice and involvement with a strengths-based, culturally responsive approach.

- Value community engagement and community safety, both in the short term and in the long term.