

DMC Activities in Alaska

In 1994 –

- The Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (AJJAC) convened a DMC Workgroup to begin addressing DMC in Alaska.

In 1995 –

- AJJAC sponsored DMC training for two Alaskan judges, which helped lead to creation of the Alaska Supreme Court Fairness and Access Implementation Committee.

In 1996 –

- The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and AJJAC published Alaska's first DMC data summary, *Minority Youth Report*, which identified DMC at multiple juvenile justice decision points.

In 1997 –

- DHSS and AJJAC began requiring juvenile justice grantees to report on their efforts to reduce DMC.

In 1998 –

- DHSS began negotiating agreements for tribal and community courts to sanction some minor youth offenders in their communities in a culturally appropriate manner.

In 1999 –

- The Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) was created within DHSS to focus on the state's juvenile justice issues, including DMC.
- DJJ's new strategic plan included a goal to "increase effectiveness by creating a culturally diverse organization that reflects and responds to the clients and communities it serves."
- DJJ began collaborating with the Alaska Native Justice Center, Alaska Native corporations and University of Alaska to create Alaska Native juvenile justice internships.
- DJJ and AJJAC began crafting grant recommendations to ensure equitable distribution of juvenile justice grant funds to rural communities with primarily Native populations.

In 2000 –

- DJJ received federal grant funds to hire Community Juvenile Justice Associates in pilot rural communities.
- AJJAC met with state legislators to discuss DMC.

In 2001 –

- DJJ published an expanded DMC data analysis, *Analysis of Minority Youth Representation*.

In 2002 –

- DJJ appointed its first full-time temporary DMC Coordinator.
- DJJ and AJJAC began a 3-year federal technical assistance initiative to improve and expand Alaska's DMC reduction activities.
- DJJ implemented its new Juvenile Offender Management Information System (JOMIS), which provided more accurate and accessible DMC data.

In 2003 –

- DJJ sponsored a statewide jurisdictional planning meeting to discuss juvenile justice system improvements, including improvements with potential DMC impact.
- DJJ's completed its first DMC assessment study for Anchorage and Fairbanks.

In 2004 –

- DJJ hired its first DMC Vista volunteer.
- DJJ created its DMC website.
- AJJAC hosted Alaska's first statewide DMC Conference in Anchorage.

In 2005 –

- DJJ published its *System Improvements Report*, which described implementation of its statewide systems improvements with potential DMC impact, including data-driven decision-making, detention reform, and expanded transitional services.
- DJJ and AJJAC began collaborating with local DMC Workgroups in Anchorage and Fairbanks to expand local DMC public education and identify appropriate local DMC reduction strategies.

In 2006 –

- DJJ appointed its first part-time permanent DMC Coordinator.
- DJJ published its first DMC brochure.

- DJJ's published its second DMC assessment study, entitled *An Examination of the Factors that Influence Justice Decision Making in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska: An Assessment Study.*
- The Alaska Statistical Analysis Center at the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center began DMC mapping research in Anchorage.
- The Anchorage and Fairbanks DMC Workgroups collaborated in hosting DMC community forums.

In 2007 –

- DJJ's new Pre-service Orientation for juvenile probation officers included DMC training.
- DJJ managers in Anchorage and Fairbanks completed DMC training based on local DMC data.
- DJJ staff, AJJAC and community partners attended Undoing Racism Workshops in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.
- DJJ joined an interagency collaboration to develop a statewide Interpretive Services Center.
- The Alaska Statistical Analysis Center at the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center began DMC mapping research in Fairbanks.
- The Anchorage DMC Workgroup finalized the Anchorage DMC Reduction Action Plan.

In 2008 –

- DJJ's new recruitment/retention committee began examining minority hire practices.
- DJJ awarded its first DMC reduction grant in Fairbanks.
- DJJ hired a Vista volunteer to coordinate Anchorage DMC Workgroup activities.