

**2011-2013 Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan Update**  
**Lane County**  
**DRAFT --- Pending approval through local process**

The local juvenile crime prevention planning process is led by the Juvenile Committee of the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council. The designated lead agency is the Lane County Department of Youth Services (DYS); the Juvenile Committee is co-staffed by DHS and the Lane County Department of Children and Families (DCF). The Juvenile Committee is comprised of membership from mental health, domestic violence, child welfare, youth treatment providers, law enforcement, education, juvenile justice and courts.

The planning process has been on-going and builds on the previous juvenile crime prevention plans and subsequent updates submitted by Lane County. The planning process utilized a multi-faceted approach that included:

- Meetings of the Juvenile Committee of the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council
- Research studies conducted on local peer courts, chronic juvenile offender recidivism, minority youth mentor programs, and gender specific programs
- Community Mobilization Forums/Conferences
- Parent & Youth Service Satisfaction Surveys
- Public Safety Community Meetings in rural communities
- Lane County Youth Gang Assessment Meetings
- Girls at Risk Committee
- MLK Girls Focus Group
- Children of Incarcerated Parents Group
- Lane County Disproportionate Minority Confinement project
- DHS Diversity Action Committee

This approach has provided input and opportunity for input that was inclusive and reflects the social, cultural and economic diversity of the community including the community stakeholders involved in the planning process and the youth to be served by the juvenile crime prevention plan. Staff from the Lane County Department of Children & Families has participated in the on-going planning process and will make the plan available for review and inclusion in the Lane County Comprehensive Plan.

Lane County's 2011-2013 Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan Update is essentially the same as the Plan outlined in the 2009-2011 Update.

## Description of Population and Services provided

In 2010, there were 1,670 individual juvenile offenders in Lane County. Those individuals were referred by law enforcement to the juvenile department 2,387 times for 3,657 crimes. On average, each youth committed 2.19 crimes.

Individual Juvenile Offenders 2010 N= 1,670

Of the 1,670 individual juvenile offenders who were referred to DYS, 63.4% (1,058) were male and 36.6% (612) were female.

The race of the youth (specified on the police report, or reported by the youth) is recorded as follows: African American 4.4% (74), Asian 0.8% (14), Hispanic 7.2% (120), Native American 1.6% (27), Other/Unknown 0.2% (4), and White 85.7% (1,431).

### **Juvenile Referrals 2010 N = 2387**

- Criminal = 71.44.% (1,705)
  - Person =15.2% (260)
  - Property = 55.5%% (912)
  - Other/Behavioral = 31.3% % (533)
- Non-Criminal = 28.6%.% (682)

The target populations of the Juvenile Crime Prevention service components are as follows:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center – adjudicated youth with three or more risk factors and are expelled or suspended from their school of jurisdiction and/or have an identified need for job skill development.
- Therapeutic Treatment Foster Care – adjudicated youth with three or more risk factors and are in need of out of home placement.
- Minority Youth Mentoring – non-adjudicated minority youth in middle or high school and identified by the Juvenile Crime Prevention tool as having an identified risk factor in the realm of poor family functioning/support, negative peer association and/or failure in school.

## Disproportionate Minority Contact

Disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system has been a community priority issue throughout the current biennium. Initial efforts focused on working with communities of

color to identify all of the related system issues and developing a focused work plan to address these issues.

In July of 2010 Lane County Youth Services was awarded a modest grant (\$20,000) from the Oregon Commission on Children and Families to perform the analysis phase of working with Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) in Lane County.

The purpose of the DMC grant is to ensure equal and fair treatment for every youth in the juvenile justice system, regardless of race and ethnicity. The project evaluates the system against itself – exploring how to refine areas that show disproportionate minority contact.

Disproportionate means a rate of contact with the juvenile justice system among juveniles of a specific minority group that is significantly different than the rate of contact for whites or for other minority groups.

Gathering the data is the just the first phase. The DMC process is ongoing and moves through the following phases:

- Identification. To determine the extent to which DMC exists and at what stages of the system.
- Assessment. To assess the reasons for DMC.
- Intervention. To develop and implement intervention strategies to address these identified reasons.
- Evaluation. To evaluate the effectiveness of the chosen intervention strategies.
- Monitoring. To note changes in DMC trends and to adjust intervention strategies as needed

Lane County Youth Services anticipates having the analysis phase of the grant completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The data from the analysis will guide the next step of the DMC project, to identify sustainable solutions to reduce the DMC relative rate index in the target demographic. This, in turn, will inform and guide services throughout DYS, including activities related to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan.

Description of Services Anticipated for 2011-2013

	<b>Intervention Program</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Demographic Data</b>	<b>Legal Status</b>	<b>Risk Level/Profile of Youth</b>
<b>Juvenile Crime Prevention</b>	1) Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center	13 -17 years	Males/Females	Offenders	Moderate – High-Risk
	2)Therapeutic Treatment Foster Care	13 -17 years	Males/Females	Offenders	Moderate-High-Risk

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	3) Minority Youth Mentoring	12 -17 years	Males/Females Minority youth only	Non - offenders	Low-Moderate Risk
<b>Basic Services</b>	Detention	12-17 years	Males/Females	Offenders	Moderate – High-Risk
<b>Diversion Services</b>	1) Culturally appropriate services	12-17 years	Males/Females	Offenders	Moderate – High-Risk Youth
	2) Supervision for Juvenile Sex Offenders	12-17 years	Males/Females	Offenders	Moderate – High-Risk

Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center – An alternative education and job & life skill program for high-risk juvenile offenders who are expelled or suspended from their school of residence. Because most of the youth referred to this program have demonstrated significant behavior problems in public school, the program needs a high adult/youth ratio to manage those behaviors. MLK is a partnership between the Lane County Department of Youth Services, Lane Workforce Partnership, U.S. Department of Labor, and Lane Education Services District.

In addition to focusing on academic achievement, the Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center focuses on behavioral change. The MLK Educational Center has four distinct vocational programs that include culinary arts, computer science, horticulture and veterinary skills.

Therapeutic Treatment Foster Care – This approach is an alternative to group residential placement for high risk males and females who have histories of chronic juvenile offending and who have three or more risk factors. It is an effective evidence-based strategy with long-term, cost effective results. The activities include: recruiting, training and supporting community families; 24-hour on-call support for foster parents; skill oriented treatment for youth; parent training/treatment for youth’s family; monitoring school attendance and performance; and daily contacts with parents. It reduces criminal arrests by youth involved in the program. The Juvenile Committee will recommend a service provider based on a competitive proposal process.

Minority Youth Mentoring – One-on-one mentoring program for minority youth in middle or high school students who are identified by the school as benefitting from a relationship with a caring, pro-social adult and who have an identified need through the Juvenile Crime Prevention Tool. Mentoring is a best practice intervention of youth at high-risk of involvement with the juvenile justice plan. Mentors will be recruited from the local communities of color and will provide culturally responsive contacts with youth that will enhance their own identification with their culture and history. The Lane County Department of Children & Families and the Lane County Department of Youth Services Minority Youth Advocate Coordinator will work with

schools, local mentoring programs and communities of color to recruit mentors and identify youth for services.

Budget Information

Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center 18% of JCP allocation  
Activity: High intensity, low student/teacher ratio educational services for moderate/high risk youth with a strong vocational component. Diploma, GED services, competency and skill training.

Therapeutic Treatment Foster Care 61% of JCP allocation  
7 youth served with an average of 210 days of service per youth or \$28,039 per youth.  
Activity: 24-hour supervision of youth, 24 hour on-call support for families, youth treatment, parent training, monitors school attendance and performance, daily contacts with parents.

Minority Mentoring Services 21% of JCP allocation  
35 youth, average cost \$2,000 per youth.  
Activity: Contract with existing community based programs to provide targeted and culturally appropriate mentoring services to minority youth.

Administrative costs 10% of JCP allocation  
Activity: Staffing and financial oversight costs; allocated at 5% to DYS, 5% to DCF.

Contingency Reserve 10% of JCP allocation  
Activity: Hold-back of funding to offset potential budget reduction in Year 2 of the Biennium.