Administrator’s Memo Series for Counties

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To: County Departments of Human/Social Services Directors

From: Cari J. Taylor, Administrator

Subject: Community Intervention Program Summary

Please see the attached summary of the programs that counties initiated or continued during state fiscal year 2014 with their Community Intervention Program grants under s. 301.263, Stats. Counties have developed and expanded upon a range of community-based programs for both first time offenders and serious, chronic offenders. Counties have promoted the balanced and restorative justice approach in juvenile justice by offering programs that protect the public, hold juveniles accountable for their actions, incorporate families into treatment, involve community resources, and help juveniles gain skills and competencies to lead normal, law-abiding lives.

I hope that you find these summaries useful as you continue your efforts to provide effective community programs for at-risk and delinquent youth and their families in your local communities. Thank you for completing the program evaluations.

If you would like more information or wish to discuss any other issues related to juvenile justice, you may contact Michelle Buehl, Juvenile Services Specialist at (608) 240-5914.

Thank you.

Attachment — Summary of County Programs

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County Youth Aids contacts
Court-attached juvenile court intake offices
Juvenile Justice Community Intervention Program

Summary of County Evaluations for SFY 2014

Authority: Section 301.263, Wis. Stats., authorizes the Department of Corrections to allocate $3,712,500 in general purposes revenue on a state fiscal year basis to counties for early intervention services to first-time juvenile offenders and intensive community-based intervention services for seriously chronic offenders. A statutory formula allocates grant funds based on each county's proportion of the statewide total of juvenile arrests for Part I violent offenses, placements of juveniles in state secured correctional facilities, and juvenile arrests for Part I offenses. To obtain funding, counties must submit plans for approval by the state, including measurable objectives for their programs. At the end of the grant period, counties must evaluate their programs and report the results to the Department.

SFY 2014 Program Results
The results of the state fiscal year 2014 Community Intervention Program funds that supported programs and activities are summarized below. There are numerous model programs that have existed for many years under this funding. Counties have initiated and continued the following successful programs to serve youth and families. In FY 2014, many counties have continued these programs. Contact information for each county is listed for your convenience. We encourage you to utilize these contacts in the on-going development of the continuum of services to youth and families in your communities. Thank you all!

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INTENSIVE PEER MENTORING / ERRORS IN THINKING. Adams County used these funds to help support an intensive peer mentoring program that the county is involved in along with two neighboring counties. The program serves youth ages 14-17 that are considered high risk. It is designed to reduce repeat offenders, target first time offenders, and youth at risk of out-of-home placement. Staff were also able to incorporate an Errors in Thinking Group with this program. The program was able to serve seven youth. None of the youth reoffended after receiving these services.

Ashland County  $9,660  Terry Barningham  
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INTENSIVE IN-HOME SERVICES / ELECTRONIC MONITORING SERVICES / LIFE SKILLS GROUP During the reporting period, program funds were utilized to provide intensive in-home family therapy to three families. All of the juveniles involved were new to the juvenile justice system. All but one of the juveniles were residing in their parental home, with all youth at a significant risk of placement. One youth received electronic monitoring services and was monitored via random drug screens as ordered by the court. This youth showed significant compliance with his court order. Seven youth also attended all sessions of an Adolescent Life Skills Group. Five youth worked with mentors. None of the five reoffended and they all remained in their parental home.
Barron County $12,330 Karla Broten (715) 537-5691

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM. The intent of this program is to decrease the number of youth entering the juvenile justice system as a result of habitual truancy and at-risk behaviors, in addition to overcoming any barriers in the educational process. Four hundred fifty-three youth, in six school districts and one alternative school, were served during this reporting period. Eighty percent of the students served were diverted from entering the juvenile justice system. The ability to identify need and attempt interventions for families has increased due to the improved relationship between Barron Co. DHHS and the participating school districts.

Bayfield County $2,270 Anita Haukaas (715) 373-6144 ext. 129

CASE MANAGEMENT / INCENTIVES / TEEN COURT PANEL. Bayfield County has implemented the evidence based Juvenile Assessment Inventory System (JAIS), to identify the criminogenic needs of the youth. This tool identifies appropriate supervision techniques and strategies for case management. Bayfield County workers use JAIS to assist workers in providing the best possible case management for each youth and prevent or reduce out-of-home placements. These youth are placed on either deferred prosecution agreements or consent decrees and given reward incentives for positive changes in their behavior. Forty-six youth were referred during this grant period. Seven of these youth were placed on a deferred prosecution agreement with five of the seven youth receiving an incentive for positive change in behaviors.

Brown County $99,280 Lana Cheflock (920) 448-6176

ELECTRONIC MONITORING / REPORT CENTER. In Brown County, the Electronic Monitoring/Report Center program serves at risk youth and their families by providing direct accountability and structure and includes the electronic monitor device installed and monitored, EM groups, and UA screens to monitor AODA use. Goals of the Electronic Monitoring Program are to decrease of out-of-home placements and have a reduction in AODA use. Programming includes weekly groups, individual sessions at the youth’s current placement, and with collateral stakeholder contacts important to the youth’s support system. The program also runs throughout the summer during day time hours for group/ individual work, and family meetings. Monthly case reviews are conducted with the youth, family, and all assigned social workers to evaluate the youth’s progress. Cases are also staffed in monthly team meetings. In most if not all cases, the referred youth are living in the community and not in out-of-home placement. The program is normally recommended by the case worker and then ordered by the Juvenile Court Judge per the dispositional order. Twenty-eight youth were served during this reporting period. Twenty-four of the twenty-eight youth were able to remain in their current placement and there was an overall reduction in AODA use. The concept continues to be a strong community based intervention for serving delinquent youth in Brown County as a strategy to target early intense delinquent behavior or as re-entry back into the community from an out-of-home placement.

Burnett County $1,470 Mark Hayman (715) 349-7600

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE. Burnett County contracts with the Burnett County Restorative Justice Program to provide a variety of restorative justice programs to the youth of Burnett County. The programs are for all
first time offenders to participate in restorative justice through one or more of the following: shoplifting prevention program, victim impact panels, victim empathy program combined with restorative circle sessions, victim offender conferencing, and restorative community service projects. Two youth participated in the shoplifting prevention program, seventeen youth participated in the victim impact panels, one youth participated in victim offender conferencing, eight youth participated in restorative community service projects and forty youth participated in AODA Education Programming. Of the above mentioned, only one youth was placed in out-of-home care.

Calumet County $6,940 Mark Morrison (920) 849-1400

FAMILY TRAINING PROGRAM / ELECTRONIC MONITORING. The purpose of these services has been to focus on strengthening a family’s ability to address the needs of their child in their own home with community supervision. Two families received services during this reporting period. Services to the families included family training, parenting skills education, and enhancing the family’s ability to identify natural supports available to them within their own families and in the community. One youth involved was placed in out-of-home care. In addition, five youth were put on electronic monitoring. All five youth were able to maintain their community placement.

Chippewa County $16,970 Rose Baier (715) 726-7798

DELINQUENT SOCIAL WORKER POSITION. A Youth Support and Staff Services position was maintained to keep costs and caseloads at a manageable level. Workers provide supervision and services to youth and families. Without this funding, the county feels that they would not be able to maintain current staffing levels in the delinquency team and out-of-home placements would have continued to escalate. The smaller caseloads have also allowed workers to identify and develop resources that are evidence-based. Workers are using the Carey Brief Case Modules to enhance their practice and have recently been trained to use the COMPAS as well.

Clark County $4,110 Trena Abbott (715) 743-5233

COMPAS ASSESSMENTS / STAFF EDUCATION / IN-HOME SUPERVISION WORKER. The Corrective Thinking Groups was not offered this reporting period. However, Clark County does utilizing the COMPAS assessment tool and incorporates the Carey Guides to provide education and to practice and enhance skill development on an individual basis, providing information that would have previously been covered in the Corrective Thinking Group. No staff were able to attend the educational JCI Reality program offered at the Jackson Correctional Institution this reporting period. Clark County has implemented an in-home supervision worker to provide intensive supervision/services to youth under a Deferred Prosecution Agreement. Three youth were referred for these services, with all youth receiving supervision and services. In addition, gas cards were purchased to assist families in attending group sessions, intake inquiries and court hearings. These gas cards helped offset transportation cost for families, have increased attendance, and follow-through with those served. An in-home therapy team and equestrian therapy was also utilized this reporting period to help improve outcomes for youth and prevent further delinquent behaviors.
Columbia County $22,470 Katie Day 
(608) 742-9234

IN-HOME THERAPY / MENTOR SERVICES. Columbia County’s early intervention program objectives are to reduce referrals for truancy, behavioral problems, law violations, problems at home, and runaway incidents by strengthening the family’s ability to cope with the youth’s issues and resolve family problems. Ten youth were served this reporting period. Three youth received in-home therapy services, as provided by Foundations Counseling Center, Inc. Nine youth received services from a mentoring program, as provided by Northwoods, Inc. Two youth received both services.

Crawford County $1,020 Sandy Drobnick 
(608) 326-0257

INTENSIVE IN-HOME SERVICES. Crawford County contracts with Alternative Treatment Association in Iowa to provide intensive in-home services. Two therapists work individually with parents and the youth, and then jointly with the family. In addition to the in-home services, the family gets referred to other community resources as needed. One family was served during this reporting period. The focus remained on preventing referrals, improving school performance, and compliance with rules and expectations of the parents in the home. Treatment plans were developed for the juvenile and family. The family received individual and family counseling as well as consistent structure. The workers and schools worked very closely together to provide services and maintained good communication. As a result of these services, the juvenile remained in her home with no further law enforcement referrals and minimal school difficulties. In addition, communication between family members has improved.

Dane County $373,710 Andre Johnson 
(608) 242-6406

NEIGHBORHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAM / INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM / REINTEGRATION SERVICES. The Neighborhood Intervention Program (NIP) includes services in the Right Track Plus and Right Track Second Chance Programs, and a Report Center. NIP serves primarily African-American youth at very high risk of residential or secure placements. Almost ninety-eight percent of the 145 youth served in NIP were diverted from correctional placement; 79% had no new law violation charges, and 76% showed dramatic improvement in school performance (grades, attendance and behavior). NIP also serves youth under a statutory ISP program. There have been 165 youth served since 1999. The Operation Fresh Start (OFS) program provided twenty-six delinquent youth with specialized employment, training, and educational services in addition to counseling and health services. This program has been highly effective in reintegrating youth returning to the community from residential and correctional placements. Eight-one percent of the youth served committed no new law violations. The Community Adolescent Programs (CAP) served 160 serious juvenile offenders through their intensive supervision program. They received court supervision, individual, group, and family services, and educational support. Ninety-one percent of youth served through CAP had no new referrals and 94% were diverted from institutional care. The Alternatives to Aggression Program served forty-one aggressive delinquent youth through assessments and training on skills and attitudes. During this funding period, SOPORT opened twelve cases and closed twenty-two cases for youth with sexual offending behaviors. These services included assessments, individual therapy, family therapy and group therapy. Of the twenty-two cases closed, all were successful completions without engaging in a new sexual offense. A total of 9981 staff hours were spent providing services to youth and their families. The Youth Gang Prevention/Intervention Services was created in response to growing community youth gang recruitment and violence problems. Thirty-eight gang involved court supervised youth participated in specially designed summer employment options, which
provided over 2,460 hours of work service experience. “Wrap Around” services were provided to 110 unduplicated youth to prevent institutional placement or to reintegrate youth more effectively following institutional placement. Services included mentoring, intensive supervision, in-home therapy, private mental health and AODA therapy, respite care, and after school programs. These services were implemented in both emergency and pre-planned situations.

Dodge County
$19,450
Alyssa Schultz
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CRISIS TEAM / EMERGENCY MEDIATION SERVICES. Referrals for families in crisis are made to the Intake Unit of the Human Services Department. The objectives of this service are to send in a crisis team as soon as possible to keep the child safely in the home, reduce continued minor infractions that could lead to more serious problems, and prevent out-of-home placements of the child throughout the three months of services. The team contacts families by phone and the therapist and social worker go to see the families immediately following the reported problems. Fifty-nine families were served. Twenty-one cases remain open with undetermined outcomes at the time of this report. Thirty-eight cases were closed with thirty-two youth able to remain in the home at the time the services ended. This program has proven to be one of the most effective programs available to the Intake Unit and has led to a decreased need for placement outside of the home.

Door County
$1,910
Doreen Goddard
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LEADERSHIP BY CHOICE. Door County partnered with the Leadership Center to implement the Leadership by Choice Program. This program was developed to address community protection, competency building and accountability. It is designed to physically and mentally challenge the youth in a team environment that creates an atmosphere of self awareness, strengths/weaknesses, and how to overcome barriers to healthy relationships and community involvement. The Leadership by Choice Program had eleven participants. Two participants had a new juvenile referral. This program and youth participation have brought a different perspective in addressing juvenile justice and awareness to the numerous systems involved with juvenile justice and has provided an alternative to incarceration.

Douglas County
$14,740
Cindy Ellefson
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INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM. The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP), as defined in statute, provides services for up to ten youth at one time. Services include daily contact with the juvenile, weekly contact with the family and school officials, counseling, home detention, electronic monitoring, community service, and educational tutoring. The objectives are to reduce recidivism, achieve an education, hold youth accountable, and maintain the youth in the family home. During this reporting period, eight youth participated in ISP. Seven youth successfully completed the program. Five youth received one or more 72-hour holds as a consequence for rule violations. One youth was placed in residential treatment as a result of an unsuccessful discharge from ISP. One youth completed court ordered community service hours and three youth demonstrated improved school behavior and attendance. Schools, families and the community are supportive of the program as a result of improved school behavior and attendance, supporting community safety, increasing youth’s accountability, and enhancing the youth’s competency.
Dunn County $5,200 Sarah Olinger
(715) 231-2751

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION. Funding was used to contract with a worker from House Calls, Inc. to provide intensive supervision services for high risk juvenile offenders. Nine youth were served individually and sixteen youth were served in a weekly group. The youth received skill building activities, including the BITS, participated in prosocial activities and community service projects. Of the total twenty-five youth served, there were no new out-of-home placements within this reporting period. These services are critical to juvenile supervision staff in assisting in holding the youth accountable.

Eau Claire County $57,430 Hannah Kellor
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THINKING FOR A CHANGE / AGGRESSION REPLACEMENT TRAINING. Both Thinking for a Change and Aggression Replacement Training groups target youth ages 12-18 with approximately 10-12 youth participating in each group. Youth may participate if they are chronic offenders or first time offenders. The youth involved in the groups include youth who are on court orders and voluntary cases open through Eau Claire County Department of Human Services for services. Youth receiving services through Juvenile Court Intake are also included (primarily youth on Deferred Prosecution Agreements). If necessary youth can and will be court ordered to complete the group. Goals for both programs include: holding youth accountable as evidenced by successful completion of the group, increasing youth pro-social skills, as evidenced by active participation in group role-plays and measured by self-evaluation of accomplishments, and reducing juvenile participants’ recidivism rates for crimes by seventy-five percent as evidenced and measured by no new juvenile referrals during the program year.

Twelve youth completed the Thinking for a Change group. Of the twelve, only one has been referred to Juvenile Court for a criminal offense. This group has shown success with some of the more difficult youth. The Aggression Replacement Training group was not held this reporting period as the youth referred were not appropriate for the group. Since implementing these programs in the school setting, the relationship between the school and the Department have improved and positive relationships have been formed between the facilitators and group participants.

Fond du Lac County $49,420 Jamie Sigafus
(920) 929-3080

INTENSIVE COUNTY AFTERCARE PROGRAM. Services to juveniles released from Juvenile Correctional Institutions and Type 2 RCC placements are provided with a “whatever it takes” service model philosophy to transition the youth back into the community. These services include, but are not limited to: Galow Group Home, electronic monitoring, report center, groups, independent living program, community service, restitution, AODA counseling, intensive in-home therapy, transitional living facility, and other educational services. Intensive Aftercare services (including transitional living programming, electronic monitoring, etc.) were coordinated for twelve youth in various placements. The agency continues to be involved in developing and implementing all intensive aftercare case and discharge plans for youth in all correctional and Type 2 RCC placements. Of the twelve youth receiving services, four reoffended. Recidivism was reduced among the youth by 67%.
Grant County $3,450

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FAMILY AIDES CONTRACTING / INTENSIVE IN-HOME SERVICES & EDUCATION. Services are targeted at delinquent youth and their families so youth can remain in the community and complete the terms of their court order. Services include parenting services, seminars and workshops, independent living skills, family support, therapy, and psychological assessments. No program funds were utilized for respite or family aid services. Twenty families received resources related to monitoring and compliance of court ordered conditions, including electronic monitoring and drug tests. Educational services and programming were also provided for fifteen families.

Green County $6,980

Dec Jaye Miles
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ELECTRONIC MONITORING / TEEN GROUPS / INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM / DRUG SCREENS. Five youth received electronic monitoring services. Only one of the five youth required an out-of-home placement. Three of the youth reoffended. Fifteen youth received drug screens. The Ron Glodoski Program was not held during this reporting period due to no referrals. Two youth received intensive supervision programming. One of these youth reoffended.

Green Lake County $3,190

Susan Sleezer
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SUMMER YOUTH GROUP / BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS / ROPES COURSE / ELECTRONIC MONITORING. Seven youth engaged in the summer youth program and participated in Equine therapy through “Mihala’s Hope.” The youth also participated in group therapy activities, with a primary focus on prevention, group process, problem-solving and social skill development. Green Lake County contracts with Big Brothers Big Sisters for mentoring services. Twenty-eight youth received this service. Seven youth participated in the ROPES course offered through the Berlin School District. Sixteen youth were put on GPS monitoring for the period of the grant. One of the youth was placed in a juvenile correctional facility.

Iowa County $3,550

Michele Klusendorf
(608) 930-9804

MENTORING PROGRAM. For this funding period, Iowa County chose to provide mentoring services using staff within the county. A focus continues on developing the volunteer side of the program and due to these efforts, three new mentors were added. Four youth were served in this program. The mentoring program focused on reducing delinquency and recidivism (100% success rate), improving academic performance (100% success rate), reduction of school dropouts (100% success rate), and reducing illegal substance abuse (100% success rate) within the year of service. The mentor-to-youth connections are strong and it is anticipated that the mentors will play a significant role in transitioning these youth back to their parental home. A significant benefit of the mentor is their ability to observe patterns of behavior in the youth served or issues within the family due to their high level of contact.
Iron County

$300

Carolyn Kolson-Janov
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EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES. Iron County utilized these funds to provide early intervention services for youth ages 12-17 who are at risk of a truancy referral from the schools. Iron County has long recognized the need to be more proactive with youth who are at risk of a truancy referral to the Juvenile Justice system. Community coordination includes the schools, courts, law enforcement and service providers. Prior to the referral or as part of the referral, the identified youth will be referred to a CST Team process. The CST team will provide a comprehensive assessment and develop an individualized plan utilizing a wraparound approach. Funds will be used for mentors to work with the youth, their families and the CST teams. One youth was served during this funding period and made improvements in school, at home and in the community.

Jackson County

$6,750

Dan Williams
(715) 284-4301

TRUANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM / DRUG TESTING / ELECTRONIC MONITORING. Jackson County HIIS collaborates with the Black River Falls School District to reduce the rate of truancy. The goal of the Truancy Prevention Program is to decrease absenteeism and truancy problems within the school by working closely with school personal to actively address excused and unexcused absences and patterns of excessive absenteeism, excused and unexcused. Staff work to identify youth that have struggled with attendance in the past and provide them with incentives for maintaining good attendance or eliminating truancy issues. Nine youth were served in this program. Three demonstrated improved attendance and had no new law enforcement referrals. One youth demonstrated improved attendance, but had an unrelated new delinquency referral. Two youth had a decrease in attendance and three youth’s attendance did get better or worse. The Juvenile Court utilizes AODA assessments to identify any AODA issues and the necessary level of treatment. Eleven youth were given AODA assessments and drug tests. Three of the eleven youth continued to test positive for drugs and one youth reoffended and was placed out-of-home. Electronic monitoring is used to keep youth in the least restrictive setting prior to need for an out-of-home placement. Two youth were put on electronic monitoring and both youth were able to remain in the community in their homes.

Jefferson County

$72,680

Jessie Godek
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INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM. Thirty-one youth participated in the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP). Twenty-eight of these youth remained in their home. ISP workers advocate on behalf of the youth for school programming, participated in IEP meetings, and help with learning appropriate study skills. Behavior referrals in school and school suspensions decreased while youth received ISP services. Eighty-five percent of youth completed their community services hours during this reporting period and all youth who owed restitution received some assistance with job education and/or searches. Overall, youth truancy was reduced, academics and relationships improved, youth displayed increased self-worth, and the use of community resources by families served increased.

Juneau County

$8,880

Robin Degner
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IN-HOME TREATMENT / WRAPAROUND SERVICES / TRUANCY INTERVENTION PROGRAM. In-home therapy services are contracted with Northland Community Service, Inc. The primary goal for youth
served through this program is the remediation of behavior and/or emotional problems, which impact the home, school and/or community, and strengthen the family unit to ensure permanency. The treatment team provides psychotherapy to members of the family addressing issues of family conflict, relationship dysfunction, stress management, parenting problems, and crisis management. They also provide education on parenting, hands-on role modeling of appropriate parenting responses, and developing problem solving skills. Two youth and their families were served and maintained their current placement. Two youth were served through the Family Partnership Initiative Program, which uses intensive case management, mentoring and therapeutic services. Both youth remained in their current placement and had no new referrals. The Truancy Intervention Program worked with one youth. This youth remained in his home district, although he continues to struggle in school. Collaboration with schools, law enforcement, extended family members and other agencies in the treatment approach contributed to the success.

Kenosha County

$116,090

Jennifer Madore
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INTENSIVE SUPERVISION. The Intensive Supervision Youth Competency Program is designed to address the needs of youth adjudicated by juvenile courts, whose problematic behavior put them at risk for an out-of-home placement. This program uses the concepts of positive youth development to provide services to help youth successfully complete their supervision, commit no new delinquent acts, improve decision making, and assist parents in establishing clear, consistent rules and age appropriate expectations. Goals include: decreasing involvement in negative activity, improving functioning in home or substitute care, improving behavior in the school setting, ensuring compliance with court orders and involvement in pro-social activities. One hundred fourteen youth were served during this funding period. Only one of the six goals within the four desired outcomes was not achieved.

Kewaunee County

$2,160

Bob Mattice
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ELECTRONIC MONITORING. Electronic monitoring is used as an alternative to secure detention either pre or post dispositional, and as a condition of the dispositional order. Three youth were placed on electronic monitoring. Electronic monitoring is well accepted by all members of the Kewaunee County Juvenile Justice System, as well as by law enforcement, the Department of Human Services, the District Attorney’s Office, and the Court.

La Crosse County

$47,400

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THINK AHEAD PROGRAM / TOUGH CHOICES / AGGRESSION REPLACEMENT TRAINING / FAMILY TRACKING. The Think Ahead Program (TAP) is designed to help youth think and manage their emotions, including anger, in more productive ways. This group is for youth aged 10-14 who are just beginning to demonstrate behavior problems in the home, community, and/or school setting. The program fosters solid self decision-making skills, how to separate feelings from facts, intellectual integrity, courage and more. In addition to the group sessions, there is a family consultation where the group facilitator meets with the parent(s) to help establish contracts and/or house rules for the group member to follow. These sessions could also include life-style skills that they can use out in the community. TAP served three youth. All three youth successfully completed the program. The youth served in this program received an average of thirty-six hours of service.
Tough Choices is a program designed to help at-risk youth learn how to hold themselves accountable for their criminal behavior. This program is designed to break down current thinking patterns and look at the errors behind their thought process. This program also has a family component to help establish contracts and/or house rules for the family to follow. Tough choices served sixteen youth and their families. Of the sixteen youth in the program, six were still active in the program at the end of the reporting period and five of the nine that completed the program did so successfully. Youth participating in this program received an average of forty-eight hours of service.

Aggression Replacement Training (ART) is a social skills training that helps participants replace anti-social behaviors with positive alternatives, anger control and moral reasoning. Six youth were referred to ART during this reporting period. Four of the six met all of their goals and successfully completed the program. Three of the six youth did not have new juvenile referrals.

Family Tracking is used to assist youth ages 12 – 17 and their families in developing structure in the home, school and community settings. By providing external controls and assisting the family to form a foundation initiative and follow through the juvenile will be more successful in all environments. The Family Tracking Program uses the Parenting with Love and Limits model which is rated as an exemplary program by ODJP. During this reporting period, twenty-seven youth were served. Three of the twenty youth discharged successfully completed the program. Youth received an average of 140 hours of service.

**Lafayette County**

- Lafayette County
- $2,830
- Brenda Poss
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**INTENSIVE MONITORING SERVICES / CORRECTIVE THINKING GROUP.** The target group for monitoring services includes youth on deferred prosecutions and adjudicated delinquents. The program components consist of sporadic unscheduled curfew calls to juveniles under court ordered rules of supervision, face-to-face contact, in-home counseling services, and a step system response process for rule violations. Goals of this service include a compliance of rules, no further delinquent acts, taking responsibilities for one’s behavior, and the juvenile and family working to improve anger management skills, parenting skills and participation in positive family activities. Twenty-one youth received monitoring services. Twelve youth complied with the rules of supervision and eighteen youth did not commit further delinquent acts while participating in the program.

The Corrective Thinking group targets adjudicated delinquents and voluntary clients. Program components include group sessions, individual work in workbooks, and information presented in written, oral, and video fashion. There were nine youth that participated in this group. Five youth complied with their rules of supervision, five youth did not commit further delinquent acts while participating in the group and six youth were able to internalize the concepts of the group and make responsible pro-social day-to-day decisions.

**Langlade County**

- Langlade County
- $9,150
- Craig Hotchkiss
- (715) 627-6220

**ELECTRONIC MONITORING.** The Electronic Monitoring Program provides community-based accountability and delinquency prevention. It allows the county to hold youth accountable, but also keep the youth in the community to receive counseling, succeed in school and maintain or gain employment. The Electronic Monitoring Program also provides another alternative to sanctions, rather than using detention facilities which will reduce cost of placements. Goals of the program include; preventing further delinquencies from adjudicated and pre-adjudicated youth, including a decrease in violations of supervision,
and reducing or prevention adolescent drug use. Sixteen youth participated in the program for a total of seven hundred fifty-five days of monitoring. Only one juvenile absconded from the program. Cost savings totaled over $113,250. One hundred five drug screens were given.

Lincoln County $25,590 Kurt Schumacher (715) 536-6200

ADOLESCENT DRUG TESTING PROGRAM / ELECTRONIC MONITORING. A drug testing program was used for monitoring formal and informal delinquent and JIPS cases for offenders with drug offenses and/or who are at risk for drug abuse. The service was provided by any of the five juvenile social workers, including the social worker supervisor. Counseling and corrective thinking training was offered to most juveniles who tested positive for illegal drug use. One hundred thirty-two drug tests were administered to forty-one youth. Twenty-one drug tests were positive for illegal drugs. The juveniles who produced the positive drug tests were all immediately held accountable. The drug testing program helps to enhance the working relationship between the agency workers, the juvenile, and the juvenile’s family. Eight juveniles were placed on electronic monitoring and six of the eight were successful. None of the eight juveniles required an out-of-home placement.

Manitowoc County $32,340 Stacy Ledvina (920) 683-4230

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM. The objectives for the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) include placement prevention, eliminating further delinquent behavior, increased school attendance, an improvement in grades, completing court ordered community service or restitution payment, and a demonstration of positive behavior in the community. To meet these objectives, the ISP workers maintain daily contact, use electronic monitoring, provide counseling, find recreational activities, and individualize treatment as needed. During this reporting period, twelve juveniles were involved in the program. Nine of the twelve youth had a new referral to juvenile court. Seven of the twelve youth completed their community service obligation and all twelve of the youth were involved in evidence base programming. The ISP Coordinator also works with local schools to deter truancy and behavioral problems while increasing early intervention and accountability.

Marathon County $51,700 Becky Bogen (715) 261-7503

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION / INTENSIVE AFTERCARE PROGRAM. Intensive Supervision Services provides daily contact with youth, both in the home and within the school setting. Treatment plans are created and work with the identified criminogenic needs. Staff also model and teach pro-social behaviors. Services through SIJOCAK, the intensive aftercare program, are provided for youth who are either being discharged from Lincoln Hills or as an intervention prior to having a youth go to Lincoln Hills or into residential placement. This is a highly structured program that is provided by a contract provider in collaboration with the Department of Social Services and the police departments located in Marathon County. As part of each of these programs, random urine analysis is completed and the electronic monitor can be used as both a sanction and or a tool to provide structure to limit the possibility of further delinquent behaviors. The goal of this service is to reduce delinquent acts and help youth make better choices. Seventy-eight youth were referred to the program. Thirty-eight of the seventy-eight youth had a new law enforcement referral while receiving services. Eight-eight youth were administered UAs. Seventy-four youth participated in the electronic monitoring program, with twelve youth being placed outside of the home. As a result of
these programs, many positive relationships have been established with other agencies including the school system and mental health facilities. The Intensive Supervision and Aftercare Programs have been able to offer evidence based education groups to the youth they work with.

Marinette County $8,870 June Kruse (715) 732-7738

SPECIALIZED SUPERVISION. This program focuses on juvenile delinquents who need specialized supervision, placement on electric monitoring and intense weekly contact with a social worker. In addition, electric monitoring will be used for habitual runaways at risk for secure/correctional placement. Seven youth utilized electronic monitoring for a period of time and six were able to remain in the community through the use of electric monitoring and specialized supervision services. Nine different youth were able to be reintegrated into the community and family homes after utilizing the county’s group home and specialized supervision services. One youth was placed at Lincoln Hills School for part of the year.

Marquette County $590 Mandy Stanley (608) 297-3124

YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM. Marquette County Department of Human Services provides the Youth Mentoring Program to juveniles, aged 13-17, considered to be at-risk for juvenile justice involvement. These youth receive one-on-one mentoring services, along with opportunities for social, recreational and community service activities with the mentor and one or more of their peers. Group-based activities are viewed as having many skill-enhancing effects for youth in the areas of decision-making, anger management, and communication. The Youth Mentor also worked with the parents of these youth to promote positive interactions and parental involvement. Eighty-one group activities were offered during this reporting period. Twenty-five youth were served in the Youth Mentoring Program. All twenty-five youth showed some improvement in their social skills, their ability to follow guidelines, their general behavior and their willingness to participate in the activities provided.

Menominee County $10,570 Ludene Balke (715) 799-5352

FIRST-TIME OFFENDER PROGRAM. The First-Time Offender Program components outpatient substance abuse and / or mental health assessments and counseling services to youth referred to the agency for juvenile court intake services as “First Offenders” who have been identified as having substance abuse issues as well as school attendance/truancy concerns and/or are displaying behavioral problems in the school setting. Ten youth were provided with services, which included eighty-six hours of outpatient services and thirty-one staffing/consultation hours. This program remains an integral part of the continuum of services available to juveniles in this county. Since 1996, when the program began, the community has taken a more aggressive and serious response to juvenile crime including ordinance violations (curfew and truancy).

Milwaukee County $1,590,350 Kelly Pethke (414) 257-6619

FIRST TIME JUVENILE OFFENDER PROGRAM / FOCUS. This highly successful First Time Juvenile Offender Program (FTJOP) continues to target youth ages 10-16 who are encountering their first referral to court for a criminal offense, have had a prior petition dismissed without adjudication, or are referred as a
juvenile in need of services. Support and counseling services are provided with the primary goal of elimination of further criminal behavior. The program staff coordinates and monitors completion of community service and letters of apology to victims, as well as monitors school attendance and academic achievement. The program received three hundred five initial referrals, which are then screened for appropriateness. FTJOP served one hundred eighty-seven youth this year. Youth are screened and evaluated for needed services within the FTJOP network that would most benefit them. Families are actively involved in program planning and play a critical role in reporting academic achievements and attendance. FTJOP services range from tracking and monitoring services, as well as educational support, AODA, family counseling and support, mentoring, life skills education, recreation, and restitution completion. Forty-seven youth received academic support, eighteen youth received mentoring, twenty-one youth received clinical counseling, twelve youth received AODA counseling and twenty-six youth received anger management. In addition, twenty-three youth had AODA assessments.

The FOCUS Program provides intensive community-based intervention services for serious chronic offenders. FOCUS is one of three accountability-based programs administered by the Delinquency Division to service our serious chronic offender population. The program can serve males from ages 12-17 who are at the point of being committed to a DOC juvenile correctional facility. Sixty-nine youth were served. Fourteen of the sixty-nine youth discharged successfully completed the program.

Monroe County

$10,760
Daina Dobbs
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INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM. The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) is designed to have daily face-to-face contact, provide immediate feedback to the youth and family, provide programming structure, provide immediate consequences to the adjudicated youth and facilitate positive decision-making. The ISP liaisons work closely with the parents, school, and the county agency. Successful completions in the program can lead to early discharge from supervision, which lowers juvenile services caseload numbers. ISP has expanded so more youth can be served at one time. Twenty-eight youth participated in the program and accounted for a cumulative total of 6392 program days. Eight of the thirteen youth discharged from ISP did so successfully. Fifteen youth remain on supervision. School attendance continues to increase significantly, along with grade point averages and credits earned. One hundred percent of ISP participants met the school requirements and completed their community service hours during this reporting period.

Oconto County

$5,630
Greg Benesh
(920) 834-7018

IN-HOME SERVICES. In-home services are provided to juveniles new to the juvenile justice system and who are at-risk of further crisis and possible out-of-home placements. Oconto County contracted with Macht Village Programs for activity therapy, crisis interventions and crisis respite. Three youth were served during this reporting period. All three youth remained in their current placements due to these services. Two of the three youth had no further delinquent behavior and no new truancy referrals were made on any of the three youth.

Oneida County

$21,840
Beth Hoerchler
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COMPREHENSIVE AFTERCARE PROGRAM. This program uses a team approach to provide intensive aftercare services, such as AODA, mental health, education, family and individual contact, career options
and recreational programming. The goals of this program are to reduce the recidivism rate, reunite families, reduce length of placement stays, and reduce costs for placement. Staff begins aftercare and transition planning within thirty days of placement and are active in decision-making and planning throughout the length of placement. Upon release, youth are seen at least three times per week for supervision for at least ninety days, and at least one face-to-face contact and one phone call per week with parents/caretakers and school personnel. Oneida County served five youth and their families during this reporting period. Two youth were successfully discharged from Aftercare and have not reoffended, one youth was receiving aftercare services while in placement and two youth continued with aftercare services after returning home. This program has been responsible for immeasurable gains in improving communication with schools, families, and other providers.

Outagamie County $109,590 Mary Krumplitis
(920) 832-5081

INTENSIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES. Services are provided to serious chronic offenders in need of more intensive services, such as electronic monitoring, or who are returning to the community from a Juvenile Correctional facility. The focus is on community protection, accountability, competency development, and reintegration into the home. Thirty-two families were served during the year with a fifty-three percent success rate for deterring higher level placements. As a result of participating in the program, fifty-nine percent of the youth demonstrated improved school behavior and attendance and sixty percent demonstrated a moderate to significant decrease in their number of police contact and charges. Schools expressed satisfaction with the level of services and collaboration, and sixty-nine percent of parents expressed satisfaction with case planning and implementation of services. Agency staff identified a range of benefits from the program including accountability, improved family connections, and increased community protection.

Ozaukee County $19,920 Marian Ballos
(262) 284-8219

SPECIALIZED & WRAP-AROUND SERVICES. Intensive in-home and wrap-around services are purchased for youth and families with significant special needs. Goals include preventing out-of-home placements, no further law enforcement referrals, and satisfactorily completing supervision conditions. Psychological evaluations were purchased for five youth which helped to identify treatment needs. Both youth were able to successfully complete their supervision and there were no further law enforcement referrals. Mentoring services were purchased for three youth. Two youth were very successful and completed supervision, while the other continued to violate his supervision and was ultimately charged as an adult. CST services were purchased for five youth. All five youth were successful in meeting their supervision conditions. Counseling services were purchased for four youth. All four youth were successful in meeting their supervision conditions. Therapeutic services were purchased for nine youth who remain free from illegal substances and has successfully completed his supervision. Respite care was purchased for two youth and Shelter Care was purchased for one youth. All three of these youth have had no new law enforcement referrals.

Pepin County $710 Phil Kaufman
(715) 672-8941

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION / TEEN COURT. Pepin County contracts with Positive Alternatives in Menominee, on a needed basis, to provide Intensive Supervision programming. This program, called
STATUS, is a non-statutory, 90-day intensive supervision program that serves adjudicated JIPS and delinquent youth. These services are aimed at providing needed supervision that will help the youth to achieve their goals. Pepin County was able to provide STATUS for two youth.

**Pierce County**

$9,800

Tammy Fluger

(715) 273-6773

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM. Within sixty days of referral to the program and/or once the youth is eligible for participation in the program, community service sites are located. The majority of referred youth complete their community service work at sites located and recommended by the Department. Ten youth were supervised through the Community Service Program. Ninety-six percent of the youth completed the community service hours as ordered by the court. Nine of the ten youth who participated in the Community Service Program did not commit any new offenses during their time in the program. Youth are experiencing positive relationships with adult role models and have been involved with ongoing projects in which they can see the results of their involvement.

**Polk County**

$5,430

Rachel Anderson

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INTENSIVE IN-HOME SUPERVISION. This program has been going since 1995 and continues to operate successfully. Intensive supervision and services were provided to thirteen youth and their parents, relatives, or foster parents with goals to keep the juvenile in their home or foster home and without further legal involvement. The youth all received one-on-one meetings at least once weekly at home or in school. In addition, at least once a week the youth and their parents participated in a Peer Education and Issues Group. The youth’s portion of the group focused on employment, AIDS, AODA issues, anger management, date rape, independent living, nutrition, child abuse, grief, and healthy recreation. The parent’s portion of the group dealt with effective parenting, transportation, getting to counseling and other meetings, and making restitution payments. Four of the thirteen were discharged successfully or moved back to standard supervision and the remaining nine youth continue to be served in the program. Only two of the thirteen youth received new adjudications during this reporting period. Law enforcement and schools report improved communication, collaboration, and appreciation for the program.

**Portage County**

$27,180

Jodi Petersen

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DELINQUENCY WORKER POSITION. Throughout this reporting period, Portage County has used the Community Intervention Program funds to support a delinquency worker position in their juvenile justice unit. This has provided a reduction in caseload size which has allowed workers to concentrate on more intensive case management services and spend more direct and individual time with juveniles and their families. The additional delinquency position has created a more manageable workload which has allowed the delinquency workers to provide more intensive supervision, greater and more consistent accountability, and a more efficient approach in working with youth. The workers have been able to work more effectively and collaboratively with the school system, law enforcement agencies, services providers, and families of our youth. It is anticipated this additional position will assist in reducing out of home placements for delinquent youth by focusing on and addressing their primary needs and decreasing their overall involvement in the juvenile justice system.
Price County $2,750 Sarah Socha (715) 339-2158

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM / ON THE RIGHT TRACK PROGRAM / HOME DETENTION PROGRAM. Seven youth were identified as needing enhanced accountability and competency building, in addition to being ordered to complete community service hours. The youth were matched with an adult mentor to assist. All seven youth completed the community service hours and demonstrated a positive work ethic. The “On The Right Track” program was held for nine youth and thirteen parents. The program had a one hundred percent success rate of completion and preventing recidivism. Parents report that they learn something new at every meeting and that they really enjoy the interactions with other parents and the instructors. The mentoring program enhances the youth’s level of responsibility and provides increased self-esteem to assist them in everyday life skills.

Racine County $155,440 Kerry Milkie (262) 638-6511

SUPERVISION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH. Racine County serves both first-time offenders and serious chronic offenders in the Supervision Program for Youth. Sixty-one youth participated in the program. Forty-eight of the sixty-one youth remained in a non-secure setting during their involvement with the program. Fifty-three of the sixty-one youth discharged remained free of new delinquent offenses during their involvement with the program. This program continues to provide Racine County with a continuum of services utilizing the “Balanced Approach” of community safety, youth accountability, and skill development.

Richland County $4,320 Amanda Coorough (608) 649-5710

DEFERRED PROSECUTION AGREEMENTS / ELECTRONIC MONITORING. Funds were used to support a position in the juvenile justice unit to provide personalized attention to youth on Deferred Prosecution Agreements (DPA). The primary purpose of DPA monitoring is to connect first time offenders and their families to needed resources, and to monitor the effectiveness of these resources through frequent contacts with the youth and their family, and with school and mental health/AODA providers. Ten new DPAs were established. Seven of the ten juveniles were successful in the completion of the DPA. Electronic monitoring is used to help reduce out-of-home placement for behavioral and truancy problems. Forty-two new referrals were made for this program. Fifteen youth were in compliance with curfew and other court ordered conditions. One youth participated in electronic monitoring.

Rock County $129,650 Lance Horozewski (608) 758-5823

INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT. The Intensive Case Management Program (ICM) provides daily face-to-face contact with high risk youth and families using the Functional Family Case Management Model. The program works closely with parents and schools, and collaborates with in-home service providers as well. Mental health professional help to review the case plans and aftercare services are provided for youth returning to the community following out-of-home placements. All of the youth participating in the this program receive a risk and needs assessment to determine their treatment/case plan. During this reporting period, forty-eight juveniles were referred to the program. Ninety-four percent of youth received a YASI assessment and customized treatment/case plan within the first thirty days. Seventy-eight percent of the youth did not re-offend while in this program. A positive benefit of this program is the increased focus on
engaging families in the case management process of using the Functional Family Case Management Model. This program is experiencing higher levels of parent engagement in treatment services and less offenses occurring in the home.

Rusk County  $6,440  Sue Selzler  
(715) 532-2299 x132

RUSK RESTORATIVE YOUTH PROGRAMS. The Rusk Restorative Youth Programs targets first time offenders, youth at moderate-high risk and youth identified by the school district as being disruptive and who currently or have had experience with law enforcement. One program often used is the Teen Court, which has been a wonderful asset to the community. Juvenile offenders going through Teen Court tend to take more accountability when a peer jury decides their consequences. It has also provided a way for first time and low risk offenders to have an option other than juvenile justice services through the Department. The program focuses on youth accountability and development and provides an effective alternative to the juvenile justice system. Also, juvenile cases addressed by these courts are handled in a timely basis and free up time and funds for the Circuit Court system to handle more serious cases. Teen Court has also improved collaboration with law enforcement and the local school district, as it continues to be a key component of getting involved with a family early in an attempt to help prevent future referrals. Teen Court was successful this past year and recidivism rates continue to be as low as in previous years. Relationships between the school, youth and county department have continued to improved and school truancy rates continue to be low.

St. Croix County $13,190  Michelle Leccia  
(715) 246-8409

COMMUNITY TRACKING PROGRAM. St. Croix County works with a private individual who is supervised under St. Croix County Family and Children's Services Department to provide community tracking, truancy tracking, electronic monitoring and Independent Living Skills for select juvenile justice clients. The target group includes first time offenders and seriously chronic offenders. Goals of services provided include decreasing both secure and non-secure detention holds, improving school attendance and decreasing supervision violations. Thirty juveniles were referred to the Community Tracking Program. Of the thirty referred, twenty-four juveniles received electronic monitoring services. Secure detention was used for a total of sixty-five days for the juveniles on supervision. This program has increased collaboration and communication between juvenile justice professionals, service providers and families.

Sauk County  $30,370  Tim Green  
(608) 355-4261

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION SERVICES (ISS) PROGRAM. Program services are formatted around a four phase series that includes rules and standards for each phase, and specified criteria for movement to a lesser restrictive phase. Services include heightened supervision, drug testing, electronic monitoring, 72-hour holds, and pager monitoring. Sanctions and other consequences are incorporated into the supervision program. The service also offers family intervention, counseling and AODA services, in addition to educational, vocational, and employment assistance. As part of ISS, the county created a collaborative effort between ISS staff, agency staff, and professional providers to increase family participation within a solution focused team approach. This program has provided increased community safety, skill building opportunities for the youth, and youth accountability, resulting in an overall reduction in recidivism rates.
Sawyer County $5,750 Dave Bauer (715) 638-3325

GRADUATED SANCTIONS PROGRAM / WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM. Youth who are on a deferred prosecution agreement administered cooperatively through LCO Tribal Court and Sawyer County Juvenile Court Intake will be on a graduated sanctions program providing for the use of electronic monitoring and AODA testing. Electronic monitoring was used for two youth and AODA tests were given to sixteen youth. The Work Experience Program provided assistance to juvenile justice clients for primarily summer jobs. Seven youth were served in this program for a total of over 800 hours at $8 per hour.

Shawano County $20,320 Vicki Heling (715) 526-4700

INTERNET SAFETY GROUP / COUNSELING / TRUANCY PROGRAM. Three Internet Safety Groups were held due to staff changes and time restraints. The groups ran for six weeks and were facilitated by four juvenile court workers. The first group had nine participants, the second group had six participants and the third group had three participants. None of the participants from any of the groups had new charges related to internet crimes. The groups included speakers from DSS to speak to internet safety, Shawano County Sheriff’s Deputy regarding how they investigate internet crime, trends and dangers and a community counselor regarding mental health implications in regards to misuse and bullying on the internet. The fourth week participants viewed a 20/20 episode entitled, “Steubenville: After the Party’s Over” and participated in an active discussion regarding the video with the juvenile court group leaders. Then each worker met with kids a week before and after the group giving the participants pre and post-test and information. Intensive Services were delivered to eleven children and sixteen parents in the areas of parenting, communication, marital issues and mental health. Nine families were determined to be high risk for out-of-home placement. Seven of the nine juveniles were able to remain in their home. The Truancy Program in Shawano County was established with the input of Shawano County DSS, School Administrators, the District Attorney, Judges and Tribal Social Services. The truancy program was redesigned this past year to include a new emphasis on targeting the parents of younger children. The objective is to stop the truancy at a younger age and hopefully improve school attendance during the middle school and high school years. Forty-five warning letters were sent out. Thirteen parents were cited for not sending their children to school. This program continues to be effective.

Sheboygan County $59,810 Barbara Kultgen (920) 459-3231

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM. The agency continues to contract with Intensive Supervision Services to operate the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP), which is a statutory ISP program. This program has been successful in reaching the goals of reducing the number of juveniles in state correctional facilities, reducing recidivism, increasing participation in education or vocation/employment for youth, preventing out-of-home placements, and reducing costs associated with correctional and out-of-home placements. During this evaluation period, ISP served fourteen youth for a total of 2,784 program days. Four youth successfully completed the program, two were unsuccessful discharged and eight youth are currently still in the program. All fourteen were at risk of out-of-home placement and only two youth were placed out of the home. During this reporting period, there was a significant reduction in the number of charges that youth received while participating in the program compared to six months prior to ISP participation. The youth that have been successful with the program have also attended school regularly. ISP continues to be an important program that enables youth to remain at home while modifying their behaviors. ISP is an important component of Sheboygan County’s services to curtail spending on costly out-of-home placements.
Taylor County $4,740 Liza Daleiden (715) 748-3332

INTENSIVE IN-HOME COUNSELING. Four youth and their families participated in the intensive in-home therapy program. Counseling and teaching occurred in the family home, which makes this treatment approach unlike most traditional counseling services that take place in a more formal clinical setting. In addition, intensive and numerous contacts with the youth and family frequently occurred. As a direct result of their participation in this program, three of the four youth were able to remain in their parental homes. In additional, reducing or eliminating further delinquent behaviors was also successful in three of the four youth. Family functioning and behaviors of the youth who participated in the program were noticeably improved. This program addresses the issues associated with having a family that doesn’t always function as a healthy unit. By addressing those issues and improving structure and accountability, the youth’s behavior stabilizes while risk decreases.

Trempealeau County $3,020 Melissa Jenneman (715) 538-1879

JUVENILE ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION SYSTEM. Funds will be used to provide gender specific assessments and evidence-based supervision strategies through the COMPAS risk and needs assessment too. COMPAS works with the social worker’s judgment to provide information as to why a juvenile is engaging in certain behaviors and provides guidance to best respond to these behaviors to create positive changes for the juvenile. The assessment reports will provide recommendations on what attitudes and behaviors to expect from the youth, strategies for juvenile supervision which emphasize public safety, rehabilitation, accountability and focus on criminogenic needs. Housing recommendations are also provided for youth in placement. This information will provide the basis for collaborative case planning. Goals include implementing COMPAS to all juveniles on court ordered supervision, decreasing a juvenile’s recidivism rate/risk rating to re-offend, and increasing accountability in juveniles on court ordered supervision. Each youth referred for court ordered supervision received a COMPAS assessment within the first thirty days of supervision along with an integrated case plan. Three of the five juveniles on formal supervision had their risk rate decrease at their six month re-assessment. The juvenile court judge is very supportive of this process and takes the assessment information into consideration when making supervision, sanction and placement orders.

Vernon County $1,370 James Lee (608) 637-5210

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM / IN-HOME SERVICES. Funds were used for a community service program for youth on juvenile court supervision. Six youth participated in the program. Youth were held accountable to court orders requiring community service. Although the youth were unable to have a community garden, they were able to maintain the site and also take care of the local playground. In-home services were provided to five youth to address delinquent behaviors.

Vilas County $10,320 Eric Swanson (715) 479-3645

ELECTRONIC MONITORING. The Electronic Monitoring Program is largely implemented through the Vilas County Juvenile Intake Office which is attached to Vilas County Circuit court. The primary goal of the program is to either reduce or help hold constant our substitute care costs. Other goals include preventing
out-of-home placement and reducing delinquent acts. Twenty-five youth were served through the Electronic Monitoring Program. Nineteen were able to remain in their home.

**Walworth County**

$35,010

Patricia Weeden

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**IN-HOME FAMILY SERVICES / ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM / MENTORING.** In-home family services, provided by a bilingual case manager and a bilingual psychotherapist, focused on maintaining the family unit, developing skills for behavioral modification, parenting, and assisting the juvenile in demonstrating responsible and appropriate behavior. Delinquent Hispanic youth that are first-time offenders or are being returned home from a placement, are provided with electronic monitoring and home detention services. These services included accountability measures, assessment of needs, client-centered treatment plans, and frequent visits to home and school to monitor their behavior. Fifty-six youth and their families were assigned to a bilingual case manager and received numerous services to assist in the goal of maintaining youth safely in the community and identifying appropriate services. Thirteen seriously chronic offenders, under court supervision and at risk for out-of-home placement, were placed at home with electronic monitoring. Ten of these offenders were able to successfully remain in their homes as a result of the services received. Two bilingual therapists provided Functional Family Therapy to sixteen youth and their families. Lad Lake was contracted to provide mentoring services to eighteen juvenile offenders in the target population, as well as ongoing groups, including social skills, anger management, and errors in thinking. A twelve week parent education program for teen parents was held twice during this reporting period. Twenty-seven teen school-age parents completed the program.

**Washburn County**

$2,970

Joan Fischer

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**MENTORING.** Washburn County used funds to assist in the development of a mentoring program using the Kinship Model. A steering committee put together a plan for seeking start-up contributions anticipating hiring a director in fall of 2012, but this was not possible until spring 2014. A board of directors, board members and a director have been established and tasked with fundraising, PR activities and recruiting mentors. All youth involved with the program will show improvement in social skills, engagement in positive activities and not have any referrals to Juvenile Court Intake for delinquency or school truancy after one year of participation in Kinship. At the end of this reporting period, two youth have received matches, but have been in the program less than one year.

**Washington County**

$85,300

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**INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM.** This statutory Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) serves delinquent youth in the most restrictive community-based dispositional alternative available in the county. One full-time caseworker serves youth countywide. The program focuses on deterring recidivism and reducing placements, in addition to the statutorily based services. Sixteen youth were served during this reporting period, with sixteen cases closing. Sixteen youth accounted for twenty-two days in Shelter Care, one hundred twelve days of secure detention, and seven hundred eleven days with an Electronic Monitoring bracelet. The average length of time in the program was ninety-two days. Two youth were placed in out-of-home care situations. ISP had a sixty-nine percent success rate of deterring recidivism and a seventy-nine percent success rate of deterring recidivism within six months of completion of the program.
INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM / MEDIATION. Youth with a history of serious, chronic delinquent behavior work one-on-one with an Intensive Tracker staff person through Wisconsin Community Services to develop constructive behavior and appropriate peer relationships, in order to avoid continued delinquency. The Intensive Tracker works in conjunction with a case plan developed with the assigned Waukesha County DHHS social worker, meets several times per week with the youth and also offers support and assistance to the youth’s parents, to reinforce household rules and hold the youth accountable. The Intensive Tracker provides direct support to the youth, assisting them in making prosocial choices. The Intensive Supervision Program served twenty-two youth with the goal of placement prevention, competency building, and accountability measures. All twenty-two youth were successfully maintained in the community and diverted from correctional or residential care placements.

All youth referred for delinquency are referred to the WCS Mediation Center for screening regarding the most appropriate response to the delinquent behavior. That response includes either a referral for face-to-face mediation with the victim provided by WCS or through a referral for participation in a Youth Accountability Group intervention. Face-to-face mediation provides the opportunity for youth to have direct contact with their victim and to learn first-hand the effects of their actions. Youth who have the necessary maturity and take responsibility for their actions, meet with their victim and a mediator to process together the effects of this behavior. If the victim is willing to meet and the youth has sufficient maturity, they meet face-to-face. If these factors are not present, the youth participates in the Youth Accountability Groups. These Accountability Groups occur throughout the year and include a group of youth who participate together in a group meeting, listening to and responding to a crime victim who shares their story and the effect the crime had on the victim’s life. Youth participants work with volunteer mentors to process group exercises that assist the youth in learning about the effects their behavior had on their victim and the community. Twenty-two youth were referred to participate in victim-offender-conferencing with two youth completing the victim-offender-conferencing with one hundred percent agreement between the victim and offender. Six youth did not participate due to various reasons and fourteen cases are still pending at the end of this reporting period.

FAMILY AIDE WORKER / ELECTRONIC MONITORING. Funds were used to help support the Family Aid Worker position and place youth on electronic monitoring. The integrated service team program, in conjunction with the Children and Family Aide worker targets children at risk of out-of-home placement due to delinquent or disruptive behavior within the family or the community, with a goal of placement prevention. The worker facilitates case plans and crisis plan development, court supervision, assessments, and electronic monitoring. Intensive, integrated, wrap around programs in the county have a very significant impact in supporting healthy family decision making, and reducing delinquency and out-of-home placements. Four youth were served through the Family Aid Worker and sixteen youth were placed on home detention with electronic monitoring. Of these twenty youth, seventeen were able to remain in their homes and communities.
COORDINATED COMMUNITY SERVICE. Coordinated community service is programming provided for juvenile offenders receiving juvenile services under a DPA, Consent Decree or Adjudication. The Community Service Coordinator is employed as a Mentor/Monitor within the Juvenile Justice Service array provided by the department. The coordinator works closely with schools, clinical services and other service providers and organizations to address youth needs, support relationships with youth, develop youth social competencies and establish meaningful community service worksites. The role of Mentors in providing clinical, child welfare and juvenile justice services is highly regarded by area schools, law enforcement, courts and consumers as an effective strategy to meet the needs of system involved children/youth. A total of three hundred thirty community service hours were completed. Nineteen of twenty cases were closed successfully.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING. The Electronic Monitoring Program targets youth that present safety risks to the community and are at risk of out-of-home placement. The goal is to keep the targeted youth in the community while making every possible assurance for community safety. Twenty-five youth participated in the program and six successfully completed the program. Six youth are still on electronic monitoring. Of the twenty-five youth that received services during this funding period, thirteen did not have any new referrals to juvenile court intake. The program allows for a continuance of positive communication between the agency, schools, court staff, and law enforcement. As a result of the program, there continues to be a high level of cooperation between all service providers.

HOME DETENTION PROGRAM. This program was designed to be a team approach to services in the home for juvenile offenders and serious chronic offenders and their families. It addresses various levels of system involvement to prevent recidivism, decrease use of secure detention and prevent out-of-home placement. Sixteen youth were served under the program. Of these sixteen, seven were able to successfully complete the program, four youth received new referrals and five remain in the Home Detention Program. Only one youth was placed out-of-home while involved in the program. The program continues to be effective in providing assistance leading to behavioral stabilization and parental empowerment while maintaining the youth in their home. The Home Detention Program makes many positive improvements to the family’s overall ability to function.