

Alternatives to Detention Support Subgrant Application

Title II Formula Grant

South Dakota Department of Corrections

APPLICATION DUE: June 7, 2024

Applicants with original signatures must be **submitted and received** by the Department of Corrections by the close of business on **June 7, 2024**. Faxed and emailed applications will not be accepted. Submit complete applications to:

*John Stewart
Department of Corrections
3200 East Highway 34
Pierre, SD 57501-5070*

Funding under this application is non-competitive and not guaranteed to each applicant. The application narrative and budget must be approved by both the SD Department of Corrections and the Council of Juvenile Services. If approved, the application content will be presented to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for their approval of any addition of program purpose areas that may be needed to support the approved plan.

SECTION 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant: Northern Hills Diversion		
Address: 68 Sherman Street, Suite 213		
City/State/Zip: Deadwood, SD 57732	Phone: 605-722-8889	Fax: none
Email: Lexi@northernhillsdiversion.com	Federal Employer or Payee Identification Number (FEIN): 46-0439254	
Project Director Name: Alexandra Lux		Title: Executive Director
Agency: Northern Hills Diversion	Address: 68 Sherman Street, Suite 213	
City/State/Zip: Deadwood, SD 57732	Phone: 605-722-8889	Fax: none
Email: Lexi@northernhillsdiversion.com		
Please indicate the name of the service(s) implemented: Diversion Case Management and Alternatives to Detention		
Project Title:	Northern Hills Diversion	
Requested Project Period:	July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025	

SECTION 2. PROJECT BUDGET

The Council of Juvenile Services will award or not award funding based the extent to which program design addresses a recognized need and whether the proposal is financially responsible and efficient. Funds will be paid through a reimbursement process for items specifically outlined and approved in the application.

Applicants may apply for up to \$120,000.

Non-supplanting Requirements: Funds or other resources of the applicant normally devoted to programs and activities designed to meet the needs of criminal justice will not be diminished in any way as a result of a grant award of federal funds. The project for which assistance is being requested will be in addition to, and not a substitute for, criminal justice services previously provided without federal assistance.

A. Personnel	TOTAL
Executive Director (50%)	\$ 34,258.00
JDAI/Diversion Coordinator (100%)	\$ 60,386.00
<i>Employee Fringe Benefits</i>	\$ 10,659.00
TOTAL	\$ 105,303.00
B. Contracted Services	TOTAL
	\$
TOTAL	\$
C. Travel and Per Diem	TOTAL
Travel	\$ 4,165.00
Per Diem	\$ 4,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,665.00
D. Equipment	TOTAL
TOTAL	\$
E. Operating Expenses	TOTAL
Office Rent	\$ 5,516.00
Cell Phone	\$ 516.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,032.00
Total Project Budget -- Combined totals for all columns	\$ 120,000.00

NOTE: If there is a change in the above budget, programs will need to request an amendment to their budget. All amendments must be requested in writing **prior to the expenditure of funds.**

SECTION 3. BUDGET NARRATIVE

In the space provided, explain the relationship between budgeted items listed in Section 2 and project activities. Include information (data and criteria) as to how you arrived at budget estimates. Discuss all items by category and in full.

Personnel Narrative - Explain how the compensation and expenses were calculated, duties of the position, and any other information about personnel of the project. If proposed funding covers more than one position, you must identify the duties and estimated percent of time for duties that directly relate to the successful implementation of the program(s).

Position #1:	Executive Director	
Justification for the position :	The executive director is responsible for grant implementation and management for diversion/JDAI services in Lawrence, Meade, and Butte counties. They are responsible for data tracking and analysis as well as organization of community stakeholders. They also complete community outreach and education to improve community understanding of services/need.	
If the position is existing staff , explain how duties associated with this award are outside the current scope of their position and provide a plan explaining how all duties associated with the position will continue to be provided and funded during this award:	as the executive director of the teen court program. The addition of JDAI/Diversion accounting and management are separate from the necessary functions of the teen court program and funding will be pursued through research and application to local, state, and federal grant programs. The grant will fund 50% of this position with teen court funding the other 50%.	
<i>Personnel Responsibilities & Duties (must directly relate to the implementation of the program)</i>		<i>Estimated % Time</i>
1. Grant implementation and management		20
2. Referrals, data tracking, and analysis		20
3. Community outreach		10
4.		
Wage/Salary:	Annual salary of \$31,824.00. With the addition of \$2,434.00 in federal withholding calculated for a total cost of \$34,258.00.	
Benefits:	Healthcare contribution of \$1,938.00 per year. \$1,614.75/year for retirement contribution.	
Position #2:	JDAI Diversion Program Coordinator	
Justification for the position :	This position will include case management, program coordination, and community education regarding services provided. This position will provide services in Lawrence, Meade, and Butte Counties. The grant will fund 100% of this position.	
If the position is existing staff , explain how duties associated with this award are outside the current scope of their position and provide a plan explaining how all duties associated with the position will continue to be provided and funded during this award:		
<i>Personnel Responsibilities & Duties (must directly relate to the implementation of the program)</i>		<i>Estimated % Time</i>
1. Case Management		75
2. Referrals		25
3.		
4.		
Wage/Salary:	Annual salary of \$56,096.00 per year. With the addition of \$4,290.00 in federal withholding calculated for a total cost of \$60,386.00	
Benefits:	Healthcare contribution of \$3,875.00 PER YEAR \$3,230.00 year for retirement contribution.	

SECTION 3. BUDGET NARRATIVE CONTINUED

Contracted Services Narrative - Explain the consultant fees, consultant expenses, contracted services, the cost per service/per youth being served, how the cost for services was calculated, and the process that would be or has been conducted to select the consultant. **Contracted services fees cannot exceed \$650 per day.**

Consultant #1:

Consultant Fees:

Contracted Service:

Selection Process:

Consultant #2:

Consultant Fees:

Contracted Service:

Selection Process:

Travel and Per Diem Narrative – Explain the calculation of travel costs for travel **outside the home jurisdiction**, (travel must be calculated at current state rates (\$0.51 per mile and \$40 per diem)), how the expenses are directly related to the implementation of the project, and if out-of-state travel is anticipated, give particulars (i.e., location, state, dates, purpose, cost).

Purpose of Travel: **JDAI State Meetings
National Conference (TBD)**

*800 x \$0.51 = \$408.00
8 x \$40.00 = 320.00
\$3,437.00 – out of state travel for national conference (date and location TBD). Covers cost of travel and registration fees.*

Purpose of Travel: **Program Administration (meeting with clients in home county)**

8,824 x \$0.51 = \$4,500.00

Equipment and Operating Expenses Narrative – Explain the supplies and equipment costs directly related to the implementation of the program or project. You must be specific regarding the items in which you intend to use federal funding. For example, a budget item of “office expenses” will not be accepted as these items must be detailed. You need to identify what you anticipate for office expenses and list each item and the estimated costs. Items not specifically outlined will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Equipment – List nonexpendable items that are to be purchased and show how you calculated these costs. Nonexpendable equipment is tangible property having a useful life of more than 2 years.

Operating Expenses – List items by type (office supplies, postage, training materials, copying paper, and expendable equipment) and show how you calculated these costs. Generally, supplies include any materials that are expendable or consumed during the course of the project.

Rent- \$5,516.00/year based on rental lease agreement for \$459.66/month. Increase rent cost is due to addition of classroom for providing classes to clients.

SECTION 4. APPLICATION NARRATIVE

Technical Requirements

Applications will be reviewed initially for compliance with technical requirements. Noncompliance with these requirements may result in the application being deemed non-responsive, and therefore, not acceptable to award.

1. The Alternatives to Detention Support Application is limited to thirty (30) standard 8.5 x 11 pages with one inch margins, excluding attachments.
2. Applications must be typewritten in 12-point Times New Roman font and must be double-spaced.
3. Applications must be bound using a binder clip. Do not staple or submit applications in three-ring binders.
4. Applications must be single sided, not duplexed.
5. Pages must be numbered sequentially.
6. The application must contain original signatures.

Please provide a description, in the order listed below, of each component requested. Clearly present each topic, separated by subject headings. The narrative includes the following sections:

- A Project Abstract and Demonstration of Need;
- B Community Readiness;
- C Alignment with South Dakota JDAI Implementation;
- D Strategy for Implementation;
- E Project Performance Measures and Evaluation;
- F Description of Project Geographic Boundaries; and
- G Target Population.

A. PROJECT ABSTRACT AND DEMONSTRATION OF NEED

Provide a narrative overview of the proposed project including a demonstration of need through findings of assessments and data. This section is not to exceed one page.

Northern Hills Diversion is seeking to continue to expand diversion services, alternatives to detention, and staff time to assist with JDAI coordination. The Northern Hills Diversion program has been in operation since 1995 under the name Lawrence County Teen Court as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. This program provides unique programming to our youth that no other program does. Northern Hills Diversion's mission is "to provide youth the opportunity to take responsibility for their actions through cooperation with their peers and their community" (Northern Hills Diversion, 2024). We strive to hold youth accountable for their actions but allow them to "repair the

harm” that their choices have caused others through a combination of education and community service. Northern Hills Diversion is a juvenile diversion program offered in Lawrence, Meade, and Butte Counties. This is a voluntary program offered only to youth who admit their guilt to the charges they are accused of committing. In 2023, Northern Hills Diversion saw an 85% increase in cases as a result of the implementation of Alternatives to Detention Programming while also maintaining a 97% successful completion rate. The recidivism rate is less than 10% and over the past nearly 30 years, has consistently remained less than 15%.

Northern Hills Diversion as Teen Court has developed a well establish foundation over the past twenty-seven years and consistently boasts a high level of cooperation from the county as well as the cities within Lawrence County, and more recently Meade County and Butte County. The addition of programming in both Meade County and Butte County has resulted in more opportunities for area youth to be held accountable for their actions in a consistent manner, regardless of geographical location.

The effectiveness and appropriateness of probation has become of more concern over the past several years. With issues of racial equity and the overcrowding of detention centers, more and more agencies are looking for alternatives to incarceration. These alternatives often involve partnerships with nonprofit organizations, such as Northern Hills Diversion, to provide a system of transparency and accountability that is strengths-based and focuses on “youth and family well-being and the social determinants of health, repairing harm through transformative and restorative justice approaches, and using data and evidence to inform design (Soung, 2022). In 2023 Lawrence, Meade, and Butte Counties saw a 30% increase in the number of admissions to detention. However, the total number of bed days for those admitted decreased 17%.

According to data from the State of South Dakota, in 2023, 35 youth from Lawrence and Meade counties were placed in secure detention, as compared to 25 in 2022. 54 youth from Lawrence, Meade, and Butte Counties were placed in alternative housing (ARISE), as compared to

31 in 2022. Since starting conditional release programming in September 2023, we have had 10 youth placed on conditional release. The average length of stay at ARISE in 2023 was 8 days. The cost per day for a youth to be in ARISE is \$300.00. Factoring this information into our calculations, the utilization of conditional release has potentially decreased the cost to the counties by approximately \$24,000.00 so far.

Additionally, the JDAI/Diversion Coordinator in conjunction with training received through the University of Nebraska Omaha over the past nine months is working to implement a risk assessment tool to be utilized to indicate potential for success or failure in an alternative program, such as Northern Hills Diversion. The ability to implement such a tool, if successful, has the opportunity to help divert more youth through diversionary programming and keep fewer youth out of the formal court system. The Lawrence County State's Attorney's Office has agreed to pilot such a program.

References

Northern Hills Diversion. (n.d.). Retrieved May 23, 2024, from <http://northernhillsdiversion.com/>

Soung, P. (2022). Is juvenile probation obsolete? Reexamining and reimagining youth probation law, policy, and practice. *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology (1973-)*, 112(3), 549–591. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48668661>

B. COMMUNITY READINESS

Describe your community's readiness to adopt or continue to implement alternatives to detention strategies specifically describing the following:

1. Community readiness and willingness to adopt or continue the strategies;
2. Justice system readiness;
3. School system readiness; and
4. Any barriers that may prevent change in your community.

Please attach letters of commitment from key leaders and partners describing their support and willingness to continue to collaborate with you to implement alternatives to detention.

Northern Hills Diversion has been a JDAI site for nine months. The JDAI collaborative includes the presiding judge; representatives from all three state's attorney's offices, city law enforcement, and sheriff's offices; court services; Action for the Betterment of the Community; Behavior

Management Systems; Butte County Teen Court; and the Lead-Deadwood and Meade County School Districts. We are actively continuing to work with our community partners to create opportunities for youth to give back to their communities and increase understanding and buy-in for diversion programming.

Northern Hills Diversion actively operates diversion programming for truancy offenses in both the Lead-Deadwood and Meade County School Districts. We are working with these districts to implement policies allowing more youth the opportunity for diversion. Our goal is to also begin offering truancy diversion services in both the Spearfish and Butte County school districts as well.

Lawrence County, Butte County, and Meade County currently utilize the Juvenile Services Center (JSC) located in Rapid City for secure detention of youth and ARISE for non-secure services. Northern Hills Diversion is the only option for conditional release. The Northern Hills collaborative is supportive of efforts to expand alternatives to detention to keep low risk youth in the community and out of a facility. The goal of the requested positions is to develop and expand upon existing diversion services offered in the area to include case management and all types of offenses. The collaborative supports these efforts.

C. ALIGNMENT WITH SOUTH DAKOTA JDAI IMPLEMENTATION

1. Include a summary of how your project would align with the following JDAI values:
 - a. Serving the right youth in the right place at the right time;
 - b. Serving youth in the least restrictive setting;
 - c. Protecting public safety;
 - d. Reducing racial, ethnic and gender disparities at all decision points in the juvenile justice system;
 - e. Establishing programs to be efficient and effective; and
 - f. Using data to guide decision-making.
2. Provide a summary of your county's use of the RAI including override statistics.

The average daily population (ADP) in Lawrence, Meade, and Butte Counties (2023) for youth in secure detention was 0.52 (up from 0.27 in 2022) for Lawrence County, .21 (down from 1.43 in 2022) in Meade County, and .85 (up from 0 in 2022) for Butte County. The average length of stay (ALOS) of 7.92, 6.3, and 22.35 days, respectively. The ADP for youth in ARISE was 1.03 (up from

0.09 in 2022) for Butte County, 0.46 (down from 0.51 in 2022) for Lawrence County, and 0.48 (up from 0.38 in 2022) for Meade County with an ALOS of 17, 8.5, and 14.7 days respectively. In 2023, 57 total RAIs were completed in all three counties combined, an increase of 13 from 2022. Of those 57, 21 for were scored for release, but 16 were overridden into alternative (ARISE). 11 scored for secure detention. Of the original 57 RAIs, 89% were ultimately placed into either JSC or ARISE, a decrease of 4% from 2022. This indicates that though overall juvenile crime increased from 2022 to 2023, the number of youth placed in detention decreased, indicating the use of alternatives to detention is working to decrease unnecessary detentions overall.

The Northern Hills Diversion conditional release option is oriented to keep lower risk youth in the community with the goal of providing a continuum of services. The goal of expanding diversion options is to eliminate existing barriers, such as transportation and the ability to pay for services.

Grant funding obtained by Northern Hills Diversion will be utilized to support staff time dedicated specifically to JDAI/diversion coordination. This will include data tracking to determine the success of implemented diversion programs and alternatives to detention. This data is presented to the local JDAI collaborative on a quarterly basis to help guide decision making. The Unified Judicial System has supported the creation of these positions with training opportunities such as the JDAI national conference, a JDAI site model visit, and Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI) training for area law enforcement and other interested professionals and stakeholders to ensure the comprehension and utilization of this tool. These trainings were completed before the end of 2023.

D. STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Describe your strategy for implementing and sustaining the chosen plan (including goals, objectives, and a timetable) for the following:

1. Mobilizing the community to assume responsibility for alternatives to detention through involving various sectors;
2. Obtaining resources to aid in implementing the chosen plan;
3. Coordinating the implementation of the chosen plan; and
4. Sustaining the plan following funding under this subgrant.

- I. The Executive Director will continue performing JDAI/Diversion duties throughout the grant period.
 - a. The Executive Director and JDAI/Diversion Coordinator will attend a JDAI collaborative meetings as requested by UJS.
 - b. The Executive Director will continue with data collection, reporting, and analysis throughout the grant period.
 - c. The JDAI/Diversion Coordinator will participate in monthly JDAI/Diversion Coordinators calls throughout the grant period.
- II. The Executive Director and JDAI/Diversion Coordinator will utilize JDAI training to identify and potentially improve conditional release options for Lawrence, Meade, and Butte Counties on an ongoing basis throughout the grant period.
 - a. The Executive Director will examine pre- and post- adjudicated juvenile data to determine which conditional release options are working for Lawrence, Meade, and Butte Counties.
 - b. The Executive Director will present data to the JDAI work group on an ongoing basis to help drive evidence-based decision making.
 - c. The Executive Director will survey the collaborative to ensure that communities are being represented and the various entities are being represented at meetings.
- III. The Executive Director will increase the amount of youth being diverted through the State's Attorney's Offices and refer existing services in the community.
 - a. The JDAI/Diversion Coordinator will work on piloting a risk assessment tool designed to divert more youth to diversion programming.
 - b. The JDAI/Diversion Coordinator will continue meeting with existing programs in the community and become familiar more with services offered.

- c. The Executive Director and JDAI/Diversion Coordinator will work with the State's Attorney's Offices to examine potential gaps in services in Lawrence, Meade, and Butte Counties.
- d. The Executive Director will attend local government meetings as well as community-based meetings as necessary to promote youth justice work.
- e. The Executive Director will continue to research the harmful impact of incarcerating youth to gain community and stakeholder buy-in.

IV. The Executive Director will organize the JDAI collaboration meetings to consistently examine data, detention use, and success of implemented alternatives.

- a. The Executive Director will present data, complete a 2024 JDAI work plan, and guide decision making at JDAI meetings.

E. PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND EVALUATION

Performance measure reports will be required consistent with individual program goals, federal reporting requirements, and any information identified by the Council of Juvenile Services and the Department of Corrections.

For the purpose of this grant application, describe the following:

1. Ability to collect data from public institutions and record data in a spreadsheet; and
2. Ability to collect and provide juvenile specific information.

Northern Hills Diversion is working with law enforcement, the State's Attorney's Office, the Pennington County Juvenile Services Center, and the Unified Judicial System to collect arrest, diversion, average length of stay, and average daily population data. Teen Court is already tracking teen court data and will track recidivism on all diversions. Data is disaggregated by gender, race, and ethnicity. The executive director is currently tracking ALOS and ADP and will provide it to the JDAI collaborative. The Executive Director and JDAI/Diversion Coordinators have access to up-to-date RAI data through the Unified Judicial System's JRAI data reporting system.

F. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

Briefly describe the program’s neighborhood or community boundaries in which your program will operate. You may also include a map of the area served as an attachment.

Northern Hills Diversion will serve youth, families, and community stakeholders in urban and rural areas of Lawrence, Meade, and Butte Counties. This area covers over 6,500 square miles. The total combined population based on 2022 Census estimates is 68,686 with 26,259 households. The population is 91.5% Caucasian with a poverty rate of 9.3-13%.

G: TARGET POPULATION

Provide an overview of the participants eligible for participation through using the table below.

Target Population Details (Place an “X” in the box to the <i>left</i> of all those that apply)							
Race(s):		Offender Type(s):			Geography:		
X	American Indian/Alaskan Native	X	At-Risk Population (no prior offense)		X	Rural	
X	Asian	X	First Time Offenders		X	Suburban	
X	Black/African American	X	Repeat Offenders			Tribal	
X	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)		Sex Offenders		X	Urban	
X	Other Race	X	Status Offenders		Age:		
X	White/Caucasian		Violent Offenders			Under 11	
Sex:		Referral Source:			X	12-13	
X	Female	X	School	X	Court System	X	14-15
X	Male	X	State’s Attorney	X	Other _____	X	16 -18

The target population is youth under 18 (and their families), who have had contact with the juvenile justice system or who are at risk of having contact with the juvenile justice system. Target populations for detention reform may also include youth of color, females, youth with school/truancy offenses, domestic assaults on a family member, warrants, and homeless youth.

The goal is to prevent or divert youth involvement in the juvenile justice system and to eliminate or minimize disproportionate minority contact. This project focuses on prevention and intervention for youth engaging in behaviors putting them at risk for juvenile justice system involvement. The JDAI collaborations in the Northern Hills will work to create an effective, fair, and efficient system that produces positive outcomes for youth, families and communities while also protecting public safety.

SECTION 5: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND ASSURANCES

Council of Juvenile Services Conflict of Interest Identification

Please identify which Council of Juvenile Services Members, if any, appear to have a conflict of interest with your application and provide a brief narrative explaining the potential conflict of interest.

A council member derives a direct benefit from the contract if one or more of the following is true of the member, the member's spouse, or a person with whom the member lives with and commingles assets:

- 1) Has a five percent ownership or other interest in an entity that is a party to the contract;
- 2) Derives income, compensation or commission directly from the contract or from the entity that is a party to the contract;
- 3) Acquires property under the contract; or
- 4) Serves on the board of directors of an entity (including a nonprofit) that derives income or commission directly from the contract or acquires property under the contract.

"Direct benefit" does not include gain from a contract based solely on the value of a council member's investment in an entity that is a party to the contract, if that investment represents less than a five percent ownership in the entity. It also does not apply to contracts or transactions where the council member only benefits from an act of the Council of Juvenile Services that has general application, such as a decision by the Council of Juvenile Services to increase or decrease a fee that many South Dakotans pay.

List Current Members

Beth O'Toole, Chair and Professor at the University of Sioux Falls;

Sara McGregor-Okroi, Vice-Chair and Director of Aliive-Roberts County.

Dadra Avery, School Counselor at Sturgis Brown High School;

Judge Tami Bern, First Judicial Circuit Judge;

Eric Anderson, Department of Corrections Juvenile Corrections Supervisor;

Kim Cournoyer, Service Provider at Great Plains Psychological Associates;

Charles Frieberg, Director of Trial Court Services;

Melanie Boetel, Department of Social Services Behavioral Health Services Director;

Daniel Haggar, Minnehaha County States Attorney;

Cindy Heiberger, Former Minnehaha County Commissioner;

Doug Herrmann, Executive Director of The Club for Boys;

Sheriff Brad Howell, Codington County Sheriff;

Angela Lisburg, Avera Saint Mary's Hospital;

Dave McNeil, Aberdeen Police Department Chief;

Jennifer Johnson, JJRI Coordinator, Southeastern Behavioral Health

Skylar Skipper, Youth Member; and

Cassidy Frederick, Youth Member.

Special Conditions and Assurances

The following information contains the general conditions and assurances as necessary for recipients of funding awarded under this application. Please note that final assurances and conditions may be different than those stated below based on the composition of the individual program. Signatures under this section indicate that the

SECTION 6. SIGNATURES

The officials who certify this document agree to adhere to all terms and conditions relating to this application. Duplication of responsibilities by one individual for any position listed below is NOT acceptable.

Original Signatures are Required		
County Commission Chair		
Name	Title	
Address	City/State/Zip	
E-mail	Phone	Fax
Signature	Date	
B. Project Director		
Name <i>VERIA LITTLE</i>	Title <i>JDAI/DIVERSION PROGRAM COORDINATOR</i>	
Address <i>68 SHERMAN ST, SUITE 211</i>	City/State/Zip <i>DEADWOOD, SD 57732</i>	
E-mail <i>VERIA@NORTHERNHILLSDIVERSION.COM</i>	Phone <i>605-920-0897</i>	Fax
Signature <i>Veria Little</i>	Date <i>5 June 2024</i>	
C. Financial Officer		
Name <i>Alexandra Lex</i>	Title <i>Executive Director</i>	
Address <i>68 Sherman St, Suite 213</i>	City/State/Zip <i>Deadwood, SD 57732</i>	
E-mail <i>lexi@northernhillsdiversion.com</i>	Phone <i>605-722-8889</i>	Fax
Signature <i>Alexandra Lex</i>	Date <i>6-5-2024</i>	
D. Other Official		
Name	Title	
Address	City/State/Zip	
E-mail	Phone	Fax
Signature	Date	

SECTION 7. ATTACHMENTS

Description of Attachments – Identify and describe the significance of all additional materials you include as attachments. Please limit additional materials to items such as program effectiveness documentation; pertinent letters of support or commitment; research documentation; resource documentation; and any other materials. Attach all additional documents following this page.

Attachment 1
Northern Hills Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) Committee Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Attachment 2
Letter of Support- Patrick Rotert, City of Spearfish Director of Public Safety
Attachment 3
Letter of Support- Derrick Nedved, 4 th Judicial Circuit Chief Court Services Officer
Attachment 4
Attachment 5
Attachment 6

ENCLOSE RELEVANT ATTACHMENTS AFTER THIS PAGE

**NORTHERN HILLS JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE
(JDAI) COMMITTEE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

I. PARTIES

This document constitutes an agreement between the South Dakota Fourth Judicial Circuit, Meade, Lawrence, and Butte State's Attorney's Offices, Meade, Lawrence, and Butte County Commissions, Northern Hills School Administration, Northern Hills Area Sheriff's Departments, Northern Hills Police Departments, Behavior Management Services, Action for the Betterment of the Community, Compass Point, and Lawrence County Teen Court.

II. PURPOSE

This agreement establishes the Northern Hills JDAI Committee and is entered into by the above-named agencies to establish a cooperative relationship by applying the eight core strategies (enumerated in paragraph V) of the JDAI in order to:

- Eliminate the inappropriate or unnecessary use of secure detention of juvenile offenders;
- Minimize re-arrest of juvenile offenders and failure to appear rates pending adjudication;
- Ensure appropriate conditions of confinement in secure facilities for juvenile offenders;
- When necessary, redirect public resources and policies to sustain successful reforms.

III. AUTHORITY

The Northern Hills JDAI Committee shall have the authority to facilitate the coordination of inter-agency solutions to achieve the purpose described above. The JDAI Committee may make appropriate resource or policy recommendations to the governing bodies of the agencies represented on the JDAI Committee.

IV. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION/TERMINATION

This MOU will become effective when signed by all parties. The period of the agreement is three years from the original date of signature.

Amendments to this MOU must be submitted in writing at least 30 days in advance and approved by all agencies represented herein. In the event additional parties are added to the Northern Hills JDAI Steering Committee, the new party may be added upon approval by all agencies represented herein.

Positions and signature change- an MOU will need to be updated. The MOU is precipitated on funding from Council for Juvenile Services.

Intent to terminate participation in this MOU must be submitted in writing at least 90 days in advance of termination to all participating agencies.

V. THE JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE MODEL

The parties agree that the Northern Hills JDAI Steering Committee will follow the JDAI model as developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The model's core strategies are as follows:

- Collaboration among juvenile justice agencies, community organizations, and other government agencies;
- The use of data in making policy and case-level decisions;
- Objective instruments to guide detention decisions;
- Operation of a continuum of non-secure detention alternatives;
- Case processing efficiencies to reduce time between arrest and case disposition;
- Improvement of conditions of confinement;
- Safe reductions of special populations (i.e. violations of probation, warrants, and cases awaiting placement); and,
- Racial/ethnic fairness in policy and case-level decision-making.

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

All parties agree to work cooperatively to address the purpose of JDAI as identified above. Members of the Northern Hills JDAI Steering Committee agree to attend meetings on a regular basis, make their decisions based on the purposes and processes of the JDAI model, and carry out what is in the best interest of youth that is consistent with public safety. The parties agree to provide access to data that will support the JDAI process, consistent with state and federal confidentiality restrictions.

VII. COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP AND MEETINGS

Meetings will occur at least quarterly and will be led by at least one or both of the JDAI Co-chairpersons (need to be identified) Co-chairpersons have the authority to conduct the meetings to facilitate discussion and decision-making. The committee will appoint a secretary to keep minutes, which will be agreed upon by the committee. In matters that require a vote, each agency represented on the JDAI Committee shall have one vote. Co-chairpersons have the authority to establish any subcommittees necessary to support the accomplishment of local JDAI implementation.

04/13/23

Date

The Honorable Michael W. Day
Presiding Judge, 4th Judicial Circuit

2-13-23

Date

Chief Court Services Officer
4th Judicial Circuit Court Services

2.15.23

Date

State's Attorney
Meade County

2/8/23

Date

State's Attorney
Lawrence County

7 Feb 2023

Date

State's Attorney
Butte County

Date

Meade County Commission

3-28-23

Date

Lawrence County Commission

2/7/23

Date

Butte County Commission

3/27/23

Date

Superintendent
Meade County School District

2-16-23

Date

Sheriff
Lawrence County

2/7/23

Date

Sheriff
Butte County

02/16/23

Date

Sheriff
Meade County

4-11-23

Date

Chief of Police
Belle Fourche

3-25-23

Date

Director of Public Safety
City of Spearfish

Date

Director
Compass Point

2/16/23

Date

Director
Action for the Betterment of the Community

2/15/23

Date

Director
Lawrence County Teen Court

5/24/23

Date

Director
Butte County Teen Court

2-15-23

Date

Superintendent
Lead-Deadwood School District

5/22/23

Date

Site Director
Northern Hills Behavior Management Systems

May 30, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am the Public Safety Director for the City of Spearfish (Spearfish Police Department), located in the City of Spearfish, Lawrence County. Our location makes us an end stake holder for the JDAI/Diversion Grant supported Lawrence County Teen Court program. The City of Spearfish supports the Lawrence County Teen Court Program, in both concept and financially.

I strongly support and encourage positive considerations for any grant opportunities that might assist in continuing or expanding the Teen Court Program. The program has given many youths in the communities it serves an opportunity for a second chance with the justice system. The administrators of the program have tailored this second chance into one that provides excellent educational opportunities on the legal system, the consequences of the participant's behavior on their future, and the impact that the choices of other persons has had on their own lives or the lives of victims.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I truly believe that the Lawrence County Teen Court Program is one that should be deemed a success and a model for other programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Rotert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "P" and "R".

Patrick J. Rotert
Public Safety Director

05-30-2023

To: Whom It May Concern.

RE: Letter of Support JDAI/Diversion Grant

This will serve as a letter of support for the Northern Hills Diversion Program. I am in support of the efforts to reduce youth involvement in the Justice System. The Northern Hills Juvenile Detention Alternative Team has a great plan in place to assist local juveniles who may be facing law violations. Any assistance to help this program would be greatly appreciated.


Derrick Nedved
Chief Court Services Officer