

State of Iowa Juvenile Court Services



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Responses to Questions received regarding Community Based Sanctions Services RFP JUV-27-CB-05-003

1. The cap amount that is listed of \$300,000, is that per contract or total amount available even with multiple vendors?

Q1 Answer: \$300,000.00 is the total anticipated amount available to provide a Community Based Sanctions Services program to these counties annually.

2. Are you prioritizing a vendor that can service all extended counties, or will applications be received even if the vendor is writing to a few specific counties?

Q2 Answer: JCS expects all proposals to include service for Dallas, Guthrie, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Polk and Warren counties.

3. Beyond Polk County- Is there data to share concerning the volume of need for Sanctions in additional 6 counties of Dallas, Guthrie, Jasper, Madison, Warren and Marion?

Q3 Answer: JCS expects that community service and restitution referrals will increase with the addition of Community Based Sanctions Services to Dallas, Guthrie, Jasper, Madison, Marion and Warren counties.

Youth with court ordered community service			
County	2024	2025	2026 (July 2025 to April 2026)
Dallas	14	11	10
Guthrie	2	0	0
Jasper	1	4	0
Madison	4	1	5
Marion	4	6	6
Warren	14	15	5

4. Are there opportunities to provide community service for youth 14 and under that align with Child Labor Laws? More diversion opportunities for these youth?

Q4 Answer: While JCS is unable to provide legal guidance, Under Iowa Code chapter 92 Child Labor, no person under fourteen years of age shall be employed or permitted to work with or without compensation in any work activity, unless authorized by state and federal child labor laws.

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5. d. Weekday Service Learning Volunteer Opportunities: Respondent will provide 4 groups per week that will be divided based on either low or moderate/high risk levels and will focus on worksite opportunities to complete community service.
 - a. Would respondent need to provide four groups per week for every county, or could the respondent choose one county at a time? For example: Monday's in Jasper, Tuesday's in Dallas, Wednesday's in Madison?
 - b. Would JCS allow respondent to dedicate one of these days for only low risk offenders to ensure they provided opportunity to complete sanctions divided from mod/high risk offenders?

Q5 Answer:

- a. **The Successful Respondent will not be expected to provide four groups per week in each county; instead, the Successful Respondent will work in conjunction with JCS to determine dates and locations of groups offered within the seven counties depending on referrals.**
- b. **Yes, JCS would allow the Successful Respondent to dedicate one group for low-risk youth only.**

6. iii. DID shall utilize a research or evidenced-based curriculum to address delinquent behavior informally in the community in an effort to prevent subsequent offending.
 - a. Would JCS share what current evidence- based curriculum is being used with other contractors?

Q6 Answer: a. The current two-week Delinquency Impact Diversion course was developed by the current provider and consists of education pertaining to criminal behavior, accountability and Juvenile Court involvement.

7. i. DID shall meet once per week for two weeks and sessions are 1-2 hours in duration focused on holding lower risk youth accountable for behavior without resorting to legal sanctions, court oversight or the threat of confinement.
 - a. Would JCS allow respondents to use Juvenile Court Locations to host DID groups, such as a conference room in JCS offices? Particularly locations in rural areas. Or would respondents need to secure a location in all counties to host groups?
 - b. How many youths does Juvenile Court estimate would need DID on an annual basis?

Q7 Answer:

- a. **JCS would be willing to work with Successful Respondent to utilize JCS space for groups, however, the majority of JCS offices are in county court houses, which limits accessibility and availability. Logistically, Respondent(s) should plan on securing space somewhere outside of JCS occupied locations for groups.**

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b. JCS does not have any available data at this time for Dallas, Guthrie, Jasper, Madison, Marion or Warren counties; however, JCS referred 115 youth for the DID course in 2025 from Polk County. JCS would estimate, with the addition of 6 counties, that the number of referred youth would be approximately 150 to 200 youth referred annually.

8. Does Juvenile Court need to pre-approve any community service locations?

Q8 Answer: JCS does not need to pre-approve any community service locations; however, a list will be provided to JCS of all locations monthly for the following month's locations. JCS reserves the right to veto any location that JCS deems to be inappropriate.

9. Does Juvenile Court have any locations they specifically do not want sanctions to be held at?

Q9 Answer: JCS is not aware of any locations that would be considered inappropriate at this time.

10. How many current cases need supervision in each county and what is the expected average per month per county?

Q10 Answer: JCS can provide the monthly average for Polk County, however this will be a new service to Dallas, Guthrie, Jasper Madison, Marion and Warren counties so no data exists at this time.

Youth currently under JCS supervision

<u>County</u>	<u>Current Cases</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Dallas	70	No Data
Guthrie	6	No Data
Jasper	32	No Data
Madison	10	No Data
Marion	15	No Data
Polk	439	16
Warren	24	No Data