

**RESOLUTION OF THE JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
YOUTH DETENTION POPULATION MANAGEMENT**

This Resolution is entered into this 15th day of April 2011, between Jefferson County District Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, Family and Juvenile Services Department, the Louisville Jefferson County Public Defender Corporation, and the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, acting by and through its County Attorney and the Department of Youth Detention Services (YDS).

Whereas, the juvenile justice system exists to enhance public safety, to hold young offenders accountable, and to develop their abilities in order to make positive changes in their lives; and

Whereas, research has demonstrated that implementation of evidence-based and data-driven practices in the juvenile justice system can result in a reduction in recidivism and system costs while maintaining public safety; and

Whereas, research has demonstrated that the secure detention and incarceration of youth can have severe detrimental effects on youth; and

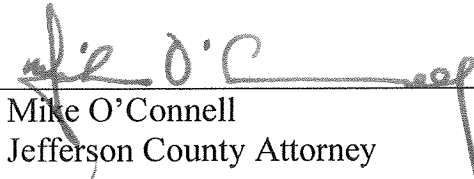
Whereas, youth detention is the only statutorily mandated service for the pre-adjudicative phase of a youth's court involvement; and

Whereas, the detention population is affected by policy decisions made across the entire juvenile justice system;

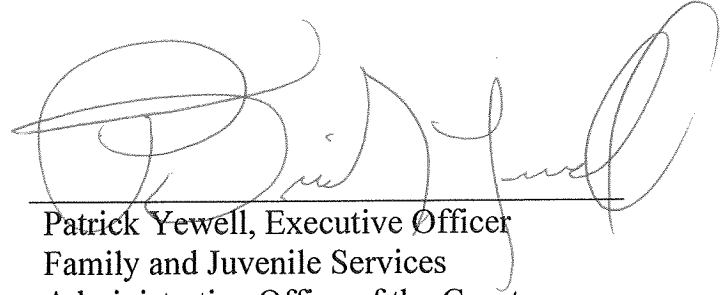
Therefore, be it resolved that the undersigned Juvenile Court System Stakeholders in the Louisville Metro criminal justice system, have reached consensus on the following recommended actions to manage the population of Louisville Metro Youth Detention Services and expand community based alternatives to detention during the pre-adjudicative phase of a juvenile's court involvement:

- Collect, analyze and disseminate data on the juvenile population to identify trends and factors contributing to increases in the youth detention population.
- Manage a reduced maximum youth detention population from 96 to 64.
- Encourage utilization of alternatives to detention in lieu of secure detention confinement by judges in accordance with departmental policy and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) national best practice standards.

- Encourage increased utilization of the Court Designated Worker Diversion Program to provide supervision and services for youth with misdemeanor and school related charges to prevent court involvement.
- Encourage increased County Attorney referrals to the Restorative Justice program.
- Pilot a new objective Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) to reduce secure detention confinement while ensuring public safety and attendance at future arraignment.
- Expand capacity of the Home Supervision Program (HSP) from 35 to 50, and the Home Incarceration Program (HIP) from 50 to 80.
- Procure HIP equipment to allow juveniles with only cellular phone access to be released on electronic monitoring program evenings and weekends based on the DRAI, and ordered to procure land line phone service within 7 business days of initial court appearance.
- Provide regular information to the Jefferson County Attorney's Office and the Louisville Metro Public Defender's Office on available slots for referral to the Home Incarceration Program (HIP) and the Home Supervision Program (HSP).
- Collect and analyze data to evaluate outcomes, including failure to appear and reoffense rates, based on the identified youth detention population management strategies.
- Educate the public on systemic efforts to reduce the secure detention of juveniles while maintaining public safety and expanding alternatives to secure detention.



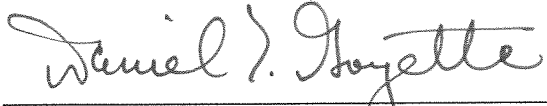
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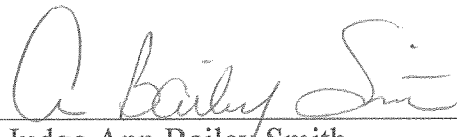
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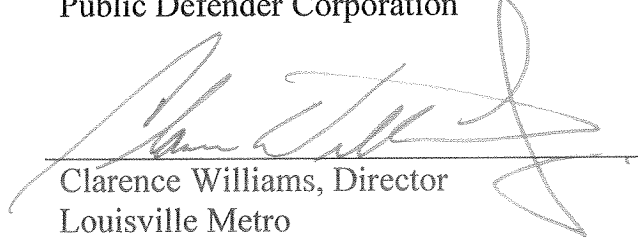
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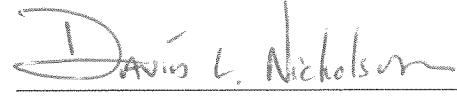
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