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DMC Best Practices

Santa Cruz, CA	Created partnership that provided family-strengthening services and competency-building opportunities.
	Parent advocates were used to assist in changing the tone of formal communications and setting up evening and weekend hours to accommodate working families.
	Culturally competent staff were hired, in proportion to the youth in the detention center.
Multnomah Co, OR	Reception Center was established with a home-like setting where police take youth with non-detainable infractions, like broken curfews or runaways (funded by government crime prevention and private foundations).
	Recruited and hired culturally diverse staff.
	Trained on culturally sensitive principles and practices.
	Police officers carry cards listing actions for each infraction, which include alternatives to detention.
	Supervisors have to approve detention for probation violation.
Bernalillo Co, NM	Assigned teen mentors for truancy.
	Established early intervention programs including general education and computer training, substance abuse education and treatment groups, life skills training, employment skills training, mental health services, health and HIV education, alternative sentencing, mentorship, and recreation therapy.
	AYUDA (Assisting Youth Using Drugs and Alcohol); provides assessment, counseling, relapse prevention, and case management services; addresses issues including anger management and domestic violence with strategies such as music groups and Tai Chi.
	Diversion to a Children's Community Mental Health Clinic; a multidisciplinary team designs treatment plans to meet individual needs.
	A sanctions grid was created with steps to follow before revoking probation. Supervisory approval is needed for probation revocation.
Cook Co, IL	Held cultural diversity and communication training for

	staff.
Hillsborough Co, FL	Recruited additional service providers from the minority community to provide traditional services such as education assistance, job training and placement, mental health and substance abuse treatment, crisis management and juvenile arbitration.
	Established a juvenile civil citation program that permitted sanctions of up to 40 hours of community service for non-serious offenses, with no custody.
	Cultural competency training for juvenile justice and law enforcement personnel.
King Co, WA	Modified booking protocol; all police officers carry wallet-sized cards that list the basic detention intake criteria, and give the detention-screening phone number.
Mesa Co, CO	Two experienced advocates provide tracking, language interpretation, family communication, mentoring, and complete monitoring for high-risk minority youth.
	Cultural competency training was done for all juvenile justice contacts.
Berks Co, PA	Trained stakeholders in cultural competency and education rights of youth.
	Recruited non-traditional service providers.
Montgomery Co, MD	Provide mentoring, recreational activities, anger management and conflict resolution sessions, in order to prevent youth from committing another offense. (80% of youth successfully complete the program)
Sedgwick Co, KS	Cultural competency training for those making decisions.
	Race-neutral law enforcement assessment instrument
	Flexible juvenile office operating hours to accommodate working parents
	For truants, rather than detention, weekend detention in local gym; redirecting county staff.
Lancaster Co., PA	Opened Evening Reporting Center, 3-9 p.m., M-F
Philadelphia, PA	Law enforcement training on juvenile behavior and cultural norms, to reduce juvenile referrals.
Connecticut	Law enforcement training on juvenile behavior, unintentional biases, and how to reduce juvenile referrals.
Jefferson Co, AL	Required family counseling before Beyond Parental Control offense could be charged.